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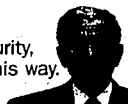
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Mark Myers, assistant manager at the U-Haul in Twin Falls, discusses a daily Thursday afternoon. People continue to move to Southern Idaho and Twin Falls was the fifth-fastest growing urban area in the state, according to estimates from the Census Bureau.

T.F. fifth-fastest growing city in state

City drops a spot from '06 to '07; still grew by more than 1,200

By Joshua Palmer
Staff writer

Communities in south-central Idaho continue to be destinations for people looking for work and a place to settle down, according to Census Bureau estimates released Thursday.

Twin Falls was the fifth-fastest growing urban center in the state in 2007, based on the number of people added to the city's population base. Census records reported

more than 1,200 people moving into the Twin Falls area in 2007 — the city was ranked fourth in 2006.

Other communities throughout the region were also at the top of the list of almost 200 urban centers in Idaho.

However, Gooding and Bellevue were at the bottom of the list because of population declines.

While Idaho's population grew at a slightly slower pace in 2007 and the bulk of the newcomers continued settling in the state's major



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metropolitan areas, more cities outside the urban centers felt some of the latest influx. Meridian, Nampa, Caldwell and Boise were the only cities to outpace Twin Falls in 2007.

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Otter picks Brackett to replace Gannon

By Jared S. Hopkins
Staff writer

BREAKING NEWS

You read this story first on MagicValley.com.

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter on Thursday named state Rep. Bert Brackett, R-Rogerson, to finish the term of District 23 state Sen. Tom Gannon, R-Buhl, who died June 24 after a long battle with health problems.



Brackett

Otter's decision to appoint Brackett, 63, was generally a formality as he was chosen last week by the District 23 Republican-Citizen Committee to replace Gannon on the Nov. 4 general election ballot. He faces Democrat Bill Chisholm.

"I look forward to serving the people in District 23 in this new capacity," Brackett told the Times-News.

Brackett, who is in his second term as a lawmaker, was picked by Otter over nomi-

nees Stephen Hartgen, a Twin Falls political consultant, and Jeanne Gannon, the widow of the former senator.

"Bert was exercising his civic virtue as an actively involved member of his industry and his community in Twin Falls and Owyhee counties long before he ran for the Legislature," Otter said. "He will make a fine addition to the Idaho Senate, and I look forward to working closely with him in 2009 and beyond."

Brackett, a rancher and past president of the Idaho Cattle Association, sat on the powerful Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee, the Resources and Conservation Committee. He was first appointed to the House in 2005.

Brackett said he would be

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Calif. National Guard joins firefighting effort

By Juliana Barbara
Associated Press writer

ALBION, Calif. — Sweet rolled down Lisa Mirander's forehead as she hacked a tangle of saplings and brush down to bare dirt to prevent a wildfire from spreading. It was a tough job, but no harder than the 13 months she served in Afghanistan.

California's wildfire season has Laboratory become so severe so swiftly that See page C1 for the first time in more than 30 years, National Guard troops have been deployed to fight the flames on the ground. Many are arriving at the fire line just after returning from combat zones.

For Mirander, the two jobs share some similarities. "In combat, she said, "you worried about the bullets. Here, you got the fire."

The Guard is stepping in as crews across the state struggle



Firefighters work to contain the Humboldt fire, which has grown to more than an 8,000-acre fire, on day two of the battle Thursday in Paradise, Calif.

to contain hundreds of lightning-sparked fires that have burned more than 1,000 square miles and destroyed nearly 100 homes in the last three weeks.

Mirander, a 27-year-old student, left behind her husband and a 7-year-old

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LARGER THAN LIFE



Rep Rathbun parades as Uncle Sam in 2001.

M.V. resident lived big until his death

By Cassidy Friedman
Staff writer

Rex Rathbun lost his million-dollar fortune three times, according to his memoirs, before he died at age 85 on Tuesday.

One of those times, as the owner of a skyscraper window cleaning company in Chicago, he refused to give the mob a cut of his earnings. When the mafia killed two of his friends, he skipped town in the back of a station wagon, leaving his 100 employees behind.

Born the son of a toy maker and a famous German opera singer, the World War II POW sold Bibles and encyclopedias out of his airplane in Alaska for a time. But he crashed near Calgary, Canada.

"CRASH — I'm kissing the windshield," the Jerome widower wrote in his unpublished autobiography. "Knocked senseless, my craft had upended in a swamp burying her nose."

Drop the mobsters, the aeronautics, and a few small details including the million dollars, and what's left is hard fact. About half of Rathbun's

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WATCH: Rex Rathbun's caregiver talks about his extraordinary life.

Idaho group wants tougher contractor requirements

The Associated Press

BOISE — Idaho residents are not being protected from unscrupulous or incompetent building contractors because the state's requirements for someone to become a contractor are inadequate, the Idaho Association of Building Officials says.

"The private, nonprofit organization of government officials is trying to change that by issuing certifications to contractors who meet experience and education standards that far exceed what the state requires."

"If you can lift a hammer and pay for insurance, you can be a building contractor in Idaho," Carol Alexander, a Moscow city building official and president of Idaho Association of Building Officials, told the Idaho Statesman.

The association created the Professional Building Contractor Program that issues the certifications. A first-year certificate costs \$300. Only eight contractors have applied since the program began on March 1.

"We're still working to build the program, and we plan to launch a marketing campaign in the fall," said Teri

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Ottens, the association's executive director.

The association contends that consumers who hire contractors who have one of their certificates will be better protected from fraud or shoddy workmanship. The group says state efforts to protect consumers aren't tough enough.

State lawmakers in 2005 created the Idaho Contractors Board to deal with unqualified or dishonest contractors. In January 2006, the state began requiring all contractors to register with the Idaho Bureau of Occupational Licenses, and more than 20,000 contractors have done so.

Requirements for registration are a \$30 fee and proof of liability and workers' compensation insurance. No training or experience is required.

Pamela Prather, a member of the Contractors Board, said the board investigates complaints, can subpoena witnesses, suspend or revoke registrations, impose fines, and revoke a contractor's ability to file liens or obtain building permits.

"We read all the evidence and decide each application on a case-by-case basis," she said.

Jerry Nemeck, owner of Nemeck Construction in Boise, said requiring insurance has improved the building industry in the state.



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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Historic Opera Theatre dinner show, "In Memoriam," a comedy murder mystery, 6:30 p.m. reservations only dinner and 7:45 p.m. show, Historic Opera Theatre, 208 E. Idaho Ave., Glenns Ferry, \$22.50 for dinner/show; \$7 general admission, \$5 children and senior citizens for show only, 366-7408 or 366-2744.

Dance for ages 18 and up, 7 to 10 p.m., Golden Heritage Senior Center, 2421 Overland Ave., Burley, 55, 878-7973.

"Arsenic and Old Lace" Summer Theatre production, presented by West End Theatre Company, 7:30 p.m., Burley High School auditorium, tickets: \$6 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens, 490-1992.

Donald Margulies' drama "Collected Stories," presented by Company of Fools, 8 p.m., Liberty Theatre, 110 N. Main St., Holy, tickets: \$25 for adults, \$18 for senior citizens (62 and over) and \$15 for students (18 and under), 578-9122.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Deadline for July 14 Arizona Club breakfast meeting, 9 a.m., Idaho Joe's, 598 Blue Lakes Blvd., Twin Falls, 543-8527 for reservations.

Burley Lions Club meeting, noon, Morey's Steakhouse, 219 E. Third St. N., Burley, 878-7235.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc., 301 Main St. N., Kimberly, no cost, 737-5988.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 11 to 11:45 a.m., Oakley Fire Station, 315 E. Main St., Coeur d'Alene, no cost, 737-5988.

Celebrate Recovery, based on the 12 steps and eight biblical principles, 6 p.m., Cafe Agoppe, Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, 259 Main Ave. E., Twin Falls, 737-4667.

Al-Anon/Alateen family groups, help friends and families of alcoholics, hot-line: 1-866-592-3198.

MUSEUMS AND PARKS

Redfish Lake Visitor Center, Junior Ranger programs, for children ages 5 to 11, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., Redfish Lake and campfire, 8 p.m. with evening program "Flintknapping and Idaho's First Residents," 8:30 p.m., Amphitheater, Redfish Lake Visitor Center, exit five miles south of Stanley on Hwy. 75, no cost, 774-3376.

Fossiliferous Planetarium "Planet Patrol: Solar System Steaks Out" at 2 p.m., "Blown Away: The Wild World of Weather" at 7 p.m. and "Astrageous Rock!" at 8:15 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$20 for students and \$9 for families, 732-6655.

Sawtooth Forum and Lecture Series, Will Reed: Idaho's First Residents and Flintknapping Demonstration, 3 p.m., at Stanley, museum and 8:30 p.m. campfire presentations at Redfish Lake Amphitheater, Sawtooth National Recreation area, five miles south of Stanley, no cost, (208) 608-8741 or viewson@gmail.com.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail at sbrowne@magicvalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days before the event.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, July 11, the 193rd day of 2008. There are 175 days left in the year. TODAY'S BIRTHDAY: ...

ON July 11, 1804, Vice President Aaron Burr mortally wounded former Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton in a pistol duel near Weehawken, N.J.

ON THIS DATE In 1767, John Quincy Adams, the sixth president of the United States, was born in Braintree, Mass.

In 1798, the U.S. Marine Corps was formally re-established by a congressional act that also created the U.S. Marine Band.

In 1864, Confederate forces led by Gen. Jubal Early began an abortive invasion of Washington, D.C., turning back the next day.

In 1952, the Republican National Convention, meeting in Chicago, nominated Dwight D. Eisenhower for president and Richard M. Nixon for vice president.

In 1955, the U.S. Air Force Academy swore in the first class of cadets at its temporary quarters, Lowry Air Force Base in Colorado.

In 1979, the abandoned U.S. space station Skylab made a spectacular return to Earth, burning up in the atmosphere and showering debris over the Indian Ocean and Australia.

In 1998, nine people were killed when five Palestinian gunmen attacked hundreds of tourists aboard a Greek cruise ship, the City of Paris, which was steaming toward a marina in suburban Athens.

In 1995, the United States finalized relations with Vietnam.

Ten years ago: Air Force Lt. Michael Blassie, a casualty of the Vietnam War, was laid to rest near his Missouri home, after the positive identification of his remains, which had been enshrined at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington, Va.

Five years ago: President Bush put responsibility squarely on the CIA for his disputed claim that Iraq had tried to acquire nuclear material from Africa.

One year ago: Lady Bird Johnson, the former first lady who'd worked tenaciously for the political career of her husband, former President Lyndon Baines Johnson, died at 94.

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MORNING BRIEFING

Don't let your baby grow up to be Robbie Knievel

So now we know ... Robbie Knievel says his dad, Evel Knievel, tried to talk him out of jumping over large stationary objects on a motorcycle ... "I remember when my dad would be in the back of some ambulance, and he'd say to my brother and me, 'Promise me you won't do this when you grow up,'" Robbie told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch last week ... "Obviously, I failed to keep my promise ..."

week, he soared over 25 vehicles in St. Louis ... "I always said that I'm not the greatest daredevil; I'm the son of the greatest daredevil," the 46-year-old told the Post-Dispatch ... At least until we see him on the rim of the Snake River Canyon ...

by-donation pig-roast dinner tonight at 6:30 ... Proceeds go to benefit the local seniors' center, and the annual Good Neighbor of the Year award is presented ... There's music by the Magic Valley Fiddlers ...

IT'S THE PARADE where they still let folks throw candy ... Kimberly celebrates its 36th annual Good Neighbor Days today and Saturday, including that centerpiece parade Saturday morning ... The emphasis is on neighbors; the community of 2,782 dwells between 2,500 and 3,500 folks for the weekend-after-the-Fourth honeymoon ... "We've had our ups and downs with Good Neighbor Days," said Mayor David Overacre, who's been involved in the celebration since the early 1990s ... "But it's still a friendly, family event ..."

Some Magic Valley festival parades have banned the tossing of candy from floats because of the risk of spectators being injured ... Not Good Neighbor Days ... "We do try to keep it out of the street, though," Overacre said ... The Kimberly Lions Club runs the festivities now, hosting an admission-

breakfast — at 8:55 a.m. — follows Saturday from 6-9:30 a.m., and there's a fun run and walk at 7 a.m. and a bike race at 8:15 ... The parade begins at 10:30 a.m. on Center Street West, turns left on Main Street to Monroe Street, right on Monroe to Ash Street, right on Ash to Center, and then right again on Center to Main ... The afternoon is given over to food, games, craft booths and live entertainment in the park until about 5 p.m. ... "People start leaving when we start cleaning up," Kathy Taylor, one of the event's organizers, quipped. "They're funny that way ..."

Steve Crump is the Times-News opinion editor.

AROUND THE WORLD

MICHIGAN

Bodies of two missing soldiers found in Iraq

Detroit — Families say the bodies of two U.S. soldiers missing in Iraq for more than a year have been found ... The father of Army Sgt. Alex Jimenez of Lawrence, Mass., says the military told him Thursday that the remains of his son were identified in Iraq ... The stepfather of Pfc. Byron Fouy of Waterford, Mich., says that soldier's remains were also found ...

HAPPY AS A PIGLET



Isabelle Stager, 7, of Lincoln, Mich., enjoys playing in the mud during the annual Mud Day in Westfield, Mass., Tuesday. The annual event, sponsored by Warner County Parks and Recreation, allows children to frolic in the mud. About 700 kids took part in the event, which featured a 110-foot-long pit filled with 200 tons of topsoil and 20,000 gallons of water.

"It's worrying," said Mark Purduo, a research fellow at the National Cancer Institute, who led the analysis published in the Journal of Investigative Dermatology. "What we are seeing in young adults right now could foreshadow a much larger number of melanoma cases in older women." The new research did not examine the reasons for the trend, but Purduo said it could be due to such factors as women spending more time outdoors and indoor tanning. Young women are much more likely than young men to frequent tanning salons, Purduo and others noted.

GEORGIA

Fewer nonsmokers breathe cigarette fumes, CDC says

ATLANTA — Nearly half of nonsmoking Americans are still breathing in cigarette fumes, but the percentage has declined dramatically since the early 1990s, according to a new government study released Thursday ... A main reason for the decline in secondhand smoke is the growing number of laws and policies that ban smoking in workplaces, bars, restaurants and public places, said researchers with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Another factor is the drop in the number of nonsmokers: It has now inched below 20 percent, according to 2007 CDC data. — From wire services

WASHINGTON

Senate OKs promotions of two Iraq generals

WASHINGTON — Notwithstanding months of partisan wrangling in Congress over the Iraq war, the Senate on Thursday unanimously confirmed Gen. David Petraeus as the top commander in the Middle East and Lt. Gen. Raymond Odierno to replace Petraeus as the chief military officer in Iraq ... The Senate voted 95-2 in favor of Petraeus with Democratic Sens. Robert Byrd and Tom Harkin opposing. Harkin, D-Iowa, cast the lone vote opposing Odierno, who was confirmed 96-1 ... The Senate action will keep the nation on its present course in Iraq for the remainder of the year. It also will hand the next administration a pair of combat-tested commanders who have relentlessly defended the need to keep troops in Iraq in large numbers, rather than wind down combat operations ...

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and military leaders," said Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Deadly skin cancer rises among young women

WASHINGTON — Increasing numbers of younger women continue to be diagnosed with the most dangerous form of skin cancer even as the rate of new cases has leveled off in younger men, federal health officials reported Thursday ... An analysis of government cancer statistics from 1973 to 2004 found that the rate of new melanoma cases in younger women had jumped 50 percent since 1980 but did not increase for younger men in that period.

HOROSCOPE BY JERALDINE SAUNDERS

IF JULY 11 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You may feel like everyone's pampered darling during the next two months. From now through the first week of August is a fabulous time to look for a new job, change careers, or to put your heart on the line with a special someone. A delightful change in October will be exhilarating and you may find that it is invigorating to have more freedom or independence. Expect to be the cat's meow during January when you will be exceedingly popular again and can make successful changes and commitments ... ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may feel like you have been insulated from the world in bubble wrap. Don't be surprised if someone starts popping your bubbles to draw you out into the open. Remember that laughter is contagious ... TAURUS (April 20-May 20):

Turn on your love light. Make sure you let a certain someone know that you share the same feelings or that the attraction is mutual. In business, you may be given a chance to prove your trustworthiness ... GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Put your head together with someone you trust and hold a brainstorm session. Harmonious solutions to pressing problems can be developed and implemented. A romance could blossom overnight ... CANCER (June 21-July 22): Fear of love and the winner take all. This may be a good time to declare your intentions. It is possible that work-related social events or outings are more fun than you imagined they would be ... LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Like a good boy Scout, you are true to your word and loyal. You might find an opportunity to do a good deed. Your popularity has a high note: so get out

and about tonight or spend time with a special someone ... VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You are poised and assured. You strive to please everyone and can ingratiate yourself to those who have recently earned your circle of influence. It isn't necessary to keep your guard up with a loved one ... LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Sense a romantic itch. You will get a definite signal and will know exactly whom you can trust where money or love is concerned. New contacts, friendly discussions and dedicated networking could pay off ... SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): There are lots of fish in the sea. This may be a good time to troll for a new romantic partner, to find bait that will delight your favorite significant other or to just have a good time in a social setting ... SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): D is for delightful. If

you are in love, a few surprises might be in order, but they will all be happy surprises. The joint pursuit of pleasurable activities tonight might stimulate a latent love interest ... CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may catch an aim of friendliness that draws others to you for a closer peek. If you are in sales, this is a good time to be on center stage with customers or to make public relations ... AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Being in love with the idea of love could cause you to act on impulse or intuition and impress a very subtle catch. The stars are smiling on agreements, promises and romantic gallantry ... PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You could receive definite proof at home is where the heart is — and someone close could prove worthy of your trust. A sense of excitement in the air makes this a perfect time for social gatherings.

Growth

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"There seems to be activity in the Magic Valley, or at least less of a slowdown than what we are seeing in other parts of the state," said Bob Fick, public affairs officer for Department of Labor.

Census Bureau estimates released Thursday show that of the 35,500 new people in Idaho in 2007, 60 percent, or 21,500, settled in the 14 cities that each gained at least 500 new resi-

dents between July 1, 2006, and July 1, 2007.

At the same time, 138 cities saw no population growth in 2007.

As the state's economy slows, Idaho's population growth is also expected to slow as it did during the national recession in 2001, 2002 and 2003 when it fell to just 1.6 percent, Fick said.

During the recession and post-recession years, the population still gravitated to the urban areas, but it was

not as concentrated as it has been since.

Star, population 4,754, the newest suburb in the Boise metro area, was the state's fastest growing city in 2007, adding population at a 17.7 percent clip. The only other double-digit percentage increases in 2007 were posted by Notus, population 602, at 10.9 percent and Middleton, population 5,382, at 10.2 percent. Both are more rural communities in southwestern Idaho.

It was the second straight year that Star had the highest percentage growth. The western Ada County city posted a 43.9 percent increase in 2006. The other double-digit percentage increases in 2006 were 14.3 percent in Meridian, 12.9 percent in Kuna and 10.7 percent in Ammon, all suburbs of major urban centers.

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Rathbun

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fantastic stories are true, admits Maria Bucklew, who was a caregiver for the deceased Jerome widower in his final year.

One part that isn't fiction: Rathbun was a familiar figure in the Magic Valley, who dressed up in the perfect resemblance of Uncle Sam, led choirs in "We Are America" and swaggered down main street parades — tall, thin, graying beard, cackling hysterically. He paraded that way for about two decades, along with his wife, who, dressed as Betsy Ross, joined him, he wrote in his journal.

At age 12, Rathbun told his classmates at a military academy in Howe, Ind., that he was born on board a "dingy-bug" — a precursor to the modern blimp. Rathbun that day began to spice his own exciting life with fantasies he read in books or picked up along the way, said Ed. Rathbun's older brother, Ed remembers that day because it was the first time he awkwardly explained his brother's propensity to embellish. Rathbun would embellish his brother in similar plots for the next eight decades.

"I used to tell him, Rex, people like you as you are," Ed said, calling from California. "You don't have to put on this phony balloon stuff." Rathbun's embellishments dovetailed with his exceedingly theatrical character, which he likely inherited as the son of a nationally touring opera singer mother. She shirked her real name, Hazel, in favor of her stage name, Lucia LaCosta, and her performances with the Chicago Opera Company were always beautiful and dramatic.

What was awkward for Rathbun's brother eventually captivated the imagination of his caregiver.

The single mother, who says no man has ever shown her such sincerity, or stirred her so much with his gifted storytelling, giggles and cries as she turns each page in Rathbun's catalogue of facts and brilliant re-creations of history.

Eagerly she retells the details of how four of Rathbun's children died in the rubble of the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001. She tells of how he and his first wife had three sets of twins before he turned 21. His brother said he had only one child.

Nevertheless, Rathbun lived the fantasies he created, making them sound as factually real as the news of his death.



Rex Rathbun works on a clock in this undated photo. Rathbun died at age 85 on Tuesday.

story written about 15 years ago. Rathbun handcrafted music boxes, historically accurate metal miniatures, whirling carousels, customized chess sets and ornate clocks. He told the reporter his family had been making clocks for 500 years, music boxes for 300 years.

Calling his demeanor "modest" the reporter who clearly became enchanted with Rathbun, quotes him saying, "The world says so, I don't, that the clock movements that my family makes are the finest in the world."

Ed agrees — in principle, anyway. His brother was a great clock-maker with 20 years experience, and a natural salesman.

"He was a salesman," Bucklew said. "Salesmen have to invent stories to sell their products and he was the best salesman."

"You listened to him," she added. It didn't matter if it's true or not, it made him happy... He died happy."

He was different and captivating to Bucklew, who until entering Rathbun's home one

year ago had cared for mainly depressed, wounded elderly who slowly slipped toward death. Without fantastic tales, they carried only the shreds of memories and the hope of an afterlife.

She also knew, because she acquired power of attorney for Rathbun, that the widower had no money left in his account beyond his Social Security checks. Ed said the threat of poverty hovered over Rathbun his entire life. Owning next to nothing and living in a small house in a little desert town, Rathbun nevertheless portrayed himself as a lavish-living giant to the end.

"I live big like him now," Bucklew said. "You don't need money to live big."

In 2001, his second wife, Evelyn Rathbun died at age 78 following a long illness. The two had been married 31 years. In part due to his health, Rathbun steadily turned into a hermit confined to his home.

Bucklew drove him into town once but, even though he enjoyed seeing some old friends, he said he didn't want

to repeat the experience. In his memoirs, he wrote, "Eve's gone — a private hell — left to fight alone."

He used his Social Security income to hire a caretaker in his home so that he could die in the same place where he held onto his wife as she died years ago, he told Bucklew. If he died elsewhere, Evelyn might not know where to find him, he told her.

For Bucklew, Rathbun's life offered a deep lesson: Our social exchanges help define who we are, or, at least, who we want to be. Rathbun changed himself from an encyclopedia salesman into a timber baron, whose millions of board feet of redwood timber were consumed by fire. But he also re-invented his Westinghouse executive father as a toy-maker. He may have borrowed from his oldest brother who was killed in WWII at the Battle of the Bulge for his fictitious war story.

