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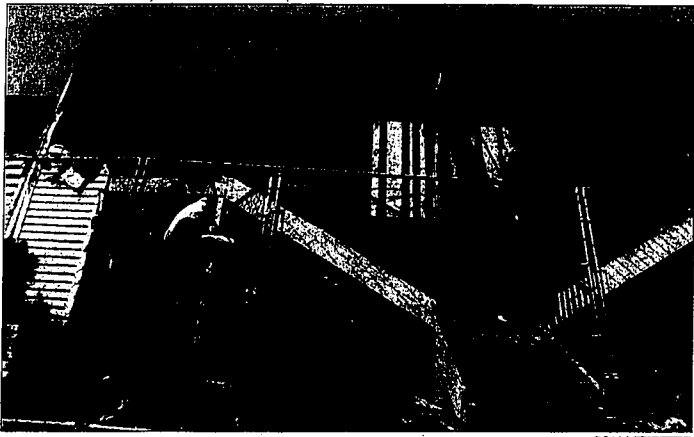
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## Costly blaze



Resident Cory Fearbeller emerges from a burned building with a few valuables that survived an early-morning fire that consumed much of the building and forced the evacuation of four apartments in the complex located on Madrona Street in Twin Falls.

**No one injured in early-morning fire that displaces more than 10; most expensive incident handled by Red Cross in almost a year**

By Andrea Jackson  
Staff writer

A fire Thursday that destroyed a four-plex and displaced more than 10 residents in Twin Falls was the most expensive incident handled by the American Red Cross in south-central Idaho in almost a year, according to the organization.

The cause of the fire — which erupted at about 4 a.m. at 384 Madrona St. apartments 1-4 — is still under investigation by the Twin Falls fire and police departments.

No one was injured but the apartments were charred and a cat was killed in the blaze.

The Red Cross of Idaho is

lodging displaced residents in local hotels for three nights, and offering food and clothing, said Shawn Tolman, CEO American Red Cross of Idaho.

"We can't ever replace everything someone loses in a fire," Tolman said.

The Red Cross of Idaho is expending thousands of dollars for the Madrona Street fire victims. The total hasn't been tallied yet. "We're into the thousands for sure," Tolman said. "This is the most expensive response we've had in south-central Idaho since the shelters in Halley last August."

In August, the organization set up a shelter in Halley for central Idaho residents threatened by a large fire west of Ketchum.

Thursday's fire destroyed two apartments on the top floor. The bottom floor was also badly damaged, but residents were able to remove clothing after it was extinguished.

Firefighters asked police to help with the investigation, which Twin Falls Fire Department Capt. Doug Moore said is standard when cause isn't immediately clear.

The blaze may have erupted on a porch in front

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of a front door on the second floor, Moore said. "We haven't been able to determine or ascertain exactly what started it. It was so severely damaged, there wasn't much left to look at there on the porch."

Police don't know if a crime occurred. Twin Falls Police Capt. Matt Hicks said he may know more today.

The building was one of eight four-year-old, four-plex buildings in the Clear Springs Apartments community. Owner of the apartments, Kristi Brann, said her insurer will also conduct a separate investigation.

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## Key victim/witness in Jerome shooting case skips court

By Andrea Jackson  
Staff writer

A teenager named as a key witness and victim from a shooting last month in Jerome skipped out on court Thursday and stalled a set of hearings.

Authorities said Carlos Ferreira, 15, ran away from home about 10 days ago and couldn't be subpoenaed into court. He was supposed to testify Thursday at hearings for two young men charged in connection to a June 22 shooting where Ferreira was also assaulted.

Ferreira has cooperated with police and prosecutors, said Jerome Chief Deputy Prosecutor Paul Kroeger.

Kroeger's case could suffer if Ferreira isn't found. "There's a possibility we could proceed completely, but maybe not."

Ferreira told police last month he was struck from behind, beaten by three people, had a gun pointed at him and a knife put to his abdomen. Authorities arrested three men in connection to the incident, which involved a shooting that left another man, Diego Aguilar, with a graze wound to the face.

Two of the three men arrested in connection to the incident, David James Markus, 16, and Anthony C. Nunes, 24, appeared Thursday in 5th District Court in Jerome.

**CASE STALLED?**

Carlos Ferreira, 15, failed to show up to court Thursday to testify at hearings for David James Markus, 16, and Anthony C. Nunes, 24, who are charged in connection to a June 22 shooting where Ferreira was also assaulted.

Prosecutor Paul Kroeger said the case could proceed without Ferreira as Judge John Butler reset the hearings for July 31 for Nunes and Aug. 7 for Markus.

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Members of the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department bring two boys back to shore after they swam across the Snake River near Star Falls, but couldn't swim back.

## Two stranded youths snagged from canyon

T.E. rescue crews avert emergency after teens couldn't get back across river.

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WATCH: See video of the rescue above the falls.

day frolicking on the river bank. But they were caught on the wrong side of the Snake one football field-length upriver from Star Falls — the most treacherous and potentially fatal rapid on the Murtaugh stretch. While the river looked placid enough around them, just below the

By Cassidy Friedman  
Staff writer

MURTAUGH — Skipping rocks while a county search and rescue boat zoomed toward them from across the Snake River Thursday afternoon, teenagers Caleb Van Hooser and Matt Levy could have been having just another

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## Health trust board plans August open house

Community to have chance to review plans to spend \$20 million in grants

By Nate Poppino  
Staff writer

Twin Falls County residents could have their chance in a couple of weeks to weigh in on the framework for spending an eventual \$20 million in health

care-related grants.

The Twin Falls County Health Initiatives Trust board of directors has tentatively scheduled an open house for Aug. 5 at which the public would have a chance to review and approve its community plan.

The plan governs how the trust will distribute grant money acquired in the 2006 sale of then-Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Each year, a portion of the money is intended to go to projects in medical wellness and related educational fields.

Though the board has the final say over grant

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**BY THE NUMBERS**

**\$15 million**

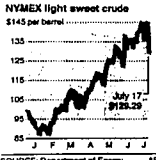
Initial funds for grants from the sale of then-Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Another \$5 million will come from investments.

**\$5,000**

Minimum grant size approved by health trust board.

