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Nasty nitrate



Sara Breeding, a field project coordinator with the USDA office in Barley, walks through a corn field that has been outfitted with a data logger and soil moisture probes Wednesday afternoon in Deco.

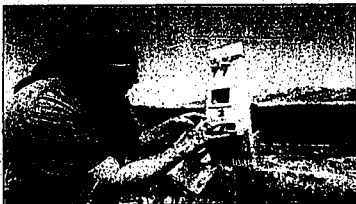
Minidoka plan latest to look at keeping substance out of groundwater

By Staff Poole
 Staff writer

The public can now weigh in on efforts to deal with the scourge of Idaho's groundwater — nitrate.

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality is taking public comment through July 30 on a draft management plan for the Minidoka Nitrate Priority Area, first formed in 2002.

The area is one of 25 across the state formed to combat nitrate levels that near or exceed the federal and state standard, 10 milligrams per liter of groundwater. A form of nitrogen, the substance is possibly linked to health issues in humans and animals and serves as a sign of other water quality problems, said John Bokor, DEQ regional drinking water protection coordinator.



Sara Breeding demonstrates the use of a data logger box while out in the field Wednesday afternoon in Deco.

State officials have determined that nitrate is the most widespread, preventable groundwater contaminant in Idaho, where residents get 95 percent of their drinking water from the ground. Keeping it out of the ground is a challenge, and removing it is even harder.

"It's pretty much impossible to clean it out at this point in time," Bokor said.

Irrigated farmland — the main land use in the Minidoka priority area — confined-animal feeding operations, septic tanks and nutrient-rich wastewater used on fields are the main sources of nitrate, Bokor said. But the ever-moving aquifer and porous soil make it hard

for scientists to track exactly how nitrate enters the groundwater. Even wells just across the road from each other can test differently, he said, based on their construction and how deep they go.

The solution, Bokor said, is to try to clean up practices on the surface and stop further pollution of the aquifer. The Minidoka plan was developed over a year and a half by an advisory committee that included the Minidoka Soil Conservation District, Idaho State Department of Agriculture, Idaho Department of Water Resources, local residents and several other government agencies. It relies on education and voluntary

On the Web

The draft water quality management plan can be found at <http://www.deq.idaho.gov/public/comment.cfm>. Look under "Water Quality" in the center of the page. Comments will be taken until 5 p.m. July 30, and can be sent to john.bokor@deq.idaho.gov.

changes in best management practices to reduce nitrate deposits.

"Considering how slow groundwater can move, it's not an easy process."

"This has been more than 50 years in progressing the other way," said Brent Stolzer, a board member of the West Cassia Soil and Water Conservation District. "It will probably take us long to decline it as to get there."

The agencies and other groups involved will annually review progress on the plan's goals and any new data from state monitoring stations, at least for the first few years. The soil conservation district will be in charge of compiling each review, with the first one scheduled for fall 2008.

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Rapport arraigned on Calif. warrant

Former Ketchum development director also charged in Montana

By Cassidy Friedman
 Staff writer

Gary Rapport, who resigned Tuesday morning as executive director of the Ketchum Community Development Corporation, was arraigned in Blaine County court Wednesday afternoon on charges stemming from a California arrest warrant.

On Wednesday morning, the *Tri-News* discovered a second charge in Bozeman, Mont., a felony aggravated assault charge, that alleges he strangled his wife at their last home.

Magistrate Mark Ingram, speaking over the phone from Shoshone, ordered that Rapport be held in the Blaine County jail on a \$150,000 bond.

His wife, Yanti Ibrahim, watched through dark glasses as two of the couple's three children as a deputy county prosecutor told the court Rapport "significantly" changed his appearance in the past six years since he allegedly disappeared during his felony prosecution in Orange County.

A frowning Rapport, shackled in an orange jumpsuit, answered questions politely, and periodically smiled at his family.

Hours after Rapport resigned Tuesday morning, four Ketchum Police officers arrested him at 5:20 p.m. in front of his home.

"He's been transported without incident and he is being held in Blaine County jail awaiting extradition to California," Kim Rogers, spokeswoman for the Ketchum Police Department, said Wednesday before

QUICK TURN OF EVENTS

MONDAY: Investigation of Gary Rapport, executive director of Ketchum's Community Development Corporation, reveals a possible criminal record.

TUESDAY: Rapport resigns from his post in the morning and is arrested later in the afternoon on a warrant from California.

WEDNESDAY: Rapport is arraigned on a felony failure to appear in court charge out of Orange County, Calif., from June 2002. He is currently challenging his extradition to California.



Rapport

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In closer proximity

Wendell P&Z to hold hearing on proposed repeal of setback requirements

By Erik Koch
 Correspondent

Wendell resident Dianne Henley wishes the city would leave an ordinance provision requiring setbacks for slaughterhouses alone.

That's because she lives and owns property in the vicinity where Valley Beef wants to expand its slaughtering and meatpacking business.

The property where the company wants to build a new facility is in an industrial zone within 1,000 feet of a residential zone. The City Council is considering a repeal of the language that requires the setbacks from residential zones. On July 17 the city's planning and zoning commission will hold a public hearing about the

proposed changes.

Currently, city Ordinance 441 requires a 300-foot setback for animal clinics, hospitals and kennels, as well as distance requirements for "meat plants."

Henley isn't opposed to repealing the setbacks for animal clinics but is concerned about large meat processing plants allowed to be so close to residential zones.

"The vet clinic has been in operation a long time but the slaughterhouse, if they repeal the ordinance setbacks it could be built within 10 feet of my home if they wanted it to," Henley said.

Henley said she is concerned about traffic along West Avenue E where the facility could be built, and odor.

"I feel that the principle of the ordinance was to protect residential areas from issues coming from a slaughterhouse and those protections should stay," she said.

While calls to Valley Beef were not returned, Planning and Zoning Commissioner Paul Isaacson said the

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— Wendell resident Dianne Henley

OSHA finds no fault in ADM accident

By Cassidy Friedman
 Staff writer

Federal occupational safety inspectors have ruled no fault with ADM-Edible Bean Specialties Inc. in Kimberly after a foreman's hand was mangled in a mechanical belt on May 19.

The incident sent Albert Castro to a Salt Lake City hospital where he underwent extensive surgery, his brother-in-law said.

"We felt the employer's programs related to the accident were in compliance with OSHA standards," said Jerry Hockett, area director of Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

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U.S., Iran appear on collision course

Analysis

By Matthew Lee
 Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The United States and Iran appear on a collision course in the Middle East, firing off mixed messages that are raising world tension and rolling oil markets amid fears that an eventual confrontation may be military.

Both insist war is not imminent, but their sharp words and provocative actions are stoking uncertainty as Washington and Tehran joust for strategic supremacy in the oil-rich region where American might — along with that of its top ally in the area, Israel — has long been dominant.

Concern spiked on

Iran tests missiles in Strait of Hormuz

State television in Iran Wednesday showed the firing of missiles described as a new version of the Shahab-3, which officials have said has a range of 1,250 miles.



Shahab-3 ballistic missile. Derived from the North Korean Ho-dong missile. "Shahab" means motor or shooting star in Farsi.

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Wednesday when Iran test-fired nine long- and medium-range missiles during war games in the Strait of Hormuz, aiming to show it can retaliate against any U.S. or Israeli attack. The display followed a joint military exercise by Israel and Greece last month in the Mediterranean that many saw as a warning to Iran.

The Iranian missile tests drew a quick response from Washington, which said the launches were further reason not to trust a country that it already accuses of fomenting instability in Iraq, supporting Israel's foes and attempting to build nuclear weapons. The

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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT
Donald Margulies' drama "Collected Stories" presented by Company of Fools, 7 p.m., Liberty Theatre, 110 N. Main St., Holley, tickets: \$25 for adults, \$18 for senior citizens (age 62 and over) and \$15 for students (age 18 and under), 578-9122.
"Armenic and Old Lace" Summer Theatre production, presented by West End Theatre Company, 7:30 p.m., Buhl High School Auditorium, tickets: \$15 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens, 490-1992.
The Twin Falls Municipal Band concert, 8 p.m., at the band shell, Twin Falls City Park, no cost, 735-2500, ext. 3654.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS
American Legion Bluffs, 7:20 p.m., Bonanza bingo and 7:30 P.M. and Regular bingo, 610 W. Main, Wendell, \$500 and \$1,195 Black outs, 536-6358.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS
The Magic Valley Quilters Guild, 1:30 p.m., Southside Electric, Declo, quilters of all levels of expertise welcome, 673-5577.
Twin Falls County Historical Society meeting, with topic: "The Story of the Lewis and Clark Expedition" sponsored by Red Willow Research, Inc. of Twin Falls, 7 p.m., Twin Falls County Historical Museum, 21337-A Highway 30, Fler, open to the public, no cost, (208) 736-4675.

GOVERNMENT
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission, 9 a.m., City Hall, 81 Elkhorn Road, 622-4438.
Sun Valley City Council, 3 p.m., City Hall, 81 Elkhorn Road, 622-4438.
Jackpot Advisory Board, 6 p.m., Jackpot Library, 2301 Progressive Drive, (775) 765-1556.
Bellevue City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar, 788-2128.
Fairfield City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 407 Soldier Road, 764-2333.
Murtough Highway District, 7 p.m., district office, 108 W. 423rd, 432-5469.
Oakley City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 200 W. Main, 862-3313.
Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., 246 Third Ave., 734-9490.
Minden City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 402 Cherry St., 431-4101.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ID No. 48 Chapter of Jerome, a weight-loss support group, 10 a.m., Jerome Public Library, 100 First Ave. E., 420-3823.
Fit and Fatig Personal Training Class, 10 to 11 a.m., Living Waters Presbyterian Church, 821 E. Main St., Wendell, no cost; 737-5988.
Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m., First Segregation Fire Station, Eden, no cost, 737-5988.
Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2977.
SilverSneakers Fitness Program, innovative exercise program designed specifically for Medicare beneficiaries' unique health and physical needs, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humana-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 734-4384.
"Strong Women Stay Young," exercise and nutrition program taught by Rhea Lanning, noon to 1 p.m., Twin Falls County Extension, 246 Third Ave. E., Twin Falls, \$15 one-time fee; weights provided, (208) 734-9590 or rlanin@idaho.edu.
Overeaters Anonymous, 6 p.m., 109 Seventh Ave. E., (red log building with cannon), Jerome, 324-5019.
Celebrate Recovery, a place to learn life-empowering, "healthy thoughts, 6:30 p.m., Fiskeville Room of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall at Yelma and Main, Fler, 734-0567.
A.C.T.S. Program, a 12-week, ongoing course based on self-help, recovery and education, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Bethel Temple Apostolic Church, 929 Hankins Road (behind D & B Supply), Twin Falls, no cost, 731-3210.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS
Pinochle, 1 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St. W., fifty cents, open to the public, 734-5084.

LIBRARY
Catch the Reading Bug, Jerome Library summer reading program: "Bug Masquerade Ball," 10 a.m., Jerome Public Library, 100 First Ave. E., no cost, 324-5427.

MUSEUMS
Faulkner Planetarium "WSKY: Radio Station of the Stars/Live Sky Theater," 2 p.m., Heritage Center for Arts and Sciences, no charge of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, 732-6655.

WHAT'S NEW AT MAGICVALLEY.COM

- Hear an audio recording of 911 calls to local dispatchers about a man hanging over the railing at the Perrine Bridge.
The Twin Falls Methodist Church annual day camp is reaching out to Latino children. See part of the fun in a video story.
And, can a boy fly? Check the highlights from the JUMP Comedy production of "Peter Pan."

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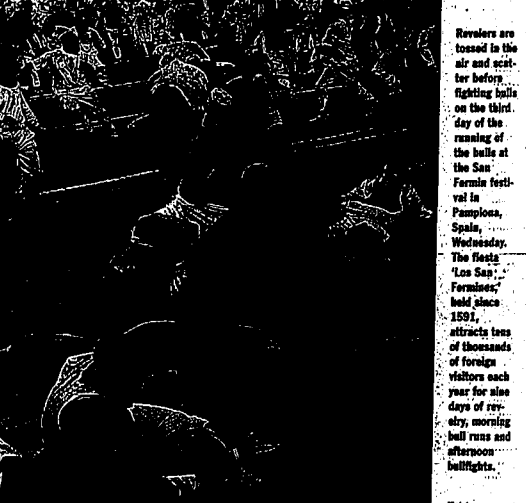
AROUND THE WORLD

CALIFORNIA

Flames force residents to flee — again

OROVILLE — For Clay and Nancy Henphill, running from raging wildfires has become nearly routine.
For the second time in just over two weeks, they were forced to evacuate their home after fire officials ordered 10,000 people in the Sierra Nevada foothills to flee ahead of a wind-whipped blaze, one of about 40 lightning-sparked wildfires that have charred more than 76 square miles in Butte County.
The Henphills awoke to blaring sirens around 1 a.m. Tuesday and were told to leave immediately. Only a week earlier, they had returned to their home in Concow, a rural community about 90 miles north of Sacramento, after spending a week at a shelter.
They were running sirens all down through here. We started tossing a few things in the car. A fireman said, 'Get out of here quick.' Clay Henphill, 59, said Wednesday. "We all came out in a long line of cars, with fire trucks going in as we were going out."
The couple grabbed clothes, medicine, camping gear and their family dog and jumped in the car. They spent Tuesday night in a tent beside an emergency shelter in Oroville.
"You almost feel like somebody is out to get you," said Nancy Henphill, 61.

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mysterious outsider. They came too late to clear the name of JonBenet's mother, Patsy, who died of cancer in 2006.

"To the extent that we may have contributed in any way to the public perception that you might have been involved in this crime, I am deeply sorry," Boulder County District Attorney Mary Lacy wrote in a letter to the little girl's father, John Ramsey. "No innocent person should have to endure such an extensive trial in the court of public opinion."
Lacy said new "touch DNA" tests on skin cells that were left behind on JonBenet's long underwear point to an "unexplained third party" and not a member of the family.
John Ramsey, a software entrepreneur who now lives in Michigan, said Wednesday he is hopeful the killer will be

found based on the DNA evidence.
"I think the people that are in charge of the investigation are focused on that, and that gives me a lot of comfort," he told KUSA-TV in Denver. He added: "Certainly we are grateful that they acknowledged that we, based on that, certainly could not have been involved."

NEVADA
Police: Warren Jeffs released from hospital

LAS VEGAS — Polygamist sect leader Warren Jeffs was released from a Nevada hospital Wednesday, a day after he was found "convulsive," weak and feverish in an Arizona jail cell, a sheriff's spokeswoman said.
The 52-year-old leader of

the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints was released around 5 p.m., police Officer Jose Montoya said. He said he did not know where Jeffs was transported.

Calls to the Mohave County Sheriff's Department, which had custody of Jeffs, were not immediately returned.
Earlier Wednesday, a sheriff's spokeswoman said Jeffs was conscious but in a "weakened" state of health, acting in a convulsive manner, shaking and running a fever" when he was found Tuesday his solo jail cell in Kingman, Ariz.
That prompted officers to move Jeffs from the Mohave County Jail to Kingman Regional Medical Center. He was then flown about 100 miles to Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center in Las Vegas.
— The Associated Press

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Prosecutor: DNA clears JonBenet's family

BOULDER — Prosecutors cleared JonBenet Ramsey's parents and brother Wednesday in the 1996 killing of the 6-year-old beauty queen, saying they were "deeply sorry" for putting the family under a cloud of suspicion that hung heavy for more than a decade.
New DNA tests, which focus on skin cells left behind from a mere touch, point to a

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, July 10, the 192nd day of 2008. There are 174 days left in the year.
TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT:
On July 10, 1940, during World War II, the Battle of Britain began as Nazi forces began attacking southern England by air.
ON THIS DATE
In 1850, Vice President Millard Fillmore assumed the presidency, taking the oath of office following the death of President Zachary Taylor.
In 1890, Wyoming became

the 44th state.
In 1908, William Jennings Bryan was nominated for president by the Democratic National Convention in Denver.
In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson personally delivered the Treaty of Versailles to the Senate, and urged its ratification.
In 1951, armistice talks aimed at ending the Korean War began at Kaesong.
In 1962, the Telstar communications satellite was launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla.

In 1873, the Bahamas became fully independent after three centuries of British colonial rule.
In 1985, bowing to pressure from irate customers, the Coca-Cola Co. said it would resume selling old-formula Coke.
In 1991, Boris N. Yeltsin took the oath of office as the first elected president of the Russian republic.
Ten years ago, the Diocese of Dallas agreed to pay \$23.4 million to nine former altar boys who said they had been molested by a priest.

Five years ago, Spain opened its first mosque in 500 years. Astronomers announced they had found the oldest and most distant planet yet, a huge, gaseous sphere 13 billion years old and 5,600 light years away.
One year ago, China executed the former head of its food and drug agency for approving untested medicine in exchange for cash. Judge in Los Angeles sentenced pizza deliveryman Chester Turner to death for murdering 10 women and a fetus during the 1980s and '90s.

HOROSCOPE BY JERALDINE SAUNDERS

IF JULY 10 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your excellent business acumen and professionalism are only outweighed by your good luck during the coming month. When you have the good will of others to support your efforts, you can go far. People are open and willing to do favors for you like you. Capitalize on this by changing jobs, asking for a promotion or making a serious romantic proposal in July or January. Next March you can launch new plans or begin a successful new study.
ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get some extra sleep. Open a window to let fresh air and sunlight into your work area. Emotional crosscurrents in the background can temporarily drain vitality and smother enthusiasm.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A first meeting may feel like a job interview, so get your resume up to date. Tact and diplomacy are the best tools to employ for business meetings, since generosity and cooperation may be lacking.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You have the energy to make ambitious ideas a reality. Now is the time to take charge of your career and drive it to lofty heights. Wise advisers offer insights into ways to make your dollars go further.
CANCER (June 21-July 22): Old friends and reliable, dependable people could cross your path. You might find these folks plodding and unexciting today, but you know you can trust them and count on them in a pinch.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A romantic relationship began now could possess that special spark that brings ecstasy and bliss. It is a good time to organize finances, clip coupons and talk over those things closest to your heart.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You value dependability and reliability above all other things. Someone may prove his or her true worth today. A busy schedule needs your attention, but remember to be appreciative of loyal partners.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):

Make headway with your business aspirations. Hook up with someone who has the organizational skills you lack, so you will be free to demonstrate your social talents. Trust someone to do what you can't.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Go far by staying near to home. Save time by consolidating errands and save money by comparison shopping online. A family member can provide an honest and objective appraisal of a situation.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Blow out the candle that you are burning at both ends. Strive to be gentle and more sensitive when dealing with others, as an overly bossy manner may make others think you don't care.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Practical considerations take center stage. In order to earn the most appreciation, make sure your shirt is pressed and your shoelaces are tied. People are observing your precision in small things.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.

18): Be a busy beaver. If you want to party during the weekend, you must be a doer for real! Today, pull your own weight and demonstrate a willingness to honor promises and commitments.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't let anyone ruin on your parade. Key players may be weary and unable to match your dynamic resourcefulness. If you are patient and understanding, you will eventually overcome this.

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Rapport

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the hearing.

Rapport, 50, who was recently hired on a contractual basis to lead the largely publicly-funded, non-profit, faces a felony of failing to appear for a June 2002 hearing in California. The Orange County prosecutor had charged him with felony, alleging he burglarized the Seal Beach Market in Orange County, Calif.

Responding to a tip from a reader comment on the *Idaho Mountain Express* Web site Friday, the KCDC board turned up multiple criminal charges but no convictions against Rapport in other states, Neil Bradshaw, the KCDC's board president said.

In addition to his warrant arrest, Rapport will stand trial Sept. 11 on a charge dating back to Dec. 26, 2007, in

Bozeman, Mont., where he held his last job. The Gallatin County prosecutor alleged that on Dec. 25, in front of their three children at his Bozeman home, Rapport strangled his wife until she lost consciousness, Gallatin County court records show.

The couple had been arguing when Rapport wrapped his hands around Ibrahim's throat, "yelling that he would kill her," according to court records. The prosecutor alleges that "caused reasonable apprehension of death or serious bodily injury to Yanit Ibrahim."

Ibrahim called 911 as Rapport fled their home, court records show.

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tion he lashed out."

The officers arrested Rapport.

Ibrahim told the *Times-News* during the Wednesday hearing that the California charge occurred before the couple was married.