"You can't do anything without really believing in it," she said. "He loved to show that he had a tradition, a culture and he kept it alive no matter what." Rathbun's self-perception was heroic, self-made, charming, fiercely devoted to his wife and to his country. And he decided he was a Rex. His name at birth was Robert.

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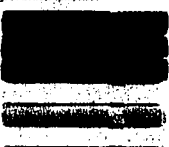
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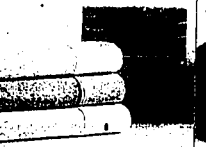
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Brackett

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might land on IFAC in the Senate and is interested in the agriculture committee. Both committees, however, happen to meet at the same time in the morning.

"We'll just have to see what's available and make those choices," he said. Still, Brackett did not discount Chisholm, who lost three times to Gannon.

"Bill's a formidable opponent and I take him seriously and I look forward to the debate," he said.

Chisholm could not be reached for comment.

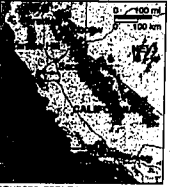
The District 23 committee will meet soon to pick three nominees for Otter to choose to replace Brackett in the House, as well as his replacement in the general election.

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More fires burning

Triple-digit temperatures and erratic winds are hampering firefighters trying to contain blazes that have consumed more than 985 square miles in California since late June.

Approximate fire location



SOURCES: ESRI; FEMA/USF

Fires

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stepson in Riverside to spend one month working 12-hour days battling the flames.

"It's pretty awesome," she said of working alongside other troops. "We really stand by each other."

The first wave of 200 troops took their places Wednesday, providing "a breath of fresh air" to crews on the ground. Said Dan Burns, an assistant fire chief who was helping integrate the Guard into the firefighting effort.

"It'll really relieve a lot of pressure out there," Burns said. "The state got hit by so many fires at once — we couldn't staff them all."

Because this fire season started so early, the firefighting conditions have been among the worst in memory, even among longtime crews, said Terence McHale, policy director for CDF Firefighters of Cal Fire, the union representing the firefighters.

"We have firefighters who've been working nonstop since mid-May, who haven't seen their families or homes, who are working 24-hour shifts, 21 days on, sometimes putting in 36 hours in the initial attack of a fire," McHale said. "It's an incredible challenge."

By Thursday, 1,450 fires had been contained, but more than 320 were still active. For instance, in Butte County, north of Sacramento, more than 50 homes have been destroyed, and another 4,000 are threatened. The flames forced 10,000 residents to evacuate.

Along the scenic Big Sur coast, 27 homes and 31 other structures have burned in a fire that has consumed 140 square miles.

Further south, a separate blaze in the Santa Ynez Mountains had blackened more than 15 square miles. It was more than half contained. And at the southern tip of Sequoia National Forest, 90 miles north of Los Angeles, a 53-square-mile blaze was almost a third contained.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger ordered the California National Guard to the front lines and expects to call up more troops. On Thursday, he requested additional resources from President Bush.

U.S., Colombia choked rebels' communications network

By Frank Bajak Associated Press writer

BOGOTA, Colombia — The stunning rescue of Ingrid Betancourt and three U.S. military contractors owed its success not just to careful deception, but also to a five-year U.S.-Colombian operation that choked their captors' ability to communicate.

Known as "Alliancy," it began with a satellite phone call in 2003, just weeks after

the Americans' surveillance plane crashed in the southern Colombian jungle, according to U.S. and Colombian investigators and court documents.

The call came from Nancy Conde, the regional finance and supply chief for the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, whose boyfriend would become the American hostages' jailer. She was calling confederates in Miami to see if they could

supply the rebels with some satellite phones.

What Conde didn't know was that state security agents were listening.

U.S. law officers arrested the Miami contacts, who in exchange for promises of reduced sentences put Conde in touch with an FBI front company, according to a U.S. law enforcement official involved in the investigation, who spoke on condition of anonymity for

security reasons.

Over more than four years, that company provided wire-tapped satphones and other compromised telecommunications equipment that threw the rebels off balance and eventually helped authorities strangle their supply lines.

The operation laid crucial groundwork for the brazen July 2 commando rescue of 15 hostages held by a rebel unit that Conde supplied, the biggest blow ever dealt

to the FARC.

In all, U.S. and Colombian agents intercepted more than 5,000 rebel phone conversations, investigators told The Associated Press.

They allegedly heard Conde and her coconspirators negotiate shipments of everything from assault rifles to condoms for distribution to about a third of the FARC's estimated 9,000 fighters, including the First Front that held the hostages.

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EDITORIAL

County didn't trust taxpayers with the facts

Philadelphia lawyers. They don't work cheap, and your tax dollars paid them — although St. Luke's Health System paid more.

The Boise-based hospital network ponied up as much as \$241,000 to cover Twin Falls County legal costs in the sale of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. County taxpayers chipped in another \$31,800, a *Times-News* investigation found.

Why hire Philadelphia attorneys when the Idaho Bar says there are 268 practicing lawyers in the Magic and Wood River valleys?

"This is way too complex and way too important for anyone to handle who doesn't have a firm grasp of this kind of law," County Prosecutor Grant Loebbs said.

He may be right, but the county didn't exactly showcase its contract with Duane Morris LLP.

The commissioners participated in the interviews and seem to have made a decision regarding the contract, yet the county can produce no record or notice of any meeting on the subject.

Under state law, commission meetings are supposed to be announced to the public and open to all, unless closed by a recorded vote citing a narrow list of exemptions. None of those requirements were followed.

Loebbs said he may have discussed the matter with the commissioners as a group or individually, but he isn't sure if they ever voted. Ironically, Loebbs, as prosecutor, is responsible for enforcing state open-meeting laws.

In May, Twin Falls lawyer Gary Slette filed a public records request asking for the law firm's invoices. In a request he questioned why expensive "wise men from the East" were needed here.

The county rejected most of Slette's first request, citing attorney-client privilege and calling the bills — not just the details, but even some dollar amounts — "work product" prepared in anticipation of litigation, among other exemptions to the record law.

After repeated requests by Slette and the *Times-News*, the county released the bills. Although he disagreed with the decision, Loebbs said the reversal came when commissioners determined that telling the public about the expenditures would do no harm and would show the county had chosen wisely when selecting a law firm.

Whether or not the county needed to bring in big guns from the East, the public had a right to know how the county was spending its money. Philadelphia attorney Donald Auten billed the county \$465 an hour, which he later raised to \$575. His colleague, Matthew Jones, charged \$300 an hour, later raised to \$400.

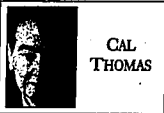
The best lawyer in Twin Falls gets about \$300 an hour.

The fact that the bills were mostly shifted to St. Luke's doesn't trump the need for disclosure. Twin Falls County commissioners are supposed to represent the interests of taxpayers. So is Loebbs, as the public's attorney.

Since when does attorney-client privilege justify keeping the client in the dark?

Americans grow more disgusted at Congress' pathetic performance

It is understandable that those who think President Bush has done a poor job want to replace him with a Democrat; they think that a better one. What is not understandable is why voters, who think Congress has performed poorly, would vote to keep the Democratic majority in place and, according to many polls, expand it.



CAL THOMAS

The latest Rasmussen tracking poll finds that a pathetic 9 percent of the public think Congress is doing a good or excellent job, a record. A majority of voters — 52 percent — think Congress is doing a poor job, which ties a record.

Even Democrats disapprove of the performance of the Congress led by their party. Among Democratic voters, approval of Congress fell from 17 percent to 13 percent in the poll. Unaffiliated voters are the most critical of Congress with just 3 percent giving it a positive rating and 63 percent of these independents saying Congress is performing poorly.

Given these astounding figures, why do polls show that as few as a majority of voters intend to vote for the Democratic candidate in a House and Senate races? In a recent McLaughlin and Associates poll, 43 percent said they would vote for the Democrat and just 34 percent would vote for the Republican. Twenty-three percent were unsure. A USA Today/Gallup Poll taken in mid-June found that 52 percent favored Democratic candidates and 42 percent favored Republicans. That's down from 55 percent for Democrats and slightly up from 41 percent for Republicans in a February poll.

Polls taken by ABC News/Washington Post and NBC News/Wall Street Journal reflect similar numbers.

How can this be? If a con-

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The reason Republicans don't benefit from voter disaffection with Congress is that Republican incompetence — ranging from sexual indiscretions to illegal activities — remains fresh in their minds.

tractor working on your house falls to do the job and overcharges you in the process, does it make sense to keep paying the same company while it adds additional incompetent and crooks to cause further damage?

The reason Republicans don't benefit from voter disaffection with Congress is that Republican incompetence — ranging from sexual indiscretions to illegal activities — remains fresh in their minds. Republicans promised they would do things differently. They'd bring "change" to Washington (always be careful when you hear politicians talking like that). Instead, Republicans caught the same Potomac fever that infected the Democrats who ran the House for 40 years prior to 1994 and the Senate, off and on, for much of that period.

If Republicans are going to take advantage of voter disgust with the Democratic Congress they are going to have to take the equivalent of

a blood oath. A new "Contract with America" won't suffice. Neither will a "we've learned our lesson" from the current Republican "leadership" who are part of the problem that brought on the Democratic resurgence.

For a GOP comeback to have a chance, several things must happen. First, John McCain must take a page from Harry Truman's 1948 campaign in which he lambasted the Republican "do-nothing Congress." McCain should say what a do-nothing Democratic Congress would do if it retains its current majority and gains a Democratic president: raise taxes, boost regulations, further limit our liberties, haggle with terrorists and advance a social agenda (including unrestricted abortion and same-sex marriage) that is anathema to most Americans.

Second, Republican delegates to the St. Paul convention in September should demand their party's con-

gressional leadership be replaced by Republicans who would renew core party principles: low taxes, smaller, less expensive and more effective government, personal responsibility and accountability, encouragement of individual initiative and programs that help people out of poverty rather than sustaining them in poverty.

Third, Republicans must pledge to limit themselves in office as the Founders intended. If they won't approve term limits, GOP members should pledge to get themselves out of Congress after no more than four terms in the House and two in the Senate, less time in any place where an infectious disease eases diminished chances of exposure and illness. They should also begin a discussion and debate about the proper role of the federal government. The Founders had that debate. It needs to be renewed in our time.

Government is out of control. Only dramatic and believable actions like these will restore public confidence in Congress and possibly restore Republicans to a majority they will only then deserve.

Syndicated columnist Cal Thomas can be reached at tsmdotors@tribune.com.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Burley relies on dishonesty in bid for new airport

Recently, you have had lots to say on airports. You even blasted the hell out of Heyburn's administration for annexing land Burley had hoped to pirate for its new airport. You were out to lunch on that one. Here's why:

During the weeks prior to Heyburn's decision, Burley Mayor Jon Anderson and city Administrator Mark Mitton made claims which struck me as ludicrous and untrue. At the time, I wasn't in a position to prove or disprove the claims. I am now.

One claim was that 60 percent of all medical air transfers out of Cassia and

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Minidoka counties were by fixed-wing aircraft from Burley's current airport, and 20 percent were by helicopters from our two hospitals. That claim is unequivocally untrue.

Between Jan. 3, 2005, and May 5, 2006, there were 420 medical air transfers sanctioned by Cassia Regional Medical Center; 309 were by

helicopters (73.6 percent), and 111 were by fixed-wing aircraft (26.4 percent).

Minidoka Memorial Hospital has even more surprising statistics: Its helicopter to fixed-wing ratio is almost 10 to 1.

Anderson and Mitton also claimed that medical air transfers represent more than half of all flights from

Burley's airport. If that is true, the total of all other flights cannot be greater than 110 during the 1,222 days of this analysis.

Burley's airport, then, must be in use only once every 5 1/2 days (111 plus 110 divided into 1,222 is 5.5). Another lie.

A 2007 Burley city councilman suggested to me that his "peers had used someone else's numbers." What a lousy excuse. But it is appropriate, because when used "as a verb 'peer' can mean, "to look wide-eyed and especially awkwardly."

If Burley is to get a new airport, I hope that it does via honesty.

JOHN WALSH
Burley

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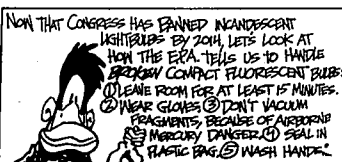
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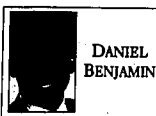
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The Decider is really a ditherer

Conventional wisdom holds that George W. Bush's foreign policy failed because the president — who famously called himself "The Decider" — is too, well, decisive. Bush's reckless, impulsive decision to invade Iraq, the argument goes, opened the door for Iran's ascent, distracted the United States from pursuing al-Qaeda more effectively in Afghanistan and Pakistan, diverted Western attention from a worsening relationship with Russia and so on. There's a lot to this assessment. But you can't fully comprehend the Bush record without understanding another Bush problem: a chronic failure to reach decision or implement those that are made. On one issue after another, from the Middle East to North Korea to the Department of Homeland Security, Bush has proven himself to be a dawdler, a foot-dragger who can't make fundamental choices or press his team to follow his commands. Call him the non-decider.



DANIEL BENJAMIN

school bull sessions." But as many veterans of the Bush administration have made clear, the president's CEO style has more to do with financial punctuality (he once locked Powell, his first-term secretary of state, out of a Cabinet meeting because he was running late) than true resolve. This picture of an indecisive, ineffectual leader is being painted not by the predictable Bush haters but by his own former aides. After reading "War and Decision," the new memoir from the arch-neoconservative Douglas Feith, former Assistant Secretary of Defense and West columnist in the *National Review* that Feith's book should have been titled "War and Indecision" — perhaps a fitting epitaph for the Bush era.

So why has Bush vacillated so often? Here are some of his key management lapses: • Leaving fundamental disagreements to fester — Bush has failed to bang heads and create clear policies. That has made for an administration persistently riven by sharp differences of view and personal antagonisms. The outstanding example here is Iran. More than seven years into Bush's tenure, it's still not clear whether he advocates regime change in

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Tehran or favors a negotiated deal to stop the ayatollahs' suspected nuclear programs. The failure to decide has been a guarantee of failure. After all, we can't have it both ways: The Iranians are hardly going to bargain with us to stop developing the ultimate weapon if they think we want to do away with their government.

• Failing to follow through — Even when the administration does pick a policy, it often fails to carry through on its decisions. For example, the White House originally opposed creating a Department of Homeland Security, then decided that it could steal a march on its opponents by pushing for an even bigger agency than they had advocated. When the new behemoth was launched, however, the White House gave it little direction. That ensured a historic case of drift and confusion that led to catastrophe in New Orleans and inaction elsewhere; both the OIG Commission and the General Accounting Office have issued reports lambasting DHS for its failure to meet basic security goals.

• Something similar happened with the creation of a new director of national intelligence to quarterback the sprawling 16-agency intelligence community in a

dangerously changing world. Bush agreed to create the new structure, then failed to give its leaders the clout they needed to make reform stick.

• Letting policymaking turn chaotic — Pundits love to decry process as the mindless obsession of un-inspired, time-serving bureaucrats. But the Bush administration has demonstrated just how vital it is to how to establish policymaking procedures.

Under Bush, as numerous former officials have complained, critical calls were often made just by Cheney and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, then brought to the president for his sign-off. Hammering out disagreements, following through and letting the process work doesn't guarantee smart policy of course. But ignoring these principles is likely to lead to dumb decisions and an irresolute, even chaotic government.

It's not a happy balance sheet for America's first CEO president.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Solve county, hospital disagreements efficiently

In any community, the accessibility of quality health care is a critical factor for the residents and for economic development efforts. Thanks to the commitment of St. Luke's Magic Valley's local board and management, the Twin Falls area has this quality health care available.

Since taking on management of our local hospital in 2006, St. Luke's has continued to offer comprehensive medical care right here, close to home. St. Luke's is also planning for the future needs of our community with its investment into new state-of-the-art facilities.

St. Luke's Magic Valley is the largest single employer in the region. Its investment in the "human capital" of its hundreds of health care providers and support staff ensures quality health care is available when we need it. That investment also supports the health of our local economy, providing good jobs to good people. Its capital investment in new medical facilities is supporting the economy too, charming tens of thousands of dollars through local suppliers, contractors and support businesses.

More than 87 percent of the members of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce supported the county's partnership with St. Luke's in September 2005. When we voted on the issue, 98 percent of voters supported the partnership. Now, after two years, St. Luke's continues to hold up its end of the agreement by providing outstanding health care services for the residents and continuing its investment in the people and facilities needed to provide that care.

Recent disagreements raised by the county commissioners should be resolved quickly and efficiently, without wasting valuable financial and time resources by both parties. Squabbling over

items that were already agreed upon is a waste of time and energy and counterproductive to the ultimate goal: to ensure exemplary health care is available in our community now and into

the future.
SHAWN BARRIGAR
Twin Falls

(Editor's note: Shawn Barrigar is president and CEO of the Twin Falls Area

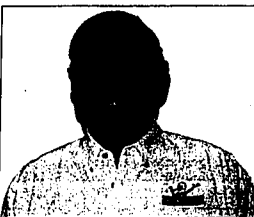
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Copies are available for review at ITD district offices in Coeur d'Alene, Lewiston, Boise, Shoshone, Pocatello, and Rigby. They are also available online at:

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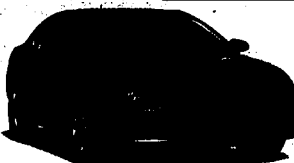
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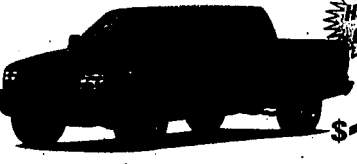
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Chicago White Sox fans celebrate their team's three-game sweep of the Chicago Cubs after a game in Chicago June 29. Fans of the home team are leaving ballparks a lot happier this year as hosts have won nearly 57 percent of games, the highest figure in the major leagues since 1978.

Safe at home

Home teams dominating in MLB this year

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Fans who root, root, root for the home team are leaving ballparks a lot happier this year.

Home teams have won nearly 57 percent of games, the highest figure in the major leagues since 1978. They had a 778-590 record entering Thursday, according to the Elias Sports Bureau, which comes to a .569 winning percentage. Last year's mark was .542.

Boston is 34-10 at Fenway Park and just 21-29 on the road, and the Chicago Cubs are 35-11 at Wrigley Field and 20-26 away from home. Four of the six division leaders have losing records on the road, with the Cubs joined



Tampa Bay Rays fans celebrate after the team swept the Boston Red Sox in a three-game series in St. Petersburg, Fla.

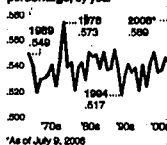
by the Chicago White Sox, Arizona and Tampa Bay.

"There should be no reason we should sweep the White Sox at home and get swept at their place, because everybody's sleeping in their own beds," Cubs second baseman Mark DeRosa said. "It's not like we're flying somewhere, changing times and having to

No place like home

Major League Baseball's home teams have won nearly 57 percent of their games this season, the highest figure in 30 years.

Average MLB home winning percentage, by year



SOURCE: Elias Sports Bureau AP

readjust. I can't figure out why. You can understand in different sports, especially football, where home-field advantage is such a key."

DeRosa sure has it right when it comes to other sports.

Home teams had a .601 winning percentage in the NBA last season — it was as high as .628

in 2002-03. In the NFL, home teams were at .574 last year, down from .613 in 2003.

Inside But baseball, where so much depends on starting pitchers, traditionally has been less influenced by which team wears home whites.

Home teams were at .517 in the strike-interrupted 1994 season, the lowest percentage since division play began in 1969. The highest mark since then was .573 in 1978.

Homefield advantage would be even more pronounced this year without interleague play: NL clubs were just 56-70 at their ballparks against the AL.

"It could be one of those cycles, where every team has found a grouping of players that really play well in their park," Los Angeles Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "When you're trying

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Cowboys rip Rangers with late surge in Game 1 win

T.F. completes sweep in nightcap

By John Derr
Staff writer

It took awhile to get going, but once they did, the Class A Twin Falls Cowboys poured it on.

Twin Falls stranded seven runners early, but tallied five runs in both the fourth and fifth innings to run-ride the Idaho Falls Rangers in the first game of an American Legion Baseball Area C doubleheader Thursday.

The Rangers threatened in the first with a pair of runners in scoring position via free passes. But the Twin Falls defense tightened and kept them off the board.

The Cowboys loaded the bases in the first, but an infield grounder shut it down. They loaded them again in the second with one out, but a double play kept them off the board.

Pitcher Sam Pence didn't let Idaho Falls have much after the first. He allowed one hit an inning, but didn't let a runner get past second.

"I wanted to get the first pitch a strike, and stay ahead of the batters because I knew I had a good defense behind me," said Pence, who notched four strikeouts. "When we load the bases we need to get the big hits and clean up."

Zack VanLoon got the Cowboys' only extra-base hit in the third, but was stranded at second. It wouldn't happen again.

After a little pep talk from the coaches, Twin Falls finally started rolling in the fourth. No. 8 hitter Drew Starley's line drive to center popped out of the fielder's glove while Tyler Wolters was hit by a pitch. Jared Jordan's perfect bunt single down the third-base line loaded the bases with no outs.

T.J. Ellis and Heath Stewart followed with RBI singles to break the scoreless tie.

A walk brought home another run before Kassidy Gaines got his chance. Coming in as a pinch hitter, Gaines found a hole in the infield to bring home two more runs, putting the Cowboys up 5-0.

"I figured it I did better they would keep me in the game," said Gaines. "I just stayed back on it."

Starley, Wolters and Jordan loaded the bases again in the fifth. A passed ball scored one while an error brought home another.

Gaines stayed in the game and proved it was a good decision. He added another RBI single before Starley's bloom single to center brought the game to an early end.

Gaines said the first game victory was important.

"It is huge, it will give us momentum going into the second game," he said. "Twin Falls coach Devin Kunz said his team finally got it going."

"I am just glad they woke up," said Kunz. "Pence threw a good game and Kassidy had a pair of big hits. It is nice to see then they get a chance they are ready."

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Tony Stewart to become owner-driver in '09

By Chris Jenkins
Associated Press writer

JOLIET, Ill. — Tony Stewart knows he's taking a gamble by leaving NASCAR's elite Joe Gibbs Racing team to join one that usually runs in the middle of the pack.

But Stewart also can imagine what it might feel like to be in victory lane at the Daytona 500 both as a driver and a car owner, so it's a risk he's willing to take.

Having recently negotiated a release from his Gibbs contract at



Stewart

the end of this season, the two-time Cup series champion announced Thursday that he will join the team currently known as Haas-CNC as an owner-driver in 2009.

"There's no guarantees that this is going to be successful," Stewart said. "But after sitting down and evaluating

what the potential of this team is, I wouldn't have made this decision if I didn't think it would be successful and if I didn't think it had the potential to be great."

Stewart will be given a 50 percent ownership stake in the team, which will be renamed Stewart-Haas Racing. The two-car team currently fields the No. 66 car for Scott Riggs and the No. 70 car for Jason Leffler, and both cars are outside the top 35 in owners points going into Saturday's race at Chicagoland Speedway.

The move had been widely

anticipated, but Stewart confirmed it to his current crew members and other Gibbs employees at the team's race shop Wednesday.