**Oil futures tumble**

Prices of crude oil futures for August delivery settled just below \$130 a barrel for the first time in more than a month.



## Slip-sliding oil: Barrel of crude under \$130 for first time in six weeks

Price down 12 percent from last week; oil inventories unusually high for summer

By Elizabeth Douglas and Walker Hamilton  
Los Angeles Times

Oil prices closed down sharply for the third consecutive day Thursday, taking the cost of crude below \$130 a barrel for the first time in six

weeks and signaling a possible end to a bull run that seemed intent on hitting \$150 this summer.

While no one would rule out an abrupt reversal like those that followed other dips in recent months, several oil analysts suggested that

oil prices could continue to slide.

"The market is reacting to the fact that demand is actually off in the U.S.; there's also a slowdown in Europe and parts of Asia," said Andrew Lipow, a Houston-based consultant and former energy trader. "You finally have more people looking at the fundamentals."

Consumption of gasoline and many other oil byprod-

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At Gore calls for quick end to U.S. fossil-fuel use.

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ucts has subsided, putting inventories at unusually high levels for the middle of the U.S. driving season. That's helped ease worries about the worldwide tightness in oil supplies despite renewed

concerns about Nigerian crude production. Lipow said.

Light, sweet crude for August delivery closed down \$5.31, or 4 percent, to close at \$129.25 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Thursday's close put the price of crude 12 percent lower — or nearly \$18 less — than last week's record high

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**117!**

Plenty of garage sales this weekend.  
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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Historic Opera Theatre dinner show, "In Memoriam," a comedy dinner mystery 8:30 p.m. reservation only dinner and 7:45 p.m. show, Historic Opera Theatre, 208 E. Idaho Ave., Glenns Ferry, dinner/show: \$22.50 and show only: \$7 general admission, \$5 children and senior citizens, 366-7408 or 366-2744. The Wah-Hoo Review, featuring the Wild West Players with singing, dancing, comedy and audience involvement. Includes western-style barbecue, 7:30 p.m., on the lawn near the opera house; and show, 7:30 p.m., historic Star Valley Opera House, dinner/show tickets: \$35 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens and \$25 for children 12 and under; show only: \$18 for adults and \$14 for senior citizens and children 12 and under, 622-2135 or 888-622-2108. Friday Night Live, an outdoor celebration with live music by a local Magic Valley band, food, and spirits, 7 to 10 p.m., Snake Harley Davidson, 2404 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls, public invited, 734-9400 or www.snakehd.com. "Peter Pan," 25th anniversary production presented by JUMP Company, 7:30 p.m. evening performance, Roper Auditorium, 1615 Filer Ave. E., Twin Falls, \$10 reserved tickets and \$7 general admission, 733-3974 or 733-1044. L.D.S. musical "Saturday's Warrior" and sequel "The White Star," 7:30 p.m., College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center, Twin Falls, tickets: \$12-19, 1-888-359-3277 or LDsmusical.com. Donald Margulies' drama "Collected Stories," presented by Company of Fools, 8 p.m., Liberty Theatre, 110 N. Main St., Holey, tickets: \$25 for adults, \$18 for senior citizens (62 and over) and \$15 for students (18 and under), 578-9122. The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary public dance, 8 p.m., D.A.V. Hall, 459 Shop Ave., Twin Falls, \$2 donation, 734-5208.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Members of the Twin Falls High School graduating class of 1947 luncheon to all 1947 classmates, 1 p.m., Jaker's, 1598 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, food, 733-7470 or 420-9435.

GOVERNMENT

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

HEALTH AND RECOVERY

Buhl Community Blood Drive, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Buhl Immaculate Conception Church, 1629 Poplar St., Buhl, 543-5274. 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., Oakley, no cost, 737-5988. Celebrate Recovery, based on the 12 steps and eight biblical principles, 6 p.m., Cafe Agape, Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, 293 Main Ave. E., Twin Falls, 737-4667. AA/Non/Alateen family groups, to help friends and families of alcoholics, hotline: 1-866-592-3198.

MUSEUMS AND PARKS

Faulkner Planetarium "Planet Patrol: Solar System Steak Out" at 2 p.m., "Blown Away: The Wild World of Weather" at 7 p.m., and "Attagoos Rock!" at 8:15 p.m., Harret Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, 732-9655. Sawtooth Forum and Lecture Series: Barb Fording/phrase: Raptors of Idaho: Biology and Management (with real birds), 3 p.m., at Twin Falls Museum and 8:30 p.m. campfire presentations at Redfish Lake Amphitheater, Sawtooth National Recreation area, five miles south of Stanley, no cost, (208) 608-8741 or vjlawson@gmail.com.

REUNIONS

Burley High School Class of 1958 reunion picnic, 3 p.m., Hoyburn Riverfront Park, 678-7902.

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, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

To have an event (including on-going events) listed in The August monthly calendar, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number by noon July 21 to Suzanne Browne by e-mail at sbrowne@magicvalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548.

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- Hear interviews with demonstrators and a church spokesman at the new Twin Falls Mormon temple. See a video about the rescue of two teens who got marooned Thursday on the Snake River near Star Falls.

CORRECTIONS

Missing name Wednesday's story about the Galena summit cell tower decision left out Blaine County Commission Chairman Tom Bowman's name. The Times-News regrets the error.

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MORNING BRIEFING

AROUND THE WORLD

KENTUCKY

Boy slows drivers down with toy radar gun

LOUISVILLE — London Wilburn, 11, has a future as a cop, a traffic cop. The youngster, who used to shout at speeders to slow down as they drove through the Stone Lakes subdivision in Louisville, now has taken matters into his own hands. Dressed in a reflective vest, wearing a bicycle helmet and armed with an orange Hot Wheels brand radar gun, he points and records the actual speed of passing traffic. London also carries a flashlight with a built-in siren. "When I saw this happening, I got the biggest kick out of it," said resident George Ayers, 61. "People were locking up their brakes when they saw him."

Many in the subdivision are frustrated that motorists tear through the neighborhood at 55 mph despite signs posting a 25 mph limit. Officials said the city will install speed bumps in the neighborhood if 70 percent of residents agree and are willing to put up half the money.