Fearful but stoic, Ibrahim said Tuesday's arrest and charges unfolded so suddenly that she had yet to have a conversation with her husband over the situation.

"I'm proud of him because since I married him, he has never made a mistake like this," she said. "If it is true, I can forgive him. I am not really sure that it is true. His family supports him and loves him and will try and fix this as best as we can do. It's going to be OK because we love him."

Rapport's public defender, Kevin Cassidy, of the Halley-based Roark Law Firm, will argue July 17 that police have arrested the wrong person. The Keichum man's date

of birth — Oct. 5, 1957 — also matches that of the California and Montana defendants.

Asking for a \$20,000 bond, Cassidy said that Rapport has told him that the facts will prevail and "his good name will be restored," adding that he may return to work with the KCDC.

Ultimately, Deputy County Prosecutor Matt Fredback's arguments for a high bond prevailed.

Fredback said photos of Rapport filed with the court show "He has the ability to change his appearance significantly."

He noted that Rapport is now jobless — financially he qualified for a public defender — and has no other roots here.

Combined with the pending felony in Montana, Rapport's failure to appear in California court suggest he may be a flight risk if released.

"I'm concerned about the failure to appear (in California)," Ingram said, in ruling on a high bond, "... and (Rapport's) apparent mobility around the West."

Bradshaw said that while the KCDC board thoroughly examined Rapport's personal and professional references, it did not check his criminal background because he was hired on a contractual basis rather than

as a full-time employee. The board of volunteers first hired him as a non-employee consultant in February, then promoted him to head the non-profit two months ago, choosing him over other candidates.

Rapport has said he would not comment to the press before Friday.

Jennifer Liebrum contributed to this report.

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priority map, received its plan more than five years ago, Bokor said. So did Cassia, third on the list.

DEQ is in the process of reevaluating the Twin Falls plan, which has met with mixed success during the past few years, Bokor said.

The revised plan may focus more on promoting the need for: voluntary steps to landowners.

"We need to work harder at getting things implemented that are written into the plan," he said.

Recent DEQ open houses in both Cassia and Minidoka counties gave those with private wells a chance to test their water. And Cassia officials are in the third year of a project aimed at measuring just how much nitrate is leaking into the soil from irrigation sprinklers, Bokor said.

Spread across 6,000 acres of farmland, the project uses

probes that sink four feet to measure whether current irrigation practices are adding at all to the current problem.

"So far, the indication is that we are not, so far as we can see," said Stoker, who farms and owns cattle, and participates in the project.

Much of the contamination in the Mini-Cassia area is in a "perched" aquifer close to the surface that formed as a result of flood irrigation practices decades ago, Stoker said. Unlike much of the Magic Valley, there are no tunnels or underground streams to keep the water moving. Therefore, he said, the nitrate just sits there.

A new grant, Bokor said, will allow DEQ and the Cassia soil conservation districts to track pharmaceuticals and other contaminants that could pinpoint where the nitrate is coming from. Synthetic fertilizers would

lead them to farm fields, while other chemicals could indicate sewer systems, Stoker said. Even with the grant, it will take some time to prepare and interpret the studies.

"It's two or three years before we're going to be able to make sense out of some of those tests," Stoker said.

Today, Bokor is in Boise, helping to re-evaluate nitrate priority areas. One area in the Hagerman Valley may be added to the list. A small area around Bliss currently ranks last.

Stephen Thompson, Natural Resources Conservation Service district conservationist for Gooding and Camas counties, said he wasn't sure which area around Hagerman DEQ was studying. But scientists have had a hard time tracing nitrate near Bliss, he said, especially since agricultural producers in the area have already taken steps to

reduce the problem.

A new theory, he said, involves heavy applications of animal waste or fertilizer on farm fields. The nitrate in those, he said, could possibly seep into the soil and travel sideways into wells, just feet below where many of them are buffered from such an event.

"That's a hypothesis at this point," Thompson said, adding that scientists have yet to start tracking excessive applications.

Mike Vierstra, a dairy owner in the Twin Falls priority area, said he thinks attention has been paid to the wrong industry. Cows, he said, have been singled out simply because their manure is more noticeable.

"One pivot of spuds puts on more nitrogen than 13,500 cows," he said.

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Accident

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Investigators found Castro had removed a guard belt over a belt that was making a squealing noise, Hockett said.

The belt "was never shut off," Hockett said. Castro sprayed a belt dressing onto the "moving belt" without what we call "locking up," Hockett said. That's when the spinning belt maimed his hand.

Despite not issuing any citations in connection to the incident, OSHA inspectors are issuing two "other than serious" violations, which relate to the plant's "lock-out program," Hockett said.

But those violations are fairly minor.

The violations trigger no fine and would not lead to serious harm or death, Hockett said.

"We just ask them to fix it," Hockett said. "And it goes on the record."

The company may challenge the "other than serious" violations.

Setbacks

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proposed ordinance changes aren't directly tied to the Valley Beef's considered expansion to its operations at 437 W. Ave. B in Wendell.

"The proposed changes are just to clean up the ordinance," Isaacson said. "We have businesses in town that have never met the setback requirements but are in exis-

tence. We didn't initiate the ordinance change for Valley Beef."

While new language considered for the ordinance doesn't regulate any setback requirements it does outline siting requirements.

It says mismatching processing plant and slaughterhouse facilities "will be designed and located with full consideration to their proximity to adjacent uses, their effect upon adjacent and sur-

rounding properties, and to the reduction of such nuisance factors as odors and noise."

After the public meeting at 6:30 p.m. July 17 in chambers at the Wendell City Hall, the planning and zoning commission will report back to city council, which will make the final decision about changing the ordinance.

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NEW YORK Obama, Clinton fly to N.Y. with veep vetter

Barack Obama stoked vice presidential speculation Wednesday with an unannounced stop at the Washington law firm of a search team member and then flying on his campaign jet to New York fundisers with potential pick Hillary Rodham Clinton and a second vetter.

"I'm not going to tell you any details, the smiling likely Democratic nominee told reporters after spending more than two hours inside a downtown Washington office building, where attorney Eric Holder, a member of his vice presidential search committee, has offices.

Obama wouldn't say why he visited the building or whom he saw there, and the two top aides at his side — campaign manager David Plouffe and chief strategist David Axelrod — also stayed mum.

The midmorning stop was one of two that weren't on his public schedule, and aides would say only that Obama had private meetings planned while in Washington. They

wouldn't provide additional details, including whether Obama had met with Holder, a partner at Covington and Burling. The firm is located just blocks from the White House that Obama hopes to occupy come January.

WASHINGTON Senate bows to Bush, approves surveillance bill

A German chancellor once compared making laws to making sausages. The description could have fit the eavesdropping legislation Congress sent to the White House Wednesday.

The bill had taken at least eight different forms on the House and Senate floors in a long and messy process since the Bush administration claimed last summer that terrorists' calls and e-mails were going unintercepted because of an outdated eavesdropping law.

In the end, the Senate bowed to President Bush's demands and approved the final version on a relatively one-sided vote, 69-28. But that came only after a lengthy and bitter debate that pitted privacy and civil liberties concerns against the desire to prevent

terrorist attacks. It ended almost a year of wrangling over surveillance rules and the president's warrantless wiretapping program that was initiated after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Bush had threatened to veto any version that didn't shield from civil lawsuits the telecommunications companies that wiretapped Americans' phone and computer lives at the White House's request without court permission. Forty-six lawsuits now stand to be dismissed because of the law, according to the American Civil Liberties Union. They are all pending before a single U.S. District Court in California.

"Months ago my administration set out key criteria that the intelligence legislation would have to have before I would sign it into law," Bush said Wednesday. "The bill Congress passed today meets these criteria."

U.S., Europe, Australia unite on drug inspections

Faced with the globalization of drug production, the United States is joining with Europe and Australia to inspect factories in countries like China and India that make

an increasing share of the active ingredients in medications.

Bush administration officials said Wednesday the agreement will allow regulators to coordinate their inspections and share information, thereby covering a wider territory and more foreign facilities.

"What we are seeing is the maturing of a global market, and we have to invent new tools to deal with a changing environment," Health and Human Services Secretary Michael Leavitt said.

The pilot program will concentrate primarily on facilities in three countries, such as China and India, which produce much of the world's pharmaceutical raw materials, but are sometimes beyond the reach of U.S. inspectors.

The FDA expects to soon open offices in three Chinese cities — Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou. Thirteen employees would be assigned to work there.

Under the program announced Wednesday, authorities would share inspection schedules, results and other information. The goal is to try to reduce duplication and identify potential problems more quickly.

Salmonella sickens 1,000; peppers now suspected

More than 1,000 people now have become ill from salmonella initially linked to raw tomatoes, a sobering milestone Wednesday that makes this the worst foodborne outbreak in at least a decade. Adding to the confusion, the government is warning certain people to avoid types of hot peppers, too.

Certain raw tomatoes — red round, plum and Roma — remain a chief suspect and the government stressed again Wednesday that all consumers should avoid them unless they were harvested in areas cleared of suspicion.

But people at highest risk of severe illness from salmonella also should not eat raw jalapeno and serrano peppers, the Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention urged Wednesday. The most vulnerable are the elderly, people with weak immune systems and infants.

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Iran

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testing sent oil prices higher before they calmed down later in the day.

This despite the fact that leaders on both sides — President Bush and Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad — had just this week tried to tamp down speculation that the use of force is inevitable.

As he nears the end of his presidency, Bush says repeatedly that diplomacy is his preferred option to deal with any threat posed by Iran's nuclear program, although he has just as often refused to take the military option off the table. Ahmadinejad, who has often spoken of wiping Israel off the map, this week dismissed talk of war as a "funny joke."

"I assure you that there won't be any war in the future," Ahmadinejad said Tuesday during a visit to Malaysia.

Shortly after Wednesday's missile tests, the White House didn't fling out any dire new warnings to Iran but settled for saying the testing was "completely inconsistent with Iran's obligations to the world" and served to further isolate the country.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice stood clear of discussing possible military responses, arguing that the tests instead were proof that a proposed missile shield for Europe, a system that has drawn vehement opposition from Russia, is vital to defending U.S. interests and allies.

there had been a "lot of signaling going on" in the escalation of rhetoric between Iran, Israel and the U.S., but he added he does not think confrontation is closer.

So why does speculation about conflict continue to grow?
A main reason may be that neither side appears able to judge the other's true intent.

U.S. officials say they can't discern Iran's motivations, citing the closed nature of the regime and ostensible differences between the country's headline Islamic religious leaders, its Revolutionary Guards and moderates. Some Iranian leaders may want peace, but not others, they say.

While Ahmadinejad tones down his rhetoric, others in Tehran have stepped up warnings of retaliation if the

Americans — or Israelis — launch military action against Iran's nuclear sites. They threaten to hit Israel and U.S. regional bases with missiles and stop oil traffic through the vital Gulf region.

Wednesday's launches "demonstrate our resolve and might against enemies who in recent weeks have threatened Iran with harsh language," said Gen. Hossain Salami, the Revolutionary Guard's air force commander, according to state media. "Our hands are always on the trigger and our missiles are ready for launch," he was quoted as saying.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

T.F. wants to fill opening on pool advisory board

The City of Twin Falls is currently accepting letters of interest for a position on its pool advisory board. Interested individuals are asked to submit at letter of interest addressed to Mayor Lance Clow, P.O. Box 1907, Twin Falls, ID 83303-1907. The position will remain open until filled.

Wood River crews extinguish house fire

Fire response teams, volunteers and Wood River Fire and Rescue crews responded Wednesday morning to a house fire around 5:24 at 3211 Warm Springs Road. The blaze was controlled by late morning and Warm Springs Road was opened later in the afternoon.

No persons or pets were injured in the blaze, although the structure sustained severe damage, according to a press release from the city of Ketchum.

A total of 34 full-time firefighters and volunteers stayed on the scene to clean the damage. A total of seven vehicles from Ketchum and Sun Valley fire departments, and Wood River Fire and Rescue, were at the scene.

Ketchum Police are still investigating the cause of the fire.

Homeless groups get \$70,000-plus in grants

Three south-central Idaho organizations that serve the homeless are among 19 statewide organizations sharing \$529,252 in Emergency Shelter Grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The money, distributed by the Idaho Housing and Finance Association, will provide homeless persons with basic shelter and essential supportive services, according to a press release. The grant program can help with remodeling buildings used as new shelters, operating such facilities, assistance for people at imminent risk of losing their own housing and other activities.

The Crisis Center of Magic Valley received \$30,244, and South Central Community Action Partnership received \$7,617. Both organizations serve in Twin Falls.

In addition, Halley-based The Advocates got \$34,104. The Crisis Center shelters victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, while Community Action, with offices across the region, provides homeless prevention services. The Advocates does both.

Grants, except for state governments, must match the grants with their own funds. IHFA also used \$28,463 to cover costs associated with administering the funds.

Poplar Hill School plans reunion for anniversary

Anyone with memories of Poplar Hill School is welcome to share their recollections.

In commemoration of what would be the school's 100th anniversary, members of the Poplar Hill Reunion Committee are inviting former students to participate in planning for a reunion. The two-room structure built southwest of Filer in 1908 served the educational needs of the rural population until the school closed in 1952.

A picnic and ice cream social is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, in the Filer City Park. Information: John McCreath 208-538-7007 or johnmcc8332@yahoo.com.

—From staff reports

Road study gets no support from T.F. council

By Jared S. Hopkins
Staff writer

The Twin Falls City Council sometimes passes agenda items with little or no discussion; other times, debate can last for hours.

But on the rare occasion, an issue won't even get a vote.

In an unusual — and, some, surprising — move a funding request from city staff to the council at the June 30 meeting died after it failed to receive enough support for a vote.

Twin Falls City Engineer Jackie Fields asked for about \$48,000 to study pavement on part of Eastland Drive to see if truck traffic affects the road.

But after councilmen questioned whether the request was too early and if the contract was awarded fairly by a motion for approval by Councilman David E. Johnson didn't get a second.

The contract with American Geotechnics, which has Boise and Idaho Falls offices, was to study road

material and determine whether more traffic on the road is appropriate. Officials said roadwork on Eastland Drive, possibly widening and repaving, is the next project the city will seek federal funding for after the Washington Street North widening project is finished.

"The beauty of doing it now is we can do it as part of our planning," Fields said this week.

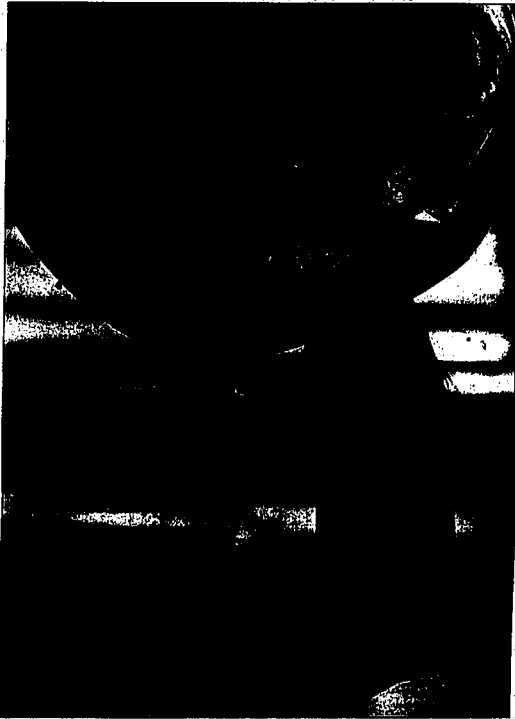
She was "absolutely disappointed" with the council, but noted it has "foresight" and she plans to return.

Under the city's new transportation master plan, which is nearing completion, Eastland Drive would be able to handle more truck traffic. "It absolutely is forward thinking," Fields said of her proposal. "I'm not done yet. I can't quit. This is important."

But at the meeting some members questioned if the project was the best funding option when there were other road issues.

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HAVING A BALL



Jaime Lopez, 10, parades around a group of children while carrying a giant beach ball on her head Wednesday morning in Twin Falls City Park. More than 100 children are participating in Maasos de Amistad Day Camp set on by First United Methodist Church of Twin Falls. The camp features such activities as skits, crafts and games centered on a beach party theme. For more about the camp, see **Community** on page D4.

Crews battle wildfire at INL

Staff report

A wildfire that began Wednesday afternoon on Idaho National Laboratory land grew to 1,400 acres, according to an INL release. The fire did not threaten any structures.

The INL Fire Department and Bureau of Land Management both responded to the blaze, first reported at about 2 p.m. on the north side of U.S. Highway 20 near mile marker 268. Initially reported at 300 acres, the fire

tripled in size within three hours and caused a brief closure of the highway, which was being repaved.

The fire was nearly contained at 7:30 p.m., an INL press release stated. Firefighters were expected to remain on the scene throughout the night.

A cause for the fire was not determined Wednesday.

INL spokespeople placed the fire between the Materials and Fuels Complex and Central Facilities Area, between 38

and 45 miles west of Idaho Falls. All employees at the fuels complex were evacuated to Idaho Falls as a precaution.

The fire affected bus service to the site, with officials saying Idaho Falls employees buses would be routed through Blackfoot if the highway remained closed. Evacuated employees who left personal vehicles behind will be able to ride free on any bus today.

For more information about the fire: 208-526-5042.

Preparations begin to move county court offices to clinic

By Kate Poppino
Staff writer

Preparations have begun to shift part of Twin Falls County's district court offices over to St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center's Shoshone Street clinic, the only one of nine properties leased to the hospital that will become available to the county before 2011.

Discussed at a Tuesday meeting between county and hospital officials, the arrangement will turn over the district's "problem-solving" courts, including drug, youth and mental health courts.

The area in question meets space needs, court officials wrote in a June 26 letter to county commissioners. It has its own elevator, separating court clients

from clinic clients. And it won't require much remodeling, unlike much of the rest of the clinic. St. Luke's and the county are working to settle a dispute over how much the health system is supposed to contribute to the work.

Tuesday, St. Luke's Magic Valley CEO Mark Schwartz said the only stumbling block will be the elevator. It was taken out of service in 2003, before the health care company took over, due to privacy and access concerns regarding the women's imaging center that formerly occupied that area. Putting it back in working order could cost \$2.680, said Paul Louton, St. Luke's Magic Valley director of facilities.

"If you want to put that into service, it's up to you to do that," Schwartz told county commissioners.

Current floor plans for the three-floor building show

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Utilities commission to consider energy education proposals

By Kate Poppino
Staff writer

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has scheduled a July 16 status conference to discuss how best to use \$500,000 in energy education funds from Idaho Power's sale of sulfur dioxide emission allowances.

Idaho Power sold 35,000 SO2 allowances during 2007, raising about \$16 million. Most of that was used to reduce the size of the utility's Power Cost Adjustment surcharge, but about \$500,000 was set aside for energy education, the PUC reported, as proposed by the Idaho Energy Education Project.

IIEP coordinator and Bill activist Bill Chisholm first approached the PUC about the funds in April, submitting a basic framework for splitting the money between classroom conservation and efficiency edu-

cation, and grants for renewable and efficiency projects in participating schools.

The status conference will give other groups a chance to make proposals. IIEP spokesman Gene Fadness said, besides IIEP, the state Office of Energy Resources and nuclear watchdog Spake River Alliance may also have proposals in the works. Fadness said, "Most of that was used to reduce the size of the utility's Power Cost Adjustment surcharge, but about \$500,000 was set aside for energy education, the PUC reported, as proposed by the Idaho Energy Education Project."

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Dispatchers responded quickly in suicide attempt, records show

By Cassidy Friedman
Staff writer

When a city dispatcher answered the frantic June 25 call of a young girl reporting her mom was holding onto a man hanging over the railing at the Perrine Bridge, it was a call the dispatcher never should have received.

"There's a guy sitting on the bridge and he's about to jump," Rebekah Davis, 15,

Online

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blurted into the phone.

"Does he have parachute on?" the dispatcher asked.

"No," Davis answered.

"Does it look like he's got a backpack or anything?" the dispatcher asked.

"No he doesn't," Davis said.

"My mom is talking to him and he's bawling and he's hanging over the side of it right now."

There's no way that Davis could have known the stranger's cell phone she'd picked to call 911 would reach her to Twin dispatch center when she needed to be speaking with Southern Idaho Regional Communications.

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Dee Silver, a dispatcher with the Twin Falls city dispatch center, takes a call Wednesday afternoon at the center that is located in the Twin Falls Police Department building.