"I wondered how it was going to feel," Stewart said. "I wondered how everybody was going to react."

But Stewart said after he spoke, several employees stood in line to congratulate him.

"We could never be mad or hold that against him," said

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IGA JUNIORS TAKE ON MUNI



Rudy Bowman, 14, tees off on the No. 11 hole Thursday morning at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course during an Idaho Golf Association Juniors tournament. Bowman shot an 85 to finish fourth in his age division. For full results from Thursday's action, see page B2.

Former BSU, ISU stars released Panthers say goodbye to rookies Tharp, Zeidman

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Carolina Panthers have released two players with Idaho ties, quarterback Taylor Tharp and punter Dan Zeidman.

The moves on Thursday trim the Panthers' roster to 79 players. Carolina must make room on the 80-man roster before they sign their nine draft picks.

Both Tharp and Zeidman were among 12 undrafted free agents signed by the Panthers on May 2.

The release of Tharp, who starred as a senior at Boise State, whittles Carolina's complement of quarterbacks to four — Jake Delhomme, Matt Moore, Brett Basanez and Lester Ricard.



Taylor Tharp



Dan Zeidman

The release of Zeidman, who played at Idaho State, leaves the Panthers with incumbent Jason Baker as the only punter on the roster. General manager Marty

Hurney said this week the Panthers are close to a deal with sixth-round choice Nick Hayden. Talks with first-round picks Jonathan Stewart and Jeff Onahan have yet to heat up.

Researcher: Baseball built for lefties

By Jim Sather
Associated Press writer

ST. LOUIS — David Peters was born left-handed. It took a few raps on the hand by teachers, but like many in his generation, he switched to being a righty.

Maybe that's why Peters, now 61, became a scholar instead of a first baseman.

Peters is an engineering professor at Washington University in St. Louis who happens to be a baseball nut. He looked at baseball from an engineer's perspective and determined that southpaws have a decided advantage.

"Ninety percent of the human population is right-handed, but in baseball 25 percent of the players, both pitchers and hitters, are left-handed," Peters said.

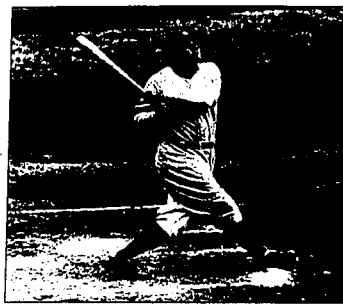
"Do lefties have an advantage? They definitely do. The statistics bear that out."

Peters' observations were for an article on the university's Web site, not a scholarly journal. Still, they drew the interest of experts at the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y., who at the request of The Associated Press crunched the numbers of lefties and righties in the Hall the first time they had done so.

Of the 61 enshrined pitchers, 13 are left-handed, according to John Odell, curator of history and research at the Hall of Fame. At 21 percent, that's more than twice the percentage of lefties in the general population.

"The numbers for hitters were even more startling. Odell said 71 Hall of Fame position players were right-handed, 59 left-handed, and eight were switch-hitters."

"Almost parity there," Odell said. "That's way up over what you'd expect to see if people were playing the way their handedness would suggest."



Babe Ruth of the New York Yankees hits a home run in this undated photo. Researchers at Washington University say that's no coincidence. The baseball diamond, they say, was built for the southpaw.

Among the left-handed hitters are some of the game's greatest names: Babe Ruth, Ted Williams, Ty Cobb, Stan Musial, Harry Bonds and George Brett.

Peters said left-handed hitters are simply taking advantage of a game set up to favor them, starting with the direction the hitter runs to first base.

As a right-handed hitter swings, his momentum carries him the wrong way — toward third base. A lefty, already standing roughly 5 feet closer to first base, swings and naturally spins in the correct direction.

"And that means the lefty travels the 90 feet to first roughly one-sixth of a second faster than the righty," Peters said. That translates to more hits and a higher batting average.

Because most pitchers are right-handed, the left-handed hitter also tends to have a matchup advantage.

"You see the ball better" as a left-handed hitter facing a

right-handed pitcher, Peters said. "You get depth perception. A right-handed batter facing a right-handed pitcher actually has to pick up the ball visually as it comes from behind the batter's left shoulder. You've lost a lot of that split-second timing to pick up the ball."

According to the Web site retroshoot.org, left-handers hit 272 against right-handed pitchers last season. Righties vs. righties hit 261. Against left-handed pitching, righties hit 281, lefties just 251. But there were 122,053 at-bats against right-handed pitchers last season, nearly three times as many as the 45,730 against lefties.

Peters even sees a bias toward lefties in the design of many ballparks that feature shorter distances to right field, where a left-hander pulls the ball. Yankee Stadium is famous for its short porch. In Boston, "Pesky's pole" in right field is just 302 feet from home plate.

Musial was so dominant at old Sportsman's Park in St. Louis that Peters, a lifelong Cardinals fan, recalled the team for one season removed a screen aimed at turning cheap homers into catches. The move backfired: opposing teams hit more homers there than Musial and his St. Louis teammates did, and the next season, the screen went back up.

While many of the left-handed oddities favor hitters, Peters said southpaw pitchers have built-in advantages, too, especially at youth league levels where hitters simply don't see them very often. And, he said, many people think lefties tend to have a natural call on their feet that moves away from right-handed hitters.

Not all advantages go to lefties. Catchers are nearly all right-handed — a lefty trying to cut down a base-stealer would have to throw over or around the right-handed hitter. Infielders except for first basemen are virtually all right-handed. Lefties left-handed would have to make an awkward turn to get into throwing position.

Odell notes that it's not just left-handed batters, but rather hitting left-handed, that appears to be the advantage, at least among Hall of Famers. Just 22 of the 138 position players were pure left-handers — batting and throwing left. But 37 right-handed throwers hit left-handed. Among left-handed throwers, none hit right-handed.

On the Net:
Peters' article: <http://news-info.wustl.edu/edu/papers/normat11980.html#intmat11>

National Baseball Hall of Fame: www.baseballhalloffame.org
Retroshoot: <http://www.retroshoot.org>

Stearns, McNeley win at T.F. Muni

Staff report

Crockett Stearns of Halley carried a 2 under 6 to take the overall boys medalist honors in the JGA Juniors golf event at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course on Thursday. Twin Falls duo Jordan Hamilton and Blake Fischer each shot 69 to tie for second overall. Hannah McNeley of Twin Falls took girls medalist honors with a 74.

For nine-hole players, Alec Perkins of Jerome took the top spot for the boys with a 37, while Sydney Lee of Twin Falls took girls honors with a 45.

- JGA Juniors Event**
All Twin Falls Medalist Scores
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American Legion

KIMBERLY SPLITS AT HOME

Game 1 wasn't kind to the Kimberly Astros, as they scratched across just one run on five hits in a 7-1 loss to visiting Bonneville on Thursday. For the first two innings of Game 2 it looked like more of the same.

Twin Falls 6, The System 5

The Astros erupted for six runs in the third inning. Four in the fourth, five in the fourth and three in the sixth to salvage a split, winning the nightcap 18-9.

BEAR LAKE 9, BURLEY 8

A.J. Schroeder and Willy Mumm each had four hits for Kimberly, including a double and triple for Schroeder and three two-baggers for Mumm. Mumm drove in four runs while Schroeder scored four times.

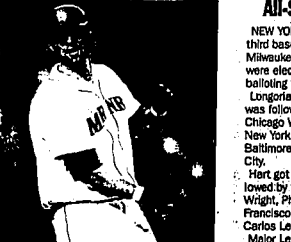
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Burley 8, Bear Lake 9
Coeur d'Alene 10, Burley 11
Halley 12, Jerome 13
Idaho Falls 14, Jerome 15
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Lewiston 18, Jerome 19
Malheur 20, Jerome 21
Mullan 22, Jerome 23
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Pocatello 28, Jerome 29
Shoshone 30, Jerome 31
Teton 32, Jerome 33
Twin Falls 34, Jerome 35
Walla Walla 36, Jerome 37
Weber 38, Jerome 39
Yamhill 40, Jerome 41

Mariners release Sexson, put Bedard on DL

SEATTLE (AP) — Slugger Richie Sexson was finally released Thursday by the Mariners after a slump that lasted for most of two seasons and made him a target of constant booing from frustrated Seattle fans.

The Mariners would have loved to have been able to trade Sexson, but his \$14 million salary this season made that nearly impossible. So now Sexson is facing the rest of that money — \$6,120,000 Sexson is owed from Friday through the end of the season — in what may be the first of multiple moves to rid the last-place team of underperforming veteran players.



Seattle Mariners first baseman Richie Sexson flips his bat away after striking June 3 in Seattle. The Mariners released Sexson and put pitcher Erik Bedard on the disabled list.

disabled list with stiffness in his left shoulder. The move, retroactive to July 5, means Bedard will be eligible to return on July 20 — and will miss some chances to be showcased for teams interested in possibly trading for him before the July 31 deadline for deals without waivers. Bedard has just six

Longoria and Hart elected All-Stars in fan voting

NEW YORK (AP) — Tampa Bay rookie third baseman Evan Longoria and Milwaukee Brewers outfielder Corey Hart were elected All-Stars by fans in Internet balloting the ended Thursday.

Longoria received 9 million votes and was followed by Jermaine Dye of the Chicago White Sox, Jason Giambi of the New York Yankees, Brian Roberts of Baltimore and Jose Guillen of Kansas City.

Mariners give up ninth-inning home runs in loss to Athletics

OAKLAND, Calif. — Jack Cust and Kurt Suzuki hit solo homers in the ninth inning, and Emil Brown hit a walk-off solo shot in the 11th to give Oakland a 3-2 win over Seattle on Thursday.

Cust led off the ninth with a game-winning home run gave Caesar Jimenez (0-1) his first career decision, after Huston Street (2-2) pitched two scoreless innings.

Tied at 10, Garrett Anderson led off the 11th with a single off Juncy Wright (5-4), and went to second on pinch hitter Reggie Willits' sacrifice bunt.

again in the sixth. He leads the National League with 27 homers, two more than teammate Chase Utley, and 83 RBIs.

ANGELS 11, RANGERS 10

ARLINGTON, Texas — Maicel dos Santos hit a go-ahead run with a pinch single

INDIANS 13, RAYS 2

CLEVELAND — Ben Francisco drove in a career-high four runs and Cleveland snapped a 10-game losing streak.

ROYALS 4, WHITE SOX 1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Mark Teixeira's inside-the-park home run capped a four-run rally in the eighth inning as Kansas City avoided a three-game sweep.

PHILLIES 4, CARDINALS 1

PHILADELPHIA — Ryan Howard homered twice and drove in three runs.

Arizona, which blew a two-run lead in the sixth, and a three-run lead in the 10th. Drew's RBI double came with one out and Tracy run-scoring single was an out Luis Ayala and both were off Luis Ayala (1-5).

INTERLEAGUE PITCHERS 4, YANKEES 2

PITTSBURGH — Nate McLouth hit a go-ahead two-run homer in the seventh, and Paul Maholm allowed two runs over eight innings in the last game of interleague play this season.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE
San Diego Padres 3, Los Angeles Dodgers 1

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Detroit Tigers 3, Minnesota Twins 1

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Cincinnati Reds 4, Philadelphia Phillies 1

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New York Yankees 5, Baltimore Orioles 1

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Arizona Diamondbacks 3, Colorado Rockies 1

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Houston Astros 3, Kansas City Royals 1

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AMERICAN LEAGUE
Seattle Mariners 3, Oakland Athletics 1

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San Francisco Giants 4, San Diego Padres 1

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Referee taking shots ... literally. Official works game while drunk

A referee for a Belarus League soccer game drew attention Saturday when he began behaving erratically, eventually stopped running with the action and officiated the latter stages of the game from the center circle.

Sergei Shmilok appeared to be suffering from a back injury as he staggered off the field with the aid of a trainer after the game ended. He was taken to a hospital for tests, which then revealed the problem: He had high levels of alcohol in his system.

MLB

Mets LF Alou tears hamstring, likely done for year

NEW YORK — Mets left fielder Moises Alou likely will miss the rest of the year because of a torn left hamstring, a setback that could mean the end of his 17-season career.

NBA

Rockets sign free agent Barry

HOUSTON — The Houston Rockets signed free agent Brent Barry to a two-year contract on Thursday, making him the third member of the family to join the franchise.

Sports Shorts

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MAGIC VALLEY

Jerome Jr. Rodeo entries accepted

JEROME — Riverside Trailers, at 20 West 200 South, will be open Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to accept entries into the Junior Rodeo at the Jerome County Fair.

Deadline for CSI 3-on-3 tourney today

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho will be hosting the CSI Golden Eagle Challenge 3-on-3 basketball tournament on Saturday in the southeast CSI building.

Elite hitters camp upcoming

JEROME — Club Canyon Volleyball's elite hitters camp will take place at the Jerome Recreation District on Aug. 4-5 from 9 a.m. to noon. The camp is open to the first 40 players (six players max) to register that have played club or high school varsity volleyball.

T.F. Rapids holds soccer sign-ups

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Rapids will have a registration for the fall (ages 8-12) and spring (ages 13-18) seasons on Tuesday, July 22, at Ascension Fields from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Please bring a copy of the player's birth certificate and medical insurance info. For more details, visit www.twinfallsrapids.com or call Patty Ritved at 734-7637.

Luxembourg rider takes Tour lead

SUPER-BESSE, France (AP) — Kim Kirchen pulled on the yellow jersey at the Tour de France on Thursday, the first Luxembourg rider in 50 years to lead cycling's showcase race.

He finished fifth in the sixth stage, which was won by Italy's Riccardo Riccio. Kirchen was seventh in the Tour last year and is simply happy to have the jersey for now.

"I've been a bit surprised by my shape," he said. "Now I want to take the race day by day. I want to see what happens in the Pyrenees. And if it goes well in the Pyrenees, we'll see in the Alps, and in

Paris. Everything is possible." The last Luxembourg rider to wear the yellow jersey in the Tour was the Charly Gaud. He went on to win the 1958 race.

Riccio finished ahead of two top riders — Spain's Alejandro Valverde, who was heavily bandaged after a fall Wednesday, and Australia's Cadel Evans.

It was a bad day for the day's previous leader, Stefan Schumacher. The German touched Kirchen's back wheel yards from the finish and crashed. He lost 20 seconds on Kirchen, the yellow jersey and a bit of skin from his

elbow and knee. "It wasn't deliberate, of course," Schumacher said. "It's a pity. I was feeling strong today. My team had worked hard."

Kirchen said he did not see Schumacher before the crash. "Everybody moved to the right side," he said. "The guy in front of me braked too late."

Riccio captured a 122-mile stage through the peaks of the Massif Central from Aliguarde to the ski resort of Super-Besse. Riccio, the Giro d'Italia runner-up, said he had come to this Tour to gain experience in hopes of a good

finish next year. "I felt good already in the first stage," he said. "Today, the finish matched my strengths. I showed that I could manage a great sprint; I took off with 30 meters to go and I held on."

Kirchen is six seconds ahead of Evans and 16 ahead of Schumacher. Christian Vandevondele of the United States is fourth, 44 seconds behind Kirchen. Valverde is eighth at 1:12.

This was a second major boost for U.S.-based Team Columbia, which Kirchen leads. Sprinter Mark Cavendish won Wednesday's stage for the team.



Now overall leader, Kim Kirchen of Luxembourg kisses his yellow jersey on the podium after the sixth stage of the Tour de France cycling race between Aliguarde and the ski resort of Super-Besse, central France, Thursday.

GOLF ROUNDUP

Mickelson, Els struggle at Scottish

LUSS, Scotland — Phil Mickelson and Ernie Els failed to break par in the first round of the Scottish Open, while Alexander Noren and Thongchai Jaidee shared the lead with 7-under 64 on Thursday.

Angel Cabrera, the 2007 U.S. Open champion, was made double then a bogey on five. Then I played well at Royal Birkdale, which begins July 17.

Mickelson and Els both returned from three-week layoffs. Mickelson had a 71 and Els was at 1-over 72.

"The golf course was ideal for scoring, soft with lift, clean and placed. I just didn't get the ball in the hole," Mickelson said. "I thought I hit a lot of good shots but I didn't capitalize with my putts and led a good round slide a little bit."

"If I go out tomorrow and have a good round, I should be able to get right back in it for the weekend."

Els said, "I played some good stuff and some bad stuff. I had a bad shot on four, made double then a bogey on five. Then I played well but flipped out for birdie on 15 to get to 2 under."

Jaidee of Thailand and Noren of Sweden thrived on the course at Loch Lomond, and played well even with a rain delay.

Thongchai made four straight birdies on the front nine then birdied the next two holes after overnight rain delayed the start of play by 90 minutes.

Noren finished with a bogey-free first round. "I've had too many high scores, too many double and triple bogeys so having no bogeys was great," he said.

Niclas Fasth, 925 Houston and John Bickerton were at 66.

Colin Montgomerie, the 1999 champion, shot 69 after bogey on two of his final three holes.

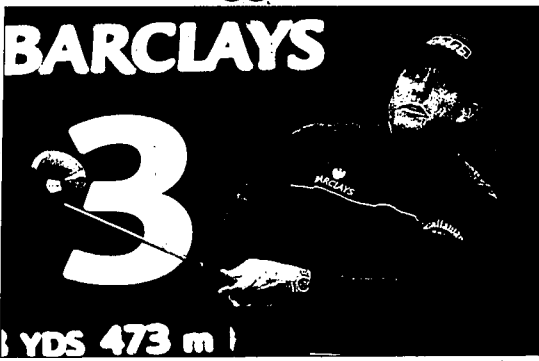
Third-ranked Adam Scott, playing with a hand injury, had a triple bogey 7 on his first hole on the way to a 72.

CREAMER LEADS AT OWENS CORNING CLASSIC

SYLVANIA, Ohio — Paula Creamer knew she was playing well. She was surprised just how well.

"Creamer birdied nine of the 13 holes, including the final three, for a course-record 60 on the par-71 Highland Meadows layout Thursday. She held a five-stroke lead over the opening round of the Jamie Farr Owens Corning Classic.

Only after she finished did she realize how close she came to 60's magic number of 59. "I didn't know it was a par 71," Creamer said with a laugh. "I thought it was a par



Phil Mickelson drives during the first round of the Scottish Open at Loch Lomond, Scotland, Thursday.

BARCLAYS

Tee times announced for Coors Burley Amateur

- Men**
- 7:50 a.m.: Pat Burns, Wheaton; Clair Cutler, Burley; Tom Chopak, Pocatello; Ron Anderson.
 - 8 a.m.: Bill Schmalz, Twin Falls; Paul Jenkins, Twin Falls; Mike Hester, Twin Falls.
 - 8:10 a.m.: Lynn Osterlund, Declo; Scott Jones, Brnoke Bohon, Heyburn; Albert Hartnett, Royal Farms; Heyburn; Albert Lopez, American Falls.
 - 8:20 a.m.: Greg Stutz, Buhl; Terry Jones, Twin Falls; Glenn Blakely, Dave Slawkowski, Buhl.
 - 8 a.m.: Eric Smith, Twin Falls; Jordan Hamilton, Twin Falls; Willie Walkers, Hellsburg; Howard Van Horn, Buhl.
 - 9:10 a.m.: Zach Bellamy, Jerome; Taylor Latham, Twin Falls; Mike Siegen, Heppner.
 - 9:20 a.m.: Justin Sluder, Anders; Haggland, Twin Falls; Mike Siegen, Heppner; Steve Sluder.
 - 9:30 a.m.: Mattie Hammer, Rupert; Brennan Antone, Rupert; Darren Kulin, Pocatello.
 - 9:40 a.m.: Alan Ward, Burley; Dan Fickens, Roger Branson, Seaside; Ron Wendorf, Heppner; Steve Kowdy, Wendorf.
 - 9:50 a.m.: Lance Hamaley, Preston; Ken Dege, Preston; Will Gowdy, Wendorf.
 - 10 a.m.: Jason Carlini, Boise; Josh Kuhn, Pocatello; Mike Harris; Casey Perkins, Gooding.
 - 10:20 a.m.: Mike Oberdorf, Nampa; Brad Greene, Twin Falls; Chris

- Tarter, Buhl; Joey Zintel, 10:20 a.m.; Derek Peterson, Paul; Wade Billard, Buhl; Justin Jones, Buhl; Ron Maloof, Pocatello.
- 11 a.m.: Fred Wesley, Buhl; Duane Smith, Declo; Piper, Twin Falls; Tony Woods, Buhl.
- 11:40 a.m.: Mike Fehlmann, Oakley; Travis Robinson, Oakley; Brent Larson, Burley; A.J. Brinn, Burley.
- 11:50 a.m.: Josh Murphy, Boise; Ryan Hartnett, Emmett; Gary Paulsen, Buhl; Tony Billard, Buhl.
- 12:10 a.m.: Phil Pinc, Carly Odgers; Twin Falls; Mike Billard, Buhl; Brock Crystal, Birch Creek, Ula.
- 12:40 a.m.: Donny Talcott, Boise; Carter, Rupert; Bud Johnson, Heyburn; Willie Warren, Teton.
- 1:10 a.m.: John Zollinger, Malin; James Whitaker, Burley; Zach Zallinger, Malin; Jeremy Hutchins, Burley.
- 1:40 a.m.: Mike Crabtree, Curt; Mike Johnson, Burley; Bartlett; Steve Simpson, Burley.
- 2:10 a.m.: Robert Stevens, Westfall; Burley; Randall Glavin, Burley; Dave Nink, Burley.
- 2:40 a.m.: Paul Johnson, Jason; Aaron Bradley, Twin Falls; Keaton; Brent Embury; Mike Knapp; Meridian.
- 3:10 a.m.: Phil Stelling, Twin Falls; Jason Johnson, Burley; Paul Jones, Burley; Len Davidson, Twin Falls.
- 3:40 a.m.: Mike Johnson, Burley; Isaac Kelly, Wooten; Burley; Alvin Crabtree, Boise; Bruce Draper; Harrison

PERRY SHOOT 65 AT JOHN DEERE CLASSIC
SILVUS, Ill. — Kenny Perry continued his best run in

more than two decades on the PGA Tour, firing a 6-under 65 in the first round of the John Deere Classic that put him one stroke off the lead.

The 47-year-old Perry is right behind Ken Duke and Charlie Wi in a tie for third after winning two events last month. "Wade Austin was in a group at 11 feet on the par-5 11th before driving a 5-iron to 10 feet on the par-3 12th.

He missed a 15-foot birdie putt on his final hole but would have put him in a tie for first. Even so, it was another good round, one of many in recent weeks.

— The Associated Press

Warriors ink Maggette, sign Turiaf to offer sheet

Davis officially a Clipper now

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Golden State Warriors signed Corey Maggette on Thursday, grabbing the Los Angeles Clippers' leading scorer with a lucrative free-agent deal.

A person with knowledge of the deal previously told The Associated Press that Maggette is getting a five-year deal worth around \$50 million to leave the Clippers, who signed Golden State's Baron Davis on Thursday in an effective swap of high-scoring stars.

The Warriors made another aggressive move Thursday, signing Los Angeles Lakers forward Ronny Turiaf to an offer sheet. The Lakers have seven days to decide whether to match Golden State's four-year, \$17 million contract offer, which would boost Los Angeles' payroll past the luxury tax.