London Wilburn, 11, uses a Hot Wheels brand radar gun to see how fast an SUV is driving on Taylorville Road past the Stone Lakes subdivision in Louisville, Ky. Wilburn has been chiding the speeds of drivers near his neighborhood since June.

The hurricane was located about 855 miles (1,355 kilometers) west-southwest of the southern tip of the Baja California peninsula.

NEW YORK

Any Poehler confirms role in 'Office' spinoff

NEW YORK — Any Poehler confirmed to The Associated Press that she'll be joining the planned "Office" spinoff, paving the way for her eventual exit from "Saturday Night Live" and promoting the comedian to prime-time. Speaking by phone Thursday shortly after her Emmy nomination for outstanding guest actress in a comedy series on "SNL," Poehler said she will join NBC's spinoff of "The Office." She's expected to start.



"I can kind of confirm that I will be working in some capacity on that show," said Poehler. "I don't really have any other details yet." The 36-year-old Poehler has been a cast member on "Saturday Night Live" since 2001 and in recent seasons has served as a co-anchor on "Weekend Update."

Poehler, whose husband Will Arnett also received an Emmy nomination Thursday (for his guest performance on "30 Rock"), is pregnant and due this October.

IRAQ

Kuwaiti ambassador returns to Iraq

BAGHDAD — Kuwait on Tuesday named its first ambassador to Iraq since Saddam Hussein's forces invaded the oil-rich country in 1990 and set off the Persian Gulf War.

The announcement came as Iraq's Shiite Muslim-led government reaches out to its Sunni Arab neighbors in a bid to ease tensions and secure investment needed to rebuild the country.

U.S. officials also have been encouraging Arab countries to normalize relations with Iraq to offset the influence of neighboring Iran, where many of Iraq's current leaders sought sanctuary under Saddam. Iraq's Arab neighbors are suspicious of Baghdad's ties with Tehran and worried about the level of violence here.

W. VIRGINIA

Sixth person pleads guilty in torture case

LOGAN — Another defendant has pleaded guilty to charges stemming from the suspected torture of a young woman held captive in West Virginia last summer.

Bobby Brewster, 25, pleaded guilty in Logan County Circuit Court on Tuesday to second-degree sexual assault, malicious assault and conspiracy to commit kidnapping or holding hostage. He was sentenced to at least 13 and as many as 40 years in prison, said Logan County Assistant Prosecutor Robert Ilderton.

In exchange for the plea, charges of kidnapping and assault during the commission of a felony were dismissed, Ilderton said.

Brewster was arrested in September along with five others. A seventh person was charged later. Authorities say Charleston resident Megan Williams was held for days in a trailer where she was forced to eat and sleep. She was sexually assaulted and stabbed. She was rescued Sept. 8 after an anonymous caller alerted authorities.

— From wire services

Advertisement for Steve Crump, featuring a photo of him and the text: Steve Crump is on vacation. His column 'You Don't Say' will return July 22.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, July 18, the 200th day of 2008. There are 166 days left in the year. TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: On July 18, 1947, President Truman signed the Presidential Succession Act, which placed the speaker of the House and the Senate president pro tempore next in the line of succession after the vice president. ON THIS DATE: In A.D. 64, the Great Fire of Rome broke out and the application. In 1792, American naval hero John Paul Jones died in Paris at age 45.

In 1936, the Spanish Civil War began. In 1940, the Democratic National Convention in Chicago nominated President Roosevelt for an unprecedented third term in office. In 1969, a car driven by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., plunged off a bridge on Chappaquiddick Island near Martha's Vineyard; passenger Mary Jo Kopechne died.

In 1984, a gunman opened fire at a McDonald's fast food restaurant in San Ysidro, Calif., killing 21 people before being shot dead by police. Ten years ago, South African President Nelson Mandela capped his 80th birthday by marrying Graca Machel, the widow of a Mozambican president and black liberation leader. Five years ago, Basketball star Kobe Bryant was charged with sexually assaulting a 19-year-old woman at a Colorado spa; Bryant denied the charge, saying he was guilty only of adultery. (Prosecutors later dropped the case.)

One year ago, Senate Republicans torpedoed legislation to force the withdrawal of U.S. combat troops from Iraq. An underground steam pipe exploded on a New York City street, swallowing a tow truck and claiming the life of a woman who suffered a heart attack. Armed men kidnapped two Germans and five Afghans working on a dam project in central Afghanistan. (One of the Germans, Hans Dietrich, was found shot dead three days later; the others were later released.)

HOROSCOPE BY JERALDINE SAUNDERS

IF JULY 18 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You work hard for your money and deserve to enjoy it. You are developing a good business sense through consistency and the application of practical solutions. October is your month to grab the brass ring of opportunity and cash in on the prize. Anything and anyone who comes in the picture during that month is probably good for you and helpful to your future. Lay out your future plans and get sound professional advice from well-wishers. ARIES (March 21-April 19): A well-known person once said that only a fool holds out for top dollar. By trying to take advantage of a situation you could end up with the least. In a worst-case scenario, you could spoil future chances. TAURUS (April 20-May 20): If you can take the time to listen, be sure to take the time to

hear. It is a simple thing to accept flattery with good grace, but not as easy to understand why certain compliments could be detrimental. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take your medicine. Learning the cause is always helpful when deciding the cure. Since you may easily confuse fantasy and reality, this is not a good time to sign contracts or make major purchases. CANCER (June 21-July 22): This morning's full moon could make you more aware of how much you rely upon a certain person for your happiness. The response from a loved one may be a mirror image of your own attitudes. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Communicate. Romeo and Juliet were star-crossed lovers who could have avoided tragedy if they had e-mail and a cell phone. If you rely on wishful thinking or your intu-

ition you might make an error. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): No deposit, no return. Don't worry about an expiration date if you feel it is best to show a prospective deal or request. It is possible that the feelings or sentiments expressed today are entirely disposable. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The waters are a bit murky where money or love is concerned. Romantic pursuits could lose their luster and fall flat. Hide your wallet as well as your heart until you can see clearly to the bottom of things. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't waste your time, money or energy on the pursuit of an impossible dream. Like the man of La Mancha, you could be tilting at windmills and chasing an unrealistic romantic or career objective. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): He who hesitates is not lost, only procrastinating.