Laura Mae Arthur

PAUL — Laura Mae Arthur, 96, of Paul, died Monday, July 7, 2008, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital.

She was born Dec. 23, 1911, in Cambridge, Neb., and came to Idaho in 1912 with her parents, Howard and Belle Easton.



She settled on a farm near Paul, where she grew up and graduated from Paul High School. She then graduated from Idaho State University with a degree in elementary education. Following her graduation, she taught in Challis, American Falls, Twin Falls and Paul before her marriage to Reed Bennett Arthur on May 30, 1939. They settled in the Paul area and had two children, Joyce and Jerry. In 1957, she returned to teaching at Paul Elementary until her retirement in 1974. During this time, she was honored as an outstanding teacher. She is in the Idaho Teachers' Hall of Fame. After retirement, she and Reed traveled the world before his death in 1994. They had been married 55 years.

Laura Mae loved cooking, gardening, making crafts, caring for animals, sewing and traveling. She was a member of the Rupert First Methodist Church for more than 50 years. She was active in the women's society, study groups and taught Sunday school classes. Following her

retirement in 1974, she started the Mini-Cassia Retired Teachers Association. She was an avid bridge player and a member of the Paul Bridge Club for 50 years.

Laura Mae is survived by her two children, Jerry (Cindy) Arthur and their three sons, Forrest, Austin and Preston, all living in the Paul area, and Joyce (Alvin) Mong, their daughter Michelle (Ryan) and son, Michael, live the Seattle, Wash. area. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and her seven great-grandchildren, Forrest (Crystal) Arthur's two sons, Easton and Tucker; Austin (Christina) Arthur's two sons, Austin and Luke; Michelle (Sean) Ryan's one son, Jake, and Michael (Jennie) Mong's daughter, Macy, and son Parker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Reed Arthur; and siblings Hazel Patterson, Gladys Goodie, Charley Easton, Emma Bativovich and Clinton Easton.

The funeral for Laura Mae will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, July 11, at 2 p.m., at Rupert Methodist Church. She will be buried at the Paul Cemetery. Viewing will be between 6 and 8 p.m. Thursday, July 10 between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., at Hansen Mortuary. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Rupert First Methodist Church.

The family would like to thank Countryside Care Center for the care of our Mother.

Leo Marvin Meier

BUHL — Leo Marvin Meier, age 77, of Buhl — on July 8, 2008, our loving, caring, fun-loving, band, father, grandfather and friend, passed away peacefully in his home of 46 years with family by his side.



He was born an identical twin in Lincoln County, Kan., on July 12, 1930, the son of Karl and Minnie Meier. He graduated from Lincoln County School in Kansas. In 1948, he moved with his family to Idaho, where he enjoyed fishing, hunting and farming. He knew no stranger and was always willing to help someone in a time of need.

Leo had a contagious smile and a hand wave for everyone. If you met him driving his blue pickup, He made you feel good when he smiled you with his smile. In 1949, he met his sweetheart, Rose D. Reinke. They were married Sept. 24, 1950, in Buhl. To this union, they were blessed with four children, Junia, Arlyn, Myron

and Karla. They resided in the Buhl area, where they farmed and raised their family.

He is survived by Rose, his loving wife of 58 years; and their children, Junia Kruse of Hagerman, Arlyn Meier of Boise and Karla E. Meier of Boise, and two grandchildren, Jason (Marti) Detman-Kruse of Gainesville, Fla., and Melissa (Kirk) Thayer of Boise. He is also survived by his two sisters, Della Railing of Montana and Neoma Bar, of Kansas; two brothers, Earl (Leleh) Meier of Buhl and Herb (Nancy) Meier of Washington. He was preceded in death by his son, Myron; his brothers, Loren and Vic Meier; and his parents.

A service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, July 11, at Clover Trinity Lutheran Church on Clover Road in Buhl, with the Rev. Mark Christ officiating. A private inurnment will follow at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Clover Trinity Lutheran Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

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Lula Grace Hickman

HAVRE, Mont. — Lula Grace Hickman, 97, died Friday, July 4, 2008, at the Northern Montana Care Center of natural causes.

Her graveside service will be 2 p.m. Saturday, July 12, at Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Twin Falls, with Pastor Phil Alheart officiating. Her burial will follow. Memorial contributions in Lula's honor may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Lula was born Dec. 29, 1910, in Blanchard, Mo., to Edward and Eva (Fosson) Cowan. She was raised and educated in Blanchard. She married Milam Hickman May 23, 1928, in Clarinda, Iowa. The couple moved to Twin Falls in 1936 and lived there until 1981, when they moved

to Havre, Mont. Her husband Milam "Mike" Hickman died in 1995. For the last eight years, Lula has lived at the Northern Montana Care Center in the special care unit. Lula's interests revolved around family, her son and grandchildren. She was an avid gardener. She was a loving and generous mother and grandmother and a wonderful homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Milam Hickman in 1995; and her son, Donald Hickman; and daughter, Lillian. Lula is survived by her son, Howard (Joyce) Hickman of Havre, Mont.; her grandchildren, Kim (Valerie) Hickman of Havre, Mont.; Tari (Ed) Patricia Meridian; Brett (Patricia) Hickman-of-Havre, Mont.; seven beloved great-grandchildren; and two sisters.

Hannah Vibbert

RUPERT — Hannah Vibbert, age 84, a lifetime Rupert resident, died Saturday, July 5, 2008, at her home, surrounded by her loving family after a courageous battle with cancer.



She was born Dec. 31, 1923, in Rupert, to George and Arnilla (Miss Mollie) Knuss. She married Raymond Vibbert on Jan. 30, 1943, and to this union, they were blessed with seven children.

He preceded her in death May 27, 1996, after 53 years of marriage. She is survived by children, Pat (Larry) Adams, Jim Vibbert, Jerry (Kathy) Vibbert, Gordon Vibbert, Susan Vibbert, all of Rupert; and Tom (Carolyn) Vibbert of Caldwell; grandchildren, Tammy, Brenda, David, Michelle, Debra, Terry, Ray, Janice, Sean, Kristy, Katrina, Shawna, Leslie, Eric, Andrea, Amber, Bridgett, Joana, Samantha and Ty; 40 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren, with one on the way. She is also survived by brothers-in-law, Art McGill, Walter Kraus, Ted Lowder and Eldon Miller; and sisters-in-law, Marion Wilfirth Bingham and Mary Alice Francis, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

She loved fishing, hunting, crocheting, cross-stitching, embroidery, working in her flower and vegetable gardens, and canning. She loved cooking and feeding everyone; she always said if anyone left her home hungry it was their own fault. Spending time with her family and friends is what made her the happiest. Betting on who caught the first, biggest and most fish, she would take your \$3 every time and smile while doing it. She worked at A & P selling potatoes, and drove truck hauling beets, grain and potatoes. She baled hay with her family until she was 72 years old. She loved spending time outdoors. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Raymond; and infant daughter, Virginia; and all eight of her brothers and sisters.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Dr. Spackman, Dr. Miranda and all their nurses and staff; and Idaho Home Health and

Hospice, and a special thank you to nurse Kathy who was truly a blessing.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, July 11, at the Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St. A viewing for family and friends will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 10, and one hour prior to the service Friday at the mortuary. Burial will follow at the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn.

We love you mom and will miss you greatly.

DEATH NOTICES

Ella M. Henley

Ella May Henley, 78, of Twin Falls and formerly of Jerome, died Wednesday, July 9, 2008, at her home. Arrangements will be announced by Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Don Pulliam

Don Pulliam, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, June 26, 2008, as the result of an automobile accident in Battle Mountain, Nev.

Arrangements were handled by Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome.

Charley Low

HANSEN — Charley Low, 88, of Hansen, died Wednesday, July 9, 2008, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

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SERVICES

Luelle Mae Taddock Kemp of Twin Falls, funeral at 10 a.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Frank Henry Omahood of Smithfield, Utah, and formerly of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Burley LDS Stake Center, 2050 Normal Ave.; visitation from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Richard Lawrence "Dick" Sayers of Buhl, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Buhl United Methodist Church (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Billy "Bill" Dwight Mays of Gooding, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

John Barnes (Texas) of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at the Centennial Park in the Snake River Canyon (Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome).

Hattie L. Jones of Buhl, funeral at 2 p.m. today at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; visitation one hour before the funeral Friday at the mortuary.

Dorothy G. Patterson of Bellevue, memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Bellevue Cemetery (Wood River Chapel in Halley).

Keith Corbridge of Hagerman, potluck open house from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the home of York and Arlynda Corbridge, 1127 B E. 2900 S. in Hagerman (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

William Vern Studebaker of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Herren Center at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls; visitation begins at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Willa Fitzgerald Carlist of Hazelton, funeral at 10 a.m. Monday at the Hazelton LDS Church, 531 Middleton Ave.; graveside service at 4 p.m. Monday at the Draper Cemetery in Draper, Utah; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 9 to 9:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

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EDITORIAL

Enforce the parking laws, for Pete's sake

Ever tried to feed a parking meter in downtown Twin Falls? Sometimes it works. Sometimes it outright refuses your nickel, dime or quarter.

Doesn't matter. Nobody's looking.

The city still isn't writing parking tickets more than three months after the City Council approved operating plans for the Downtown Business Improvement District.

The city has no one available to do it, according to Twin Falls Economic Development Director Mellinda Anderson.

The Twin Falls Police Department was supposed to provide short-term enforcement and maintenance of downtown parking. That hasn't happened.

"We thought we might take over (downtown) in October when the (Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce management) contract was going to expire," Anderson said. "We were really caught off guard. We're doing the very best we could."

Previously, the delay was attributed to the need to fix the meters, which are in complete disrepair and are widely disregarded.

Now all but six of 217 meters downtown are working, including the 132 meters on Mack Avenue. Coins have been collected three times this year, generating a total of \$9,207.25.

Officials have estimated the BID typically received \$65,000 and \$70,000 in annual revenue from parking.

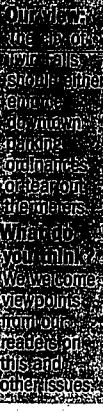
Parking downtown isn't an entitlement: it's a service for which the city — in theory — charges a nominal user fee. But if Twin Falls is serious about this, it has to actually write some parking tickets.

The fact that the city hasn't leaves the unmistakable impression that this is a low priority, and that folks who abuse downtown parking — businesses which don't bother to pay for their reserved spaces and downtown workers who park free in metered spaces — can continue to do so with impunity.

If this is the best the city can do, it should tear out the parking meters.

A better alternative, as we've said before, would be a complete overhaul of downtown parking. That would be expensive, but a coherent parking system would generate more revenue over time.

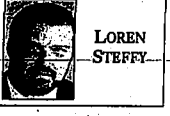
Ordinances that aren't enforced foster disrespect for other laws. There's much to be better way.



Your pension fund is driving up gas prices

With oil selling for more than \$140 a barrel recently, I'm worried about the speculators.

I'm not alone. Last week, I returned from vacation to several e-mails about commodity experts who told a House subcommittee late last month that speculators are driving up energy prices. One insisted that if Congress reined in such speculation, oil would drop as low as \$65 a barrel, according to CNN.

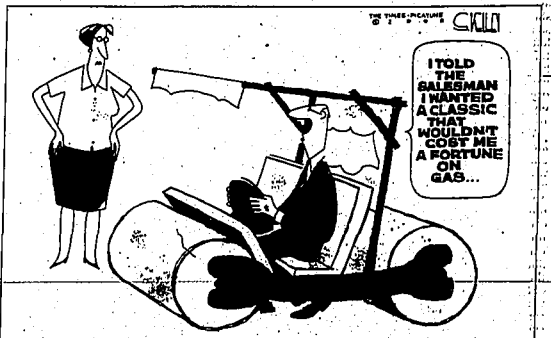


As I've written before, speculators have been the convenient scapegoat of every commodity bubble since the first agriculture markets in the 1520s. The rise in energy prices has more to do with changing market conditions — demand outpacing supply — than speculation, but the reaction to higher prices is the same: blame someone other than us.

That's not always easy. We'd like to believe that speculators are market makers — shadowy hedge funds, super-rich private equity investors, scurrilous billionaires feasting on our suffering like economic vampires.

The truth hits closer to home. The surge in energy prices has turned millions of average folks into speculators, even though they may not realize it.

Some of the nation's biggest pension funds have been pouring money into energy futures and other commodity investments, seeking an inflation hedge and bigger returns than they can get in stocks and bonds. Lehman Bros. recently estimated the amount of assets under management invested in commodities more than tripled since 2006, to more



than \$230 billion.

The California Public Employees Retirement System, or Calpers, the nation's largest public pension fund, has more than \$1 billion invested in oil and other commodities, and its investment has soared 68 percent since last year.

Closer to home, the Texas Teachers Retirement System is holding about \$4.4 billion in energy-related commodities contracts, while the University of Texas Investment Management Co. has some \$500 million.

In other words, the surge in oil prices is fueling the retirement plans of millions of workers who've become, in essence, secondhand speculators.

While it may seem encouraging that energy investments are boosting returns for pensions, they're seeking bigger gains to close funding from earlier bets that soured.

That's why I'm worried. Historically, pension funds have avoided direct investments in commodities because they're too volatile in the past decade, though many pensions have liberalized their guidelines and have brought in advisers and man-

agers who are more interested in posting impressive gains than managing returns over the long haul.

"They're looking for short-term returns, and they're following trends," said Houston investor Charles Miller, a former manager of public pension funds and the former chairman of the UT board of regents. "Direct commodity investments are inappropriate for large pension funds."

Unlike private investments or even mutual funds, pensions aren't required to maximize returns. They merely have to generate returns that cover their obligations to retirees.

"Pensions should be invested in fixed-incomes with the same maturities as the future beneficiaries," said Roger Lowenstein, author of *White America Aged*, which chronicles problems facing U.S. pensions.

By chasing the latest investment fad, funds inevitably miss them or hold onto them too long, he said. Often, they fail to understand the markets for such securities.

"Do they think they know anything more about the price of oil, the price of tungsten, or the price of fine silk

than the market does? It's irresponsible to be playing with it," Lowenstein said.

Small piece of the pie

In many cases, commodity investments still represent a small piece of pensions' overall portfolio.

At TFS, for example, it's only about 3 percent of the fund's total assets.

But Dallas investor Shad Rowe, who chairs the Texas Pension Review Board, which oversees all public retirement systems in the state, sees a more disturbing problem.

He believes the flood of pension investments into the commodity markets is contributing to the rise in prices.

"The money invested for retirement is feeding inflation, which reduces the amount of money people have to spend now."

"They're making life difficult for the people whose money it is," Rowe said.

In other words, the rush to commodities is likely to be bad for pensioners in the long run, and it's not doing them any favors now, either.

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TODAY'S QUOTES

"At this rate, by 2050 the world will be cooked and the G-8 leaders will be long forgotten. The G-8's endorsement of a tepid 50-by-50 climate goal leaves us with a 50-50 chance of a climate meltdown."

— Antonio Hill, spokesman for Oxfam International, on world leaders' goal of slashing greenhouse-gas emissions in half by midcentury to stave off global warming.

"It has always been the case that a long-term goal is one that must be shared. So what the G-8 has offered today is a G-8 view of what that goal could be and should be, but that can only occur with the agreement of all the other parties."

— Jim Connaughton, chairman of the White House Council on Environmental Quality, referring to nearly 200 countries involved in U.N. talks.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Auto repair workers shouldn't take advantage

Recently, my sister, a single lady in her early 70s, had the "check engine soon" light appear on her dashboard. She made an appointment with the dealership selling her make of car where the gentleman behind the service counter assured her it could be something as simple as a loose gas cap. Imagine her surprise when, upon her return, she was presented with an estimate of \$1,500 for repairs.

While looking over the estimate, she discovered some parts that had previously been replaced needed to be replaced again. When she questioned the reason for this, the service man called the shop that had done the work. Upon verifying the facts, he decided the parts in question were OK and deducted \$500 from the estimate. When she said she thought she would take the car elsewhere for a second opinion, the dealership employee offered to deduct another 10 percent and offered to meet any other estimate she got.

After paying a diagnostic fee of \$35, she took her car to

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shame on you! PAT RICHARDS Twin Falls

Kudos to Minkidoka for handling flag fiasco

High praises to Minkidoka schools for their handling of the flag issue. The national and local attention to this story seemed to lean toward a victim student attacked by a racially motivated teacher without a reason or explanation for his action. This also included accusations of verbal abuse from the same teacher by the same student without any confirmation of legitimacy. This puts a great deal of pressure on the school system from assorted organizations that demand

immediate justice for such events without proper investigation.

Unfortunately, Mr. Luker's brilliant idea of abandoning his classroom full of students and then desecrating the American flag as revenge didn't really warrant the same news coverage. Would that be due to a lack of victim?

While throwing away the flag from a foreign land is indeed bad form, retaliatory desecration of the United States flag is a crime within our borders. Did the Minkidoka County School District get the same outcry for action on this issue?

Both teachers were absolutely wrong in their choice of reaction but the press made Mr. Straatman pay a little more for his act, in my opinion.

We all saw the students on the front page that carried flags and wore T-shirts in patriotic support for Mexico's flag and the Cinco de Mayo holiday, but I wonder, will we see the same students showing the same enthusiasm and patriotism for the Fourth of July holiday?

Or is that a different issue? DAN LYON Filer

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS

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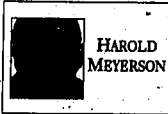
By Bruce Tinsley



For American companies, Vietnam is the new China

Doing business in China is beginning to cost too many money. Not that Chinese workers are buying second homes or anything like that. Their average wage is still a little short of a dollar an hour. But so many Chinese have now left their villages for the factories that the once bottomless pool of new young workers is beginning to run dry, and the wages of assembly-line employees are rising 10 percent a year.

Worse yet, new labor laws are making it harder for employers to cheat their workers out of their wages and benefits. Many American businesses that do their manufacturing in China had warned against those laws; the American Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai had bluntly opposed them. But the good old days of Maoist labor discipline, when the government could send tens of millions of skilled workers down to the farms to be toughened up



HAROLD MEYERSON

and periodically tortured, are gone. Mao's heirs though not above a touch of torture here and there just to keep the system humming along, are concerned, as he was not, with achieving social harmony, even if that means compelling employers to sign, and honor, contracts with their employees.

Conflicts with such appalling squishiness, what's a good, cost-cutting American business to do? Many are fleeing south of the border — not our border (Mexico) but China's. They're bound for Vietnam.

According to a report by Keith Bradsher in *The New*

York Times last month, such multinational companies as Canon (the printer and copier maker) and Hanesbrands (the North Carolina-based underwear company) are expanding or building factories in Hanoi, where they churn out products for Wal-Mart and other American retailers. Foreign direct investment in Vietnam increased 136 percent between 2006 and 2007, while it increased just 14 percent in China.

The reason for the move south is straightforward: Vietnam's factory workers make about a quarter of what their Chinese counterparts.

But why Vietnam and not, say, Thailand, where labor is similarly cheap?

Vietnam's edge, it seems, is political. "Communism actually prefers investing in communist Vietnam over, say, the more or less democratic Philippines? In all likelihood, it would prefer

investing in communist Vietnam to investing in a more chaotic, less disciplined democratic Vietnam, if such existed."

Let's imagine, just as an exercise, that we're trying to explain this to those 58,000 Americans and their loved ones. We could argue that by investing in communist countries, we're pushing them toward democracy. But everything we know about China suggests that, in reality, such investments merely make authoritarian regimes stronger.

Or we could argue that our onetime opposition to communism was noble and all that but that, undermined by the duress of the past, American business backed by the American government, has realized that the problem with communism wasn't that it was undemocratic but that it was anti-capitalist. And that once communism was integrated into a world capitalist system, its antipathy toward

democracy not only wouldn't be a little better, but would actually be good. That is clearly the political logic that underpins our involvement with China.

It's a little drier, but would actually be good. That is clearly the political logic that underpins our involvement with Vietnam, since all those Americans whose names are on that wall in Washington, D.C., probably didn't realize how compatible with global American enterprise Vietnamese communism would turn out to be or how the cause of democracy would turn out to have been of no real importance at all.

I guess a note from the American establishment to those men and women with their names on the Wall would be in order. Something like: Say guys — sorry 'bout that!