Turiaf averaged 6.6 points and 3.5 rebounds in 78 games with the Western Conference champions last year, starting 21 games. The three-year veteran also blocks shots and plays strong low-post defense, two of Golden State's biggest problem areas.

Maggette, a 6-foot-6 swingman, is expected to be a good fit for Warriors' coach Steve Nash's franchise fast-paced style of play. The 28-year-old former Duke star appeared in 70 games last season with the Clippers, averaging 22.1 points, 5.6 rebounds and 2.7 assists in all just off his career highs.

Davis opted out of a \$17 million deal for next season to accept a smaller salary to play in his hometown with Elton Brand and perhaps Maggette, who both opted out of their own contracts with the Clippers. Brand then signed with the Philadelphia 76ers on Wednesday, spurning a larger offer from Golden State — but the Warriors moved swiftly to sign Maggette, who received interest from five other teams, including Boston and San Antonio.

Maggette is expected to fill voids left by the departure of swingman Mickael Pietrus to Orlando, and the loss of forward Matt Barnes, whom Nelson said won't be back.

"He's been one of the most productive players in our league for the last several years, and provides us with additional versatility and veteran leadership," said Chris Mullin, the Warriors' top basketball executive.



Baron Davis poses with a Los Angeles Clippers jersey at a news conference to announce his signing to a multiyear contract in Los Angeles Thursday.

The Magic GM was executive director of basketball operations for the Warriors when Golden State drafted Pietrus No. 11 overall in 2003.

In Pietrus, 26, Orlando sees a lockdown defender and proven scorer. He averaged a career-best 11 points and started half the season for the Warriors in 2006-07, but fell out of Golden State coach Don Nelson's rotation last season.

JAZZ SIGN KOUFUS

SALT LAKE CITY

The Utah Jazz signed first-round pick Kosta Koufos on Thursday to a contract that will pay him around \$1 million a year.

Utah drafted the 19-year-old center from Ohio State in the 23rd pick, last month. Koufos played one season with the Buckeyes, then decided to leave school for the NBA.

Koufos will play for Utah's summer league team in the Rocky Mountain Range, which the Jazz host July 18-25.

WIZARDS SIGN POINT GUARD BROWN TO OFFER SHEET

WASHINGTON

Dee Brown was signed to an offer sheet Thursday by the Washington Wizards after spending last season in Turkey.

The Utah Jazz, who retained Brown's NBA rights while he was overseas, have seven days to match the offer.

Be the player who can bring quickness and energy to our team," Wizards president Ernie Grunfeld said. "We like that he gives us a different look at the point guard position."

KINGS C MILLER SUSPENDED FOR DRUG VIOLATION

NEW YORK

Brad Miller of the Sacramento Kings was suspended for five games by the NBA on Thursday because the center violated the league's drug program.

Former Florida player Dupay faces rape charge

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) — Former Florida basketball player "Reddy" Dupay is charged with felony rape aggravated sexual assault and aggravated kidnapping in an alleged attack on a woman at a Utah resort.

Dupay, a member of Florida's NCAA tournament runner-up team in 2000, is scheduled to be arraigned Monday in 3rd District Court.

Charges were filed last week after an investigation



Dupay

into an incident involving a woman who said she was attacked by Dupay, 29, at a lodge at Deer Valley ski resort on June 19.

According to court documents, the woman accused Dupay of kicking and punching her repeatedly before she was allegedly raped. The woman says she and Dupay had had a two-year relationship.

The court documents say Dupay acknowledged he and the woman were "a little rough," but denied it was rape. Investigators say the woman had two fractured ribs; bruises on her arm, shoulder and thigh; a swollen left eye and scratches on her back.

Dupay could not immediately be reached for comment and did not have an attorney on record to represent him as of Thursday.

Dupay played three seasons at Florida before he was drafted by the team before his senior season after evidence surfaced that he asked another student to place bets for him on Gator basketball games. Dupay was never charged criminally with gambling violations.

MAGIC LAND VERSATILE DEFENDER PIETRUS

ORLANDO, Fla. — Orlando Magic General Manager Otis Smith brought Mickael Pietrus in the NBA on Thursday, drawing him across the country and a little closer to home.

The Orlando Magic introduced the 6-foot-7 forward Thursday after signing him away from the Golden State Warriors. Smith leaked word earlier this week the team had reached an agreement with the native-born French Caribbean island Guadeloupe.

— The Associated Press

Afghan Olympic runner missing, may be seeking asylum

LONDON (AP)—The only female athlete on Afghanistan's team for the Beijing Olympics has gone missing from a training camp in Italy and apparently is seeking political asylum in Norway.

Mehbooba Ahdyar, a 19-year-old runner who competes in the 800 meters and 1,500 meters, hasn't been heard from since leaving the training center in Formia last week. Her luggage and passport also were gone.

"The IOC accepts that athletes sometimes get lost and have to make hard choices to improve their lives," International Olympic Committee spokeswoman Emmanuelle Morreau said Thursday. "It would appear this is what has happened in this case."

Ahdyar, part of Afghanistan's four-member Olympic team, had been training for the Aug. 8-24 games on an IOC scholarship program that assists athletes from smaller and less developed nations.

She began training in April at a high-performance center in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and moved in early June to the pre-games facility in Formia, south of Rome, where she was supposed to stay until July 7.

"She's gone missing," Morreau said. "We don't have any official information. We only know that she might be seeking asylum in Norway."

The IOC has had no word from Ahdyar and is in contact with Afghanistan's national Olympic committee and the International Association of Athletics Federations.

"On July 4, she left with her bags and passports, and we have not heard from her since," IAAF spokesman Nick Davies said. "We have heard nothing from her directly."

In Kabul, the deputy chairman of the Afghan Olympic body, Sayed Mahmoud Zia Dasht, said Ahdyar had a leg injury and was receiving treatment in Italy.

"I can confirm that she has injured her leg and that she has will not participate in the Beijing Olympics and that her family in Italy is taking care of her," he said.

There had been fears that Ahdyar's disappearance could be linked to death threats from Muslim extremists in Afghanistan opposed to women running in the Olympics.

Afghanistan was banned from the 2000 Sydney Olympics, because the Taliban regime in power at the time barred women from taking part in the games.

The 2004 Athens Games marked the first time Afghan women competed in the Olympics, with Robina Muqimyar running in the 100-meter heats and Friba Razayee competing in judo.

Afghanistan is fighting a Taliban insurgency six years after the hard-line regime's ouster, and women are still considered second-class citizens. Taliban militants often target organizations and individuals who champion women's issues.

Ahdyar's family of eight lives in a mud brick house in one of the poorest parts of Kabul.

"We are scared, really scared about the security situation in our country and of the people who have negative views about my family," Ahdyar's mother, Masha Jan, told The Associated Press in March.

"These problems cannot stop us from supporting our daughter."

Ahdyar, who competes wearing a head scarf and long pants, runs the 1,500 meters in about 4 minutes, 50 seconds—a full minute slower than the world record.

Jaguars' Jones arrested Stewart on felony drug charge

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Jacksonville Jaguars wide receiver Matt Jones faces a felony drug charge in his former college town after police say he was inside a car cutting up cocaine with a credit card.

The 25-year-old Jones and two others were arrested early Thursday. A police report said Jones approached the car and an officer drew his handgun after Jones did not immediately show his hands.

Police said they searched the vehicle and found a plastic bag filled with a white substance that tested positive for cocaine and a jar with possible marijuana residue.

Jared Hlicks and Benjamin Cook were also arrested on misdemeanor drug charges.

Jones was released from the Washington County jail on a \$2,500 bond. His arraignment on a charge of felony possession of a controlled substance was set for Aug. 11, two days after Jacksonville's preseason opener against Atlanta.

Police said 6 grams of cocaine was found. The threshold for potential charges of possession with intent to deliver is 10 grams. However, prosecutor John Threet said there is no evidence that Jones intended to deal the drug.

Jaguars owner Wayne Weaver said he was willing to learn details of the case.

"We're trying to investigate that now," Weaver said. "We don't have all the facts. We will comment on that once we have all the facts."

Jones, a star quarterback at Arkansas and a first-round pick in 2005, failed to develop into the go-to receiver for Jacksonville.

Jones caught 77 passes for 1,075 yards and nine touchdowns in his first two pro seasons, but he struggled in 2007.

Last season, coach Jack Del Rio became increasingly frustrated with Jones' demeanor and work ethic, making him inactive for three games. In the offseason, the Jaguars signed free agent Jerry Porter and traded for former first-round pick Troy Williamson.

WILLIAMS NOT GUILTY ON DRUNKEN DRIVING

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Jacksonville Jaguars defensive back Brian Williams has been found not guilty of drunk driving after a night of partying.

The athlete showed no reaction as the verdict was read Thursday. Had he been convicted, he faced up to a year in jail.

Officers say Williams swerved his Jaguar in front of a patrol car and had watery and bloodshot eyes and smelled of alcohol when he was arrested in September 2006. Authorities said Williams was verbally abusive.

Williams testified he was not intoxicated, but acknowledged he lied when an officer asked him if he had any drinks.

Williams first pleaded no contest, but was allowed to drop his plea and go to trial.

ROONEY BROTHER MAY DECIDE STEELERS OWNERSHIP FIGHT

PITTSBURGH — Pittsburgh Steelers chairman Dan Rooney faces an uphill climb in trying to acquire majority control of one of pro sports' best-known franchises now that his four brothers have hit an investment firm to field offers for their shares of the club.

In a curious twist, Art Rooney Jr., a Pro Football Hall of Fame nominee for his drafting skills who was fired by Dan Rooney 21 years ago, may decide if the team stays in the Rooney family's control.

Dan Rooney, widely viewed as the NFL's most influential owner, has spent two years in an unsuccessful attempt to buy out his four younger brothers, who own stakes in the team's Super Bowl championship franchise. Each brother owns 16 percent, or a total of 80 percent.

The other 20 percent is owned by the family of the late Barney McCloskey, who helped Steelers founder Art Rooney Sr. reacquire the Steelers in the 1930s. Rooney sold the team for a brief time. The McClenleys' share is not believed to be for sale.

To prevent an outside investor from most likely, billionaire Stanley Draper, from buying the team, Rooney said Monday, from obtaining a majority stake, Dan Rooney needs to persuade at least one brother to sell to him.

The Associated Press

NASCAR cancels Cup qualifying after Chicago storms

JOLIET, Ill. — With a line of strong storms moving through the area, NASCAR officials canceled Thursday night's Sprint Cup series qualifying at Chicagoland Speedway.

The field for Saturday's race will be set according to car owner points, with the top 35 points leader Kyle Busch on the pole position and Dale Earnhardt Jr. alongside him on the front row.

Greg Biffle was fastest in the first practice session Thursday afternoon, with a lap of 179.748 mph.

approved by another Haas executive, general manager Bob Murray.

Stewart said the team's sponsors and second driver for next season have not been finalized. It has been speculated that Ryan Newman, who currently drives for Penske, could end up as Stewart's new teammate.

The addition of Stewart — perhaps joined by another big-name driver and some big-money sponsors — could go a long way toward boosting the performance of the team. They already have good equipment, getting



Tony Stewart, right, and Joe Custer, general manager of Haas-CNC Racing, attend a news conference at which they announced that Stewart will be a driver for and co-owner of the NASCAR auto racing team Thursday, July 10, 2008, at Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet, Ill.

their cars and engines from the Hendrick Motorsports team.

But what if they continue to struggle early on next season? Can Stewart handle running in the middle of the pack after years of running up front and contending for championships?

"I feel like that we have the variables in place to go out and be competitive right away," Stewart said. "At the same time, we know it's a rebuilding process and it's going to be an adjustment period. How long is this adjustment period going to take? We don't know."

Stewart's longtime crew chief, Greg Zipadrelli. "His success, our success as a group, would not be possible without him."

Stewart said the hardest part about his decision to leave was the fact that Zipadrelli isn't coming with him. Zipadrelli will stay with the Gibbs, and may end up being paired with 16-year-old racing phenomenon Joey Logano on the No. 20 team next year.

"For myself, I think you've got to look at what's best for me, where am I most comfortable, and where are my obligations," Zipadrelli said. "They're going to the Gibbs Racing. My guys have supported me and most of them have continued to work with me for 10 years or more. This is a plan to stay involved in NASCAR after he's done driving is important to Stewart, who already has several financial interests in racing — including ownership of sprint car teams and grassroots race tracks.

Stewart and Haas-CNC general manager Joe Custer did not directly confirm the financial details of Stewart's ownership stake in the team. But both Custer and Stewart strongly hinted that adding Zipadrelli to the team was the marquee was enough, and he wouldn't be investing

a large chunk of his, own money.

It is that really enough to warrant giving him half the team?

"He doesn't just put his name on it. He puts his heart into it," Custer said. "What's Tony Stewart's heart worth?"

The other 50 percent of the team is owned by Haas Automation, a California-based machine tool builder. The company's founder, Gene Haas, being serving a two-year prison sentence for tax-evasion in January.

Custer said Gene Haas was not involved in making the deal with Stewart. It was

Arizona coach Lute Olson says he's done with 'One and done'

Arizona coach Lute Olson said Thursday that his program's loss of stand-out prep basketball player Brandon Jennings to a European professional league has convinced him to adopt a new recruiting strategy.

"It's a situation now that if someone's a 'one-and-done,' we're not going to pursue them anymore, no way," Olson said from his Tucson office.

Under NBA rules that won't expire until the current collective bargaining agreement ends after the 2010-11 season, elite prep players such as Jennings, are unable to join the league until they are 19 and a year removed from their final year of high school. That mandate has resulted in a slew of top players, including USC's O.J. Mayo and UCLA's Kevin Love, playing one college season before bolting for the NBA's millions.

Olson, 73, a basketball Hall of Fame member who guided

Arizona's Olson says he's done with 'One and done'

the Wildcats to a 1997 NCAA title, labels the so-called one-and-done situation a "farce," and is pushing for reform as a member of the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

Olson suggests that elite prep players be given a choice: opt to declare for the NBA draft immediately after high school, or be committed to spending a minimum of two years (Olson would prefer three) in college.

The coach, returning to the bench from a one-year hiatus due to his divorce, was poised to add another top recruit to "Point Guard U." when Jennings signed to join Arizona.

But as Jennings, a Southern California and McDonald's All-American who played the past two seasons at Oak Hill Academy in Virginia, awaited the SAT score that would determine his college eligibility, Jennings began pursuing the idea of earning an immediate income through a contract and endorsement deals as a pro in Europe.

Home

to build a team that's going to play 81 games in the same ballpark, you certainly want to have the stakeholders, nuances of your park and the type of offensive club you have to bring onto the field."

Having last ticks also plays into it.

"When a game is tied and you're at home, you normally bring in your best pitcher, which is your closer, and he helps you get your next out," Yankees general fielder Johnny Damon said. "When you're the road team, you don't necessarily bring in your top guy."

Damon Rivera's four wins this season have all come at

Cowboys

The Cowboys took some time getting started in the second game as well, and held off a late Rangers charge to win 8-7 to complete the sweep and remain tied for first place in the Area C.

Scott Speer pitched 6 1-3 solid innings, backed up by an offense led by a 3-for-4 effort and three stolen bases.

But Speer started to run out of steam in the seventh inning, during which the Rangers plated six runs. Heath Stewart came on and got the last two outs to pick up the save.

"Scotty just ran out of gas a

little bit and they started hitting him, but that happens," Karz said. "We held on, right- away our composure and took their best punch and got the W."

The Cowboys (25-9, 18-6 Area C) are at Upper Valley on Monday.

Game 1
Twin Falls 50, Idaho Falls 49, Free Innings
Twin Falls 02:00 - 04:15
Idaho Falls 04:15 - 06:30
Cody Stewart and Travis Hackett: Sam Perera and
Travis Hackett: Sam Perera and Travis Hackett
Lester: Mike - 276 Twin Falls, Jack Weidner.

Game 2
Twin Falls 6, Idaho Falls 7
Twin Falls 02:30 - 04:15
Idaho Falls 04:15 - 06:30
Heath Stewart (7) and Heath Stewart, Cody Burge
(7) W. Scotty Speer, Scott Stewart.
Lester: Mike - 26 Idaho Falls, Black, Hackett: Tom
Perera.

OWNER: JAGUARS NOT FOR SALE

Jacksonville Jaguars owner Wayne Weaver is refinancing debt, considering taking on a financial partner, and struggling to sell tickets to games at a stadium naming rights deal.

Despite the problems, he wants to make one thing clear: His team is not for sale and is not going anywhere.

"I just wanted to clarify that I'm not selling the Jaguars," Weaver said Thursday in response to a newspaper report. "The team is not moving to any other city. I don't know how I can say that any more clearly than that. Everybody wants me to sit here and speculate on the future. I'm not going to speculate on the future."

"At some point, maybe I would sell the team, but not now. Whatever happens in the future, I can't say one thing: The Jaguars are not for sale as the Jacksonville Jaguars."

The Philadelphia Daily News reported that Weaver was negotiating to sell the

Yankee Stadium after he entered with the score tied in the top of the ninth.

And then there is the intimidation factor, especially on the East Coast, which tends to attract more rabid fans. Fenway Park has had 432 consecutive regular-season sellouts dating to 2003.

Playing at Fenway and winning there might be a little bit of an advantage because of the atmosphere," Red Sox first baseman Scott Casey said. "Maybe teams are backed up a little bit."

AP Sports Writer Janie McCreedy and AP Freelance writer John Kerber contributed to this report.

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BOISE FORECAST

Today: Not so hot and sunny. Breezy at times. Highs low 90s. Tonight: Clear night skies expected. Lows upper 40s. Tomorrow: Sunny and pleasant. Highs middle to upper 80s.

IDAHO FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. The weather pattern will keep precipitation away from the area for many days to come. A warming trend will commence after today. Conditions will be excellent for most outdoor activities.

Today Highs 87 to 78. Tonight Lows 31 to 43. Tomorrow Highs 84 to 89. Lows 48 to 54. BOISE: Sunrise 5:48 AM. Sunset 7:52 PM. Moonset 11:58 PM. Moonrise 1:32 AM.

NORTHERN UTAH: Clear and mostly sunny for the end of the week and the coming weekend. Thunderstorm chances return gradually after next week.



Weather's Blue Sky Extension: 90 at Twin Falls. Lows: 34 at Canyon. Sunrise: 5:48 AM. Sunset: 7:52 PM. Moonset: 11:58 PM. Moonrise: 1:32 AM.

REGG MIDDLEKAUF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY: "I will never do the right thing, not because it is wrong, but because it will be changed by the world."

TWIN FALLS, IDAHO DAY FORECAST

Table with columns: Today, Tonight, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

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Table with columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, Pollen Count. Includes monthly and daily data.

Table with columns: Moon Phases, Moonrise and Moonset, U.V. INDEX. Includes moon phase icons and UV index levels.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists various regional cities and their weather forecasts.

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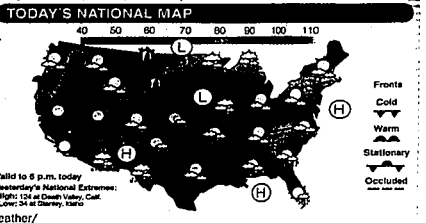
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WORLD FORECAST

Table with columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists major world cities and their weather forecasts.

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Table with columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists major Canadian cities and their weather forecasts.



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Family purse strings no longer in husband's hands

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are going through a financial situation which many families seem to face these days, where the wife has to take care of the family's finances.



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

Yesterday my husband asked me to give him some money. Of course I told him I would give it to him, but I wanted to know what he needed it for because I had given him enough a week ago that should have gotten him through a minimum of three weeks.

My husband became angry and told me to "forget the money," that he would manage one way or another. I tried explaining to him that if the situation was the other way around, he would have wanted to know what I needed the money for and that I was only concerned, but he's still mad at me. I apologized, but he's still hurt.

Was it wrong to ask him what he needed the money for?

— WORRIED WIFE

DEAR WORRIED WIFE:

Your question was probably spontaneous, and certainly to the point. More than what happened to the money, your husband's defensive reaction is cause for concern. If he was proud of where the money went, he would have answered the question.

However, please consider that another reason he may have overreacted is that he feels it should be his place to be the breadwinner — and the fact that you are a blow to his ego.

DEAR ABBY: I am an 11-year-old girl with a problem. My mom is dating a really cool guy. He's an engineer, remembers our birthdays and stuff like that, but I don't like him that much. He is my mother's friend. Therefore, you should treat him with the same respect and consideration that you would want your mother to treat one of YOUR friends.

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With a few hiccups, Safe House work moves along

Teen home could be open by October

By Nate Poppino
Staff writer

Soon enough, the home at the corner of Sixty Avenue and Hose Street North will be filled with 12 teenagers and their caretakers.

Once remodeled, the new Twin Falls County Safe House will have space for up to 12 teens that have been abused

or neglected. The house will double the number of teens the program can house.

All that remains, it seems, is a few delays.

Volunteers from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints want to do landscaping work, including installing a sprinkler system. But the group may have to wait until after St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center attorneys finish drafting a quitclaim deed to property located just next door, signaling that they have no interest in the land, County Commissioner Terry Kramer said.

That land, Commissioner

Tom Mikesell said, is one of several that the county owns only by contract, not by deed.

The sites were left out of the 2006 sale agreement that passed the hospital to St. Luke's, and the county and hospital are working to resolve the ownership issues for each one.

The Rose Street land in question is slated to become a playground and basketball court for the Safe House.

Hospital chief financial officer John Groesbeck and facilities director Paul Louton said at a Tuesday meeting that the quitclaim will need to include easements for nearby hospital facilities, a necessary step

before the county can build the play facilities and fencing around the land.

Speaking on Wednesday, Kramer said he felt like the wait was worth preventing any other problems down the road.

"It's much better for us to make sure we know where their access is necessary," the commissioner said. "We don't want to interfere with the operation of the hospital in any way whatsoever."

Separately, Mikesell said on Thursday that waiting may not be an option.

"The property is ours by contract," he pointed out. "We

can't delay this project any more."

Officials may have nothing to worry about, Groesbeck said on Thursday afternoon that the deed should be ready next week, and the land is the only parcel where an easement is required.

"It shouldn't be too big of a deal," said Groesbeck, who previously said the hospital officials understood the need to complete the deed.

The deed isn't the first time the project has experienced delays. Among other items, the roof had to be re-engineered at one point, and issues with a custom-made handicapped-

accessible bathtub took two months to sort out. But they're nothing unusual in home construction, said Jeff Gooding, a member of the Magic Valley Builders Association who's helped head the remodeling project.

Buildings are moving right along, Mikesell said. The interior is nearly done, he said, with workers hanging sheet rock this week. Cabinets and 200 yards of carpet are waiting in a warehouse, and the county is hoping to start the licensing process within three weeks.

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LaRocco, Rammell talk strategy

U.S. Senate opponents to hold debates, challenge Risch

By Jared S. Hopkins
Staff writer

Two opponents in Idaho's U.S. Senate race are holding a press conference today to announce they will debate together.

Democrat Larry LaRocco and Independent Rex Rammell are scheduled to speak together today in Boise regarding a plan to hold live debates together in Idaho — and will challenge GOP nominee Jim Risch on Tuesday.