You can't push your way past a certain obstacle, so it is best to bide your time. In a few days you may see a clear path in a different direction. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): This morning's full moon could mark the culmination of joint efforts. There is a temptation to think that things are better than they really are. In the next few days, He or she will announce definitive decisions. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't make needless comparisons. Your closest companions seem to be thoughtful and concise. Maybe you can dovetail your intuitive qualities with theirs to create a mutually beneficial whole. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Love thy neighbor. Being a Good Samaritan might not be convenient, but it will bring unexpected compensation. Displaying a genuine interest in the lives of others will make you feel good.

## Case

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Charges against them changed. Markus was originally charged as an adult with attempted murder for shooting Aguilera. That was amended to aggravated battery, both charges carry the same punishment but have different requirements to prove. Another area prosecutor said it's more challenging to convict on an attempted murder charge. Markus is also charged with two additional counts of

aggravated battery and aggravated assault. Also on Thursday, another charge was leveled against Nunes. Along with two counts of aggravated battery, he is also now charged with felon in possession of a firearm.

Kroeger told the court he hopes Ferreria is located within two weeks. Jerome Police Det. Duane Rubink said they're looking for him. "We got a call from his mom, he was incorrigible, and ran shortly after that."

Rubink said he doesn't

think Ferreria took off to avert

testimony. He previously appeared at a hearing for a third man charged in the shooting incident, Joshua Adam Nunes, 18. He is charged with three counts of aggravated battery and one aggravated assault charge.

Judge John Butler reset the hearings: July 31 for Anthony Nunes and Aug. 7 for Markus.

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## Rescue

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surface a massive undercurrent could easily have thrust them toward the mouth of the steep chute, Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Tousley said.

"Certainly glad you guys waited," a deputy called out to the boys as they reached shore.

Tousley further commended the boys for taking no chances as they disembarked from the rescue boat at the launch at the northern foot of the canyon. Caleb, the younger and smaller of the two, had exhausted himself from the swim across under the intense afternoon sun, and the boys chose to play it safe by waiting for help to arrive, said Ivey's mother, Kathy Ivey, of Hazelton.

They didn't expect that help to come from

law enforcement. "I came to pick them up," said Ivey, who arrived at the river at 2 p.m. after studying for an important test she was scheduled to take Thursday afternoon at a College of Southern Idaho's nursing school.

"I said, 'come on,'" Kathy Ivey said.

Fifteen minutes later, the boys hadn't budged and Kathy Ivey called out again. "Do you have a stomachache?" she asked. Matt answered: "Caleb is tired."

That's when Kathy called Caleb's father on her cell phone. He said he was on his way.

As the families attempted to resolve the issue on their own, an Idaho Power official intervened.

"They said the river is real-

ly high and we're concerned about a drowning," Kathy said. At about 3 p.m., Idaho Power called Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center.

That call dispatched search and rescue volunteers in pickups and trailers, an ambulance, deputies, and the sheriff himself — all of whom high-tailed from Twin Falls to Murtaugh and down the fire road, which leads to the put-in spot above the rapids.

With two drowning deaths in recent memory — one that occurred above the falls; another person drowned in the rapids, the sheriff was happy to see another emergency averted.

"I would recommend not swimming in this area unless in a safe posted swimming area," Tousley said.

## Funds

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applications could be evaluated by another group — anyone from Twin Falls area service clubs to other communities outside the county. Board members said they are considering bringing a third party in to help avoid conflicts of interest from board members and spread out the workload.

"If an entity that we work for applies for funding, we want to have separation," board member James Schroeder said at a meeting Thursday afternoon.

The board even discussed the idea of financially compensating volunteers for their time — though board Chairman Curtis Eaton said that. But the plan is far from final.

Some board members said they had serious concerns with the idea, and asked if there was some way to ensure

service organization volunteers, for example, would be impartial as well.

At the same time, they acknowledged the value of bringing in more knowledgeable people. "I wouldn't know a good grant application from a bad one," board member Patty Kleinkopf said. "I don't do that."

Initially funded with \$15 million from the sale of the formerly county-owned hospital, the trust will gain \$5 million more over a 10-year period. The grant money will be the income from investing the total amount, currently about \$17.4 million.

Board members informally agreed on Thursday to a minimum grant size of \$5,000, and said all grants must go to nonprofit groups. Previously, they said individual grants will be limited to 20 percent of the available funds each year, with multi-year grants possi-

ble. Ten percent of each year's earnings will stay invested to help grow the fund.

At least \$600,000 could be available when the trust starts accepting grant applications, possibly in September.

Board members are also working out how they want to access trust money from the state investment pool where it's stored. One option involves a complicated chain of requests, while another could move the money straight from the pool through the Federal Reserve to the trust's bank account.

The only thing for sure, Eaton said, is that any withdrawn funds should be handled by trust members rather than the county. "This is money that can and should be in the name of Twin Falls HTF," Eaton said.

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## Emmy nominations hold firsts for basic cable

Los Angeles Times

HOLLYWOOD — Fox's "Damages" and AMC's "Mad Men" made history Thursday morning when they became the first basic-cable series to earn Emmy nominations for best drama, edging out such favorites as "Grey's Anatomy."

"Mad Men," a stylish period drama set on Madison Avenue in the advertising world of the 1960s, earned 16 nominations for the 60th annual Emmy Awards, including one for breakout star Jon Hamm for lead actor. The thrilling legal drama "Damages" garnered seven, including a best actress nod

for star Glenn Close. Joining them in the dramatic series category are "Lost," "Boston Legal," "Dexter" and "House." "Dexter" nomination was a comeback of sorts for the ABC show that many said had lost its way and hadn't been nominated in this category for its past two seasons.