Harold Meyerson is editor-at-large of American Prospect and the L.A. Weekly. He wrote this commentary for the Los Angeles Times.

OTHER VIEWS

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



... Idaho Power wants more

Idaho Statesman, Boise

... Idaho needs reliable electric power. Idaho Power needs to cover its costs and make a profit. But the drumbeat of news about bigger bills at a time when the economy is weakening makes it especially vital that state regulators closely review the company's latest request to make sure cus-

tomers pay no more than they must ...

The inexpensive, traditional source of Idaho Power's electricity — hydroelectric dams on the Snake River — now accounts for less than half the power the utility's customers use. Last year, a low-water year, the dams accounted for just 33 percent. Other power sources — mostly coal — cost more.

As a regulated monopoly, Idaho Power cannot simply raise its rates when its costs go up. It must get state permission.

... the utility is filing requests annually ... Idaho Power's thinking is that small, frequent requests are easier to absorb, though they still add up to the same big increases over time. Yet the latest request is hardly small: a 9.9 percent increase overall, including 6.3 percent for homeowners,

10.3 percent for small businesses, 11.5 percent for big industries and 15 percent for irrigators.

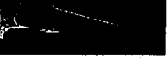
The new annual increases come on top of the power-cost adjustments already made to customers' bills each year for fuel costs not included in the base rates. ... a plan for future resources is in place. The state requires Idaho Power to update its plan for future construction every two years. In response to fear of a possible federal carbon-pollution tax, the latest plan drops the 2006's plan for more power from out-of-state coal by 2013.

In its place, the plan calls for a new natural gas-fired power plant in Southwest Idaho.

It appears power costs will rise. For the next few years, at least ...

For the past few years, the commission has combed

Idaho Power's rate requests line by line and reduced them. The commission should do the same with the latest request ...



... Ketchum's recall

Idaho Mountain Express, Ketchum

... an outspoken opponent of the proposed Warm Springs Ranch Resort, Anne Sorock, has launched a campaign to recall Ketchum Mayor Randy Hall on trumped-up charges of violating the law.

Her recall petition alleges that the mayor violated the law ... ways, charges that are demonstrably untrue.

The petition alleges that Hall doubled his own salary. This is a lie.

Idaho law requires salaries of elected city officials to be set by the City Council, which must do so 75 days before an election.

That gives the electorate a chance to weigh in on the matter if increases are excessive and prevents newly elected officials from lining their own pockets the day after they take office.

In fact, the Ketchum City Council doubled Hall's salary and increased its own last year as prescribed by law. Hall now makes the princely sum of \$3,000 a month for which he copes with wealthy lawyers, developers and residents.

The petition alleges that Hall failed to operate city finances within an established budget ordinance.

Hall does not have the power to singlehandedly

change a budget, and he has not ...

The petition alleges further that Hall failed to listen to the electorate and engaged in a general abuse of power ... (It) that means that Hall delivered on his promises to make the city ahead on downtown redevelopment, housing, transportation and burying power lines, then count him gully of keeping his promises and acting like a leader, not a placid leader ...

As for failure to listen to the electorate, the city has gone to great lengths to include the public in overhauling the downtown development plan, creating the Fourth Street pedestrian corridor and pondering proposed hotel projects.

Ketchum voters should give the recall petition proper treatment. They should ball it up and throw it away.

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TURKEY Gunmen attack U.S. consulate in Turkey

ISTANBUL — Gunmen believed inspired by al-Qaida stormed a guard post at the U.S. consulate Wednesday, touching off a firefight that killed three police and three assailants in the latest sign of Turkey's difficulty in clamping down on homegrown militants.

The bearded gunmen emerged from a car and shot at traffic officer dead, then swarmed the guard quarters at the entrance to the consulate, where two policemen were killed, according to security officials. Officers fired back, killing three of the assailants — all Turks — as bystanders fled for cover. At least one attacker escaped in the car.

An officer told the Associated Press that police suspected the armed men were linked to al-Qaida even though the assault did not have the terrorist group's usual hallmarks, such as coordinated attacks by suicide bombers that cause mass casualties.

The suspects may have been inspired by al-Qaida ideology without the capability to carry out more sophisticated attack, said the officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to reporters.

No staff at the consulate, a relatively new building perched on a hill and surrounded by high walls, were hurt, U.S. Ambassador Ross Wilson said.

The attack sent people who had been waiting for visas running into shops and cafes across from the consulate, an eyewitness said.

After the attack, bullet holes dotted three sides of the concrete-brick guard post.

Wilson and Istanbul's governor branded the assault a terrorist attack. Security around all U.S. diplomatic missions in Turkey was immediately increased.

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JAPAN Labor bureau rules that 45-year-old engineer died from overwork

TOKYO — A Japanese labor bureau has ruled that one of Toyota Motor Corp.'s top car engineers died from working too many hours, the

latest decision against overwork in Japan, where stoic acceptance of extended overtime has long been the norm.

The man who died was aged 45 and had been under severe pressure as the lead engineer in developing a hybrid version of Toyota's blockbuster Camry line, said Mikio Mizuno, the lawyer

representing his wife.

In the two months up to his death, he averaged more than 80 hours of overtime per month, the criteria for overwork, according to Mizuno.

He regularly worked nights and weekends, was frequently sent abroad and was grappling with shipping a model for the influential North

American International Auto Show in Detroit when he died of ischemic heart disease in January 2006.

His daughter found his body at their home the day before he was to leave for the United States.

The ruling was handed down June 30 and will allow his family to collect benefits from his work insurance.

Mizuno said.

An officer at the AIC Labor Bureau on Wednesday confirmed the ruling, but declined to comment on the record.

In a statement, Toyota offered its condolences and said it would work to improve monitoring of the health of its workers.

— The Associated Press

SUDAN 7 peacekeepers killed in ambush in Darfur

KHARTOUM — About 200 gunmen on horseback and in SUVs launched a brazen attack on international peacekeepers in Darfur, killing seven in the deadliest strike against the under-equipped and understaffed mission since it deployed, the U.N. said Wednesday.

Twenty-two members of the U.N.-African Union force were wounded in the fierce two-hour gunbattle Tuesday by militants who outnumbered them nearly three-to-one.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's office said the joint military and police patrol was investigating the killing of civilians in North Darfur state when it was ambushed by militants driving vehicles armed with anti-tank and anti-aircraft weapons.

Five Rwandan soldiers and two police officers, one from Uganda, were killed.

"We are outraged by the attack," Shereen Zorba, deputy spokeswoman of the U.N.-AU mission known as UNAMID, told The Associated Press.

"We are not part of the conflict, but a tool to alleviate the suffering of civilians. We try to establish some level of peace and security in the ground. But to drag us in to be part of the conflict is unjustifiable."

Hindered by a lack of crucial equipment, including attack helicopters, the joint U.N.-AU force has struggled to fulfill its mission since deploying Jan. 1 with about 9,000 soldiers and police officers.

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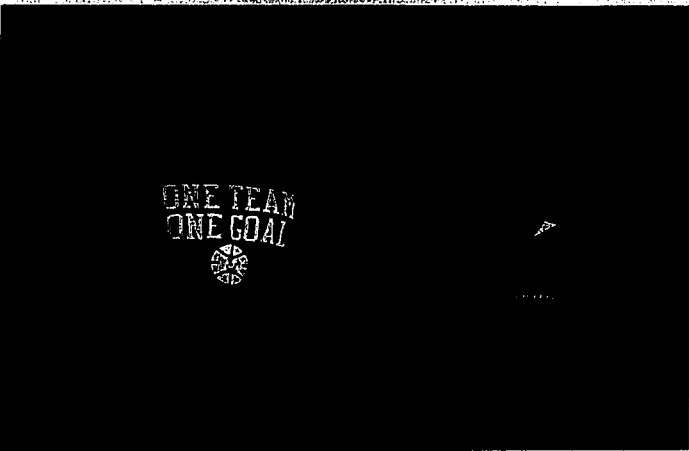
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ABOVE: College of Southern Idaho sophomore forward Daequn Montreal is congratulated by Times-News sports editor Mike Christensen Wednesday after the two played a game of H-O-R-S-E. BELOW: Montreal raises his hand in victory after defeating Christensen. "All he had was an 'H,' but that was a special 'H,'" Christensen said, referring to one 3-pointer that Montreal wasn't able to sink.

H-O-R-S-E

CSI star schools sports editor on the hardwood

I grew up playing basketball. Lots and lots of basketball.

And once upon a time, I was pretty good at it. When I was 11 years old, I stood a shade under 6-foot tall. When I was 11, I was invited to play in a league with players three and four years my senior.

Then, it happened.

The 11 I'm referring to is the fact I stopped growing. In the period of a few years, I went from being a center to a forward, then a guard, and finally a spectator.

It's been, let's just say "a while" since I was 11 years old. To this day, I still stand a shade under 6-foot tall and I wear the same shoe size I wore in sixth grade. If anything, my game has deteriorated.

So when my 6-year-old son found out I was going to take on CSI star Daequn Montreal in a game of H-O-R-S-E, he had one response.

"You're going to lose, totally."

He was right.

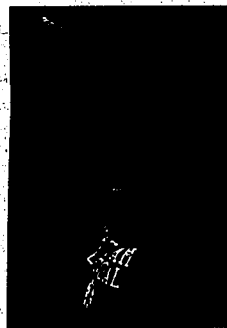
Daequn toyed with me for a few minutes, attempting some wild shots

that barely missed. With each, I sighed in relief. But once he got down to business, I was toast.

It started with the fadeaway 15-footer. Then there was the Tim Duncan-esque bank shot. He followed that by calling "bank" on a 3-pointer from the corner. Then he somehow kissed it softly off the glass and into the net. My attempt didn't work out quite as well.

Moments later, he threw down a ferocious two-handed dunk. Needless to say, I couldn't imitate that one. He finished me off with a hook shot from the foul line. My shot clanked off the bank rim, awarding me with the spelling bee victory — H-O-R-S-E.

It all took less than 10 minutes. But I'll claim a moral victory. I sank one 3-pointer that Daequn just missed. Yep, I got an "H" on a future NCAA Division I player. I won't let it go to my head, though. Daequn firmly reminded me



of my current place in the game of basketball.

On the sidelines with pen and notebook in hand.

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On the Web

Want to watch Daequn dominate sports editor Mike Christensen? Sports writer David Bashore caught it all on film. Log on to MagicalValley.com for all the gory details.

NBA gets a general, and the NFL a colonel

By Tim Dahlgren
Associated Press columnist

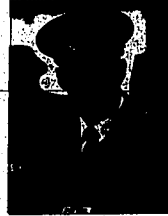
David Stern was deep in the bowels of Staples Center, holding an impromptu press conference next to the loading dock when he should have been in a luxury suite upstairs getting ready to enjoy Game 3 of the NBA finals.

His message that day was that Tim Donaghy was a renegade crackpot and that he wasn't worried at all about his allegations that NBA referees conspired to fix at least one playoff series and may have influenced even more.

"Why should I be worried?" Stern asked.

Turns out Stern was worried, at least about the growing public perception that NBA officials were incompetent at best, crooks at worst. Worried enough that just a few weeks later he hired a two-star general to take charge of the league's referees and make sure whippers of impropriety never overshadow another championship series again.

The NFL saw that general and raised a state police chief this week, Jeffrey Miller



Former Pennsylvania State Police commissioner Jeffrey Miller will direct the NFL's strategic security program.



Army Maj. Gen. Ronald L. Johnson is the NFL's new senior vice president of referee operations, a newly created position.

would mean the end of the scandal, but his decision to destroy the videotape and notes from his investigation not only led to more questions but eventually drew the attention of a U.S. senator from Pennsylvania.

With Arlen Specter calling for an independent investigation and threatening a Senate hearing on Spygate, it wasn't going to simply go away. Even though Specter recently backed off his call for a hearing, Goodell hired the top cop in Pennsylvania to guard against any future Spygates or other improprieties that might harm the league.

The hiring came just a few days after Stern brought in Ron Johnson to bolster his league's credibility in the wake of charges against Donaghy and the ones he has raised in court filings.

Johnson has no experience in sports and no background with referees, but his image as a no-nonsense Army general who will tolerate no shenanigans was what Stern was after.

There's a credibility crisis in sports right now, something

Bodensteiner's path different, but good

Clare Bodensteiner's path to the Olympics was not completely different to those of WNBA star Becky Hammon and Los Angeles Clippers center Chris Kaman.

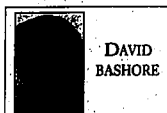
But don't go calling her a traitor, that sizzling moniker that's been vociferously thrust upon Hammon and, to a lesser extent, Kaman.

All three are Americans, yet all three will play basketball for other nations at next month's Olympic in Beijing. Bodensteiner will play for New Zealand, Kaman for Germany — he qualified for the German team through his great-grandparents — and Hammon for Russia.

So why are Hammon and Kaman attacked so savagely — deservedly so, in this writer's opinion — and why should Bodensteiner be granted the reprieve from having her patriotism called into question?

Kaman and Hammon were overlooked by Team USA, and opted to take different routes to pursue their Olympic dreams.

Kaman used his ancestry to earn a German passport, despite having reportedly not even set foot in the country before. Hammon, so upset at being passed over, took up a fast-tracked citizenship offer from Russia to play for its Olympic team. She reportedly will also receive a seven-figure payday for her efforts, one of the main reasons she has been so vilified for "turning her back on her country."



DAVID BASHORE

The key line of demarcation in these separate yet similar situations is that, unlike Hammon and Kaman, Bodensteiner actually was born in the country she's been selected to represent.

Bodensteiner's story, however, was not a tale of being so desperate to play in the Olympics that she ran to another country with which she had little or no affiliation when Team USA dashed her dream. She just wanted to keep playing basketball. And when your country comes calling, frankly, you'd be foolish not to answer.

But Bodensteiner's journey captures the essence of the American story even if it didn't end with her being bathed in the regalia of the red, white and blue. Even then, it's still a tale that should be backed by those who follow her progression as a player.

My thought is, good for Clare, and I hope she and the Tall Ferns do well at the Olympics.

Except when they play the Americans, of course.

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76ers ready to get going with Brand

By Dan Gelston
Associated Press writer

PHILADELPHIA — Elton Brand believed his career would end as an L.A. Story.

Forced by a contract ultimatum Brand would not accept, the would-be maverick and two-time NBA All-Star instead opted to take his production east and see his name roll on the credits of Philadelphia's roster.

Brand and the 76ers made it official Wednesday on a five-year deal worth a reported \$82 million, a shrewd move that promptly turned the emerging franchise into Eastern Conference contenders.

"I'm prepared to do some big things this year," Brand said.

For that kind of commitment, Brand should be ready. Last week, Brand opted out of his contract with the Clippers, but Los Angeles was expected to make a strong push to re-sign him. Instead, he spurned the Clippers once again.

David Falk said he was offered a "take it or leave it" contract on June 30. The deal was nearly \$20 million less than what Brand signed for in Philadelphia.

"My intention was to try and work something out with the Clippers," Brand said.

Falk said the greater insult came when he was told that Clippers owner Donald Sterling said he would be happy with the 29-year-old Brand's decision either way.

Falk also said the Golden State Warriors offered more total money — about \$90 million — but Brand felt the 76ers were a better fit.

Sixers president Ed Stefanski was on the phone with Falk shortly after midnight on July 1 — the first day teams could begin negotiating with free agents.

The 76ers entered the summer \$11 million under the salary cap, but even that wasn't enough to land a franchise-shifting free agent like Brand. Philadelphia is in Philadelphia, a deal with Minnesota that sent forward Rodney Carney and a future No. 1 pick to the Timberwolves as part of a trade that cleared an additional \$2 million in salary cap space.

The trade allowed the Sixers to offer a starting salary in the \$14-million range. Brand had \$16.4 million left on deal he signed in 2003.



Elton Brand agrees a reporter's question after being introduced as the latest member of the Philadelphia 76ers during a news conference Wednesday in Philadelphia.

Coming Sunday

Find out how the Times-News online sports survey turned out. We asked you to vote for the Fall sports you most enjoy reading about in the Times-News, and the response was excellent. On Sunday, we'll let you know which sports came out on top.

Cavendish gets his first Tour stage win

CHATEAURoux, France (AP) — His dream of a stage win in the Tour de France and Mark Cavendish didn't let it get away.

The British sprinter had been frustrated Monday when his chances of a stage win in this year's Tour de France was thwarted by a breakaway. On Wednesday, he got revenge by recording his first victory in cycling's premier race.

The Team Columbia rider took the fifth stage of a sprinter's Tour de France breakaway that led almost the entire way in the Tour's longest leg was caught within sight of the finish line. Steve Schumacher of Germany retained — the leader's yellow jersey on a day that allowed the sprinters to show their mettle but had no impact on the standings. Contenders for the overall victory all finished safely in the pack.

Cavendish had hoped to start the third stage Monday, but the breakaway held onto the end, denying the sprinters a chance for a victory.

"Obviously after the other day we were really disappointed so it made me motivated for today," said the 23-year-old. "For sure it is the biggest thing that has happened to me."

French national champion Nicolas Vogondy, who had been in Wednesday's breakaway, tried to hold off the pack at the end but didn't have the strength. "I wore the French champion's jersey nicely until 100 meters from the end, but I missed out on the most important 100 meters," Vogondy said. "I still had some reserves, but it's difficult to resist when the sprinters set off."

Cavendish completed the final 14.4-mile ride from Chateauauroux in 5 hours, 27 minutes, 52 seconds, edging veterans Oscar Freire of Spain and Erik Zabel of Germany. All but five of the 177 finish-



Mark Cavendish reacts as he crosses the finish line to win the fifth stage of the Tour de France between Collet and Chateauroux, central France, Wednesday.

ers were given the same time, meaning there were no changes to the overall standings, where Schumacher leads Kim Kirchen of Luxembourg, and David Millar of Britain by 12 seconds.

"It was great to enjoy this stage in the yellow jersey," Schumacher said. "Yesterday, it was a great mix of feelings given that the start of the season was not good for me. Yesterday, I could have cried but I didn't want to cry in front of everyone. Today, I was much more relaxed."

Spanish rider Alejandro Valverde, one of the favorites for the overall title, had a scare where he hit debris about 50 miles into the stage and went over his handlebars. He injured his right arm, right knee and calf, but got back on his bike and kept riding.

The injuries are not expected to threaten Valverde's continued participation, the Caisse d'Epargne team said. Frenchman Aurelien Passeron hit a female spectator about three miles from the end of the race. Passeron finished almost 5 minutes behind the field.

Hamilton's walk-off blast stuns Angels

ARLINGTON, Texas — Josh Hamilton hit a two-run homer with two outs in the ninth inning, lifting the Texas Rangers over the Los Angeles Angels 5-4 Wednesday night.

It was Hamilton's 20th homer of the season, and his first since June 17. He connected off major league saves leader Francisco Rodriguez, who gave up three runs in only his third blown chance this year.

Hamilton and K-Rod (0-2), who already has 35 saves, will be AL teammates at the All-Star game next week. Hamilton leads the majors with 89 RBIs and will be one of the starting outfielders.

Pinch-hitter Ramon Vazquez drew a walk to start the ninth against Rodriguez before fan Kinsler, the AL's top hitter, struck out. Frank Catalanotto then grounded out, moving Vazquez to second before Michael Young's RBI single got Texas within 4-3.

After Young stole second base, Hamilton lined a 3-1 pitch into the right-field seats for his first homer in 70 at-bats.



Texas Rangers' Josh Hamilton celebrates as he walks off the field after hitting a game-winning, two-run home run in the ninth inning against the Los Angeles Angels in Arlington, Texas, Wednesday. The Rangers won 5-4.

bullpen survived a shaky ninth to seal a second straight win for the first time this month.

WHITE SOX 7, ROYALS 6
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Carlos Quentin hit a pair of two-run homers and the Chicago White Sox fought back from a five-run deficit to score the go-ahead run on an eighth-inning balk. Quentin, voted onto the AL All-Star team, hit his 20th home run in the fourth inning off Royals starter Brian Bannister to begin the rally.

NATIONAL LEAGUE PHILLIES 4, CARDINALS 2
PHILADELPHIA — Ryan Howard and Pedro Feliz hit solo homers in the eighth inning and Philadelphia ended a four-game losing streak.

Howard drove an 0-2 pitch from Kyle McClellan (1-4) for his 25th homer, rallying the Phillies after they blew a 2-0 lead. Feliz added his shot off Chris Perez.