"We're going to challenge Jim Risch," Rammell said. "We feel like it's a pretty important seat and the people of Idaho deserve to know what we believe in."

There will be 10 debates, all held in October, including one in Twin Falls, Rammell said.

"They'll be releasing a joint statement about the U.S. Senate race and will unveil their plan to hold live debates across this state," said LaRocco spokesman Dan Ferguson. He declined further details.

Ferguson said organizers considered inviting the other candidates — including



Larry LaRocco, the Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate, works with members of Local No. 296 Plumbers and Pipefitters Union at the Idaho Milk Products construction site Thursday in Jerome.

Risch, the state's lieutenant governor — but chose not to. The event will be at 10:30 a.m. at the Log Cabin Literary Center.

In recent years, Risch has declined to participate in live televised debates, including one in May for the primary, when he chose a taped debate hosted by TV news

stations over of a live debate sponsored by Idaho Public Television.

LaRocco and Rammell each have rocky relationships with Risch.

LaRocco, a consultant and former U.S. Representative, has lost two political races — including the 2006 lieutenant governor's race — to Risch, a

Boise attorney and former state senator.

Rammell went up against Risch two years ago when Risch, during his seven-month tenure as governor, ordered Rammell's exit to be shot after they left his property.

A phone call to Jason Risch, Jim Risch's son and

campaign manager, was not returned.

LaRocco was in Jerome on Thursday at a milk processing plant as part of his "Working for Senate" campaign.

Jared S. Hopkins may be reached at 208-735-3204 or jhopkins@magicvalley.com.

Ketchum mayor rails against recall charges

By Susan Bailey
The Wood River Journal

Ketchum Mayor Randy Hall spoke out against a recall petition filed against him last week.

If petitioner Anne Corrook gathers 418 signatures, Hall could be removed by a majority vote.

"I believe I'm the subject of this recall because I am implementing our community's collective vision and have no plans to stray off course," said Hall at the start of the regular July 7 Monday night meeting in City Hall.

Hall said he would not be distracted by the recall activities.

"We are a resort community with a resort economy," said Hall. "These people want to recall me for doing the very thing I said I'd do."

Hall said he promised to help the economy by approving hotel projects, building affordable housing and revitalizing the downtown. He said he was accomplishing those things.

The first charge made on the recall petition, that Hall voted himself a salary increase during a budget crisis, Hall rebutted by saying at the time there was not a budget crisis.

In answer to charges of holding retreats outside the

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INL blaze contained

By Nate Poppino
Staff writer

A wildfire that covered 1,400 acres on Idaho National Laboratory land Wednesday in Arco, Idaho, was contained, INL spokesman John Walsh said on Thursday.

The fire was 100 percent contained as of 1 p.m. Thursday, Walsh said. Firefighters were watching for hot spots that could be stirred up by desert winds.

The blaze, started on the north side of U.S. Highway 20 near mile marker 268, was first reported at about 2 p.m. Early reports estimated it at 300 acres, but the fire tripled in size within three hours and caused a brief closure of the highway, which was being repaved.

The fire burned sagebrush and grass between the Materials and Fuels Complex and Central Facilities Area, between 38 and 45 miles west of Idaho Falls. Bulldozers, tanker trucks, aircraft and

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Superintendent provides tour of Declo schools

District looks to drum up support for \$44.5M bond issue

By Damon Hanzeker
Staff writer

DECLO — The three schools in Declo aren't collapsing, but upon close inspection following a tour by Cassia School District Superintendent Gaylen Smyer, most of the problems — as well as the rationale behind the upcoming bond issue — became obvious.

If passed, the proposed \$44.5 million bond issue, scheduled for an Aug. 26 vote, will renovate or reconstruct schools in all four Cassia communities. Open houses were held at each school Tuesday night.

Some of Declo Junior High School was constructed in the 1970s and 1980s, but most of it was built in the early 1950s.

"In concept, all of that portion would be knocked down and replaced by new classrooms and a media center," Smyer said.

Despite its age, the school has been well-maintained — at least aesthetically. But

Declo school facilities affected by bond issue

- Elementary: First-second grade building torn down and replaced
- Multi-purpose/lunchroom building connected by new classrooms to fourth-fifth grade building
- Junior High: 1950s era wing on west end torn down, replaced; and connected to old gym
- Heating system replaced
- Gymnasium ceiling repaired; heating system and floor replaced
- High School: Second gymnasium added to existing gym

Smyer explained that the board's architectural analysis revealed significant problems below the surface.

Among other issues, the heating deficiencies are particularly problematic in the elementary school. The grade school, constructed in 1974, had no walls separating the classrooms. At the time, an idea prevailed that open spaces contributed to better learning. A few walls have been added, but in most places, bookshelves function as partitions between rooms.

"We're going to keep what's architecturally sound," Principal Rebecca Hunsaker said. "We're not looking at just next year or even 10 years from now but what we'll need in place far down the road."

The building with bookshelves for walls and low ceilings, will be replaced. The fourth and fifth-grade building will remain but will be connected to the multi-purpose building with a U-shaped series of new classrooms.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Madrona Street to be closed two days

Portions of Madrona Street in Twin Falls, from Filer Avenue East to Stadium Boulevard, will be closed to through traffic from 8 a.m. Monday to 5 p.m. on Tuesday for water line work.

Detours will be set up for detour traffic around the work zone. Detour signs will direct traffic to Altus Drive between Filer Avenue East and Stadium Boulevard. Instead of using Madrona. Please use caution and obey the traffic control signs when traveling in this area.

Volunteers needed for air show

Organizers of the Air Magic Valley air show on July 26 and 27 are seeking volunteers to help in the area of parking and ticketing gates.

Volunteers are key to the success of the major community event. Those interested can visit <http://www.airmagicvalley.org> and fill out the volunteer information. An organizer will be in contact with you after your apply.

Students needed for emergency response class

South-central Idahoans with basic emergency response training now have the chance to add to what they've learned.

Local officials are looking for participants for a Community Emergency Response Team "Train-the-Trainer" class, planned for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 15 and 16 at the regional Idaho Department of Health and Welfare office, 601 Pole Line Road in Twin Falls.

The class is open to those who have completed basic CERT training, at least 240 people in the area, and will give participants the knowledge and opportunity to become CERT instructors, said Jackie Frey, director of emergency services for Twin Falls County and instructor for the August session. Participants will review basic first aid, triage, critical incident stress management, cribbing and basic fire suppression.

CERT volunteers are valued across the country. Frey said, supporting county emergency programs during an incident or disaster.

For more information, contact Frey at 736-4234. To register, visit <http://www.idaho.prepares.com>.

— From staff reports

Rex R. Rathbun

JEROME — Rex R. Rathbun, 85, of Jerome, Idaho, died early Tuesday morning, July 8, 2008, at his home in Jerome.

Rex was born on Aug. 27, 1922, in Cleveland, Ohio, the son of Ross and Hazel Lathrop Rathbun.

He graduated from military school and then furthered his education at Columbia and Stanford Universities where he obtained his Bachelors and Masters degrees and then finally his PhD in Business Administration.

On May 2, 1970, Rex married Evelyn Jackson in Reno, Nev. They lived in Boise and

in Twin Falls before moving to Jerome. Evelyn passed away in November of 2001.

Rex was a gifted craftsman making music boxes which he sold among his friends. He was also well known for his Uncle Sam appearance which he played in many parades in the valley.

Rex loved to sing and sang in many church choirs. Rex is survived by his brother, Edward Rathbun of California; as well as many close friends. Farewell to a great friend.

A celebration of Rex's life will be held at a Memorial Mass at 9 a.m. on Sunday, July 13, at St. Jerome's Catholic Church in Jerome with Father Ron Wekerle celebrating. Arrangements are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

Glenn A. Koch

PEORIA, Ariz. — Rev. Glenn A. Koch, 79, was taken in the arms of his Savior on June 30, 2008, to his heavenly reward with several of his loved ones in family, friends and Pastor praying around his bed at the time of his death.

Glenn graduated from Wendell High School, then served in the U.S. Marine Corps. Glenn and Martina Hanson were married on June 7, 1953. After graduating from Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill., he served as pastor of Lutheran Church in Burley, Idaho, before going to be a Chaplain in the U.S. Air Force, where he served in various places until his retirement with 24 years of service.

After retirement, he served an English speaking congregation in Kaiserslautern, Germany, until, for health reasons, he returned to our home in Peoria, Idaho, to serve as a vacancy Pastor at Trinity, Layton, Utah, until health reasons again forced

a move to Arizona to be near two of his daughters. He continued to be a witness for Christ throughout many hospitalizations and surgeries. His final weeks were spent in his home under the loving care of his family and friends.

He leaves his wife, Martina (Hanson); daughter, Mildred Yeager of Bellevue, and Vickie Chandler of Peoria, Ariz.; (Scott) and Sandra Bauer of Peoria, Ariz.; Donna Leach of Tucson, Ariz.; and son, David and Cindy Koch of Anchorage, Alaska. 21 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by daughter, Ruth.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations be made to Apostles Lutheran Church in Glenn's name for a new mission school and dorm in Uganda for orphans of AIDS victims. This mission is called St. Glenn's heart. Donations can be sent to 7020 W. Cactus, Peoria, AZ, 85311.

Charley Lown

HANSEN — Charley Lown, 88, longtime Hansen resident, passed away at his home after a short illness. He was born in Webster, Iowa, on Nov. 2, 1919, to George and Madge Lown.

He married Mary Jane Ross on Sept. 5, 1942. They lived in Iowa, Arizona and later in Hansen, Idaho, where she passed away in February 1980.

Charley served in the 81st fighter group, 91st fighter squad during World War II. Seeing quite a bit of the world, Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Sicily, Naples, Rome, EAME Theatre and China, to name a few.

He has one surviving sister, Mildred Yeager of Ottumwa, Iowa; his son, Danny and wife Betty of Burns, Ore.; granddaughter, Shawna and great-granddaughter Abigail Mary of Newport, Idaho. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary; his parents; brother, Arville and sister, Hazel.

Arrangements are under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho.

There will be no services or Charley's request. In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Hansen Library.

Sean Patrick Murphy

Sean Patrick Murphy of Twin Falls died July 9, 2008, at age 43.

A Minnesota native, Sean first came to Idaho as a seasonal time employee of Micron and later Dell Computers.

He is survived by: Terry and Valerie Murphy, El Sobrante, Calif.; Shiran and Stuart Olson, Maplewood, Minn.; Emily Murphy, White Bear Lake, Minn.; Shellie Estrada and Justin Gardner Jr. and

Victoria Estrada, Twin Falls, and Josh Murphy, Boise, Idaho.

A celebration of Sean's life will be held at Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, 259 Main St., Twin Falls on Saturday July 12; viewing will be held at 2 p.m. with services at 2 p.m. at reception will follow. The family requests no flowers. Memorials preferred to St. Luke's Hospital Foundation.

DEATH NOTICES

Kathy Schrader

Kathy Schrader, 58 of Twin Falls died at her home. Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Billy Joe Sant

HAGERMAN — Billy Joe Sant, 74, of Hagerman died Wednesday, July 9, 2008, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements will be announced by Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Scott Boyer

HAGERMAN — Scott Boyer, 63, of Hagerman, died Thursday, July 10, 2008, at home. Graveside interment services will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, July 19, 2008,

at the Hagerman Cemetery. Bishop Mike Owsley will officiate. Cremation is under the direction of Serenity Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

Fred Hartley

WENDELL — Fred Hartley, 100, of Wendell died Thursday, July 10, 2008, at Creekside Residential Care Center in Jerome. Arrangements will be announced by Demaray's Wendell Chapel.

M. Irene Stout

BOISE — M. Irene Stout, 84, of Boise, formerly of Buhl, died Thursday, July 10, 2008, at home of natural causes. Arrangements will be announced by Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel, Boise.

SERVICES

Jeané Emler of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; visitation one hour before the funeral today at the mortuary.

Hannah Vibbert of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St. A. Rupert; viewing one hour prior to the service today at the mortuary.

Leo Marvin Meier of Butte, services at 2 p.m. today at Clover Trinity Lutheran Church on Clover Road in Buhl (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Lyle Joe Arthur, 96, of Paul, funeral at 2 p.m. today at Rupert Methodist Church (Hanson Mortuary).

Herbert A. Schoepf of Twin Falls, military rites at 10 a.m. Saturday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

Dorothy G. Patterson of Bellevue, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Belleview Cemetery (Wood River Chapel in Halley).

Lula Grace Hickman of Havre, Mont., graveside service at 2 p.m. Saturday at Sunset Memorial Park

Cemetery in Twin Falls. Billy Joe Sant of Hagerman, memorial graveside service at 2:30 p.m., Saturday at the Hagerman Cemetery (Demaray Funeral Service Gooding Chapel).

Keith Corbridge of Hagerman, potluck open house from 4 to 6 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 Herret Center at the college of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls; visitation begins at 1 p.m. Saturday. Services are being handled by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home.

Willa Fitzgerald Carlsquist 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.

Backlog of DNA samples may hamper JonBenet case

By P. Solomon Banda Associated Press writer

DENVER — Unless he has another brush with the law someday, a DNA sample is taken from him, JonBenet Ramsey's killer might never be caught.

Even worse, his DNA might already be in a police filing cabinet somewhere, still waiting, along with hundreds of thousands of genetic samples from convicted felons across the U.S., to be processed by a laboratory and entered into the national DNA database.

The nation's DNA tracking system is beset with a huge backlog that could take years to clear. And in the meantime, law enforcement officials say, crimes are going unsolved.

"It's very, very frustrating because this is so powerful," said Norm Gahn, a Milwaukee prosecutor who helped pioneer the practice of filing charges against unidentified sex offenders based solely on their DNA profile.

Investigators in the JonBenet case said this

week that tests on a few invisible skin cells have convinced them they have the DNA profile of the man who killed the 6-year-old beauty queen in her Boulder home in 1996. But so far they haven't found a match.

L. Lin Wood, an attorney for JonBenet's father, John, said he is confident someone will be arrested someday. "DNA will get the killer of JonBenet."

How long it might take depends on whether the killer has any major brushes with the law that would make him subject to a mandatory DNA test. It might also depend on how quickly state and local police — or an outside laboratory — can analyze the sample, extract the DNA profile and get it entered into the national database.

An estimate of 200,000 to 300,000 DNA samples from convicted offenders nationwide were still waiting to be added to the federal government's database in 2003, the most recent numbers available, according to a study funded by the U.S. Justice Department.

Wildfires burn 3 homes in Spokane suburb

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — New wildfires pushed by strong winds burned three homes in a wooded area of suburban Spokane Valley late Thursday, and other homes were being evacuated.

KREM-TV video showed firefighters battling three houses in flames in the Dishman Hills area, where winds reported gusted as high as 50 miles per hour. The new wildfires were burning in the area.

Residents of more than a dozen homes have been asked to evacuate, authorities said.

At least six homes were threatened, said Bill Clifford, a spokesman for the Spokane Valley Fire Department. The state Department of Natural Resources was assisting local firefighting efforts.

The fires were reported Thursday afternoon.

Wildfires elsewhere in Eastern Washington advanced across rough terrain, burning nearly 9 square miles, as the National Weather Service issued red-flag warnings for wildfire conditions.

Firefighters were battling steep terrain, rattlesnakes and wind gusts of up to 30 mph on a blaze near Bingen, just south of the U.S.-Canada border, said U.S. Forest Service spokesman Robin DeMarco.

Evacuation orders were lifted for eight homes there late Thursday, but residents of another 11 homes remained on notice they might have to flee the Cayuse Fire, which has burned at least 1,000 acres. No structures have burned, and the Draper 200 firefighters were on the scene.

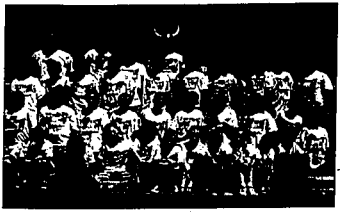
Residents of more than three dozen condominiums and homes waited and watched as another fire pushed toward a golf course near the town of Orondo, about 20 miles north of Wenatchee.

Authorities alerted residents of some 40 condos to be aware of the fire, which was moving toward the Desert Canyon Golf Course. About 4,200 acres of the fire had burned late Thursday, with 50 firefighters assigned to the fire, DeMarco said.

Both fires started Wednesday.

Crews gained ground on the nearby Badger Creek Fire, also north of Wenatchee, which has burned 4 square miles but was 90 percent contained late Thursday. About 125 people were assigned to the blaze, which started Tuesday. Twenty miles southwest of Naches in south-central Washington, firefighters had contained the fire. The fire, which started Tuesday, had burned 50 percent contained. Some 160 firefighters battled the fire.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Twin Falls Camp Invention, a non-profit camp that encourages students to develop new ideas and designs, held a camp June 15-20. Participants attended four modules each day plus a recess remix which included combining physical activity with creative problem solving, and invites children to participate in fun, energetic games that require teamwork, cooperation, coordination, and inventive thinking. The camp was open to students in first through sixth grades throughout the Magic Valley area. Instructors for the camp were Judi Baxter and Eric Barman and camp counselors were J.T. Garner, Lake Pierce and Alex Carter. Pictured are the June camp participants.

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Firefighters from both INL and the Bureau of Land Management helped stop the fire's rapid expansion. Walsh said. The blaze also ran onto land burned last summer, denying it fuel, he said.

At 1,400 acres, Walsh said, the fire was significant, but paled compared to 10,000 or 20,000-acre fires the site has hosted in the past. It never threatened any buildings on the spread-out facility, though the fuels complex

was evacuated.

"The evacuation was more of a precaution, more for smoke as anything," Walsh said.

The fire was likely human-caused, started near U.S. Highway 20 on a cloud-free day, Walsh said. Firefighters are still investigating it.

The national laboratory, which specializes in nuclear, national defense and other scientific research, annually reviews its fire procedures and adjusts them based on

each fire season. The facility covers 690 square miles, and fire danger is expected to become extreme as grasses and sagebrush dry during the summer, according to a May news release on the subject.

The facility maintains three fire stations on-site, with four heavy wildland trucks, a 2,000-gallon all-wheel-drive water tender and at least 22 firefighters on-duty - at all times. Previous fires include a 1999

blaze that covered more than 40,500 acres near the fuels complex and a similar, 30,000-acre fire near the Reactor Technology Complex in 2000.

In 2007, INL responded to 14 wildland fires involving more than 9,800 acres. No buildings have been significantly damaged in recent years.

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Those attending include Nathan Baker, Bryson Cole, Kirsten Johnson, Kayla McCarty and chaperone Danelia Schwendman, all sponsored by the City of Burley; Jessica Slight and Kaius Nelwert, sponsored by the City of Rupert; Erica Browning, sponsored by the City of Faust; Kyle Laib and Yolanda Cruz sponsored by Minkola Memorial Hospital and HealthNet; Elissa Greenman and Brittney Robertsons, sponsored by Cassia Regional Medical Center and HealthNet; and chaperone Deanna Nelwert sponsored by Minkola Memorial, Cassia Regional and HealthNet. Additional candidates and chaperone Geri Alejandro were sponsored by Cassia Regional Medical Center Volunteers.

Area youths attend youth delegate conference

After attending the area city councils' several area youth attended the Association of Idaho Cities youth delegate conference June 24-27 held in Boise.

During the conference, youth delegates learned to work with local elected officials to accurately identify, understand and respect the feelings of others, develop skills to identify and solve problems and ethical dilemmas, how to work as a team, develop a positive self-concept, create a positive mental attitude, recognize the importance of school and community service, how to delegate and include others effectively and have the opportunity to meet and work with city officials from their communities.

Keynote speakers for the event were David Gergen and Matt McCarter.

Knighton turns 99 Monday

Vivian Knighton of Twin Falls will celebrate her 99th birthday on Monday, July 14. Cards and well-wishes can be sent to her at Vivian Knighton, c/o Stony Creek Living Center, 2538 H.E. 3800 N., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Knighton was born July 14, 1909, in Tyrone, Okla. At the age of six months she traveled in a covered wagon with her family to southeastern Colorado to her parents homesteaded.

She married Roy Knighton on Feb. 3, 1929. Together they ranched near Kim, Colo., until the drought forced them out of the cattle business.

In April 1935, they moved to Idaho settling in the Hazelton area. After farming for a few years, Roy opened his own blacksmith shop in Murtaugh where they lived and worked for many years.

After Roy's death in 1973, she traveled extensively throughout Canada and the United States including Hawaii and Alaska. In 1979 she moved to Twin Falls.

A family celebration will be held Saturday, July 12, and will be hosted by her children, Orville (Darlene) Knighton, Freda (Joe) Young, Barbara (Blain) Hull, and Bernard (Kayse) Knighton all of Twin Falls; Bernie (Bill) Daniels of Boise and Deloris Durk of Hillsboro, Ore.

She has six children, 10 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

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The building could open its doors Oct. 1, he said.

Officials are aiming to bring the Safe House online at about the same time as their new counseling center, Kramer said, shifting staff from the current Competency Development Center to both places.

All teens that would be in the new Safe House are currently being helped by the CDC instead.

"The truth is, we're not in that big of a hurry anyway," Kramer said.

Government, he added, sometimes "moves very slowly. And it's all right, it really is all right."

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city limits. Hall said because dates and locations for the retreats were published and the public invited, they were not illegal. About budget mis-handling allegations, Hall was firm.

"I have not nor would I ever operate the budget outside the law," Hall said. "And I've listened to my constituents and I haven't abused power."

In the wake of the recall petition, Hall said he would carry on.

"I'm just going to focus on the city's best interest," Hall said. "We have much work to do and events in our world are making the task we face more challenging than we imagined 18 months ago."

Declo

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Smyer said the bond wants as many areas as possible to be connected — which, in addition to providing better structures and more space, will minimize the amount of time students spend outside.

The elementary can't be completely connected, though, because an oil pipeline from Pocatello to Burley runs directly through the middle of campus, precluding permanent structures on top of it.

Declo High School, built in 1997 after the most recent bond issue election, requires the fewest changes, but the district intends to add an auxiliary gymnasium on the west end of the existing gym.

The school board will hold open houses again from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on July 22 and 29. A second public meeting, intended to educate citizens before the vote, will be held on July 15 at 7 p.m. in Burley High School's Little Theatre.

A tax calculator to determine how much the bond issue would increase individual property taxes is available at http://www.sd151.k12.id.us/bond/bond_home.htm.

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Creator of self-leveling combine to be honored

Site of invention will be designated historical landmark

By Nicholas K. Geranos
Associated Press writer

SPOKANE, Wash. — The rolling wheat fields of the Palouse are often compared to ocean waves.

That makes for nice scenery, but it was lousy for farmers who tried to use conventional combines to harvest some of the nation's most productive fields until 1946, when Raymond Hanson invented a machine that could ride up and across the steep swales without tipping over.

"This weekend, Hanson will be honored by the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers for his innovation.

"He made more farm land accessible and also made farming safer," said Mike Milano, a member of the Palouse City Council.

"He was a lifesaver, literally," added Tom Mick of the Washington Grain Commission in Spokane.

Hanson, 84, of Spokane, will be recognized Sunday at a public ceremony in Palouse, where the site of his invention will be designated a Historical Agricultural Engineering Landmark.