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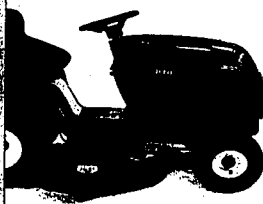


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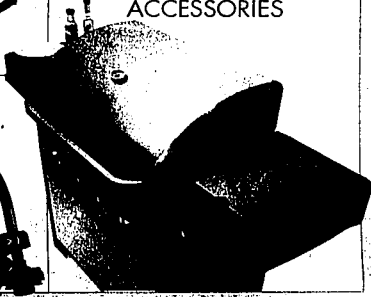
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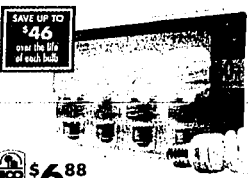
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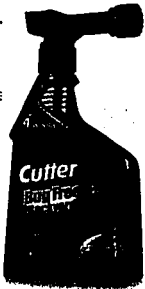


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# Obama raises twice as much as McCain

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Though he's raking in the cash so far, Barack Obama's decision to forgo public funds for the full campaign means he must keep up his torrid pace — a tall order that will tax his time, test his Internet support and require the help of Democratic donors who once wished for his defeat.

The Democratic nominee-in-waiting had his second-best fundraising month in June, a \$52 million haul that swamped presidential rival John McCain by more than 2-1. He also got a big boost from his party, which raised nearly five times as much as it had in May.

The new figures underscore the Illinois senator's status as a fundraising star. He has raised \$340 million during his presidential run to



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McCain's \$132 million. Obama's June total also reversed a three-month decline and helped close a cash-on-hand gap between the Democratic and Republican presidential operations. Together, Obama and the Democratic National Committee had \$92 million in the bank at the end of June compared with \$96 million for McCain and the Republican National Committee.

But the totals also set a tough new standard for Obama's presidential cam-

paign: The \$52 million he raised in June is now a baseline, not a high water mark.

"For him to maintain the pace that it looks as if he will need, he will have to match his best-ever month every month," said Michael Malbin, executive director of the Campaign Finance Institute, a nonpartisan group that tracks trends in political money.

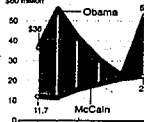
Obama's best fundraising month was February, when he took in \$55 million. Overall, the McCain campaign has estimated that it and Republican Party committees will have \$400 million to spend in the months before the November election.

To surpass that level of spending, Obama and the Democratic Party will have to raise about \$100 million a month.

## Obama tops \$50 million in June

Barack Obama raised more than twice as much money as John McCain. The Republican National Committee and McCain has more than \$95 million in the bank.

Total contributions\* \$50 million



Cash on hand, in millions		Total
Obama	DNC	
\$92.3	\$0.3	\$92.3
McCain		RNC
\$96.7	\$0.7	\$96.7

\*Includes contributions for the primary and general elections, loans and transfers.  
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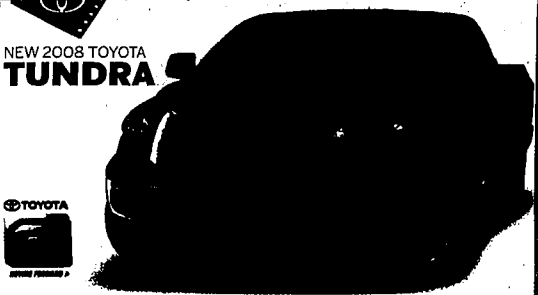
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# Ashcroft: 'Not hard' to reject memos approving harsh interrogation

By Lara Jakes Jordan  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Former Attorney General John Ashcroft on Thursday disavowed the now-defunct legal reasoning used to justify harshly questioning terrorism suspects, but dug in his heels to defend White House officials who pressured him while he was hospitalized four years ago to approve terror-surveillance programs.



Former Attorney General John Ashcroft listens to opening remarks prior to testifying before the House Judiciary Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday.

For a House Judiciary Committee hearing focused on a somber subject — whether methods used to interrogate al-Qaida plotters count as torture — the four hours of testimony included moments of humor and repeated problems proving the names of terror suspects.

Ashcroft was attorney general when he approved two Justice Department legal opinions in 2002 and 2003 that, essentially, approved the use of waterboarding and other harsh methods so long as they did not "cause pain similar in intensity to that caused by

death or organ failure." Both memos were written, in part, by former Deputy Assistant Attorney General John Yoo. Ashcroft agreed to withdraw both memos a few years later after his advisers said they were concerned that the legal reasoning behind them overstepped the limits of executive authority.

to give him good advice when he first approved the opinions.

He added: "It wasn't a hard decision for me to — when they came to me, and I came to the conclusion that these were genuine concerns — get about the business of correcting it."

Responded Rep. Zoe Lofgren, D-Calif., "There seems to be the Constitution, and the Constitution as Mr. Yoo thinks it should be. And the two are remarkably different."

Yoo, now a professor at Berkeley School of Law, declined to respond Thursday.

Republicans on the panel argued that waterboarding and other harsh tactics yielded information that may have saved lives, and Ashcroft did not disagree. He also said he does not believe waterboarding or any of the methods allowed under the memos amounted to torture. Both the CIA and the Pentagon two years ago banned its interrogators from waterboarding suspects.

# Judge clears way for first Guantanamo Bay trial

By Matt Apuzzo  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The U.S. can begin trying Osama bin Laden's former driver next week at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba, a federal judge ruled Thursday, rejecting the defendant's plea to halt the historic first trial in the military system set up following the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

Hamdan's Pentagon-appointed attorney, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Brian Mizer, said he intends to prove the Yemeni defendant was merely a driver and a mechanic for bin Laden — not an al-Qaida terrorist — but he doubts a fair trial is possible.

In a victory for the Bush administration, U.S. District Judge James Robertson ruled that civilian courts should let the military process play out as Congress intended — a decision that could clear the way for military commissions to begin prosecuting other terrorism suspects, including those charged directly in the 2001 attacks.

The trial has been delayed, as requested by former bin Laden chauffeur Salim Hamdan, it would have been a sign that the entire trial process might crumble under the weight of judicial scrutiny.

Hamdan argued that he should be given a chance to challenge the legality of the military trials, based on last month's Supreme Court ruling that said Guantanamo Bay prisoners can oppose their detentions in federal civilian courts.

Judges held that to be the case, every detainee at the U.S. naval base in Cuba could use court challenges to delay his trial for months or years.

But Robertson refused to step in to stop the Hamdan trial, which is scheduled for Monday.

"Courts should respect the balance that Congress has struck," he said, adding that "Hamdan is to face a military commission designed by Congress acting on guidelines handed down by the Supreme Court."