METS 5, GIANTS 0
NEW YORK — Johan Santana tossed five effective innings before his night was cut short by a rain delay, but New York won its fifth straight.

Ramon Castro had a three-run homer, and Carlos Delgado had three hits and is batting .429 (15-for-35) in nine games this month.

CUBS 5, REDS 1
CHICAGO — Carlos Zambrano allowed one hit over eight innings; a second-inning homer by Adam Dunn

— and retired the final 20 batters for Chicago.

ROCKIES 6, BREWERS 3
MILWAUKEE — Garrett Atkins hit two homers for Colorado and Glendon Rusch won as a starter for the first time in exactly two years. Rusch (2-3) had not won as a starter since beating the Brewers on July 9, 2006. In his last start for the Chicago Cubs, he missed all of last season while recovering from a blood clot in his lung, and took a loss in his only other start for Colorado this year.

NATIONALS 5, DIAMONDBACKS 0
WASHINGTON — Jesus Flores' three-run, pinch-hit homer in the sixth inning led Houston to a three-game sweep, which snapped a six-game losing streak. Nationals starter John Lannan (5-9) allowed two hits and walked three in six shutout innings for his first victory since May 18.

MARLINS 5, PADRES 2
SAN DIEGO — Scott Olsen allowed four hits over eight innings, and Mike Jacobs and Hanley Ramirez homered for Florida.

ASTROS 6, PIRATES 4
PITTSBURGH — Geoff Blum hit a three-run homer in the first inning and Houston avoided a three-game sweep. Kazuo Matsui, Y. Wigginton and Michael Bourn all had two hits for the Astros, who blew a four-run lead before scoring twice in the seventh. — The Associated Press

Local sporting events fill summer calendar

Staff reports

Summer has reached its mid-point and the sports calendar is busy as ever in the Magic Valley. Below are event announcements submitted to the Times-News.

ADULT FLAG FOOTBALL OFFERED
TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Parks and Recreation is holding sign-ups for its Adult Flag Football League. The season will begin Aug. 19 with a jamboree. Team rosters and fees are due by Aug. 1.

Those interested in creating a team should stop by the parks and recreation office at 18 N. Main Ave. to pick up a roster form, fee scale and rules sheet.

For more information, call 736-2265.

JEROME CC HOLDS TWO-MAN SCRAMBLE
JEROME — Jerome Country Club is accepting entries for the 28th annual Two-man Scramble Golf and Ball. The event is scheduled for July 26-27. Entry fee is \$120 per team with an optional skin game each day.

An eight-shot scramble is awarded and both gross and net will be paid out in all flights. Players may request preferred tee times for Saturday's round by calling 424-5241. The field will be limited to the first 80 paid teams. Entries can be mailed to P.O. Box 484, Jerome, ID, 83338.

GOOSE CREEK RUN-OFF HEARS
OAKLEY — The Goose Creek Run-off Back Up July 26 will be held Saturday, July 19 in Oakley. Entry fee is \$20 if paid by July 15.

Check-in for the 10K run is at 5 a.m. at the Oakley City Park. Buses leave for the race at 6 a.m. and the race begins at 7 a.m. Four-mile walk participants may check in at 6 a.m. at the park, with the walk at 7

The race for children ages 11 and under, a one-mile course around town, will be held at approximately 8:30 a.m. Check in at the Oakley City Office at 8 a.m. A \$3 fee and a signed waiver are required.

All 10K runners and four-mile walkers will receive breakfast and a T-shirt. The 10K overall male and female winners will receive Astics running gear.

For more information, call 863-3441 or 862-3663 or on-line to www.goosecreekrun.com.

THIS TO HOLD FOOTBALL CAMP
TWIN FALLS — A football skills camp for incoming fifth through ninth graders will be held at Twin Falls High School July 21-23, from 9-11:30 a.m. each day. The cost is \$30 if registering by July 18, \$40 after or on the first day of camp. Forms and other camp information can be accessed on the Bruin Football Camp Project's website, <http://www.bruinfootball.in>. For more information contact Alynn Reynolds at 539-3881.

MUNI HOSTS FUNDRAISER TOURNAMENT THIS WEEKEND
TWIN FALLS — The inaugural Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course Fundraiser for the City of Twin Falls will begin with a 3:30 p.m. shotgun start. The format is St. Louis Scramble (each player drives, best drive is selected and players play their own balls from that spot on each hole). Players receive 50 percent of their handicap and the two net best balls of the foursome will be scored.

The field is limited to 25 teams. The cost is \$300 per team (\$75 per player) and includes green fees, carts, and dinner.

MAGIC VALLEY JUNIOR LEAGUE FOOTBALL HOLDS SIGN-UPS
TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Junior League Football

registration will be open through July 31. The league is open to players in grades 5-7 in Twin Falls, Jerome and surrounding areas. The cost is \$55 per player (\$75 after July 31). Teams are formed by grade, size and weight.

Seventh graders has a separate league. Each player will receive a loaner uniform, game jersey, padded football pants and shoulder pads for the season.

Registration forms are available to help the Red Sox and Girls Club or Twin Falls Parks and Recreation and should be sent in with completed physicals as soon as possible.

Players in mid-August and games will be played in September and October.

WAKE IN THE SNAKE HEARS
BURLEY — The 10th annual Wake in the Snake wakeboard competition will be held Saturday at the Burley Golf Course Marina. Boat ramp will be closed from 6 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. for the competition.

A free "Pre-Wake in the Snake Party" will be held from 7-10 p.m. Friday, July 11, at the same location. The event will include food and live music. There will also be an informal double up contest. There will be a \$5 entry fee with the winner take the entire pot. For more information, call 678-5869.

Proceeds will be used to assist MVCS families with tuition costs. Contact Ken or Stacy Boer at 324-7147 or MVCS at 324-4200 for more information.

RAY NELSON INVITE HEARS
HAILLEY — The 37th Annual Ray Nelson Invitational Tournament for U12U and U10 teams will be held July 18-19 in Hailley. The tournament guarantees four games per teams and includes a Donnelly Sports Skills Challenge, a barbecue and live music on July 18. Visit <http://woodriverbaseball.com> for information.

JEROME HOSTS VOLLEYBALL CAMP
JEROME — Jerome High School volleyball camp will be held Tuesday, July 15 and Wednesday, July 16 in the school gymnasium. Sessions run from 9:30 a.m. to noon each day, with instruction from JHS coaches and varsity players. The cost is \$30 and includes a camp T-shirt. To sign up, contact Hannah Bitzenburg at 404-9292.

ROBERT STUART HOLDS FOOTBALL CAMP
TWIN FALLS — Robert Stuart Junior High will hold a football camp for players in grades 6-9 on July 15-16. Registration at 6 p.m., each night.

For more information, contact Ben Benoit at 737-9242 or Nate Losser at 280-1225.

KIMBERLY FUN RUN ANNOUNCED
KIMBERLY — The Kimberly Good Neighbor Day Fun Run/Walk will be held Saturday. The race begins at 7 a.m. in the Kimberly City Park, with registration at 6:30. A 5K run and one-mile run will be offered. The cost is \$10 per person and includes a T-shirt. Proceeds benefit the Kimberly Sports Complex. Call 423-4234 or 423-4269 for more information.

Wells' Naveran earns all-around cowgirl

Staff report

Sammy Naveran of Wells, Nev., a competitor in District VI rodeo for four years, was named the all-around cowgirl at the 23rd Annual Silver State International Rodeo held in Fallon, Nev. June 30 through July 5.

For her performance, Naveran was awarded a horn trailer and also took home three saddles for first-place wins in girls cutting, goat tying and all-around. She also grabbed five buckles. On her way to the win in goat tying, she recorded a time of 7:49-second run in the short go.

"The competition was really tough this year," said Naveran, who will attend the College of Southern Idaho in the fall. "The week didn't started out very well in barrels and goats. Then in cutting, everything fell together and I won a saddle. After that, I really didn't feel too much pressure in goats."

The Idaho team totaled 4570 points and finished second to the 6,800 points scored by the Utah team. But as Naveran pointed out, "(Idaho) won six saddles and Utah only won two."

The Silver State International Rodeo is open to contestants who finish fifth through 10th in their state. Team ropers whose partners cannot attend may pick up any partner that competed in team roping in district or state.

Jerome 48: New Starline, Fleet 59: Gary Kuhn, Jerome 71: Tom Hartung, Oregon
Rodeo: Mike, Gary Kuhn, Jerome
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American Legion

POCATELLO SWEEPS JEROME

Jerome went on the road for a doubleheader against the Pocatello Razorbacks on Wednesday, and it turned out "like just about every other game," head coach Gary Stouder said.

The Cyclones managed just a first-inning Tyler Powell double in the opener, going hitless thereafter and dropping the game 11-0 in five innings. In the second game, eight errors doomed Jerome to take a 12-1, five-inning win.

"The first game was actually a pretty good game for us, they just earned everything they got. Second game, we just had mental breakdowns and went into it after getting run-ruled in the first game," said Stouder.

Jerome (3-21, 3-19 Area C) hosts Hillcrest on Friday.

Game 1
Pocatello 11, Jerome 0, five innings
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NEW MANURETTE ORIGINAL STAFF
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GAME PLAN

LOCAL

AMERICAN LEAGUE BASEBALL: Twin Falls At Cardinals. Classic II Tournament, Seattle...

CYCLING

8:30 a.m., 5.5 miles. VERSUS - Tour de France, Stage 6. GOLF: TGC - European PGA Tour...

TV SCHEDULE

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

WGN - Cincinnati at Chicago 9 p.m. ESPZN - MLB, Chicago vs. Los Angeles...

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Peak Broadcasting names Dailey as new BSU commentator

BOISE - Former Boise State football player Jason Dailey has been named the new radio color analyst for Peak Broadcasting...

Rich Rodriguez will pay \$1.5 million in three annual payments beginning January 2010. The Wolverines athletic department, his new employer, will pay \$2.5 million by the end of July...

of the room. 'Those are things we'll obviously well get to down the line. But that didn't stop there, as other kids in the audience of about 75 shouted out questions about Favre, who retired in March but might be having second thoughts.

MAGIC VALLEY T.F. holds soccer sign-ups. Register at the parks and recreation office (139 Maxwell Ave.) or at http://www.tfid.org. Call 736-2265 with any questions.

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Today: Mostly sunny with light southwest winds shifting to the northwest. High 93 to 97.
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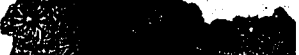
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Little overall change is seen for the next several days. It will be mostly sunny to partly cloudy during the day, and fair at night. No precipitation is expected at dry air stays in place.

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KAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
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Today's National Map showing weather patterns across the United States with temperature and precipitation indicators.

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O'Neal calls trade to Raptors a 'rebirth'

TORONTO — Frustrated by off-court distractions and on-court failures with the Indiana Pacers, Jermaine O'Neal said Wednesday he broke down and cried when he learned last month he was being traded to Toronto in a deal that sent guard TJ Ford to Indiana.

"It's probably been one of the worst situations any pro team has been through," O'Neal said. "There are a lot more things that went on behind the scenes that kind of wore you down. It wore me down a bit mentally and I started to not really enjoy playing as much as I used to love to play the game."

Also Wednesday, the Raptors officially announced the re-signing of restricted free agent guard Jose Calderon, whose emergence last season while Ford was injured allowed Toronto to acquire O'Neal.

General manager Bryan Colangelo said trading Ford "brings clarity to an issue that was somewhat of a distraction as (last) season wore on." Colangelo said the Raptors had three or four offers for Ford, but felt O'Neal was too good to pass up.

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MARC GASOL FOLLOWS IN HIS BROTHER'S FOOTSTEPS
MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The Memphis Grizzlies signed Spanish center Marc Gasol on Wednesday, finishing off the last piece of a trade that sent his older brother, All-Star Point to the Los Angeles Lakers in February.

Terms of the deal were not disclosed.
"Marc is a very skilled center in terms of his shooting and passing, possesses outstanding toughness, and is a winning, team-oriented player," general manager Chris Wallace said. "He has done a remarkable job of transforming his body. Marc is one of the premier players in Europe."

The Grizzlies obtained the draft rights to the Spanish center in a trade that also gave them guard Javaris Crittenton, forward Kwame Brown, guard Aaron McKie, cash and two, first-round draft picks. Memphis used the No. 28 pick last month in a deal that landed Darrell Arthur.

Marc said he understands he will be following in his brother's footsteps for a rebuilding franchise.
"It's nothing new... That's something that motivates me a lot," Gasol said.

Single dad finds out how little he knows

DEAR ABBY: I am a single parent, although I never intended to be. Last fall, I was asked to babysit a 10-year-old boy. He has been in my custody ever since. His mother abandoned him. Only in the last month have I actually gotten legal custody of him from Social Services. The problems he had prior to being with me have caused me legal expenses I never could have imagined. (They are all paid now.)

I sold my truck and moved out of my original apartment, so I don't have much. We have no furniture other than the beds we sleep on and a dining room table we received as a gift. I have no idea where to go for help. I have no idea what I am doing as a parent. But I made a promise to that boy, and I intend to keep it.

DEAR ABBY: Due to years of abuse at the hands of my parents, I decided I could no longer continue a relationship with them. Ten years ago, for the sake of my mental health, I took control and cut the "disease" out of my life. It was one of the hardest things I have ever had to do, but it was also one of the best decisions I ever made.

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DEAR JEANNE PHILLIPS

DEAR NEW FATHER: Congratulations on becoming a father. You have already mastered the most important lesson on becoming a parent — and that's being there for your child. The library is filled with books on parenting, and I'm sure you will find some answers there. But you are already a stable influence, and that's what the boy needs.

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DEAR PEACE AT LAST: Do not feel you have to defend yourself. Those who are trying to warn you about your "inevitable regret" are speaking through the filter of their own experience. They do not understand that some family relationships are toxic rather than nurturing, so don't argue the issue. Accept that they mean well and tune them out.

DEAR JUST WONDERING: If you bring up the subject of a new purchase, it is natural for people to be curious. The way to avoid a problem like yours is not to "go there" in the first place. My advice is to stop talking about the items you're buying, and your problem will resolve itself.

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BOGUT'S AGENT: CENTER WILL SIGN 5-YEAR EXTENSION
MILWAUKEE
Milwaukee Bucks center Andrew Bogut will sign a five-year, \$72.5 million extension later this week, his agent said Wednesday.

HIRES
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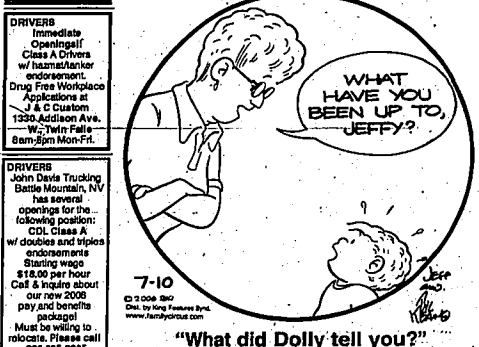
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Dolly: What did Dolly tell you?
Jeff

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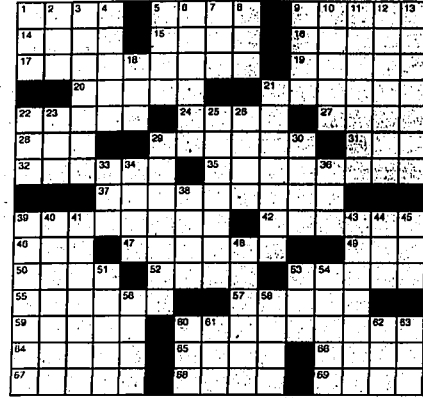
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Unstable financials send stocks down

(AP) Wall Street tumbled Wednesday as investors grappled with renewed worries about the soundness of the financial sector. The major indexes fell more than 2 percent, including the Dow Jones, which lost more than 230 points.

Dow Jones Industrials 11,147.44

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Public comment sought for youth training programs

BOISE — The Idaho Workforce Development Council is seeking public comment on its proposal to continue delivering youth work experience and other components of the Workforce Investment Act youth programs in the state Department of Labor's One Stop centers rather than contract for those services with other providers.

The council, which oversees the state's work force programs, also intends to ask the U.S. Department of Labor to waive its regulation prohibiting federal money earmarked for the youth programs to be used to finance individual training accounts for older teenagers.

Both proposals are intended to maximize the effectiveness of federal funds for Workforce Investment Act programs, which have been cut from over \$15 million in 2002 to less than \$7 million today.

NATION

Northwest Airlines to cut 2,500 jobs

MINNEAPOLIS — Northwest Airlines Corp. said on Wednesday it will cut 2,500 jobs because of high oil prices, and will soon begin charging \$15 to check luggage and up to \$100 to redeem a frequent-flyer award ticket.

The airline said it expects the new fees to add \$250 million to \$300 million a year in revenue. Northwest said the job cuts — which represent about 9.3 percent of its work force — will include front-line and management workers. It said it will start with voluntary departures and leaving open jobs unfilled before moving to furloughs to reach the 2,500 total.

Northwest had said previously it would have fewer workers after it cuts 6.5 percent to 9.5 percent of mainline flying in the fourth quarter of this year. It has said overall capacity would shrink 3 percent to 4 percent because it is adding regional seats. As of the end of 2007, Northwest employed about 30,000 people.

— from staff and wire reports

Slaughter begins in California dairy herd

More than 4,800 cows exposed to TB

By Tracie Cone
Associated Press writer

FRESNO, Calif. — More than 4,800 dairy cows at risk of carrying tuberculosis are being slaughtered this week in central

California, where nearly 18,000 cattle in the country's largest milk-producing region have been quarantined, federal officials said.

The slaughter is not expected to increase demand for raw milk from south-central Idaho, say representatives of Idaho's dairy industry.

"The number of cows being slaughtered is such a small

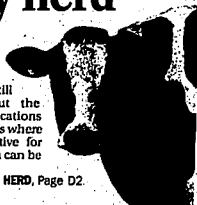
amount between the two states that it's not going to affect us," said Rick Naeberout, an industry representative with the Idaho Dairyman's Association.

California Undersecretary of Agriculture Bruce Knight met privately with local dairy operators Tuesday along with the state veterinarian and other industry officials monitoring three new cases of TB recently discovered

in Fresno County dairies.

Federal and state agriculture officials were still tightlipped about the identities and locations of the three dairies where cows tested positive for the disease, which can be

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SEC finds credit raters had conflicts of interest

By Nancy Gordon
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The three main credit-rating agencies failed to rein in conflicts of interest in giving high ratings to risky securities backed by subprime mortgages that later collapsed, federal regulators said Tuesday.

The results of the yearlong review by the Securities and Exchange Commission illuminate the role of Wall Street's credit rating industry in the turmoil that has gripped the financial markets in recent months.

The three agencies that dominate the industry — Standard & Poor's, Moody's Investors Service and Fitch Ratings — have been widely criticized for failing to identify risks in investments tied to high-risk subprime mortgages.

The rating agencies "sometimes deviated from their own models and their own procedures," SEC Chairman Christopher Cox said at a news conference. "Conflicts of interest were not always managed properly."

The problems were serious enough to cause concern among employees of the agencies themselves, Cox noted, citing internal e-mails uncovered in the SEC review. "There were generalized concerns about laxity, about adherence to stated norms," he said.

Among the conflicts of interest cited in the SEC report were the practice of companies that issue the securities paying the rating agencies for their work.

In one e-mail cited in the report, an analyst at one unnamed agency expressed concern that its model for determining ratings didn't capture "half" of a transaction's risk, but added that "it could be structured by cows and we would rate it."

The rating agencies have had to downgrade thousands of securities backed by mortgages as home-loan delinquencies have soared and the value of those investments has plummeted.

Flex time for activities outside of work makes good business sense

Matt Dornic gives his employees flexible work hours so they can pursue graduate degrees or even work a second job. Steven Rabonowitz encourages his staffers to do pro bono work, although he knows that such extracurricular activities might lead them to quit for a better job elsewhere.

While it's still pretty much the norm for American work-

SMALL TALK Joyce M. Rosenberg

ers to mold their lives around their bosses' schedules, many small business owners are giving employees flexible work hours, allowing them to take part in outside activities such as grad school, charitable work or second jobs.

Company owners who give their workers such leeway say they're not just being considerate, they're doing something that makes good business sense.