The University of Idaho engineering graduate holds more than 100 patents for devices that include a giant crane used at Grand Coulee Dam, canal machinery used for the California aqueduct system and a backfilling machine used on the trans-Alaska pipeline.

Hanson was 19 when he came up with the idea for his first invention, combining his understanding of engineering with his farming background.

Combines, which are giant machines that harvest, thresh and winnow grain crops, work best on mostly flat land. But the incredibly rich soil of the Palouse region of Eastern Washington and northern Idaho was largely formed by repeated volcanic eruptions in the nearby Cascade Range, falling as waves and forming hills that sometimes have a 50 percent slope.

While leveling technology began appearing in the 1890s, the modern era began with the patent of the level-sensitive mercury switch system invented by Hanson in 1946. The equipment continues to

be manufactured by The Factory Co. International Inc. Without leveling, grain and chaff slide to one side of the combine and pass through the machine in a large ball rather than being separated, dumping large amounts of grain on the ground.

Leveling also changes a combine's center of gravity, allowing it to harvest along the contour of a hill without tipping.

Hanson's self-leveling control was an attachment for combines that increased the yield on hilly acreage by 3 percent, creating many millions of dollars in additional revenue for farmers.

He marketed his invention

by going to farmers and offering to install it on their combines for a trial period, adding that he would remove it if the farmer was not satisfied. The invention was a hit, and Hanson never had to take one back.

Alcha Elishabini, dean of the University of Idaho's College of Engineering, will present the award.

"Dr. Hanson's ability to look at the majestic Palouse hills and not only see their beauty, but to also recognize that the sloping hills presented a challenge for farmers and to visualize a solution, that is something we try to instill in our engineering students," Elishabini said.



A combine is shrouded in light and wheat chaff during an evening harvest south of Rosalia, Wash., in August 2005. Raymond Hanson, 84, of Spokane, will be honored at a ceremony Sunday in Palouse for inventing a mechanism that helps combines work hilly land without tipping over. AP photo

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Rove ignores subpoena, refuses to testify

By Ben Erasz
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Former White House adviser Karl Rove defied a congressional subpoena and refused to testify Thursday about allegations of political pressure at the Justice Department, including whether he influenced the prosecution of a former Democratic governor of Alabama.

Rep. Linda Sanchez, chairman of a House subcommittee, ruled with backing from fellow Democrats on the panel that Rove was breaking the law by refusing to cooperate — perhaps the first step toward holding him in contempt of Congress.

The White House has cited executive privilege as a reason he and others who serve or served in the administration should not testify, arguing that internal administra-

tion communications are confidential and that Congress cannot compel officials to testify. Rove says he is bound to follow the White House's guidance, although he has offered to answer questions specifically on the Siegelman case — but only with no transcript taken and not under oath.

Lawmakers subpoenaed Rove in May in an effort to force him to talk about whether he played a role in prosecutors' decisions to pursue cases against Democrats, such as former Alabama Gov. Don Siegelman, or in firing federal prosecutors considered disloyal to the Bush administration.



Siegelman

Rove had been scheduled to appear at the House Judiciary subcommittee hearing Thursday morning. A placard with his name sat in front of an empty chair at the witness table, with a handful of protesters behind it calling for Rove to be arrested.

A decision on whether to pursue contempt charges now goes to the full Judiciary Committee and ultimately to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. House Republicans called Thursday's proceedings a political stunt and said if Democrats truly wanted information they would take Rove up on an offer he made to discuss the matter informally.

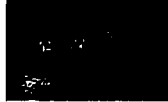
Democrats have rejected the offer from Rove to talk with them informally because the testimony would not be sworn and, they say, could create a confusing record.

Rove has insisted publicly that he never tried to influence Justice Department decisions and was not even aware of the Siegelman prosecution until it landed in the news.

Siegelman was charged with accepting and concealing a contribution to his campaign to start a state education lottery in exchange for appointing a hospital executive to a regulatory board. He was sentenced last year to more than seven years in prison but was released in March when a federal appeals court ruled Siegelman had raised "substantial questions of fact and law" in his appeal. Siegelman and others have alleged the prosecution was pushed by GOP operatives — including Rove, a longtime Texas strategist who was heavily involved in Alabama politics before working at the White House.

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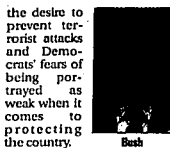
Bush signs new rules on government wiretapping

By Jennifer Lovon
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush signed a bill Thursday that overhauls rules about government eavesdropping and grants immunity to telecommunications companies that helped the U.S. spy on Americans in suspected terrorism cases.

He called it "landmark legislation that is vital to the security of our people."

Bush signed the measure in a Rose Garden ceremony a day after the Senate sent it to him, following nearly a year of debate in the Democratic-led Congress over surveillance rules and the wireless wiretapping program Bush initiated after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. It was a battle that pitted privacy and civil liberties concerns against



Bush

the desire to prevent terrorist attacks and Democrats' fears of being portrayed as weak when it comes to protecting the country.

Its passage was a major victory for Bush, an unpopular lame-duck president who nevertheless has been able to prevail over Congress on most issues of national security and intelligence disputes.

Bush said the 9/11 attack "changed our country forever" and taught the intelligence community that it must know who America's enemies are talking to and what they are saying.

"In the aftermath of 9/11,"

Bush said, "few would have imagined that we would be standing here seven years later without another attack on American soil. The fact that the terrorists have failed to strike our shores again does not mean that our enemies have given up."

Even before Bush signed the legislation, the American Civil Liberties Union said it would challenge the new law in court.

The president said the bill gives the government anti-terror tools it needs without compromising Americans' civil liberties.

Bush was joined at the ceremony by Vice President Dick Cheney, Attorney General Michael Mukasey, Director of National Intelligence Mike McConnell and more than a dozen members of Congress.

The ACLU's lawsuit was

filed on behalf of several civil rights groups. It wants a federal judge in New York to rule that the law is an unconstitutional violation of free speech and the right against unlawful search and seizure. It also asks that the judge permanently block intelligence officials from conducting surveillance under the law.

"The new law gives the government the power to conduct dragnet surveillance that has no connection to terrorism or criminal activity of any kind," said Jameel Jaffer, director of the ACLU's National Security Project, in a conference call to reporters.

"A law like this is fundamentally inconsistent with the Constitution and with the most basic democratic values," he said.

Roger Atwood, communications director for the

Washington Office on Latin America, a human rights organization for the region, said the new law will impede the group's work.

"The mere suspicion that information provided to us,

our staff, will be accessed by the U.S. government can seriously affect WOLA's credibility and our effectiveness in Latin America in moving our work forward," Atwood said in the conference call.

On national security, Bush still has juice

By Ben Feller
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — For an unpopular guy on his way out of his office, President Bush still has some juice.

When Bush signed a law Thursday to broaden the government's eavesdropping power, he served notice of how much sway he still holds on matters of national security. Yes, he is relevant in the twilight of his second term, even with anemic public approval ratings and much of the country tuning him out.

Bush got the anti-terrorism spying legislation largely on his terms. He also has won fight after fight to keep the Iraq war going without a timeline for withdrawal of U.S. troops. He vetoed a bill that would have banned waterboarding for terror suspects, then watched as Democrats failed to override him.

Contrast this to Bush's domestic agenda, which is all but ignored by the Democratic-controlled Congress. He keeps pushing for items that seem to be going nowhere, from offshore drilling to tax cuts to a trade deal with Colombia. Lawmakers blew right by him in approving a massive farm bill.

Why the difference on security?

Because protecting the country is, in fact, a different matter. The president commands the military in a time of war. He leads a nation that was infamously attacked — and no one has forgotten 9/11.

So going against him can mean being labeled as soft on terrorism or unresponsive of the troops. In an election year, trying to go to the voters with that around your neck.

Sen. Barack Obama, the Democratic presidential contender, didn't want to take that risk. He backed the eavesdropping bill on grounds that it was imperfect but better than using a tool against terrorism.

The measure targets terrorists, though it has raised alarms about sweeping in innocent Americans. But opponents in Congress were hemmed in by time. Wiretapping orders approved last year would start expiring in August without congressional action.

Plus, there was Bush, offering a credible veto threat.

So Congress agreed on new surveillance rules. Including a provision Bush didn't want: immunity for telecommunications companies that helped the U.S. spy on Americans.

"You'd have to say it's a clear win for President Bush but I don't think it happened just because of President Bush," said Norman Ornstein, a scholar on the presidency and Congress at the American Enterprise Institute. "An awful lot of Democrats just did not want this issue to drag into the summer and beyond with the possibility that something could happen out there, and this could have been put out there against them as a contributing factor."

Democrats, historically, have a tougher job of winning over voters when it comes to protecting the country. It

seems true again this year: Republican Sen. John McCain has better than a two-to-one edge over Obama on handling terrorism, according to an Associated Press-Yahoo News poll conducted last month.

Bush, often a forgotten man this year, clearly reveled in his latest victory.

Right after returning from Japan on Wednesday, Bush held a Rose Garden event to praise the passage of the eavesdropping legislation. The good news was essentially there waiting for him, as the Senate had passed the bill earlier in the day. "Good timing," White House spokesman

Tony Fratto said.

Then Bush went back to the Rose Garden on Thursday to sign the bill, this time flanked by members of Congress. He thanked his own administration. He thanked lawmakers of both parties. He even thanked congressional staffers.

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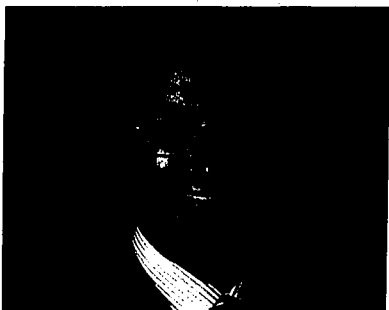
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EPA: American life is worth less

Value of one life down \$1 million from five years ago

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — It's not just the American dollar that's losing value. A government agency has decided that an American life isn't worth what it used to be.

The "value of a statistical life" is \$6.9 million in today's dollars, the Environmental Protection Agency reckoned in May — a drop of nearly \$1 million from just five years ago.

The Associated Press discovered the change after a review of cost-benefit analyses over more than a dozen years.

Though it may seem like a harmless bureaucratic recalculation, the devaluation has real consequences.

When drawing up regulations, government agencies put a value on human life and then weigh the costs versus the lifesaving benefits of a proposed rule. The less a life is worth to the government, the less the need for a regulation, such as tighter restrictions on pollution.

Consider, for example, a hypothetical regulation that costs \$18 billion to enforce but will prevent 2,500 deaths. At \$7.8 million per person (the old figure), the lifesaving benefits outweigh the costs. But at \$6.9 million per person, the rule costs more than the lives it saves, so it may not be adopted.

Some environmentalists accuse the Bush administration of changing the value to avoid tougher rules — a charge the EPA denies.

"It appears that they're cooking the books in regards to the value of life," said S. William Becker, executive director of the National Association of Clean Air Agencies, which represents state and local air pollution regulators. "Those decisions are literally a matter of life and death."

Dan Esty, a senior EPA policy official in the administration of the first President Bush and now director of the Yale Center for Environmental Law and Policy, said: "It's hard to imagine that it has other than a political motivation."

Agency officials say they were just following what the science told them.

The EPA figure is not based on people's earning capacity, or their potential contributions to society, or how much they are loved and needed by their friends and family — some of the factors used in insurance claims and wrongful-death lawsuits.

Instead, economists calculate the value based on what people are willing to pay to avoid certain risks, and on how much extra employers pay their workers to take on additional risks. Most of the data is drawn from payroll statistics; some comes from opinion surveys. According to the EPA, people shouldn't think of the number as a price tag on a life.

The EPA made the changes in two steps. First, in 2004, the agency cut the estimated value of a life by 9 percent. Then, in a rule governing train and boat air pollution this May, the agency took away the normal adjustment for one year's inflation. Between the two changes, the value of a life fell 11 percent, based on today's dollar.

EPA officials say the adjustment was not significant and was based on better economic studies. The reduction reflects consumer preferences, said Al McGarland, director of EPA's office of policy, economics and innovation.

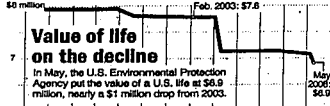
"It's our best estimate of what consumers are willing to pay to reduce similar risks to their own lives," McGarland said. But EPA's cut "doesn't make sense," said Vanderbilt University economist Kip Viscusi. EPA partly based its reduction on his work. "As people become more affluent, the value of statistical lives go up as well. It has to," Viscusi also said no study has shown that Americans are

less willing to pay to reduce risks. At the same time that EPA was trimming the value of life, the Department of Transportation twice raised its life value figure. But its

number is still lower than the EPA's. EPA traditionally has put the highest value on life of any government agency and still does, despite efforts by administrations to bring uni-

formity to that figure among all departments. Not all of EPA uses the reduced value. The agency's water division never adopted the change and in 2006 used \$8.7 million in current dollars.

Value of life, EPA's air division



Value of life on the decline In May, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency put the value of a U.S. life at \$6.9 million, nearly a \$1 million drop from 2003. The EPA's water division uses different and larger value of life. SOURCE: Environmental Protection Agency.

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Luxury camping, part II

Editor's note: This is the second in a two-part series of columns on luxury-oriented camping gear.

It could be the families heading to camp for the first time. Or maybe it's experienced outdoors types tired of the rock-hard ground. But adding comfort to the car camping experience via "luxury" outdoor items is a trend noted by trailblazers like REI and Backcountry.com.



THE GEAR JUNKIE
Stephen Regenold

Gear manufacturers have hopped on the luxury wagon as well, including Kolty and other traditional family-camping companies on up to high-end outfits like Mountain Hardwear and The North Face, which have released large family tents, some with two rooms and gear "garages" built in. At the absurd end of the trend there are products like the Burton Lil' Buddy cooler, an icebox with stereo speakers, or the deep-fry-capable Outdoorsman stove from Camp Chef, which jets out at 60,000 BTUs. Pacific Outdoor Equipment's Insulat Hot is an electric sleeping pad that radiates heat.

Here are five additional gadgets and luxury camp products to better pamper your time "roughing it" this summer in the great outdoors.

1. Power Pack
When it comes out next month, the Voltate Generator pack will be capable of grabbing enough solar energy to recharge a laptop computer. Unzip the pack, plug your computer in, and lay the bag out in the sun to soak in up to 17 watts of clean solar energy. \$599, www.voltaic-systems.com

2. Java Maker
Grind your beans via hand-crank power with GSI's JavaGrind, a polycarbonate contraption that crushes coffee via a twirling ceramic burr. It has an aluminum handle and a cord that locks on to keep your beans fresh and in their place until you're ready to brew. \$20, www.gsioutdoors.com

3. The Dog Treatment
With a drop-down food tray, a collapsible water bowl, a removable food container, and a pocket on top for plastic baggies, the K9 Cante is a luxury pack for Fido. A back panel pocket fits an included Frisbee, and two side mesh pockets are made for tennis balls. Available in July for \$50, www.mountainsmith.com

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Instead of traveling far and wide, family fun can be found

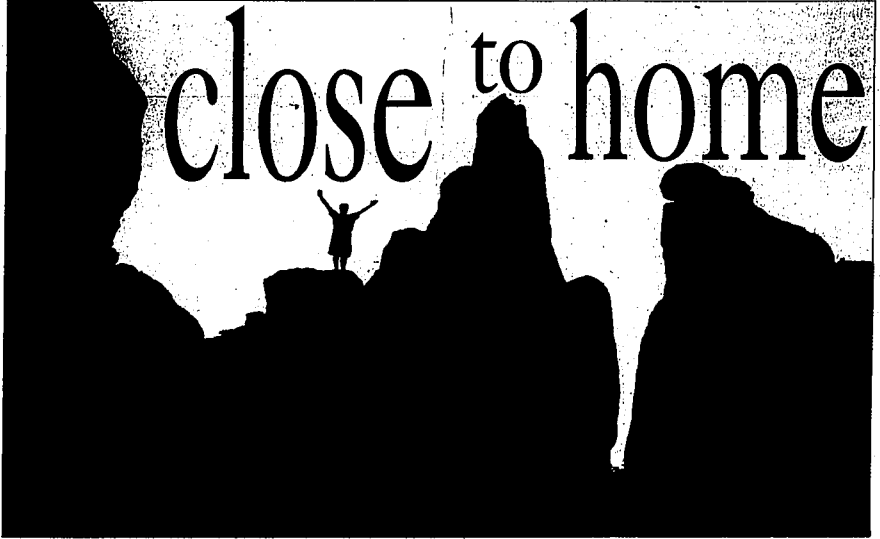


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Joel Gandara of Boise reaches a summit after trying his hand at rock climbing during his first visit to City of Rocks, near Oakley, during Fourth of July weekend.

Rising gas prices has many families reacquainting themselves with City of Rocks

By Karla Barnes
Correspondent

The castle-like structures of granite that tower above the sage-covered landscapes in southern Idaho, and which comprise the City of Rocks, once energetic rock jocks of all ages the world over throughout the year.

This year, with soaring gas prices and rising temperatures, locals — many of them young families — are taking advantage of this, one of Idaho's finest resources of outdoor recreation.

"The crowds at the City of Rocks have been typical thus far this year," said visitor assistant Stephen King. "We are seeing more visitors from Utah. We also see a rise in family activity throughout the summer for picnicking and day use."

The City of Rocks National Reserve and Castle Rocks State Park, both popular destinations for young families and their even younger children, provide a great setting where kids can burn off some of their unending energy. The low-lying rock formations and seemingly endless trails offer a great respite for youngsters who enjoy the outdoors. Extended spring temperatures have enhanced the wildflower population, making the City of Rocks exceptionally beautiful this year.

What used to be known as the Silent City of Rocks was abuzz with climbers young and old last weekend. Families could be spotted on nearly every trail, with the sounds of climbing gear clinking above and children on the trails below.

Rock is what it is all about in this unbelievable fairytale landscape. Some say the granite batholith is 2.5 billion years old. Spires that captured the attention of historical travelers along the California Trail continue to captivate young and old today. Early traveler James Wilkins had written, "We encamped in a romantic valley filled with granite rocks, which seemingly erupted out of the ground."

Some of these travelers left more than words found in journals. Hikers today can see the remnants of axle grease pioneer signatures on a popular landmark called Register Rock.

Twin Sisters is another popular site in the park as



A climber, at left, scales the granite spires at the City of Rocks during Fourth of July weekend.

Rock is what it is all about in this unbelievable fairytale landscape. Some say the granite batholith is 2.5 billion years old.

are Tea Pot Rock, Elephant Rock, Bathub Rock and Beehive, to name a few. It is fun to drive through the park and let your children use their imaginations to see what they can visualize.

Junior Ranger programs are available. Parents can sign youngsters in at the City of Rocks Visitors Center. After performing a series of activities, they are sworn in as Junior Rangers.

Older children have a special opportunity to kick it up a notch this weekend with Climbing Ranger Band Shilling. On Saturday, kids 12 and older are welcome to take part in a rock climbing adventure. This one-day event will be filled with climbing instruction, safety awareness and a hands-on



Beehive Rock, one of many uniquely formed rocks, is located in a secluded spot just south of Elephant Rock at the City of Rocks National Reserve near Oakley.

climb. A sack lunch and drink will be included in a per-person registration fee of \$15. Space is limited. For more information: 208-824-5519.

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July 11-13 Saturday. Highlights will focus on flora and fauna, birds, animal tracks, flowers and special hike from Stones Creek picnic area to photographs at Castle Rocks, will be provided through Ashton, Ebe and Almo.

Feds approve critical sturgeon habitat on Kootenai River

By Nicholas K. Geranios
Associated Press writer

SPOKANE, Wash. — A federal agency government on Wednesday approved a plan to set aside more than 18 miles of the Kootenai River as critical habitat for white sturgeon, the largest freshwater fish in North America.

The move is intended to improve the spawning prospects for a genetically distinct species of the fish

that is found only in parts of north Idaho, northwest Montana and southeast British Columbia. Kootenai sturgeon have not successfully spawned since the mid-1970s.

The final rule by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, effective Aug. 8, makes two changes from a proposal issued in 2006.

It changes the minimum depth for spawning site selection from 16 feet to 23

feet and clarifies that 7.1 miles of critical habitat is being added to a designation of 11.2 river miles made in 2001 for a total of 18.3 miles. The protected area begins below the confluence with the Moyie River and extends downstream near Bonners Ferry, Idaho.

The Center for Biological Diversity in Portland, Ore., challenged the initial habitat designation as too small.

"The sturgeon is on the

brink of extinction and desperately needs restoration of critical habitat to survive," center spokesman Noah Greenwald said.

The estimated 500 Kootenai sturgeon are believed to have been isolated from other white sturgeon since the last Ice Age. There are 24 species of sturgeon worldwide and most are threatened with extinction.

Kootenai sturgeon can grow to 19 feet long, weigh

350 pounds and live for a century.

The fish require large spring river flows, low water temperatures and a gravel riverbed to spawn successfully. Spawning has been unsuccessful since Libby Dam in Montana was built in 1974, drastically reducing spring river flows.

Kootenai sturgeon have been listed as endangered

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Toana Road remnants offer glimpse of region's past

By Mike Cothern
Correspondent

Consider the movement of freight across the southern Idaho landscape. Trucks cruise the interstate highway system, steadily hauling goods along the pavement. Sharing the same corridor along the Snake River, railroad cars transport feed crops, lumber and other bulk materials.

Now turn the clock back nearly one and a half centuries and ponder the predecessor to these conventional shipping methods. Freight wagons, pulled by muscular teams of oxen or mules, were the exclusive means to move valued supplies to growing communities and mining camps.

The Kelton Road was one system of interstate commerce during that period, but other rival routes existed. Chief among these was the Toana Road, evidence of which still exists in the Twin Falls County desert.

While a few local residents

know about the route, recent efforts by the Twin Falls County Preservation Commission resulted in a survey of the entire portion found in Idaho. Shauna Robinson, chairman of the commission, along with husband Dennis, spent hundreds of hours researching, locating, and mapping the road. Shauna said she was surprised to find large amounts of the road in pristine condition, considering the extent of recreational and ranching use the desert has received over the decades.

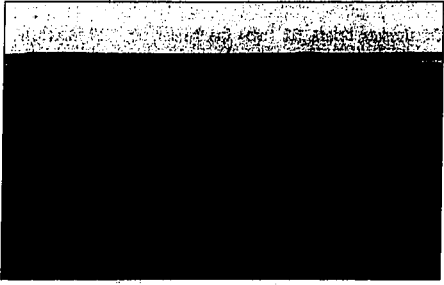
Some of the ruins, unused since the days of wagon wheels, are still obvious. Artifact fragments are occasionally found along the route and building foundations still exist where rest stations once stood. One simple pile of rocks west of Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir, according to Robinson, is even rumored to serve as a burial site for murdered Chinese who labored on the freight road.

The freight road received

its name from the northern Nevada town of Toano (Robinson found at least a half-dozen spelling variations for "toana"). This locale, about 60 miles east of Wells, Nev., at the time marked the eastern terminus of the Central Pacific Railroad. Cargo loaded onto wagons from the rail depot was then shipped in several directions, including northward beginning in 1870. A few years later, backers began to advertise in newspapers such as Boise's Tri-Weekly Statesman that the Toana route, termed the "Fast Freight Road," could move goods to Boise city in as little as six days. With a route nearly 50 miles shorter, service would be much faster than what the Kelton Road offered. Those competitors in turn ridiculed these as yet unproven claims by writing several letters to the editor and published in the Statesman.