At Guantanamo Bay, military prosecutors said the ruling gave them more confidence that the trials would go forward against 90 detainees, including alleged Sept. 11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and others charged in the attacks.

Army Col. Lawrence Morlock, the chief prosecutor, predicted the trials would soon become routine.

"It will start looking like the space shuttle," Morlock told reporters. "From one point you look and someone asks, 'Is there a space shuttle orbiting or not,' and you don't know anymore because it's no longer an

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EDITORIAL

Why does Jerome County need its own jail?

The youngest county in the Magic Valley, Jerome, was created in 1919. That means that the eight counties of south-central Idaho have had 89 years to figure out a consistent way of cooperating to their mutual benefit.

The latest evidence is the Jerome County Commission's decision last week to build a new county jail rather than join in a North Side jail project with Gooding, Lincoln and Camas counties.

The latter three counties plan to go ahead with a regional jail anyway, but it will be considerably smaller — less than 350 beds, down from 500.

Maybe there's a good case to be made for Jerome County constructing its own jail. But the commissioners' decision came a week after they received a feasibility study by Rocky Mountain Corrections indicating the county would save costs by investing in a regional jail.

Yet that study failed to capture certain "hidden costs," according to Commission Chairman Charlie Howell.

Those included transporting inmates and paying public defenders' travel to meet clients. Howell said the report, which calculated a minimum of five deputies staffing a holding cell in Jerome County, low-balled the actual staffing needs.

Perhaps, but the benefits of participating in a regional jail may have trumped any additional expense. For one thing, the Idaho Department of Correction has committed to leasing 250 beds from the regional jail for the state's overflow.

Meanwhile, Twin Falls County commissioners have declined to sign a letter of intent to lease space at a proposed jail in Jerome County, although they could change their minds.

Investing in a bigger jail would in the long run create cost efficiencies for Jerome County and provide some future flexibility for the fastest-growing county in the Magic Valley.

It's hard to imagine that this issue didn't finally come down to a question over whose turf should get the jail. That's bedeviled big-ticket projects for years, ranging from emergency services dispatch to a regional airport.

But the hard truth is that south-central Idaho counties won't be able to afford parallel public infrastructures forever. It's simply becoming too expensive for small counties to run duplicate services.

Gooding, Lincoln and Camas counties are doing the right thing by building a first-class regional facility. We wish Jerome County had joined them.

**Our view:** Jerome County's decision not to participate in building a North Side regional jail is short-sighted. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Nothing's funny about Obama, darn it

When I interviewed Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert for Rolling Stone a couple years ago, I wondered what Barack Obama would mean for them.

"It seems like a President Obama would be harder to make fun of than these guys," I said.

"Are you kidding me?" Stewart scoffed. "Then he and Colbert both said at the same time: 'His dad was a goat-herd!'"



MAUREEN DOWD

When I noted that Obama, in his memoir, had revealed that he had done some pot, booze and "maybe a little blow," the two comedians began riffing about the dapper senator's familiarity with drug slang.

Colbert: Wow, that's a very street way of putting it. A little blow.

Stewart: A little bit of the white rabbit.

Colbert: Yeah, I packed a cocktail straw of cocaine and had a prostitute blow it in my ear, but that is all I did. High-five.

Flash forward to the kerfuffle — and Obama's icy reaction — over this week's New Yorker cover parodying fears about the Obamas.

They've already scratched thrift, candor and brevity off the list of virtues in this presidential cycle, so why not eliminate humor, too? wrote James Rainey in The Los Angeles Times, suggesting "an irony deficiency" in Obama and his fans.

Many of the late-night comics and their writers — nearly all white — now admit to The New York Times' Bill Carter that because of race and because there is nothing "buffoonish" about Obama

— and because many in their carelessness are intoxicated by him and resistant to seeing him skewered — he has not been flayed by the sort of ridicule that diminished Dukakis, Gore and Kerry.

"They're waging racism against you," Jimmy Kimmel said.



At first blush, it would seem a positive for Obama that he is hard to mock. But on second thought, is it another sign that he's trying so hard to be perfect that it's stultifying?

Carter also observed that there's no easy comedic "take" on Obama, "like allegations of Bill Clinton's womanizing, or President Bush's goofy bumbling or Al Gore's robotic personality."

At first blush, it would seem a positive for Obama that he is hard to mock. But on second thought, is it another sign that he's trying so hard to be perfect that it's stultifying? Or that eight years of W. and Cheney have robbed Democratic voters of their sense of humor?

Certainly, as the potential first black president, and as a contender with tender experience, Obama must feel under strain to be serious.

But he does not want the "take" on him to become that he's so tightly wrapped, over-calculated and circumspect that he can't even allow anyone to make jokes about him, and that his supporters are so evangelical and eager for a champion to rescue America that their response to any razzing is a sanctimonious: "Don't mess with our messiah!"

If Obama keeps being

slingy with his quips and smiles, and if the dominant perception of him is that you can't make jokes about him, it might infect his campaign with an airless quality. His humorlessness could spark humor.

On Tuesday, Andy Borowitz satirized on that subject. He said that Obama, sympathetic to comics' attempts to find jokes to make about him, had put out a list of official ones, including this:

"A traveling salesman knocks on the door of a farmhouse, and much to his surprise, Barack Obama answers the door. The salesman says, 'I was exporting the farmer's daughter.' Barack Obama replies, 'She's not here. The farm was foreclosed on because of sub-prime loans that are making a mockery of the American dream.'"

John McCain's Don Rickles routines — "Thanks for the question, you little jerk" — can fall flat. But he seems like a guy who can be teased humorlessly, if Obama offers only cat-your-arguing child-

ing and chilly earnestness, he becomes an otherworldly type, not the regular guy he needs to be.

He's already in danger of seeming too prissy about food — a perception heightened when The Wall Street Journal reported that the planners for Obama's convention have hired the first-ever Director of Greening, the environmental activist Andrea Robinson. She in turn hired an Official Carbon Advisor to "measure the greenhouse-gas emissions of every placard, every plane trip, every appetizer cup tossed."