"The only way to compete for these top candidates is to give them flexibility to go back to school or to pursue outside activities, or to find a way to supplement their income," said Dornic, president of 3 Dog Agency, a

Washington, D.C.-based public relations firm.

Dornic said one of his staffers is currently in school, so she works a five-day week, including two half-days.

"The fear that stops many owners from accommodating employees' outside activities is that productivity will suffer — and in this economy, productivity is more critical than ever. It can be hard for an owner to trust that

staffers who are pursuing a degree, doing charitable work or holding down another job will be truly dedicated to their primary employment.

"I find it to be exactly the opposite," Dornic said, explaining that by being flexible, "you increase productivity by so much."

Some companies are able to be more flexible than others — it can depend on the

type of business, and whether it needs to have a specific number of workers onsite at any time. But Kevin Oakes, CEO of Institute for Corporate Productivity, a Seattle-based human resources networking company, says a small company's ability to be more flexible is what makes it more attractive to many workers.

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What to expect today in business

WASHINGTON — Labor Department reports on weekly jobless claims.

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

MUTUAL FUNDS

Table of mutual fund performance data including columns for fund name, last price, and change. Includes sections for NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ, and various fund categories like Domestic Equity, International, and Bond.

COMMODITIES REPORT

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Table of bean prices for different varieties like Pinto, Black, and Kidney beans.

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Table of grain prices including Wheat, Corn, and Soybeans.

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Summary table of market indices including NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ, and various sector indices.

INDEXES

Table of major market indices such as Dow Jones Industrial Average, S&P 500, and Russell 2000.

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Table of NYSE stock market activity including volume, gains, and losers.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table of local stock market activity including volume, gains, and losers.

Small Talk

Continued from page D1. At his own firm, "It doesn't matter to me when or where the work gets done, as long as it gets done," Oakes said.

Herd

Continued from page D1. transmitted to humans and other mammals through the air or through drinking unpasteurized milk from an infected cow.

Yogurt

Continued from page D1. They all, which claims to have popularized the trend in South Korea, is scouting for locations.

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Investors should be particularly on the lookout for the company's full name (not the abbreviation). Company names made up of initials appear at the top of the report.

Small Talk

Continued from page D1. "One of the concerns I wish trade agreements," says Ray Souza, a Turlock dairy opera-

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tor and board member of the Western United Dairymen, a trade group that represents 1,100 dairies across the state.

Yogurt

Continued from page D1. Though statistics for restaurants were not available, national retail sales of frozen yogurt grew 3.5 percent from \$171 million in 2005 to \$177 million last year, according to market research firm Mintel.

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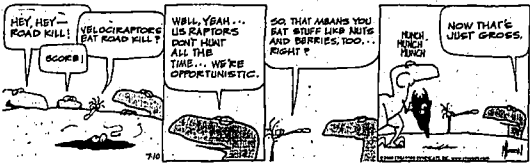
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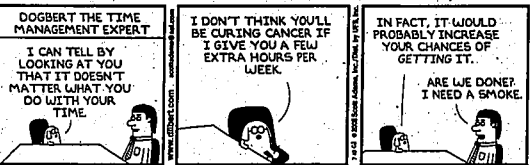
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Beach party

Camp provides summer fun to Latino youngsters

By Pat Marcantonio
Staff writer

Try to maneuver a beach ball as big as you are.

It wasn't easy for a group of six-year-olds in Twin Falls City Park. But it wasn't work either because they laughed, fell, got up and ran to play again.

The activity is part of the Manos de Amistad (Hands of Friendship) week-long day camp sponsored by the Twin Falls Methodist Church.

"It is part of an outreach (to Latinos) from the Methodist Church. Being Hispanic, I know a lot of kids who didn't get to go to camps," said organizer and minister, Noel Morfin.

The event gives them an opportunity to enjoy games and art in a camp setting, even if it's just across town. At camp, they have something positive to do during the summer, an education and spiritual experience, he said.

"A lot of kids have cultural and language differences," Morfin said. But this gives them the opportunity to be with other kids who have the same skin color.

This is the sixth year for the camp at the church and 95 youngsters are participating, aided by junior counselors and adults, said co-coordinator and Noel's wife, Dana. The youngest camper is 3 years old.

Many of the children come from migrant families and South Park neighborhoods, and have attended an after-school program, also run by the Morfins. They are bused to the camp, which is at the church about \$1,500 and is free to the young ones who range from pre-kindergarten to age 11.

Counselor Arturo Garcia, 14, likes "that we get to play with little kids," and ran off as the boys started a water fight with spray bottles.

"I like working with the kids and seeing how they are doing, how they improve," said Carmen Perez, 13, a counselor and former day camper.

Her brother Daniel, 6, likes water fights.

"It's fun," he said with a gigantic smile.

The theme of the camp, which ends Friday and runs from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., is "Beach Party Through the Scriptures." The beach motif was reflected throughout the church, locat-



Nadia Perri, 8, tries to maintain her balance as she hops on one foot Wednesday morning during an activity for Manos de Amistad Day Camp in Twin Falls City Park.

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See some of the activities at the camp.

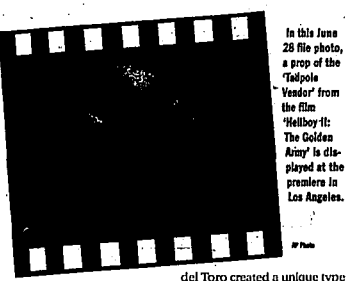
ed across from the park. Blue plastic sheets ran along sides of the stairs to give the impression of water. The kids constructed crafts with sea

shells. Other activities include physical education, science experiments and "Surf'n' Scripture Scene," where the campers put on small plays about Bible stories, complete with costumes and dialogue by the young actors, albeit with a few added giggles. Guests have included a boxer talking about exercise and a Spanish dancer. But

along with the fun are spiritual-life lessons, such as be obedient, kind, forgiving, bold and believe, Dana Morfin said.

And how long did it take to organize such a week of days chocked full with activities? "A year," Noel Morfin said with a laugh. However, he points out with each year it runs a little smoother.

'Hellboy II' director del Toro loves his demons



LOS ANGELES (AP) — The worst monsters in your most terrifying dreams probably would run and hide from the creatures Guillermo del Toro puts on a movie screen.

Del Toro, creator of the visionary fairy tale "Pan's Labyrinth" which won three Academy Awards for 2006 including creature of the year for "Hellboy II: The Golden Army" the follow-up to his 2004 adventure about a superhero who's a demon from below. Among the denizens of the "Hellboy" sequel are an Angel of Death whose black wings are pocked with eyeballs, tiny tooth fairies that burrow savagely through human flesh to munch on the bones within, and a shopkeeper with a cathedral-shaped head. The movie includes a visit to a troll market below Manhattan that is wall-to-wall with creatures rivaling the "StarWars" cantina sequence for inventiveness.

Del Toro has lived with such beasts in his head since his boyhood in Mexico. Undeniably, I am in love with monsters, the way Fellini was in love with a particular type of human," del Toro told The Associated Press, recounting how the Italian filmmaker would wander the streets of Rome in search of the right faces to put on screen.

"The same plasticity is searched for by me in the monster realm. There is a great word, which is teratology, the study of monsters. I have a teratological fascination with these creatures. The inventory of them grows and grows with every movie."

In his 1993 debut "Cronos,"

del Toro created a unique type of vampire. In his first Hollywood feature, "Mimic," it was giant insects with charmesonlike abilities to adapt. He dealt with ghosts in the mesmerizing "The Devil's Backbone."

"Pan's Labyrinth," which won three Academy Awards for 2006 including creature of the year, took del Toro's fascination with monsters to a new level. The story of a girl co-existing in a frightening fantasy world and the equally harrowing real world just after strikingly blended characteristics of man and beast and a child-eating creature with horribly loose folds of skin, plus eyeballs in the palms of its hands.

"This guy's imagery, what he's able to put in the frame, puts him in a class with the true greats of cinema, the Kurosawas, the John Fords, the Francis Coppolas," said Ron Perlman, who reprises his role as Hellboy, a beer-swilling, kitten-loving, red-skinned demon with a fist big enough to punch out Mount Rushmore.

"Pan's Labyrinth" was a perfect entity from beginning to end and a pure poem. It's something that no one else could have made," said Perlman, who also co-starred in del Toro's "Cronos" and "Blade II."

The inventory of del Toro's creatures will continue to grow with "The Hobbit," the two-part big-screen prelude to "The Lord of the Rings" that del Toro is directing and co-

In this June 28 file photo, a prop of the Two-Headed Shop Owner from the film 'Hellboy II: The Golden Army' is displayed at the premiere in Los Angeles.



Immigration law attracts new generation

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Ann Kim made monthly trips this year to an immigrant detention center in the Richmond, Va., area, trying to help a recently arrived Honduran man. He ended up being deported, but Kim got something out of it: more experience in the burgeoning field of immigration law.

"Immigration is becoming more and more complex, and it's going against immigrants rather than for them," said Kim, 27, a second-generation Korean who took the Honduran's case as part of her immigration law clinic at American University's Washington College of Law. "There's a great need for lawyers."

A subject that three decades ago was a secondary, technical field delegated to adjunct professors is now booming in at law schools nationwide. Elective immigration law courses taught by tenured specialists are filling lecture halls. Immigration clinics are expanding and student groups devoted to the subject are mushrooming.

The momentum is partly driven by a high-profile, maricobrous immigration debate. But it is also the result of an era of mass immigration that has fueled demand from foreign-born designers and businesses seeking help navigating U.S. immigration statutes and has created a generation of law students intimately familiar with the issue, often because they are children of immigrants or immigrants themselves.

"Immigration is just one part of a much broader story about globalization, of movement of goods and movement of people and movement of ideas, and what used to be a backwater of the law has become mainstream," said Alexander Aleinikoff, dean of Georgetown University Law School, who co-authored the first major immigration law casebook in 1985. "This is certainly a very, very hot topic."

Unlike undergraduates, law students do not pick majors, so there are no statistics on the number studying immigration law. But professors say there is no question about the explosion in interest.

When AU created an immigration division within its well-known human rights clinic three years ago, administrators struggled to fill it; now, as many as 32 students vie each year for 16 slots. "We have to beat them away with a stick," said Richard Wilson, a professor. Two years ago, the school added two more sections of a basic "immigration" law course.

At least 50 law schools offer immigration clinics, which usually give students the chance to represent indigent immigrants, who have no right to court-appointed lawyers. More sprout each year. This year, clinics have been launched at the University of La Verne and Southwestern Law School in Southern California, as well as at schools in areas that have seen recent influxes in immigration, such as Penn State and the University of Arkansas, where students circulated a petition in support of the idea.

Student teams can debate the finer points of the immigration code each year at the nation's first moot court competition, begun by New

York University two years ago. The University of California at Davis started a second contest this year.

In the past three years, students at the University of Maryland, George Mason University and Harvard have founded immigration law groups. At AU, an immigrants' Rights Coalition formed by law students in 2005 has 50 members and has hosted a conference on a new visa category and panels of day laborers and refugees.

"We're a country of immigrants, and yet we're putting immigrants out," said the group's co-chairman, Amalia Greenberg, 29, who emigrated from Venezuela at age 6. "It's a continuation of the civil rights movement, and it feels like it's in our hands to do something about it."

Professors say the immigration law boom is part of a broader explosion of interest in human rights and international law, spurred by today's globally minded students. Immigration is by no means the hottest law school topic — criminal law and litigation remain hugely popular, and environmental law is a new favorite.

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Editor's take

What do you want?

So maybe having a Question of the Week isn't such a good idea.

Last week, I asked everyone what their favorite summer entertainment is. Maybe it was Fourth of July distractions, vacations, or hot-weather malaise, but there was not a single response.

As a poet said, though, hope springs eternal, and I'm hoping that with the holiday weekend passed and the 9-to-5ers back at the ol' grindstone, you'll offer me up some of

your thoughts.

A few months back, we redesigned TNT.MI say so myself, it's sharper, slicker, and more crammed to the gills with stories about the local arts scene.

To achieve all that, I've had to axe a few things. The weekly karaoke calendar is now monthly, the list of top five achievers in a variety of national arts categories got the boot, and I only rarely find room for DVD reviews anymore.

Some of you have taken issue with that, but I hope you'll see that it's a trade-off. We only have so many pages to fit stuff in, and I want to tell you what's happening around here. After all, who else will?

So I'm going to give the Question of the Week another go: Is there anything you'd like to see in TNT that you haven't?

Write me at ariel.hansen@lee.net or call 208-735-3376. I want to make this your entertainment guide, not just mine.

BANDED together

A family affair

The Thomsen siblings have made playing in the Twin Falls Municipal Band a family affair. All four siblings — Krista, Stephanie, Brian, and Jeff — are musicians in the band. They live together, they carpool to rehearsals and performances together, and the band's seating arrangement even worked out to where the fours sit next to each other. Read on for more about each member of this musical family.

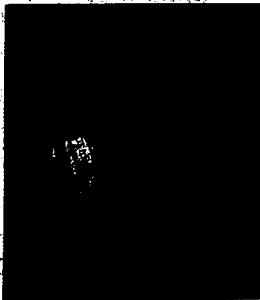
Krista Thomsen, 22 Years playing: About nine. Krista was the first Thomsen sibling to join the band. Krista, who started playing the clarinet in seventh grade, was taking private lessons from Linda Aufderheide, a band member who encouraged Krista to join. Krista said her favorite part about playing in the band is the outdoor venue for their concerts. "It's more fun than being in a

concert hall," Krista said. "You've got the outdoor sounds, the kids running around, and it's more casual and relaxed."

Stephanie Thomsen, 20

Years playing: About nine. Stephanie was in sixth grade when she had to choose between playing basketball and playing in the band. She'd gotten a bloody nose playing with the band, so her choice was clear — she started on the instrument just like her older sister. Stephanie said she loves the sound of the clarinet, especially its mellower register, and the fact you can pick it up and sound out from the rest of the band.

"They're like the violins in an orchestra," Stephanie said. "A lot of times, we have the melody."



The Thomsens, from left to right: Jeff, Stephanie, Krista, and Brian.

Brian Thomsen, 18

Years playing: About seven. Brian said his favorite part about playing in the city band is the diversity of music. This is his first year playing the alto sax — he started by playing baritone — and Brian said he has worked his way up to the totem pole of the saxophone section.

"You put in your first years on the baritone sax, and then you move up to alto or tenor."

Tonight: Happy Everything!

At tonight's Twin Falls Municipal Band concert, you might find yourself turning to your neighbor and saying "Happy St. Patrick's Day," or even "Happy Thanksgiving." The theme for the concert is "Happy Everything," and it will feature a song or medley to celebrate just about every holiday. The free outdoor concert will start at 8 p.m. at the band shed in Twin Falls City Park — bring lawn chairs and a picnic, and enjoy!

Audiences will hear pieces including the romantic adagio movement from "Symphony No. 2" by Rachmaninoff to represent St. Valentine's Day, Hebrew folk songs in honor of Hanukkah, and "Fantasy of Carol" to give them a little winter holiday spirit in the middle of July.

Jeff Thomsen, 16

Years playing: About six, one with the band. Jeff said he has played in the band since he was 10, the youngest Thomsen. After years of watching his siblings play and hearing them talk about being in the band, Jeff said he knew what

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"Noises Off" — A romp of a good time

BY KAREN ROSENICK
Wood River Journal

'HAILEY — "Noises Off" features nine seasoned actors. But the star of the show is actually a massive behemoth that doesn't have a line and doesn't even move unless someone is pushing it or pulling it.

That would be the colossal two-story set designed by Dennis Rexroad and built by Joe Lavigne and Tim Black.

The biggest set the Fools have ever used, it offers the opportunity for several alarming doors, one breaking window, 30 trips up and down the stairs and 17 false entrances as the casts traipse through 73 flubbed lines, 46 mis-cues and a million laughs.

"I'm the least fan of farce, but this play makes me laugh until I have to hold my sides," says Company of Fools artist R.L. Rowsey. The play, which opens Saturday at The Liberty Theatre, premiered in London in 1982.

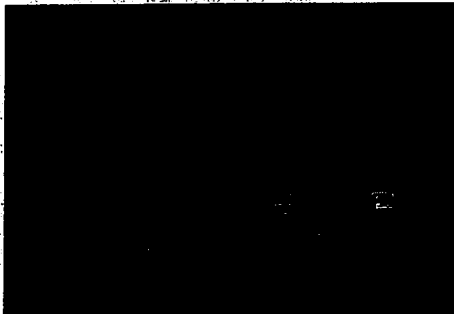
Nominated for a Tony Award, it's a play within a play — a farce within a farce. It revolves around the hapless cast of an innane sex farce titled "Nothing On."

The play opens at the dress rehearsal where the bumbling English acting troupe is fumbling with missed cues, mispoken lines, missed entrances and exits and several plates of sardines that somehow become a sticking (stinking?) point in the play.

The set revolves to the backstage for the second act where squabbling between the cast leads to onstage bedlam during an actual performance a month after the dress rehearsal.

Finally, act three exposes the mishaps that plague the performance with the weary actors ready to wipe their hands clean of it.

The cast includes an egotistical womanizing director, a star who is hoping for a comeback even as she romances one of the younger men in the company and a bubble-headed blond who gets into



The cast of "Noises Off" has as much fun reading for the Hailey farce-within-a-farce as the audience will watching it.

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trouble by sticking 100 percent to the script.

Playwright Michael Frayn says he got the idea while watching "Chinamen," a farce he had written for Lynn Redgrave.

"It was funnier from behind than in front and I thought that one day I must write a farce from

behind," he said. "I looked at the old and cringed. I'll have to be a lot better than I am." Frayn's "Chinamen" was written in 1977 and is being revived for the first time in 25 years.

"It was brought in from Lynchburg, Va., to direct the show," said Company of Fools di-

rectors realized they couldn't direct three shows amongst themselves and still keep their sanity.

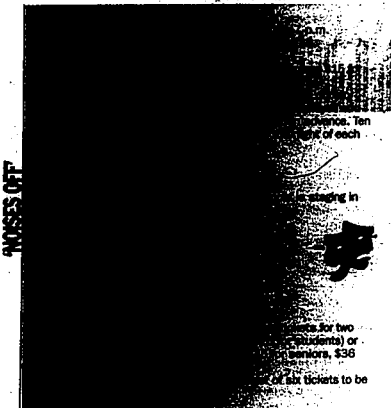
The cast features Andrew Alburger, Jana Arnold, Michelle Carter, Scott Creighton, Jennifer

Jacoby Rush, Richard Rush, Cliff Todd, Joel Vilinsky and Debra Wagener.

Oh, and then there's that set, which features several doors meticulously placed in just the right position to allow for all the bumbling and fumbling on stage. "It took me three different models, three and a half months to get it right," says Rexroad.

The design was complicated by the fact that the Liberty Theatre stage is only 24 feet wide, compared with the average 36-foot stage, he notes. And the set serves not only "Noises Off" but two other plays that are running at the same time.

"And then, of course, we don't want it to collapse on the actors as they race around the set in and out of doors," says Rexroad. "Despite the size of the stage it's big. We joke that we could tear it down and build a small house for actors."



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It's in the wine

WETCo. presents 'Arsenic and Old Lace'

BY BLAIR KOCH
Correspondent

Beware two sweet old ladies, especially if you're a sweet old man.

See the classic comedy "Arsenic and Old Lace" by Joseph Kesselring on the Buhl High School Auditorium stage where the "helpful" Brewster sisters, Abby and Martha, try keeping a secret under wraps while their nephew Mortimer gets caught in the confusion.

Abby and Martha aren't all that different from the pair playing them, Buhl's Kim Smith and Farah Hosman. Other than the murdering, both "almost look like old ladies," are sweet and sometimes act like dingbats.

"We're not insane, or murderous, but have a lot in common with the sisters," said Smith.

This is the first time either have participated in a West End Theatre Com-

pany production but they are enjoying every minute of it.

"I've wanted to do it for a lot of years but it never worked out. This time was just the right time and it worked out perfectly," Hosman said.

Plus, she's enjoying being on stage with her daughter Brandi Hosman, cast as Mr. Gibbs. In a fun twist, Mr. Gibbs becomes a target victim of the Brewster sisters, who want to help the lonely old man pass on to a better place.

"My mom is always helping out, so that part of her character is like her," she said. "All of it except the killing."

To see if the sisters are able to keep their secret and higher score than their serial-killing nephew Jonathan come and see this laugh-out-loud show.