For the most part, the Toana Road's promoters let their performance do the talking. The freight line's first cargo arrived in Boise in 1874 and offered tri-weekly service thereafter, confirming a legitimate place in the region's commerce. In addition, mail carriers could be backseated along the route to Contact, Nev., helping support that region's thriving copper mining industry.

The Toana Road's celebrated but short-lived, however. With the completion of the Oregon Shortline



Trail ruts can still be seen descending from Taunna Butte and in the distance, which were used in the late 1800s as freight roads.

Photo by MIKE COTHERN

Railroad, which began service along the Snake River in 1883, the need for Kelton and other local freight roads ceased. While the Toana route did continue to have some stagecoach traffic and serve as a route for private travelers, use gradually diminished.

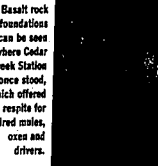
Tracks in the desert remain, however, with several spots offering especially good glimpses of the road in an unspoiled state. One such place is at Taunna Butte, just west of Roseworth. Heading downhill from the butte toward Devil Creek several sets of ruts run parallel to each other, used and abandoned in alternating fashion as each path became less desirable. As the road enters the small canyon, there clearly becomes only one option, marked by the grade down

into the drainage, across the creek bed and up the far side.

Another interesting crossing lies at Cedar Creek. The west grade serves as a modern two-track road; the east portion has long since gone unused, as evidenced by several junipers growing from the roadbed. In the canyon bottom Cedar Creek Station once thrived, offering respite, or even an exchange, for tired mules, oxen and drivers. Basalt rock foundations still

mark where buildings stood.

The Robinsons said they find it fascinating to view and ponder the Toana Road, trying to re-create in their minds what it might have been like to drive or ride on a freight wagon. Indeed, for present-day visitors, one must almost try to not hear the beasts of burden plodding, loaded wagons creaking, and iron wheels rolling slowly along the landscape's parallel grooves.



Basalt rock foundations can be seen where Cedar Creek Station once stood, which offered respite for tired mules, oxen and drivers.

Getting there

The ruts from Taunna Butte to Devil Creek can be accessed by driving three miles west on 2900 N from the main road (700 E) on the north side of the Roseworth Tract. The Toana Road's Cedar Creek Crossing is about one mile south from where the present-day Antelope Springs-Roseworth road crosses Cedar Creek. The historic freight road is presently unmarked, but look for a someday installed sign similar to that which marks the Oregon Trail.

OUTDOOR BRIEFS

CSI historical tours continue

College of Southern Idaho history professor Russ Tremayne will lead three more historical tours this summer, including trips to the New and southern Idaho's Salmon Tract, the Twin Falls canal system, and an Oregon Trail tour from Hansen to Glenns Ferry. The tours, which are being coordinated through CSI's Community Education Center, will resume Saturday with a daylong tour of Jarbridge and the Salmon Tract. Participants will learn about the remote transportation route that saw America's last stagecoach robbery and the high hopes and disappointments experienced by residents of early day Berger, Hollister, Rogerson and other towns. Tour fee is \$65.

The July 26 tour will take in the Twin Falls canal system, starting with historic Milner Dam and travelling to Spill Point, the flock Creek Siphon, famous drainage tunnels, and an award-winning water quality site. Tour fee is \$45.

The series will conclude on Saturday, Aug. 9 with the Oregon Trail tour starting at Stricker Ranch south of Hansen and ending at the Three Island Crossing at Glenns Ferry. Tour fee is \$50. For more information: Diane Gause at the CSI Community Education Center, 732-6442 or dgause@csi.edu.

Fishing closed near Yankee Fork weir

Idaho Fish and Game plans to install two weirs in the Yankee Fork of Salmon River to treat hatchery-origin Chinook salmon. Operation of the weirs is part of hatchery spring Chinook salmon management in the Yankee Fork Upper Salmon River basins in 2008.

The Yankee Fork is closed to salmon fishing, and all

fishing is closed within 100 yards upstream and downstream of the fish management weir in the Yankee Fork.

Fish and Game to hold youth shotgun clinic

FAIRFIELD — The Idaho Department of Fish and Game and competitive shotgun shooter Mari McIsaac of Wingler Creek Ranch are working together to offer a free shotgun-shooting clinic to youth hunter education graduates ages 10-17.

The clinic will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 29, at Willow Creek Ranch, 1250 East Highway 20, Fairfield, (from the Highway 75 and 20 junction) go west 12.5 miles on Highway 20. Lunch is provided.

Each student will be given instruction on shotgun skills, range rules and individualized shooting instruction. Shotguns, ammunition and clay bird targets will be provided by the sponsors.

Space is limited, so sign up soon. Parents or guardians must complete a parental permission form before the student can attend. To register: 324-4359.

Grand Teton National Park workers kill bear

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Biologists with Grand Teton National Park have killed a black bear because the 9-year-old sow was acting aggressively toward humans.

Park officials say the bear mugged an employee last week to get at the food left inside, and on July 1 she tore into trash bags left at campsites in the Colter Bay campground. The 175-pound bear was easily identified because she had been tagged with a yellow marker in her ear. Officials say she vents hazed several times last year after she actively sought out human foods.

The bear was the first to be put down in the park this

100 years of Idaho state parks

Idaho's state parks turn 100. To commemorate the occasion, events are planned with a special celebration at every Idaho state park on Saturday.

Idaho parks will offer free use access, serve birthday cake for visitors, and host activities, including those for history buffs, families with children, water enthusiasts, music lovers and stargazers.

Heyburn State Park is Idaho's first state park and the first state park in the Pacific Northwest.

"Celebrating the centennial of our first state park is an important, memorable time for our agency," said Latham Williams, chairman of the Idaho Park and Recreation Board. "One hundred years is very special and never again will we be presented with the same circumstance."

Unique events have been organized throughout the state park system, with the largest celebration taking place at Heyburn State Park located outside Plummer. "This is a historically significant moment for Heyburn, our agency and all of Idaho," said Williams.

"We've planned many historical, cultural, educational, and community-based events and activities to encourage all to cherish Idaho's history through state parks, celebrating our past, embracing the present and preparing for the future."

The property was officially made a state park in 1908 through the efforts of then Sen. Weldon Heyburn.

For more information: www.parksandreccreation.idaho.gov.

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What to do with those leftover hunting permits

Question: "I was unsuccessful drawing a controlled hunt permit and tag for my deer. Previous years I noticed that permits were available during the second round drawing in a hunt that I had applied for. Why would there be permits available in a second-round drawing for a hunt I was not successful in drawing a permit for in the first drawing?"

Answer: The second-round drawing for leftover controlled hunt permits also had been drawn and designated to individuals but were not purchased by Aug. 1.

This is a common question among unsuccessful controlled hunt applicants. The reason there may be permits available during the second round drawing is because applicants that have successfully drawn a controlled hunt permit have until Aug. 1 to purchase their permits and tags.

Successful applicants whose plans have changed can no longer draw a controlled hunt permit have until Aug. 1 to purchase their permits and tags. Successful applicants whose plans have changed can no longer draw a controlled hunt permit have until Aug. 1 to purchase their permits and tags.

Once a controlled hunt permit and tag is drawn and purchased the applicant is

ASK THE OFFICER
Gary Hompland

only allowed to hunt that controlled hunt. Generally, any weapon big game tags may be purchased at any vendor up until the last day of the hunting season. Nonresident hunters are subject to tag quotas for big-game species.

The application period for the second round drawing is Aug. 5-15. Hunters interested in applying for the second round should view the Idaho Department of Fish and Game Web site to discover what permits are available. Applications for the second-round drawing can be completed at any Fish and Game Web site.

For more information: Magie Valley Regional Office of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, 208-324-4350 or <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>.

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Leaping lizards!

M.V. a great place to find short-horned lizards

By Nelson Hatch
For the Times-News

With dozens of short horns of every size covering their flat, squat bodies, the short-horned lizard or "horny toad" looks like a make-believe animal right out of the yet-to-be-made movie "Honey, I shrunk Jurassic Park."

Most short-horned lizards are typically a dark gray, tan or reddish-brown with two rows of darker blotches along their back. Body color often matches

the soils where they live to increase their camouflage. Underneath, they are usually white or cream-colored and lack speckling.

As their Latin name *Phrynosoma* (meaning "toad body") implies, short-horned lizards are toad like in appearance. Even as adults they are only small- to medium-sized lizards, averaging in length from 2.6 to 9 inches.

Although short-horned lizards are known to eat a variety of insects such as beetles, flies, spiders and grasshoppers, ants make up the greatest part of their diet.

If people are looking for an opportunity to find a short-horned lizard, look no further than the Magic Valley. In particular, these animals prefer dry

natural habitats such as sagebrush desert, open pine forest, and piñon-juniper forest and can be found up to 9,000 feet in elevation. They are relatively common in these areas but are elusive. Valuable tools for finding these critters are patience and a good eye.

Even though people can keep up to five lizards as pets, it's not recommended. Short-horned lizards are very delicate, have specific dietary needs, and tend to have a low survival rate in captivity.

Nelson Hatch, regional conservation educator for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, may be reached at 208-324-4359 or khatch@idfg.idaho.gov.

Jupiter's constantly shifting moons

On the next clear night, look for the brightest object low in the southeastern sky around 10:30 p.m. It's Jupiter, the largest planet. A slightly closer look through a telescope or binoculars, reveals that it is accompanied by a retinue of four bright moons.

Jupiter's largest moons range in size from slightly smaller than our own moon to larger than the planet Mercury. Each would be bright enough to be seen with the naked eye were it not for their proximity to Jupiter's glare, which is more than 1,000 times brighter. Binoculars can show all four moons when they are well separated from the planet. The outermost,



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Callisto, takes over two weeks to orbit while Io, the innermost, circles the planet in less than two days. The result is that the moons present a different configuration each night.

For example, consider what you'll see this week. Tonight, there will be two moons on each side of the planet. Those on the left (east) will be a bit farther from the planet — and each other — than those on the

right (west). Tomorrow night all four will be lined up on their left, coincidentally in their actual order of increasing distance from the planet: Io, Europa, Ganymede, and Callisto. That's not always the case; sometimes a more distant moon appears close to Jupiter, because it's near the point of crossing in front of or behind the planet. Next Thursday, in fact, Ganymede will be behind Jupiter in the early evening, only emerging around 1:30 a.m. Friday morning. But you'll need a telescope to see Ganymede so close to Jupiter.

At times, the moons may cross Jupiter's face, pass into the planet's shadow, or cast their own shadows on the

Sky calendar through Thursday

Planets
One hour before sunrise:
Jupiter: SE, extremely low
One hour after sunset:
Saturn: W, very low. Very close to Mars through Monday.
Mars: W, very low. Very close to Saturn through Monday.
Jupiter: SE, very low
Moon
No major phase this week (waxing gibbous). Close to Jupiter late Wednesday night and early Thursday morning.

planet. But that's a topic for a future column.

Next week: Seeing *Idaho's dark skies* at their best.

Fish and Game holds open house on rule changes

Staff report

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game will host an open house next Thursday to discuss five proposed nonbiological rule changes.

The open house is planned from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday at the Magic Valley Regional Office, two miles north of the Flying J on U.S. Highway 93. The five changes include:

- Eliminating the evidence-of-sex requirement for deer being transported from a commercial meat processor.
- Allowing disabled archery hunters to use crossbows with nonmagnifying



scopes having battery-powered or tritium-illuminated reticles during archery-only hunting seasons.

• Allowing visually-impaired hunters to use nonmagnifying scopes during muzzleloader

controlled hunts.

• Including bait containers in the current commission rules on black bear bait placement.

The proposed changes will be posted for public review and comment at <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/cms/public/>. Online comments must be submitted by July 14. Comments may also be submitted by mail to: Nonbiological Rules, IDFG, P.O. Box 25, Boise ID 83707.

Commissioners will decide on the proposed changes at their July 23-25 meeting at the Cabela's store in Post Falls. For more information: 208-324-4359.

Sturgeon

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Their total range covers about 167 miles, from Kootenai Falls, Mont., upstream to Corral Creek Dam at the outflow from Kootenai Lake in British Columbia, the source of the river.

The sturgeon population, decreasing at a rate of 9 percent a year in the river, remain threatened by dam operations, flood control and water quality degradation, which hurt spawning, egg incubation and the

rearing of young, the agency said.

The Endangered Species Act requires the designation of habitat that is critical to the conservation of a threatened or endangered species and that may require special management or protection. The designation does not change land ownership or establish a refuge, but federal agencies that plan activities that may affect critical habitat are required to consult with the FWS first.

Gear

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4. Fish Watch
Touted as a watch that tells "when the fish will be biting from anywhere in the world," the Ultimate Fishing Rubber Strap Watch calculates sunrise, sunset, moon phase and tidal information to spit out an ideal fishing time for your precise location on the globe.

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5. Ice Crusher Motorized margaritas, anyone?
The BlenderBlast weighs 20 pounds and is 20 inches tall. It runs on a Honda 4-cycle gas engine. It has motorcycle twist handle grips and revs to ice-crushing speed. But said \$499. www.blenderblaster.com.

Stephen Regenold writes *The Gear Junkie* column for several U.S. newspapers; see <http://www.THEGEARJUNKIE.com> for video gear reviews, a daily blog, and an archive of Regenold's work.

Man claims baking soda silences noisy frogs

HILO, Hawaii (AP) — A man claims he has a possible solution to rid the Big Island of the pesky and noisy coqui frogs, but says the coqui isn't interested.

But Karen Shiroma, a former biological technician with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, said baking soda appears to eradicate the tiny frogs and he's been studying the potential frog-killing idea.

Shiroma said her office has not looked into the baking soda idea since it was discussed months ago.

Munekata initially said he would seek the certification, but on Tuesday indicated he decided against it because it appears Shiroma is not interested.

The County Council had approved granting the Hawaii Economic Development Board \$3,000 to pay for Munekata's experiments with funding from Hilu Countyman Stacy Higa's contingency relief account.

Higa said he's unsure whether politics are playing a part in Munekata's experiment getting derailed.

"My understanding is the coqui frog coordinator wouldn't do anything," he said. "I'm not happy about it. ... We had a viable solution there."

Fishing roundup

Anderson Ranch Reservoir: Kokanee are starting to stage in the upper ¼ of the reservoir (Lime Creek area). Anglers report high catch rates of small kokanee (7-9 inches). Reservoir is 98 percent full with all boat ramps open. Trout fishing is slow.

Anderson Ponds/West Highway Pond (Hagerman Wildlife WMA): Opening day was relatively slow. Anglers caught large mouth bass typically in the 13- to 15-inch range with some large fish more than 20 inches. Bluegill fishing was slow.

Big Wood River: Generally not a lot of fishing pressure. Water levels are still high compared to the last few years. Anglers report good catch rates in early morning, before the flows increase, bringing slightly colored water with it.

Carey Lake: Recent reports indicate catch rates are poor for bass and bluegill. Vegetation is getting heavy.

Lake Cleveland: Opened last week. Campground may still have snow drifts but the road is open. No recent fishing reports.

Little Camas Reservoir: Anglers are catching this year's stocked trout. The Idaho Department of Fish and Game has tagged trout in this reservoir. Take notice of signs that direct anglers to deposit a portion of the head into a box if the fish has an adipose fin removed.

Magie Reservoir: Typically, fishing tends to slow in July and August. However, some anglers were still catching large trout from the shoreline, trolling, and float tubes. Reservoir levels are dropping, making the reservoir upstream from Lava Point shallow, so anglers should be

cautious on the northern portion of the reservoir.

Oakley Reservoir: No recent walleye reports. Some anglers report decent catch rates of 8-10-inch trout with the occasional larger fish.

Riley Creek (below Riley Creek Falls): Good rainbow trout catch rates — some larger spawners close to the mouth of Riley Creek.

Roseworth Reservoir: Anglers report good catch rates of trout 10 to 12 inches long. Shoreline anglers were doing well, particularly in early morning and evening hours. Boat ramp is still open.

Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir: Great catch rates of walleye from 14 to 18 inches long. Most anglers are concentrating in the upper portion of the reservoir above Grays Landing. Trout fishing has been spotty — relatively slow from the shore but good to excellent for anglers trolling or concentrating in the upper Reservoir. Algae levels are increasing but not impacting fishing.

Silver Creek Brown Drake Hatch: Fading if not gone. Most anglers are concentrating on the TNC Silver Creek Preserve and are reporting decent catch rates of 9- to 14-inch rainbow trout. Evening anglers are targeting brown trout in the lower portion of the river in the deep holes. Consider dark colored woolly buggers (or other leech patterns) in the deep holes.

Thorn Creek Reservoir: The reservoir did not reach full pool. Has been stocked with rainbow trout. Take notice of signs that direct anglers to deposit a portion of the head into a box if the fish has an adipose fin removed.



Steve Vining, left, and Vern Dehn won the Magic Valley Bassmasters tournament at American Falls on June 8, with a total weight of 18.94 pounds. Big fish for the tournament was a smallmouth bass weighing 5.08 pounds caught by Mark VanDieren.

TOURNEY WINNERS

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Wall Street gains amid financial worries

(AP) Wall Street stumbled through another volatile session but ended with a respectable gain Thursday after a multibillion dollar deal between Dow Chemical and rival Rohm and Haas helped offset concerns about the financial sector and energy costs.

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Nasdaq Composite 2,267.85

Standard & Poor's 500 1,263.39

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Federal judge halts grazing program

Decision likely to push up hay costs

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — A federal judge has temporarily halted an emergency program that would allow grazing and hay production on an estimated 24 million acres of conservation lands across the country. In May the Department of Agriculture decided to allow grazing on land protected under the Conservation Reserve Program, which pays farmers not to plant crops in order to return fields to native vegetation. The decision was intended to aid cattle producers

hurt by rising hay prices, a result of grain farmers shifting to corn and wheat.

Hay costs have increased from \$75 to \$100 three years ago to as much as \$200 a ton.

Washington is among the top 10 states for participation in the conservation program with more than 1.5 million acres providing habitat for birds, curbing soil erosion and improving water quality.

The decision would have boosted production of up to 18 million tons of cattle forage worth \$1.2 billion, according to USDA.

The National Wildlife Federation and six affiliates filed suit over the decision, saying the government should have performed an environmental assessment before acting. The fallow lands under the conservation program have been crucial to wildlife.

U.S. District Judge John C. Coughenour issued a temporary restraining order Wednesday to halt implementation of the emergency program and set a full hear-

ing for July 17.

"The CRP program was never intended to be a subsidized hay program, yet we see it contorted now in an effort to buy votes in farm communities," said Ben Deeble, sage-steppe project coordinator for the National Wildlife Federation in Missoula, Mont.

Cattle producers say they were counting on the emergency measure to get through the coming winter.

Sam Ledgerwood of Asotin County in the southeast corner of Washington state, learned of the judge's action after meeting with his banker.

"He's not one to loan money to buy \$200-a-ton hay," Ledgerwood said. "No way is it going to work — it don't pencil."

Kent Politsch, chief spokesman for the Farm Service Agency in Washington, D.C., which administers the CRP program, said the agency is in a dilemma.

"There is pressure from all different angles on how do you take care of the food supply and how do you take care of conservation and wildlife," Politsch said. "We are trying to find the right balance."

"The CRP program was never intended to be a subsidized hay program ..."

— U.S. District Judge John C. Coughenour

Discounters see better sales

By Anne D'Innocenzo
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Shoppers, enticed by heavy discounts and armed with rebate checks, spent more money in June, helping to lift many retailers' sales. The outlook for the back-to-school season remains tough, though, as consumers confront high gas and food prices, a slumping housing and tighter credit.

As the nation's retailers reported June sales on Thursday, discounters and wholesale club operators including Wal-Mart Stores Inc., BJ's Wholesale Club Inc. and Costco Wholesale Corp. reported better-than-expected figures as consumers limited purchases mainly to groceries and other necessities.

The reports showed that some rebate money made their way to apparel stores, like Children's Place Retail Stores Inc., though sales generally remained sluggish at mall-based apparel stores, including Limited Brands Inc., Gap Inc. and Wet Seal Inc.

Retail sales

Shoppers, enticed by heavy discounts and rebate checks, spent more freely in June. Percent change in major retailers' sales compared to June 2007:

June 2008	% Change
BJ's Wholesale Club	14.5%
Costco Corp.	9.0%
Wal-Mart Stores Inc.	6.8%
Saks Inc.	1.9%
Target Corp.	0.4%
Dillard's Inc.	-5.0%
Limited Brands Inc.	-9.0%

NOTE: Sales include those from stores opened for at least one year. Reporting periods vary slightly.

"The rebate checks have kicked in this month, and that is trickling into some discretionary areas," said Ken Perkins, president of RetailMetrics LLC, a research company in Swampscott, Mass. But he added that the rebate checks only provide a "one-time bump."

"The back-to-school season is going to be challenging," he said.

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ONE YEAR UNDER THE BELT



Danny Auth, owner of the Pita Pit in Twin Falls, takes a customer's order Thursday afternoon. The restaurant is celebrating its first year anniversary.

Celebrating SUCCESS

Despite challenges, Pita Pit sees continued growth

By Joshua Palmer
Staff writer

Danny Auth and his father-in-law, Jeff Scott, started a risky business at a volatile time.

When the entrepreneurs opened the Pita Pit restaurant one year ago at 659 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls, they could not have known that the economy was about to hit the brakes.

Across Idaho and the rest of the nation, restaurants reported major revenue losses in the year that followed as consumers reduced spending on things such as eating out.

But as restaurant employees prepared for the Pita Pit's one-year anniversary celebration on Thursday, Auth looked back on the previous year and saw things differently.

"This year was a lot of challenges that came up, and at this point I'm not really surprised at anything that has happened."

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

NATION Jobless claims dip but labor market still weak

WASHINGTON — The Labor Department reported Thursday that new applications for unemployment insurance fell by a seasonally adjusted 58,000 to 346,000 for the week ending July 5. A year ago, the figure was lower, at 304,000, showing a deterioration in employment conditions.

A government analyst cautioned that last week's drop did not suggest a sudden improvement in the country's overall economic health. The decline was exaggerated because of adjustment problems related to temporary shutdowns at auto plants for retooling new assembly lines. The unadjusted, or actual raw figures, showed an increase of 30,000 claims for last week.

Economists were forecasting claims to dip to 355,000 last week, from a spike of 404,000 in the previous week.

Fed chief: Gov't needs more regulatory power

WASHINGTON — The nation's top economic officials urged Congress on Thursday to give them new regulatory tools to better protect the country from economic and financial havoc if a major Wall Street firm were to fail.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson made the recommendations in a joint appearance before the House Financial Services Committee as fresh worries gripped investors about the financial shape of mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac as well as investment bank Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc.

Bernanke and Paulson endorsed creating new procedures by which the government can guide an orderly liquidation of a failing investment bank in an effort to minimize any fallout on the broader financial system.

— wire services

Don't let multi-state taxation multiply your taxes

Technological advances have made it easier to do business across the country and around the world. But these new opportunities come at a price: If you do business across state lines, it's important to analyze your activities in each state to avoid triggering unwanted taxes.