The "lean 'n' green" catering guidelines, the Journal said, bar fried food and instruct that, "on the theory that nutritious food is more vibrant, each meal should include at least three of the following colors: red, green, yellow, blue/purple, and white." (Garlics don't count.) At least 70 percent of the ingredients should be organic or grown locally, to minimize emissions from fuel during transportation.

Bring it on, Ozone Dome. Don't get me because if Obama gets elected and there is nothing funny about him, it won't be the economy that's depressed. It will be the rest of us.

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"What we've done now has made kidnapping soldiers the most profitable game in town. There is absolutely no reason why Hezbollah should not invest huge resources now, along with Hamas, in the next kidnapping."

— Israeli expert security Martin Sherman on Israel's prisoner exchange with Lebanese guerrillas.

"The way gas prices are, people are rediscovering their feet."

— Pam Fischer, highway traffic safety director in New Jersey, which recently launched "Cops in the Crosswalks" to make motorists pay more attention to pedestrians.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Government ignores the plight of regular citizens

We no longer have a government for and by the people. We have a government for and by the giant corporations and multi-billionaires. Most of our politicians could care less about the (little) people of this country, because most of them are the multi-millionaires I'm talking about. You think they care about the price of a gallon of gas or how many are losing their homes. All they seem to care about is bailing out the billion dollar banks with our tax money. We have the best government that money can buy!

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as to where drilling is to be done in the country. Let's take away the milk cow from the lazy oil giants who want it to keep robbing with the blessing of our leaders. The go nowhere war in Iraq is costing billions of dollars every which could go to the supplying the country with other means of electric power and not listen to the animal right gang and beach resort bunch. For a hundred years drilling was done on the Louisiana and Texas waters with no problem. Let California do without if they

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# Genetics no longer seen as key to explaining human nature

We all know the story of Dr. Frankenstein, the scientist so caught up in his own research that he arrogantly tried to create new life and a new man. Today, if you look at people who study how genetics shape human behavior, you find a collection of anti-Frankensteins. As the research moves along, the scientists grow more modest about what we are close to knowing and achieving.



DAVID BROOKS

to one trait. Instead, a specific trait may be the result of the interplay of hundreds of different genes interacting with an infinitude of environmental factors.

First, there is the complexity of the genetic process. As Jim J. Manz pointed out in a recent essay in National Review, if a trait like aggressiveness is influenced by just 100 genes, and each of those genes can be turned on or off, then there are a trillion trillion possible combinations of these genes.

Second, because genes respond to environmental signals, there's the complexity of the world around. Professor Eric Turkheimer of the University of Virginia, conducted research showing that growing up in an impoverished environment harms IQ. He was asked what specific interventions would help children realize their potential. But, he noted, that he had no good reply. Poverty as

a whole has this important impact on people, but when you try to dissect poverty and find out which specific elements have the biggest impact, you find that no single factor really explains very much. It's possible to detect the total outcome of a general situation. It's harder to draw a linear relationship showing cause and effect.

Third, there is the fuzziness of the words we use to describe ourselves. We talk about depression, anxiety and happiness, but it's not clear how the words that we use to describe what we feel correspond to biological processes. It could be that we use one word, depression, to describe many different things, or perhaps depression is merely a symptom of deeper processes that we're not aware of. In the current issue of Nature, there is an essay about the arguments between geneticists and neuroscientists as they try to figure out exactly what it is that they are talking about.

The bottom line is this: For a time, it seemed as if we were about to use the bright beam of science to illuminate the murky world of human action. Instead, as Turkheimer writes in his chapter in the book,

"Wrestling With Behavioral Genetics," science finds itself enmeshed with social science and the humanities in what researchers call the Gloomy Prospect, the ineffable mystery of why people do what they do.

The prospect may be gloomy for those who seek to understand human behavior, but the flip side is the reminder that each of us is a Luminous Growth. Our lives are not determined by uniform processes. Instead, human behavior is complex, nonlinear and unpredictable. The Brave New World is far away. Novels and history can still provide insights into human behavior that science can't match.

Just as important is the implication for politics. Starting in the late 19th century, eugenicists used primitive ideas about genetics to try to re-engineer the human race. In the 20th century, communists used primitive ideas about "scientific materialism" to try to re-engineer a New Soviet Man.

Today, we have access to our own genetic recipe. But, we seem not to be falling into the arrogant temptation — to try to re-engineer society on the basis of what we think we know.

We can strive to eliminate that multivariate thing we call poverty. We can take people out of environments that (somehow) produce bad outcomes and try to immerse them into environments that (somehow) produce better ones. But we're not close to understanding how A leads to B, and probably never will be.

This age of tremendous scientific achievement has

underlined an ancient philosophical truth — that there are severe limits to what we know and can know; that the best political actions are incremental, respectful toward accumulated practice and more attuned to particular circumstances than universal laws.

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# Obama proving an elusive target for McCain

John McCain is the candidate who actually had experience as a wartime flyer, but Barack Obama is the one who has most successfully adapted a favorite tactic of those intrepid aviators. When the pilots were out a target heavily defended by anti-aircraft guns, they would release a cloud of fine metal scraps, hoping to confuse the aim of the shells or missiles being fired at them.



DAVID BRODER

if not their basic positions, once they shift from running against others in their own party primaries and start thinking about a general election with millions more voters of all ideologies poised to weigh in. McCain has done some of that himself, most notably in the week when he campaigned in the traditionally Democratic territories of New Orleans, Selma, Ala., and Appalachia.

But Obama's ease is more challenging than the typical candidate's post-primary adjustment. For one thing, he is more opaque than the usual nominee. No one in recent decades has emerged as the party standard-bearer from so truncated a political career: four years in the United States Senate, during which he has yet to lead on any major domestic or foreign policy issue, preceded by largely

anonymous service in the Illinois state Senate.

There have been few occasions when Obama's professional beliefs can be tested against his action. And in the fight for the nomination, virtually no issues emerged on which Obama's stances were feraciously challenged by his opponents.

He won by convincing a slim majority of Democratic voters that he could mobilize otherwise distrustful and alienated citizens with his promise to change Washington and to introduce a more open and less partisan brand of politics. Because his personal credibility is such a key to his success, the changes now occurring in his positions have a significance far beyond themselves.