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From the left are Farah Hosman as Martha Brewster, Kim Smith as Abby Brewster, Elly Perry as Mortimer and Brandi Hosman as Mr. Gibbs. In this scene of the upcoming West End Theatre Co. production of 'Arsenic and Old Lace,' the Brewster sisters help Mr. Gibbs to a cup of elderberry wine in hopes of helping the elderly guest pass on. The sisters are interrupted by their nephew Mortimer, who unknowingly helps himself to a glass of poisoned wine.

Photos by BLAIR KOCH

'Arsenic and Old Lace' cast list:

Toddy Jonathan	Samuel J. Garza
Dr. Einstein	Daniel Eusesti
Mr. Gibbs	Dallas Thom
Mortimer	Brandi Hosman
Elaine	Silly Perry
Miss Witherspoon	Liyah Babayan
Dr. Harper, LL. Rooney	Jordyn Ruitter
Kath	Tucker McDrew
Emphy	Kevin Van Sickle
Abby	Monica Bloggers
Martha	Kim Smith
O'Hara	Farah Hosman
	Jeffrey Van Sickle

Kim Smith and Farah Hosman of Buhl are cast perfectly as sisters Abby Brewster and Martha Brewster in the upcoming West End Theatre Co. production of 'Arsenic and Old Lace.'

Local students at International Choral Festival

At the Sixth Idaho International Choral Festival next week in Pocatello, 66 students from 13 Idaho high schools will represent the state and the U.S.

Besides performing during the four-day festival with some of the best choirs from around the world, the Idaho International Choral Festival High School

Honor Choir will sing under the direction of internationally renowned choral conductor Dr. Iphig Bly, retired from the Conservatory of Music from the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

The Idaho high-schoolers will be joining choirs from at least seven different countries at the festival, which will run Wednesday

through July 19. There will be concerts each day and night in Pocatello at Idaho State University, but this year there will also be a Thursday night concert at the Blackfoot Performing Arts Center at Blackfoot High School, and a concert Friday night at the Marsh Valley Performing Arts Center in Arimo.

Local students performing include: Kayla Buss, Twin Falls; Daniel Dayley, Minico; and Alex Hunsaker, Malco.

The entire festival schedule is listed online at idahointernationalchoralfest.org, along with a link for buying tickets. Tickets may also be purchased from the ISU Ticket Office at 282-3267 (FANS),

or 282-3595.

Tickets are \$5 for general admission at all ISU venues, with tickets available at the door for both the Blackfoot and Marsh Valley performances. An Individual Festival Pass is \$15 and gains entrance to any performance. A Family Festival Pass (for up to 4 people) may be purchased for \$25.

MEET A MUNCHKIN

Actress from "Wizard of Oz" to make appearance in Chubbuck

Staff report

Margaret Pellegrini, age 84, a munchkin from the original 1939 MGM classic "The Wizard of Oz" will be greeting and meeting the public at Mystique Theater in Chubbuck this weekend.

"We wanted to do something special for the opening weekend of our revival of 'The Wizard of Oz,'" said director Terry Commons. "Margaret is a delightful little lady who makes her living traveling around the U.S. with



Pellegrini

her granddaughter visiting with fans of the movie. "We are thrilled to welcome her to Pocatello and Mystique."

Pellegrini played one of the Sleepy Heads in the bird's nest, and wore a flower pot hat in the movie.

"They put me right in the front row!" she said.

Ever since then, the hat has been her trademark.

Tickets are on sale now for the "Meet and Greet the Munchkin at Mystique." The 1 p.m. Saturday event includes lemonade and cookies and a professional autographed photo of Pellegrini.

"The Wizard of Oz" at Mystique opens Thursday and runs through Aug. 21. The show is available with or without dinner on Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays or Saturdays. Information: 238-8001.

Cheap art for the kiddies on Saturday

Staff report

The Magic Valley Arts Council announces the 17th year of Kids Art In the Park on Saturdays.

Kids Art In the Park provides visual and performing arts workshops for children ages 3-14. Participants are provided with materials and instruction for a \$2 registration fee. Registration

scholarships are available.

KAP exposes kids to a wide variety of fine art and contemporary craft. Workshops are planned and instructed by artists and teachers with an emphasis on exploring the educational aspects of the arts including visual, performing, literary and musical. Pre-school aged children enjoy three workshops developed

especially for their age and motor skill development.

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to expect when he joined this year. Jeff said the other musicians in the trumpet section have also helped him adjust to being part of the group, and he has some

advice for anyone interested in the band: Be ready to work hard, but also have fun.

"I knew what I was in for," Jeff said. "Be prepared to move fast.

You should come in early and get your music ready and be ready to listen."

—Erica Littlefield

Fiddlers and framed art

There's something for everyone at Shoshone's Art in the Park

BY BLAIR KOCH
Correspondent

In the shadow of the Lincoln County courthouse this weekend, there's something sure to please the palate and the inner artist in all attendees.

Themed "Something for Everyone," the 21st annual Shoshone Arts in the Park weekend will feature the staple handicrafts and original artworks that have made the event a draw for thousands of visitors.

In hopes of boosting attendance, Bev Acres, co-coordinator, said the show will be runned up with the addition of a regional quilt and antique show, wagon tours, youth activities, basketball tournament and the Mannie Jamboere fiddle fest and contest.

"We've broadened the scope of the show. The emphasis has always been on original and handcrafted arts and crafts and that aspect will remain the same but we've partnered with the fiddlers and added many other crafts and artists to make this a major community event," Acres said.

In order to get a younger audience or organizers realized the need to keep the displays and vendors fresh and seemingly new.

"The younger generation, their tastes are always changing. The show used to be filled strictly with art aficionados with strong watercolor or oil artists but younger people see the work once and if they see it again they get bored," said Karen McClure, quilt show chairwoman.

The addition of the quilt and antique

SHOSHONE WELCOMES BACK MANNIE

show — held in the Masonic Lodge across from the courthouse — is just one new aspect of the weekend.

"The quilt show will feature traditional, hand- and machine-sewn quilts and non-traditional works," she said. McClure's own quilts fit the "non-traditional" definition.

"I point out the fabric first and then make it into a quilt," she said.

McClure is excited for the opportunity presented in getting novice to expert quilters under one roof.

"This is going to be a community building thing. There are a lot of beginner quilters that want to display their works without having them judged and this gives

them that opportunity. Plus, it will plug them into a community of quilters," she said.

Arts in the Park officials are also buzzing about the new relationship with Fiddlers, Inc., and the addition of Mannie Jamboere on Sunday.

Saturday will feature the fiddle contest which is recognized by the National Old Time Fiddlers Association. The contest was held in Ketchum for many years but organizers decided to move it to Shoshone.

In Ketchum, judges to the contest were sequestered — meaning they couldn't see the musicians and judged on the music only.

"We feel showmanship is an important part of the performance," said Matt Renner, Fiddlers Inc. director.

Renner said fiddlers from across the nation may be at the festival, including several past national champions.

Contestants perform three pieces in a headliner's set. They'll sing in 2/7 time and walk and do other pieces of the musician's choice.

The festival will also feature a guitar pick contest and mandolins. About \$3,000 in cash will be awarded to winners.

"The contest, while not certified by the national association, is recognized so winning will certainly be a mentionable accomplishment," Renner said.

"With quilts to fiddles added to this season's Shoshone Arts in the Park it looks like the event will last another 20 years and is certainly worth the drive this year."

Jerome Tigers ready for new band season

Staff report

The season starts this month for the Jerome High School "Ambush of Tigers" marching band and color guard, as rehearsals begin Monday for the flag team, Tuesday for the percussionists, and with a five-day Marching Camp for the full marching unit starting on July 22.

The team is putting together its largest and most dramatic show yet, a modern version of "West Side Story," written and choreographed specifically for the Jerome program. The traditional first performance for the Ambush is the Jerome County Fair Parade, on Main Street the afternoon of July 29, with the first trip of the year to Ketchum for the Wagon Days parade Aug. 30 and the first show's premiere at the opening home varsity football game on Sept. 5.

"Three years ago, we marched 40 members on the field," said director of Bands Gordon Smith. "Two years ago, there were 50, and last year, we took 71 members into competition. We're expanding somewhere between 85 and 90 students on the field this fall, so it's an exciting time to be a Tiger!"

The Ambush of Tigers is making its first venture to California this fall, traveling to the Del Oro Spectacular competition on Oct. 18.

Travel to Pocatello and Caldwell for marching band competitions is also on the agenda for the 2008 season, as is the new "Indoor Marching Extraganza" on Nov. 13 in the JHS auditorium.

The Jerome Music Boosters is in the process of helping the Ambush raise money for both the 2008 season and the purchase of the new marching band uniforms for the 2009 season. The ensemble will wear their new uniforms this season, and plan to add the new jackets next year. The Boosters will put on a car wash in the Jerome D.L. Evans Bank parking lot on Saturday and a rummage sale in the Automated Dairy Systems lot on July 26 on Lincoln in Jerome.

Information: Smith at smithg@t261.k12.id.us.

Rocky Top Cloggers bring home awards

Staff report

The Rocky Top Cloggers brought home many titles recently after competing in the Idaho State Championships in Pocatello, Idaho. They are the 2008 State Champions in the following categories: Line Team, Standing Line Team, Show Team, Precision Team, and Boys Team.

Other winners include:

• Carson Howerton and Kacie Blitzenberg — Ida-

ho State Champs — Duet Sr.

• Carson Howerton: Idaho State Champ — Male

Freestyle Sr.

• Troy Dewsnup: Idaho State Champ — Male

Freestyle Jr.

• Senior Team: L to R Ashton Meeks, Halley Everett, Natalie White, Shannon Edwards (director), Melissa Hawks, Kall Downup, Amanda Hobson (behind trophy), Brook Callen; Carson Howerton, Kacie Blitzenberg, and Katie Gunn.

Carson Howerton and Kacie Blitzenberg took home the Idaho State Senior Duet Championship in clogging.

Courtesy Image

Rush for gold at Custer Days

Staff report

One day a year, the ghost town of Custer in central Idaho's Land of the Yankee Fork teems with more than 500 people as the historic mining center celebrates its annual "Custer Day." Indeed, the festivities attract almost as many people as originally lived in the mountain village.

The 10th annual "Custer Day" will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, featuring hands-on activities and entertainment. Gun-fights, melodramas and living histories occur throughout the day. Visitors can chat with Custer City Founder "Sam" Holmann, "State Senator's wife" "Winifred Macbeth" or "Clarence Eddy," the prospecting poet.

All of the town buildings will be open, including the Empire Saloon, Custer Schoolhouse (now a museum), family homes and miners' cabins.

Visitors may choose to pan for gold, observe 19th century activities such as sewing on a treadle sewing machine, games for children, butter-making and black-smithing, enjoy the music of a past era or a friendly game of poker. To round out the day, tasty treats include bread pudding from a Dutch oven and hand-cranked ice cream.

Or why not try your hand at gold panning? Want to strike it rich? Learn from an expert and



Courtesy photo

catch "the fever" with the provided pans, gravel and water. No gold is guaranteed but we will try our best to help you find a piece. If you get hungry, Sloppy Joes, chips and Dutch oven cobblers are available for purchase along with water and old-fashioned sodas.

Custer Days is a joint event sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service, the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation and the Land of the Yankee Fork Historical Association. This year is brimming with events as well as celebrations of the 100th anniversary of the first state park in Idaho.

To reach Custer, turn off Idaho Road 75 at Sunbeam (13 miles northeast of Stanley, 45 miles southwest of Challis),

where the Yankee Fork River flows into the Salmon River, and follow Forest Service Road No. 013 along the Yankee Fork for 12 miles. The paved road turns into a wide, gravel road. Free parking and shuttle service will be available at the Yankee Fork Gold Dredge parking area, one mile from Custer.

When you park, or after returning to the parking area from Custer, take time to tour the historic Yankee Fork Gold Dredge, second largest ever operated in Idaho. Plan on 45 minutes; half-price admission of \$2 on Custer Day helps support the volunteer work of the Yankee Fork Gold Dredge Association.

Information: Land of the Yankee Fork Interpretive Center, "

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Taking flight with JuMP Company

Theater group presents 'Peter Pan'

BY BLAIR KOCH
Correspondent

The story of Peter Pan wouldn't be complete, or as believable, without magical flight.

So when the JuMP Company board of directors decided "Peter Pan" would be its summer show, director Serena Jenkins-Clark said she would only do it if they could get someone to fly it.

"Peter Pan" was the first show I saw professionally. I was 14 and my mother made the three-hour drive to Denver and it was worth it. I was blown away and fell in love with the show, was entranced by it," Clark said. "When the board said we were going to do it, from the beginning, I said the only way it would work was with the flying."

Clark contacted Foy Enterprises, based in Las Vegas, Nev. The company was founded by the late Peter Foy, who revolutionized stage flying with the development of the "Inter-related Pendulum System" for the original 1954 Broadway production of "Peter Pan."

The company agreed to fly the production, at a much-reduced price, Clark said. JuMP also received a few grants to help cover the extra costs.

"This is one of the coolest things. The flying will provide such a rich and different theatrical experience for not only the cast but for the Magic Valley as well," Clark said.

Foy Enterprises Director of Operations Joe McGeough said a lot of work goes into getting Peter Pan literally off the ground. The first step is setting up the equipment: an extensive track system, pulleys and ropes.

The company also sends a flying di-



Staff photo by JUSTIN JACKSON

Elizabeth Dodds, 18, strikes a pose in mid-air as she glides down a pulley at the College of Southern Idaho ropes course June 12. Dodds will play the part of Wendy Darling in "Peter Pan," opening Tuesday at Royce Auditorium in Twin Falls.

rector to give hands-on instruction. After the equipment passes an inspection and test, it's time for the fly-

ing director to help the lucky cast members fly. That's called "aerography."



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Peter Pan, played by Sydney Bergen, sings a song.



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"People have a tendency to spin in the air, especially little kids. Once kids get up there they tend to freeze up," McGeough said. "So we show them a few moves to perform in the air that counteracts that."

Delving into the character of the eternally youthful Peter Pan is important, said Sydney Bergen, 14, of Twin

Falls, and preparing for flight has been just as hard but equally rewarding.

On June 12 those flying got a taste of what it will feel like with a run-through at the College of Southern Idaho's Ropes Course. They've also been beefing up their abdominal "muscles."

"It was a rush," Bergen said. "I'm way nervous but way excited."

Clark said Elizabeth Dodds, 18, cast as Wendy, looked like a natural on the course and has no doubt her performance on stage and in the air will be fantastic.

Dodds said she has worked up to over 40 sit-ups a day preparing.



Staff photo by JUSTIN JACKSON

The lost boys joyfully react to the ending of a story told by Wendy, played by Elizabeth Dodds, during a rehearsal of 'Peter Pan' Tuesday evening at the Royce Auditorium in Twin Falls.



Staff photo by MEAGAN THOMPSON

Sydney Bergen, 14, flies through the air as Peter Pan June 12 at the College of Southern Idaho ropes course. The cast of the JuMP Company production used the course as an opportunity to work with ropes to get used to flying.

"It was a little challenging when we started a month ago," she said. "Getting to fly is such a different experience, especially for a local community theater group. I think when they see the flying they'll be amazed that we pulled it off; flying enhances the experience."

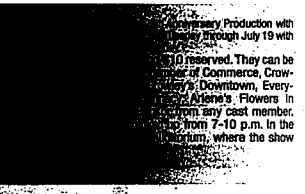
Peter Pan will be forever young but the equipment necessary for this JuMP Company production will only be in town through July 19 — so catch the show while you can.

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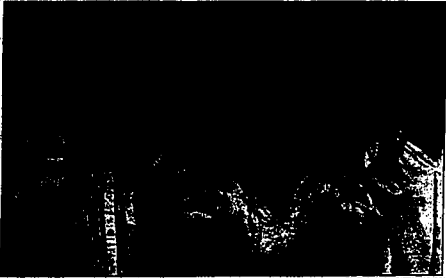
Skyler Cook, playing Michael Darling, dances during a rehearsal of 'Peter Pan' Tuesday evening.



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GET OFF THE GROUND

Primary Production with through July 19 with Jonathan Sweet. Tickets are \$10 reserved. They can be purchased at the Office of Commerce, Crowfoot Downtown, Every-thing's a Game! Flowers in any color. Tickets from 7-10 p.m. in the Royce Auditorium, where the show



Staff photo by JUSTIN JACKSON

John Darling, left, played by Barrett Manning, dances along with the Lost Boys.

Cast list

Complete cast list, in order of appearance:

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|--------------------|---------------------------|
| WENDY | Elizabeth Dodds |
| JOHNNY | Barrett Manning |
| LIZA | Ashton Meeks |
| MICHAEL | Skyler Cook |
| NANA | Anstley Meeks |
| MRS. DARLING | Kayla Southwick |
| MR. DARLING | Uriah Manning |
| PETER PAN | Sydney Bergen |
| SHADOW & PETER PAN | understudy Shelby Deboard |
| SLIGHTLY TOOTLES | Kable Barnhart |
| TOOTLES | Lauren Drummond |
| CURLY | Nick Ridgeway |
| NIBS | Alexa Southwick |
| 1ST TWIN | Alex Southwick |
| 2ND TWIN | Nielson Lundgren |
| CAPTAIN HOOK | Uriah Manning |
| SMEE | Nick Overton |
| CRUCCODILE | Lindsay Mancari |
| BRAVE | Jonathan Sweet |
| TIGER LILY | Jessica Groesbeck |
| STARKEY | Loring Brock |
| CECCO | Chris Harris |
| NOODLER | McKenzie Manning |
| MULLINS | Danley Gardner |
| JUKES | Brady Barton |
| WENDY GROWN-UP | Denim Kerr |
| JANE | Elizabeth Dodds |

PIRATES:
Brady Barton, Evan Brock, Loring Brock, Trystan Dodson, Daniel Gardner, Chris Harris, McKenzie Manning, Blaine Olmstead, Nick Overton, Kayla Southwick.

INDIANS:
Aubrey Allen, Sosana Carpenter, Lauren Chandler, Sarah Dodds, Alex Drummond, Brianna Johansen, Brooklyn Johansen, Chalis Kerr, Denim Kerr, Emily Manning, Anstley Meeks, Kamrion Nield.

LOST BOYS:
Silver: Maranda Barnita, Samantha Britze, Haylee Dodson, Dan Harris, Rebecca Higley, Elizabeth Hill, McKenzie Johansen, Siavannah Johansen, Kennedy Jones, Gian Koffer, Emily Lambert, Aubrey Nield, Mia Scholes, Alexis White.

Gold: Delaney Bergen, Emma Burgess, Robert Carpenter, Hunter Case, Kathryn Clark, Hannah Horner, Reanna Jensen, Meghan Jones, Amicia Lundgren, Kathryn Lundgren, Brooke Mason, Kaylyn Mason, Chalias McArthur, Mariah McMurtry, Sierra Norman, Matthew Sato, Kennedy Sorenson.

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AT THE THEATER

Del Toro's devilish humor stokes 'Hellboy II'

BY CHRISTY LEMIRE
AP movie critic

Words don't really do justice in attempting to describe the wondrous array of misfits and monsters Guillermo del Toro has concocted in "Hellboy II: The Golden Army." Truly, his is a world you have to experience for yourself to appreciate it fully — if you dare, that is.

In following up the original "Hellboy" from 2004 and his Academy Award-winning 2006 masterpiece, "Pan's Labyrinth," the director has outdone himself in both absurd humor and wild imagination. At times, there's almost too much to take in all at once — everything from hulking trolls with thick tusks to tiny tooth fairies that look delicate but actually delight in feasting on human bones.

The visuals are the star, of course. But the sequel, which del Toro scripted from a story he cowrote with "Hellboy" comic book creator Mike Mignola, wouldn't be nearly as much fun without Ron Perlman returning as his wisecracking, beer-guzzling, kitten-nuzzling hero.

Not only does Perlman completely get del Toro's twisted sense of humor, he thrives on it. As the film's title character — who grows from boy-devil to man-devil to reluctant, noir-style crime fighter — Perlman shows not just perfect comic timing but also an irresistible ability to laugh at himself.