BUSINESS INSIGHT
Scott Plew

and vary depending on the state as well as the type of tax involved.

Historically, nexus required a physical presence in the state, such as offices, manufacturing facilities or employees. Physical pres-

ence is still required today to trigger sales and use tax collection obligations, but many courts require only a minimal presence to establish nexus.

Federal law prohibits a state from taxing a company's income if its only activity in the state consists of soliciting orders or sales of tangible personal property, which are approved and shipped from outside the state.

But the law doesn't apply to intangible property. Thus, several recent cases have

allowed states to tax an out-of-state firm's income on intangibles, such as trademark licenses or credit cards, even though the firm had no physical presence in the state. A substantial economic presence was sufficient.

Franchise tax, which is a tax on the privilege of doing business in a state, often requires less of a connection. Simply soliciting orders or sales in the state may be enough.

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STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

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Lithia Mo.	4.70	▼ .09	Micron	5.46	—	Supervalu	31.36	▼ .44

COMMODITIES

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Live cattle	102.05	▼ .50	Aug. Oil	141.65	▲ 5.60
Aug. gold	942.00	▲ 13.4	July Silver	18.25	▲ .15

What to expect today in business

WASHINGTON — Commerce Department reports on international trade for May.

WASHINGTON — Treasury reports on the federal budget for June.

FAIRFIELD, Conn. — General Electric Co. releases second-quarter financial results.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Table of mutual fund performance including columns for Name, Last Chg, %Chg, and various fund names like Fidelity, Vanguard, and American Funds.

COMMODITIES REPORT

Table of commodity prices for various metals and grains, including Gold, Silver, and Wheat.

CLOSING VALUES

Table of closing values for various commodities and financial instruments.

POTATOES

Table of potato prices for different varieties and grades.

LIVESTOCK

Table of livestock prices for various types of cattle and hogs.

BEANS

Table of bean prices for different types and grades.

METALS/MONEY

Table of metal and money market prices.

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Table of grain prices for wheat, corn, and soybeans.

MARKET SUMMARY

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

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Explanatory text for the Market Report, detailing how to interpret the data and understand market movements.

Feds require new pesticide measures

Article discussing new pesticide regulations from the EPA, focusing on methyl bromide and other agricultural chemicals.

Retail

Article about retail sales trends, mentioning the impact of the economy on consumer spending and retail strategies.

Taxes

Article discussing tax implications for investors, particularly regarding mutual funds and capital gains.

second-quarter profits for the 130 companies

Article reporting on the second-quarter earnings of 130 companies, highlighting growth and challenges.

keeping up with rising food and gas prices

Article discussing the impact of rising food and gas prices on consumers and businesses.

retants such as Hart's Cafe and the Biltmore

Article about restaurant industry trends, specifically mentioning Hart's Cafe and the Biltmore.

taxation on your business depends on your particular circumstances

Article providing advice on business taxation and how to optimize tax strategies.

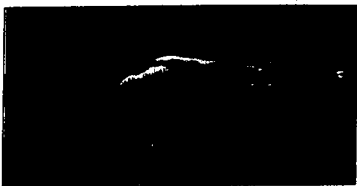
Rice says U.S. will defend Gulf

By Anne Gearan and Matthew Lee
Associated Press writers

WASHINGTON — Condoleezza Rice flexed America's muscles in the Middle East Thursday, forcefully warning Iran the U.S. won't ignore threats and will take any action necessary to defend friends and interests in the Persian Gulf.

A fresh Iranian missile test prompted a show of force from Israel as well. Rice said Iran's leaders should understand that Washington won't dismiss provocations from Tehran and has the ability to counter them. "I don't think the Iranians are too confused, either, about the capability and the power of the United States to do exactly that," she said.

Though the White House has repeatedly asserted it prefers diplomacy to war, Rice used some of the administration's most direct language yet to make clear the U.S. is strengthening its military presence to counter Iran in the strategic Gulf region



An Israeli Etam plane is seen on display at Israel Aerospace Industries near Tel Aviv, Thursday, Israel says the airplane is equipped with sophisticated intelligence-gathering systems and can spy on Iraq.

and is prepared to use force. She also referred to U.S. arms sales to Gulf allies and military aid to Israel as protections against any threat from Iran.

Asked on a trip to Afghanistan whether the U.S. had strengthened its position, he said, "We have a very robust presence in that part of the world, we had for some time, and we're robust enough to be able to adjust constantly, which is what we do, and we also try not to be

very predictive about where we go and when we go and what we do there."

Rice's remarks were part of a rising rhetorical and strategic face-off between Iran on one side and the United States and Israel on the other. The posturing has raised concerns worldwide about a possible shooting war.

The most likely scenario for that would be an Israeli strike to reduce or eliminate the threat that Iran could soon field a nuclear weapon. Israel could theoretically launch an air strike against one or more of Iran's known nuclear sites and at least set back the timetable for a bomb.

Israel has announced no such intention, although neither it nor its U.S. protector will rule out the possibility and Israel has sent multiple signals that it is ready to defend itself.

On Thursday, Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak said his country "proved in the past that it won't hesitate to act when its vital security interests are at stake."

Europe criticizes Italy's crackdown on Gypsies

Los Angeles Times

ROME — Italy's controversial decision to fingerprint Gypsies as part of what it said was a crackdown on crime received a sharp rebuke Thursday from the European Parliament, which declared the campaign distinctly racist.

The Italian government knew it was courting criticism when it began fingerprinting and rounding up the off-targeted minority known also as Roma.

old right-wing administration of Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi.

Italy immediately said it would ignore the European Parliament's resolution.

"Our aim is to put an end to the disgrace of nomadic camps," said Interior Minister Roberto Maroni, a member of a small political party that is part of the ruling coalition. He was referring to the ramshackle settlements where thousands of Gypsy families live and major Italian cities. Maroni and other senior Italian officials said they were attempting to fight this petty crime that is often associated with Gypsies.

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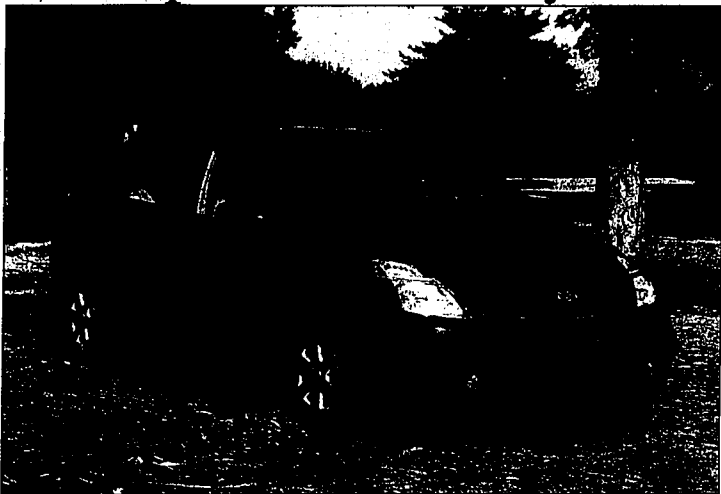
RoadWorthy!
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High mileage, high value and high demand — these are the impressive qualities of the Toyota Prius. The Prius utilizes Toyota's Hybrid Synergy Drive, the automaker's third-generation electric-gas hybrid powertrain technology. This hybrid system joins a 1.5L four-cylinder Atkinson Cycle gasoline engine with variable valve timing with intelligence (VVT-i) to a 50 kW permanent-magnet electric drive motor.

The Prius does not have a traditional gearbox but employs an electronic continuously variable transmission with no fixed gear ratios. Instead, the unit provides infinitely variable ratios in response to driving conditions.

A regenerative braking system further boosts system efficiency. When the Prius is coasting or the brakes are applied, the electric motor functions as a generator, capturing kinetic energy that would normally be lost as heat through the brakes. The kinetic energy is transformed into useable electricity to recharge the batteries.

One important difference in the Toyota Prius sedan is that it is designed to go a considerable distance on just the electric motor alone. This differs from the other current hybrid systems in that the electric motor is generally used to assist the smaller, than-normal gasoline engine for such demanding chores, as acceleration or otherwise heavy demand on the system.



for air conditioning, defrosting and/or operating many of the electrical accessories.

Last year Toyota introduced the Prius Touring Edition for those motorists that desire a more spirited driving response. Equipped with a European-tuned sport suspension, the touring Edition is distinguished externally by new 16-inch alloy wheels, a larger rear spoiler, high-intensity discharge (HID) headlamps and integrated fog lamps. New for 2008 are

standard driver and front passenger curtain side airbags.

On the road, the standard Prius is a decent performer — acceleration from rest is not fast, but good enough once underway. Control hardware for the Prius features an independent MacPherson strut configuration with a stabilizer bar in front and a Torsion beam with a stabilizer bar in the rear. Inside the cabin, Toyota designed a high level of content often reserved for vehicles

costing thousands more. A textured instrument panel center accents the high-tech interior styling. Leather seating and a leather-wrapped steering wheel are available options. An audio system upgrade features MP3-media capability and a mini-jack port located in the center console. The mini-jack port allows connectivity to most portable music players and allows users to listen to their portable music collection through the JBL audio system.

The steering wheel features fingertip controls for both the air conditioning and audio system. Cabin filtration, cruise control, heated side mirrors, power windows, door locks and remote keyless entry are standard.

The rear seating area is a comfortably roomy place for two adults to travel in comfort. The 60/40 split folding rear seat only adds to the versatility of the interior design to carry people and cargo.

2008 Toyota Prius Hybrid hatchback By The Numbers

MSRP:
The base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the 2008 Toyota Prius Hybrid starts from \$24,100 for the standard model, \$22,475 for the base and \$23,370 for the Touring. Destination charges: \$1,000.

WEIGHTS:
406.3; overall length: 175.0; width: 67.9; height: 58.7 — all vehicle measurements are in inches.

ENGINE:
1.5L four-cylinder gasoline with VVT-i — 78 hp at 5,000 rpm and 82 lb-ft of torque at 4,200 rpm combined with a 50 kW permanent-magnet electric synchronous motor at 1,200-1,540 rpm and 295 lb-ft of torque at 0-1,200 rpm.

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
49 city/45 hwy.

SAFETY FEATURES:
Dual front airbags, head curtain side-impact airbags, front seat-mounted side-impact airbags, four-wheel antiLock brakes, brake assist, remote keyless entry, hill slope control, traction control, and tire pressure monitor. Touring: Side high intensity headlamps and fog lights.

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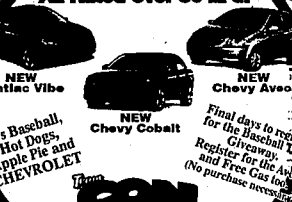
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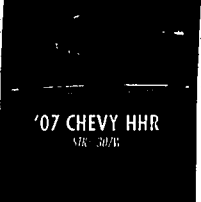
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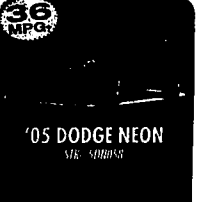
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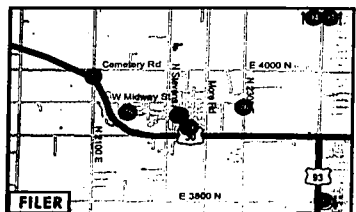
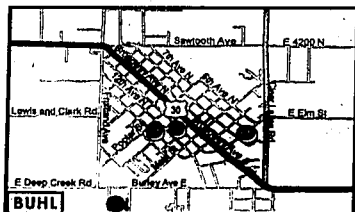
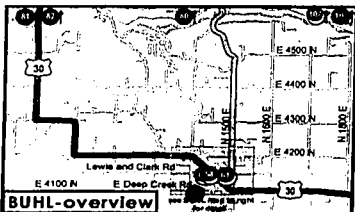
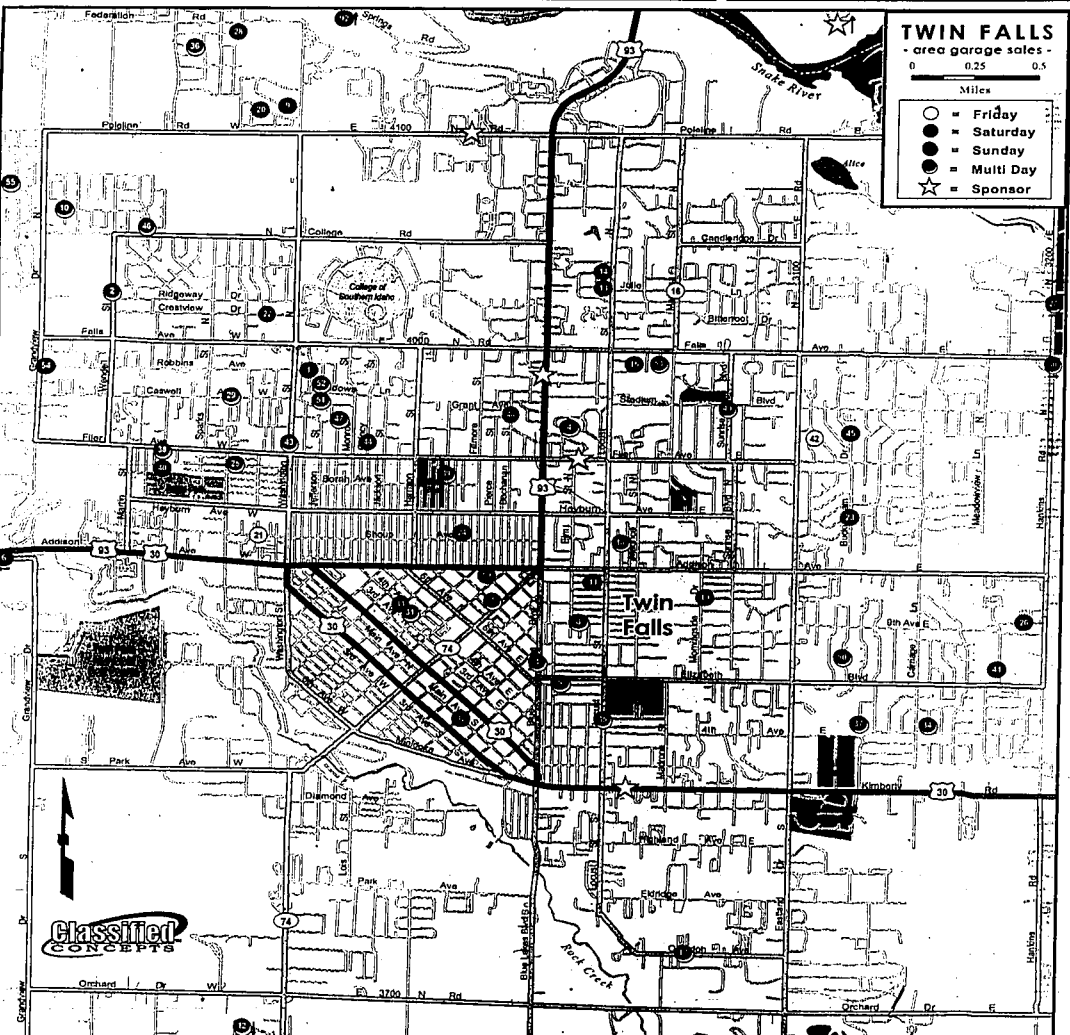
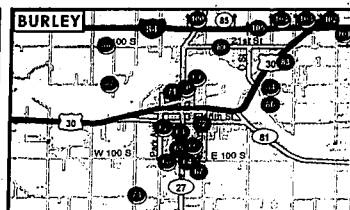
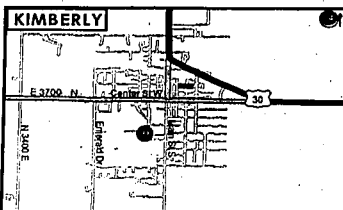
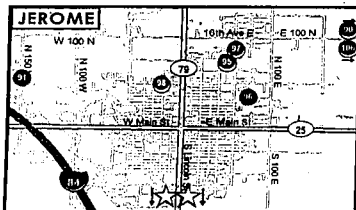
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The Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) was informed by the Bureau of Fisheries of the planned operation of up to two seines in the Yankee Fork Salmon River for the purpose of trapping and retaining hatchery - origin spring Chinook salmon. Operation of the "weirds" for the purpose of trapping hatchery spring Chinook salmon in the Yankee Fork Salmon River and upper Salmon River basins in 2008 and 2009 would be in accordance with the 2008-2017 United States v. Oregon Management Agreement (May 2008), the ESA Section 7 Consultation between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Department for Columbia River Bull Trout and the NOAA Fisheries EIS for the proposed operation of the Idaho Chinook Salmon Supplementation Studies. Protection and conservation of ESA - listed fish and salmon is the primary objective of the upper Salmon River basin is an important management objective of the Department. The IDFG strongly recommends that fishing be closed within 100 yards upstream and downstream of any fish management weirs operated in the upper Salmon River.

DATED this 9th day of July 2008. DAVID DEWITT, DEPUTY FISH AND GAME CIO, Director PUBLISH: July 11 and 12, 2008

JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE FIFTH AND SIXTH DISTRICT THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

Case No. CV 08-1725 NOTICE OF SHERIFFS SALE OF REAL ESTATE, Plaintiff, LOREN E. JAKUBOWSKI, Defendant.

Under and by virtue of a Writ of Execution issued out of the above-entitled Court, in the above-entitled action, dated the 12th day of June, 2008, wherein the plaintiff obtained judgment against the defendant, LOREN E. JAKUBOWSKI, on the 13th day of May, 2008, in the sum of \$20,548.42, with interest thereon, the plaintiff, interest and claim of said defendant, in and to the following described real property, appearance and future located in Twin Falls County, Idaho to wit:

Parcel No. 2, Twin Falls, Range 16 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho Section 36; SW4&SW4 EXCEPT BEGINNING AT the Northwest corner of the 1/4 of the above-entitled Court, in the above-entitled action, dated the 12th day of June, 2008, wherein the plaintiff obtained judgment against the defendant, LOREN E. JAKUBOWSKI, on the 13th day of May, 2008, in the sum of \$20,548.42, with interest thereon, the plaintiff, interest and claim of said defendant, in and to the following described real property, appearance and future located in Twin Falls County, Idaho to wit:

NOTICE OF TRUSTEES SALE

On Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at the hour of 10:30 o'clock A.M., of said day, in the office of Alliance Title & Escrow Corp. located at 1411 Falls Avenue East, Suite 1215, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301, Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashiers check, certified check or money order, State of Idaho check or local government check, or cash equivalent in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, all the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit: Lot 20 in Block 2 of Green Tree Estates West, according to the official plat thereof, filed in Book 19 of Plats at Page(s) 27. Official Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY. BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE, SECTION 60-119, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESS OF THIS PROPERTY IS 83301, MAY SOMETIMES BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID REAL PROPERTY. If the successful bidder cannot provide the bid price by means of one of the above means of payment, the sale will be postponed for 10 minutes only to allow the high bidder to obtain payment in a form prescribed herein above. If the high bidder is unsuccessful in obtaining payment as directed within 10 minutes, the sale will be held immediately and will be bid by the high bidder from the previous sale, will be rejected, all in accordance with Idaho Code 45-1502 et. seq. Said sale will be made without warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by Winford Verlie Fite and Linda Fite, His and Her Husband and Wife, as Grantor to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., its Successor-Trustee, for the benefit and assistance of Chase Home Finance LLC as Successor Beneficiary, recorded June 16, 2003 as instrument 2003-04667, Mortgage recorded with the County of Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTOR(S) ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(A)(1), IDAHO CODE, NO REPRESENTATION AS TO THE STATUS OF ANY DEED, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The default for which this sale is to be made is failure to: Make principal and interest payments as set forth on said Deed of Trust Make principal and interest payments as set forth on said Deed of Trust with interest thereon at the rate of 5.625% per annum, as evidenced in Promissory Note dated June 13, 2003. Payment due one month for the month of May 2008, \$493.96, and including May 2008 in the amount of \$801.88 per month and continuing each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance as of May 29, 2008 is \$110,728.16 together with accrued and accruing interest thereon at the rate of 5.625% per annum. The per diem is \$15.48. In addition to the above, there are also due any late charges, advances, escrow collection fees, attorney fees, and all other charges with this foreclosure. The balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$106,728.16, including interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereon, or in this sale, as to books and fees and/or reasonable attorney's fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. Dated: June 11, 2008 Alliance Title & Escrow Corp. By: Bob Clark, Trust Officer Phone: (877) 947-1553

PUBLISH: June 20, 27, July 4 and 11, 2008

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Idaho Code 45-805 that Oregon Trail Storage, 4705 South Park Avenue West, Twin Falls, will expose the contents of the following listed: Blake Tarmann, Unit C-29, last known address: PO Box 493, Hagerman, ID 83332. Robert Galuska, Unit F-21, last known address: 645 Fawnbrook Ave 1620, Twin Falls, ID 83301. Debra Otero, Unit A-20, last known address: 711 Broadway, N. Burli, Idaho. Dee Dee Frazier, Unit C-45, last known address: 320 Main Ave S Room 201, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

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NOTICE OF LETTING

Sonnet Properties, Inc. is the IDAHO TRANSPORTATION BOARD on behalf of the IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT. INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD CONTACT IDAHO 83073, ATTN: ROADWAY DESIGN until two o'clock p.m., on August 5, 2008, for the work of a civil design engineer to prepare preliminary design and construction documents for reconstruction and realignment, MP 187.74 to MP 188.85; US-93, Jim Byrne Slough Dr. To Parkland, near Idaho 930, MP 162.7. The project is in Lincoln County, Key No. 06390.

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FOUND (2) mournful bikers on Monday, June 30th at the dead end St. off of Park and Grant. Call 733-0767 to identify.

FOUND fawnish black lab. Seems well trained. On east Longbow Dr. Near D & S Supply. July 3-2008

FOUND July 3 at Shoshone Falls boat ramp - low-behind truck. Call 733-4388.

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LOST Casio digital camera, in a black leather case. Lost at Jerome Walmart. Reward! 208-324-8131

LOST cat on May 16th. 2 year old, grey, high. 2 ears, blue, light/dark grey, white, milk, green eyes. Answer to Canyon. Reward. Call 208-410-1414

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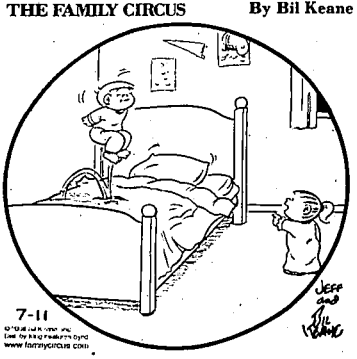
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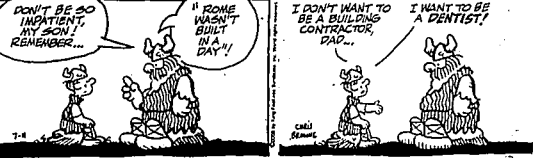
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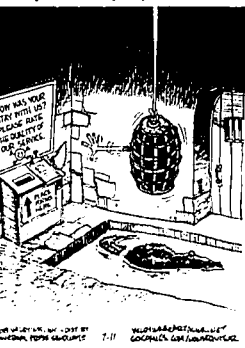
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