This time, Hellboy and the Bureau for Paranormal Research and Defense must stop the power-hungry Prince Nuada (Luke Goss) from awakening a dormant army of indestructible golden soldiers. Seems all the underground creatures and the humans forged a pact long ago to keep the peace, and keep the Golden Army from causing any more death and destruction be-



Ron Perlman reprises his role as a human-raised demon fighting for good in 'Hellboy II: The Golden Army.'



neath the two races. Nuada has grown tired of that and takes action — even though his twin sister, Princess Nuala (Anna Walton), has begged him to back

some the script's best lines.

The sneaky, shape-shifting actor, who appeared so memorably as the title character in "Pan's Labyrinth," also shows up later in far darker form as the spectacular Angel of Death.

Jeffrey Tambor again plays the jittery bureaucrat who runs the operation — a rare, quasi-villainous role for the comedian. And, of course, Selma Blair is back as Liz, Hellboy's (literally) fiery girlfriend. She's all business when it comes to fighting bad guys, and Blair is appropriately exasperated by our anti-hero's British ways. But she also brings out the sensitive side in the man she affectionately calls Ted.

The on-again, off-

again battle between Hellboy and Nuada drags a bit, causing the pacing to sag. Maybe that's an inevitable consequence of coming on so strong off the top. But by about the two-thirds mark, "Hellboy II" runs out of steam, just as the movie crew of do-gooders makes its way to Ireland, of all places, where the Golden Army is being stored.

Their journey does provoke a clever "Wizard of Oz" reference, though.

But the best pop-culture moment of all comes courtesy of Barry Manilow, because in del Toro's beautifully bizarre universe, where creatures come in all shapes and sizes, there's even a place for 1970s schmalz.

down. (The two share a psychic bond, so so many twins do; they also share the golden tresses and alabaster skin of the 1990s hair-band duo Nelson.)

For Hellboy, though, the potential obliteration of all humankind is just one more hassle with which to deal. He'd rather hang out and enjoy his cigars. Having said that, he's not exactly a shy individual, and reveals in the attention his misadventures draw from the ravenous New York tabloids.

(Or as his sophisticated colleague Abe Sapient puts it, "God, I hate YouTube.")

Doug Jones returns as Abe, the turquoise-tinted fish-man with keen intuition and a taste for Valhalla; he's also the beneficiary of

Plenatium/Twin Falls

The Faulkner Plenatium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the College of Southern Idaho campus will present "WYSKY: Live Show of the Stars" with live sky tour at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors, \$2 for students and \$9 for families.

Theater/Buhl

West End Theatre Co. presents the summer production of "Annie and Old Lace" at 7:30 p.m. at the Buhl High School auditorium. The classic comedy is about two little ladies with a secret to hide; their nephew is caught in the confusion. Tickets at the door are \$6 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens and students. Information: 490-1992.

Musical, barbecue/Sun Valley

The Wild-Hoo Review, featuring the Wild West Players, will perform at 7:30 p.m. at the historic Sun Valley Opera House, with singing, dancing, comedy and audience involvement. A western-style barbecue will be held at 6 p.m. on the lawn near the opera house. Tickets, dinner and show: \$35 for adults, \$30 for senior citizens and \$25 for children 12 and under; for show only: \$18 for adults and \$14 for senior citizens and children 12 and under. Reserve tickets: Sun Valley Recreation Center, 622-2135 or 888-622-2108.

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Theater/Holley

Company of Fools presents Donald Margulies' drama "Connected Stories" at 7 p.m. at Liberty Theatre, as part of the Summer Fools Festival. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$18 for senior citizens (62 and over) and \$15 for students (18 and under). Tickets are available at Liberty Theatre (9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday), 578-9122, or at the box office one hour before show time. The production continues JULY 15, 16, 20, 22, 27, and 31. Liberty Theatre is at 110 N. Main St.

Exhibition/Holley

Birdwatch: Works by Kirsten Furlong will be on display through



The Seasonal cast recently participated in Rupert's Fourth of July parade. Oakley Valley Arts Council's "Seasonal: The Musical" performance will be July 24 through Aug. 5. This production is fun for the entire family and will be held at the historic Dewey House in Oakley. Tickets are \$6 and reservations are recommended for all summer performances. Information and tickets: 677-2177.

AUG 22 at Sun Valley Center for the Arts' Hallway Center, featuring paintings, drawings, prints and portraits of extinct birds painted against gold leaf backgrounds. Furlong, a Boise-based artist, explores the relationship between birds and the cultural understanding of the natural world. Hours are noon to 5 p.m., Wednesdays through Fridays and open late for Hallway Walks on JULY 18 and AUG. 7. The Hallway Center is at 314 S. Second Ave.

Art exhibition/Ketchum

"Déesa de la Creation," a limited edition of bronze work by Spanish artist Marta Moore, will be on display through JULY 25 at the Gallery DeNovo. The exhibition includes new works including "Tres Gracias" and "Leviada," both grand scale sculptures and mixed media and table top sculptures. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays. Free admission. Gallery DeNovo is at 320 First Ave. N., Suite 101.

Exhibition/Ketchum

Birdwatch, featuring the work by seven artists, will be on display through AUG. 76 at the Sun Valley Center for the Arts gallery. The exhibition includes prints by 19th-century artist John James Audubon and drawings and paintings by mid-20th-century artists from across the United States. Jacqueline Blahop makes miniature portraits of birds; the Gulf Coast and Arizona; Kathryn Spence makes pigeon art out of trash, twine and bits of fabric; Misako Inokubo and Justin Gibbons create hybrid animals—part bird, part mammal or reptile; and Rigo 23's embroidered reproductions of "lost bird" notices.

Regular exhibition hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays.

The Sun Valley Center is at 191 Fifth St. E.

Art exhibit/Boise

Idaho artist Gert Saylor's exhibition, "Ad infinitum," will be on display through NOV. 30, at the Boise Art Museum. The work consists of glistering strands of sculpted hot glue, cascading from the ceiling and creating a web-like room of synthetic forms reminiscent of flocks of winter. Museum hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors (62 and older) and \$1 for children (first through 12th grade). Boise Art Museum is at 670 Julia Drive.

11 FRIDAY

Plenatium/Twin Falls

The Faulkner Plenatium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the College of Southern Idaho campus will present "Planet Patrol: Space Shakes Out" at 7 p.m.; "Blown Away: The Wild World of Weather" at 7 p.m.; and "Astragoo Rock!" at 8:15 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors, \$2 for students and \$9 for families.

Bless/Twin Falls

Shawna will perform 8:30-10:30 p.m. on the patio at Pandora's restaurant. No cover charge. Pandora's is at 516 Hansen St.

Acoustic/Twin Falls

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Country, rock/Twin Falls

Mixed Emotions will perform from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Montana Shakes House. No cover charge. Montana Shakes House is at 1826 Canyon Crest Drive.

Variety/Twin Falls

Golden Night will be featured at Kruzer's Right Life. Door open at 7 p.m. Free admission for ladies. No cover charge until 10 p.m. for men; then \$5. Kruzer's is at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

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Country/Jerome

Country Classics will perform from 8 p.m. to midnight at Snake River Elk Lodge. Cover charge is \$5 per person or \$9 per couple. Everyone is welcome. Dinner reservations are welcome. Dinner available 6-9 p.m. The lodge is at 412 E. 200 S. on U.S. Highway 93.

Music/Burley

Kneakers DJ featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside. Dinner is available. Riverside is at 197 W. U.S. Highway 30.

Country/Diablo

The Twiggies will perform from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Shakers. No cover charge. Shakers is at 826 Idaho Highway 61.

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Theater/Glenns Ferry

The Historic Opera Theatre presents a dinner show, "In Memoriam," a comedy murder mystery on Fridays through AUG. 22. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. with the show at 7:45 p.m. Tickets are \$22.50 for dinner and show, and show-only tickets are \$7. General admission, \$6 for senior citizens and children under 12. Dinner reservations are required; 366-2244. Historic Opera Theatre is at 208 E. Idaho Ave.

Lecture/Stansley

Sawtooth Forum and Lecture Series with a presentation by Will Hill on Fridays through AUG. 22. "Idaho's First Residents and Flintknapping Demonstration," will be at 3 p.m. at Redfish Lake Amphitheater, followed by a concert program at 8:30 p.m. at Redfish Lake Amphitheater, five miles south of Stansley, Fred. The lecture series is presented by Sawtooth Interpretive and Historical Association.

12 SATURDAY

Kids art/Twin Falls

Magic Valley Arts Council presents the 17th annual Kids Art at the park at 8:30 a.m. at City Park. The event provides visual and performing arts workshops for children ages 3-14. Children who are not yet registered need to be at the park by 8 a.m. for late registration. Three workshops are designed for the age and motor skill development of preschool children. A children's variety show will be at noon, featuring Jump Company, the Stansley pre-schoolists, John Sweet, McKay Nite, Donim and Chalisa Kerr, Elizabeth Oodis and Alyssa Adams; dancers, Garrett and Alyssa Jeffs, Ericka and Mariana Perez, Sosana Carpenter, Jared Berry (guitar), Gabe Gledhill and Seth Gledhill; and Brian Thornston (bagpipes). Master of ceremonies is James Haycock. Lunch will be available for purchase. Cost: \$2. Materials and instruction; scholarships are available. Register: 734-2787 or Magicvalleyartsassociation.org.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Academy/Theater Guild

Star Party with telescope viewing will be from 9:45 p.m. to midnight at the Centennial Observatory in the Heritage Center for Arts and Science on the College of Southern Idaho campus. Free admission.

Country, rock/Twin Falls

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Planetarium/Twin Falls

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Music, art/Shoshone

Shoshone Arts in the Park and Marnie Fiddlers Jamboone will be held on the Lincoln County Courthouse lawn. A folkie contest will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., with cash prizes and trophies. Arts in the Park will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Highlights include a regional quilt show, wagon tour, farmer's market, youth activities, antiques and a basketball tournament. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Free admission. The event continues JULY 17. The courthouse is at 111 W. B, along U.S. Highway 93.

Exhibition/Ketchikan

Birdwatcher exhibition will be on display through AUG. 16 at the Sun Valley Center for the Arts. The exhibition includes prints by 19th-century artist John James Audubon, and drawings and paintings by mid-20th-century



A young visitor to Custer Days, held this Saturday in Custer, works with Mackintosh Bob Andrews.

artist Morris Graves. Also featured are works by five contemporary artists: Jacqueline Bierbohm with miniature portraits of birds of the Gulf Coast and Amazon; Kathryn Spence with pigeons and owls made of fresh, white and fabric; Misako Inokita and Justin Gibbons with hybrid animals — part bird, part mammal or reptile; and Riggo 23 with embroidered reproductions of "lost bird" notices. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays. The Sun Valley Center is at 191 19th St. E.

Art exhibit/Ketchikan

"Diosa de la Creacion," a limited edition of bronze work by Spanish artist Maria Moneu, will be exhibited through JULY 25 at Gallery DeNovo. The exhibition includes new works including "Tre Gracies" and "Levidad," both grand scale sculptures and maquettes and table top sculptures. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sundays. Free admission. Gallery DeNovo is at 320 First Ave. N., Suite 101.

Theater/Halley

Company of Fools presents Michael Fry's farce "Nieces Off" at 8 p.m. at Liberty Theatre, 807 S. 1st. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$18 for senior citizens (82 and over) and \$15 for students (18 and under). Tickets are available at Liberty Theatre (9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday), 578-9122, or at the box office one hour before show time. The production continues JULY 16, 17, 22, 29-37, or at the box office one hour before show time. Liberty Theatre is at 110 N. Main St.

Music/Sun Valley

Joe Fox will perform at 9

p.m. at the Duchin Lounge at Sun Valley Resort. No cover charge.

Music/Sun Valley

Planiat Larry Harshberger will perform 6-9 p.m. at the Ram Restaurant in the Sun Valley Village at Sun Valley Resort. No cover charge. Restaurant reservations: 822-2800.

Theater/Buhl

West End Theatre Co. presents the summer production of "Annie and Old Lace" at 7:30 p.m. at the Buhl High School auditorium. The classic comedy is about two little ladies with a secret to hide; their nephew is caught in the confusion. Tickets at the door are \$6 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens and students. Information: 490-1992.

Country/Delo

The Fugitives will perform from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Shakers. No cover charge. Shakers is at 826 Idaho Highway 81.

Theater/Gleason Ferry

The Historic Opera Theatre presents a dinner show, "Stop the Presses! She's Not My Type!" an old time melodrama, Saturdays through AUG. 23. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m., with the show at 7:45 p.m. Tickets are \$22.50 for dinner and show, and show-only tickets are \$7 general admission, \$6 for senior citizens and children under 12. Dinner reservations are required. 366-7408 or 366-2744. The theatre is at 208 E. Idaho Ave.

Festivity/Custer

The 10th annual Custer Day, celebrating the Gold Rush Days, will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Historic town buildings will be open, including Empire Saloon, Custer Schoolhouse (now a museum),

family homes and miners' cabins.

The event includes hands-on activities (gold panning), melodrama, demonstrations of 19th century activities (sewing on a treadle sewing machine, butter-making, blacksmithing), and music of a past era. Dutch oven dinner will be available for purchase. Free admission. Free parking and shuttle service available at the Yankee Fork/Gold Dredge parking area. Tours of the dredge will be scheduled on Custer Highway 75 at 82-amp; 12 miles northeast of Starline follow Forest Service Road 1013 along the Yankee Fork for 12 miles. Information: 879-5244.

New age/Renburj

Planiat Jon Schmitt will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Kirkham Auditorium at Brigham Young University-Idaho, as part of the Center Stage Performing Arts Series. Tickets, \$12 for the general public, are available at 496-2250 or ByU.edu/arts.

Comedy/Utah

Comedian Frank Callendo will perform at 8 p.m. at the Ogden Amphitheater. Tickets: \$20, \$25 and \$40, are available at 801-522-5588 or Smith@utah.com. The amphitheater is at 343 25th St. in Ogden.

13 SUNDAY**Country, rock/Twin Falls**

Missiones will play from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Pioneer Club. No cover charge. Pioneer is at 1519 Kinberly Road.

Music, art/Shoshone

Marnie Fiddlers Jamboone and Shoshone Arts in the Park will be held on the Lincoln County Courthouse lawn. Arts in the Park will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., with a regional quilt show, wagon tour, farmer's market, youth activities, antiques and a basketball tournament. The Fiddlers Jamboone will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., honoring Marnie Shaw and Archie Turner. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Free admission. The courthouse is at 111 W. B, along U.S. Highway 93.

Music/Sun Valley

Planiat and singer Lianne Lausch will perform from 8 p.m. to 2 p.m. during Sunday brunch in the Lodge Dining Room at Sun Valley Resort. No cover charge.

Jazz/Sun Valley

Sun Valley Trio will perform from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Duchin Lounge at Sun Valley Resort. No cover charge.

Theater/Halley

Company of Fools presents Michael Fry's farce "Nieces Off" at 2 p.m. at Liberty Theatre, as part of the Summer Fools Festival. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$18 for senior citizens (82 and over) and \$15 for students (18 and under). Tickets are available at Liberty Theatre (9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday), 578-9122, or at the box office one hour before show time. The production continues JULY 16, 17, 22, 29-37, or at the box office one hour before show time. Liberty Theatre is at 110 N. Main St.

Theater/Halley

Company of Fools presents Brian Crowley's and Jeanine Troner's musical "Wolfer" at 7 p.m. at Liberty Theatre, as part of the Summer Fools Festival. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$18 for senior citizens (82 and over) and \$15 for students (18 and under). Tickets are available at Liberty Theatre (9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday), 578-9122, or at the box office one hour before show time. The production continues JULY 17, 20, 24 and 29 and AUG. 2. Liberty Theatre is at 110 N. Main St.

Music/Stanley

Music from Stanley concert series, featuring Idaho musician Ellen Jewell, will be held 8 p.m. at the Pioneer Club. Free admission. Concert recordings will be aired in radio series on K8SU and KSLU in the fall.

14 MONDAY**Music/Sun Valley**

Planetarium will perform at 9 p.m. at the Duchin lounge at Sun Valley Resort. No cover charge.

Music/Utah

America's Idaho Live Tour will be held at 7 p.m. at The E Center of WVC. The tour will feature the Top 10 finalists: Brooke White, Carly Smithson, Chelsie, David Archuleta, David Cook, Jason Castro, Kristy Lee Cook, Michael Johnson, Raminie Malley and Sykesa Mercado. Tickets are \$11. Tickets are \$20, are available at 801-325-SEAT Ticketmaster.com.

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TUESDAY**

Musical/Twin Falls

JUMP Company presents its 25th anniversary production, "Peter Pan," at 7:30 p.m. at Roper Auditorium. Reserved tickets, which are \$10, are available 7-10 p.m. weekdays at Roper Auditorium. General admission tickets, \$7, are available at Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, Crowley's — The Quad, Everybody's Business, Kurts Pharmacy and Crowley's Soda Foundation in Twin Falls, at Ariene's Flowers in Jerome and at Sav-Mor in Buhl. Roper Auditorium is at 1615 Flier Ave. E.

Planetarium/Twin Falls

The Faulstich Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the College of Southern Idaho campus will present "WSKY: Radio Station of the Stars" with its sky tour at 2 p.m.; "Blown Away: The Wild World of Weather" at 4 p.m.; and "Space Jammin'" at 8:15 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors, \$2 for students and \$9 for families.

Music/Sun Valley

Joe Foe Trio will perform at 9 p.m. at the Duchin Lounge at Sun Valley Resort. No cover charge.

Lecture/Ketchum

Martin Indyk, former U.S. Ambassador to Israel and an expert on the Middle East, will speak at 7 p.m. at the Community Library about the complex challenges facing the Middle East and Israel. Indyk is director of the Saban Center for Middle East Policy and Senior Fellow in the Foreign Policy Studies program at Brookings Institution. He served as ambassador in Israel in the mid-1990s and in 2000-2001. The lecture is presented by Sun Valley Center for the Arts. Free admission. Information: 728-9491, ext. 10.

Theater/Hall County

Company of Fools presents Donald Margulies' drama "Collected Stories" at 7 p.m. in Liberty Theatre as part of the Summer Fools Festival. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$18 for seniors (62 and over) and \$15 for students (18 and under). Tickets are available at Liberty Theatre 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 778-9124, or at the box office only hour before show time. The production continues JULY 18, 20, 22, 27 and 31. Liberty Theatre is at 110 N. Main St. in Hall County.

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WEDNESDAY**

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Country/rock/Twin Falls

Twin Falls Tonight concert, featuring Sound Country, will be held at the fourth downtown on Main Avenue. Free admission. Food and beverages available for purchase. Information: Robin at 420-0816.

Planetarium/Twin Falls

The Faulstich Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the College of Southern Idaho campus will present "Planet Patrol: Solar System Stake Out" at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors, \$2 for students and \$9 for families.

Music/Twin Falls

Open Mic Night will be featured at 9 p.m. at the Blue Room at Woody's. No cover charge. Woody's is at 215 Fifth Ave. S.

Music/Sun Valley

Joe Foe Trio will perform at 9 p.m. at the Duchin Lounge at Sun Valley Resort. No cover charge.

Musical, barbeque/Sun Valley

The Wah-Hoo Review, featuring the Wild West Players, will perform at 7:30 p.m. at the historic Sun Valley Opera House, with singing, dancing, comedy and audience involvement. A western-style barbeque will be held at 9 p.m. on the lawn near the opera house. Tickets, dinner and show: \$35 for adults, \$30 for senior citizens and \$25 for children 12 and under. For show only: \$18 for adults and \$14 for senior citizens and children 12 and under. Reserve tickets: Sun Valley Recreation Center, 692-2152 or 888-822-2103.

Theater/Halley

Company of Fools presents Michael Frayn's farce "Noises Off" at 7 p.m. in Liberty Theatre, as part of the Summer Fools Festival. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$18 for seniors (62 and over) and \$15 for students (18 and under). Tickets are available at Liberty Theatre 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 778-9124, or at the box office only hour before show time. The production continues JULY 17, 20, 22, 27 and 31. Liberty Theatre is at 110 N. Main St.

Choral/Astoria/Boonville

Idaho International Choral Festival will be held all day at Idaho State University's Stephens Performing Arts Center and Holt Arena. The festival includes international chors from Brazil, China, Taiwan, Korea, Thailand, Romania and Spain, and three American chors, including the High School Honor Choir from southern Idaho. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students 18 and under. All events pass, \$25, and a family all-events pass, \$25. Tickets are available at 232-3227 or tickets@choralfest.org. The festival continues JULY 17-20.

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