Now if any of those inclined to support him have been so deeply offended by his readiness to "refine" his pledge to withdraw U.S. forces from Iraq in 16 months or his opting out of the public finance system he had once pledged to use (to cite the first two items on McCain's bill of particulars) that they are thinking of switching sides.

Obama will be in trouble.

only if the pattern continues to the point that undecided voters come to believe that he has a character problem — that they really can't trust him. As Peter Hart, the Democratic pollster, repeatedly reports from his focus groups with independents, this campaign turns much more on voters' struggle to size up Obama than it does on McCain.

Obama is making it hard for the Republicans to figure out how to attack him. The risk for him is if he also frustrates those voters' need to understand what makes him tick. They don't elect enigmas to the Oval Office.

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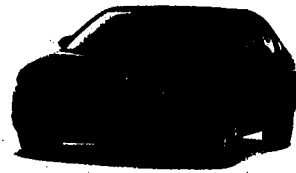


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## He's baaaack! Mediate shares top spot at British

By Doug Ferguson  
Associated Press writer

SOUTHPORT, England — From sunny San Diego to bleak and blustery Royal Birkdale, the expression on Rocco Mediate's face didn't change.

He watched one final birdie tumble into the cup for a 1-under 69 and a three-way share of the lead in the British Open, straightened his 45-year-old back, then dropped his jaw into a smile that said, "How did that just happen?"

Others must have been wondering the same thing Thursday. Ernie Els was playing some of his best golf in the worst of the weather

until taking 45 shots on the back nine and posting an 80, his highest score in nearly two decades at his favorite major.

Phil Mickelson was up to his knees in grass right of the sixth green and never found his ball, taking a triple bogey that sent him to a 79.

Robert Allenby and Graeme McDowell, who watched on television as the early starters suffered through raging wind and stinging rain coming off an angry Irish Sea, must have wondered where all that nasty weather went as they made their way around Birkdale in tamer wind to join Mediate atop the leaderboard.

Stranger still was seeing 53-year-

old newlywed Greg Norman in the hunt.

"I have no explanation for that whatsoever. No idea why that happened," said Mediate, still going strong after his epic playoff loss to Tiger Woods last month in the U.S. Open.

"It was just one of those rounds," he said. "It was just up and down, up and down, and a couple of birdies, and here we are. I would have been ecstatic with 73 or 74 today."

For those who thought his performance at Torrey Pines was merely a mirage, Mediate again found bright lines under leaden skies of the Lancashire Coast by bouncing back

from three bogeys on the opening six holes by holing a 40-foot birdie putt on the 13th, chipping in from off the 17th green for birdie and ending his round with a 20-foot birdie.

"Crazy stuff," he said. Norman made enough par-saving putts to sustain momentum and finish at 70 along with Australian protégé Adam Scott and Bart Bryant.

The group at 71 included Retief Goosen, who might have played the best golf of anyone.

Goosen awoke at 2 a.m. when rain pelted his windows, and he caught the brunt of the bad weather his entire round. He still managed four

### British Open Leaderboard

First Round	
Rocco Mediate	38-33-69 -1
Graeme McDowell	35-34-69 -1
Robert Allenby	37-32-69 E
Greg Norman	34-36-70 E
Adam Scott	33-37-70 E
Bart Bryant	35-35-70 E
Rétfel Goosen	35-36-71 +1
Wilke Van	35-38-74 +1
Jim Furyk	37-34-71 +1
Selected others	
Phil Mickelson	41-38-79 +9
Vijay Singh	42-33-80 +10
Ernie Els	35-45-80 +10
John Daly	37-43-80 +10

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Cy Ennes of Gooding rides during the saddle-bronc riding event at the Idaho State High School Finals Rodeo in Pocatello in June.

## AA Cowboys sweep Idaho Falls Reds

Staff report

Twin Falls had plenty of opportunities to shoot itself in the foot, and likewise had every opportunity to grab itself a victory over the Idaho Falls Reds in the opener of Thursday's doubleheader at Skip Walker Field.

The Class AA Cowboys did the former, but fortunately for them, they accomplished the latter as well, winning 8-7.

After a five-over performance left the team staring at a two-run deficit in the bottom of the seventh inning, seven consecutive Cowboys reached base as they scored three times to escape with the victory.

Braden Box drove in the winning run by doing what a hitter at the top of the order should, working the count full and then drawing ball four to force in Jacob Coats, who got the clutch hit to plate Joe Folkings and start the run-scoring cascade.

The late bludge gave Nick Yergensen a win on the mound, and let the defense off the hook at the same time.

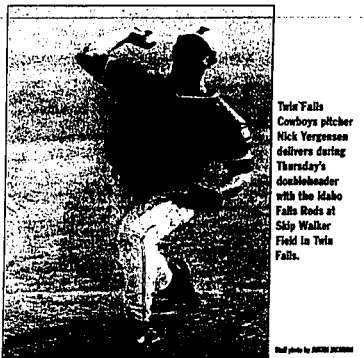
ing us in the game." Cowboys head coach Tim Stadelmeier said. "We had some errors that were costly, but the kids stepped up and found a way to get guys on base."

Coats came in in the seventh as a pinch hitter, but remained collected. "I was just trying to get on base. (Idaho Falls pitcher Hank Kvamme) threw one right down the pipe and I was able to do something with it," Coats said of his inside-out single to left field.

Twin Falls finished the sweep with an 11-1 win in the nightcap. Cowboys starter Michael Williams threw a no-hitter, allowing just one run in the early going and striking out two. Stadelmeier said he worked around three walks and two hit batters, "but just kept getting out of it."

The Cowboys, who have won three in a row after blasting Minico 11-1 in Game 2 on Tuesday, host Pocatello tonight.

**Twin Falls 8, Idaho Falls 7**  
Idaho Falls 2012-2-878  
Twin Falls 2012-2-878  
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Twin Falls Cowboys pitcher Nick Yergensen delivers during Thursday's doubleheader with the Idaho Falls Reds at Skip Walker Field in Twin Falls.

## The year's final go

Area competitors head to New Mexico for national finals

By Diane Phibbs  
Staff writer

District V and VI rodeo will be well represented by five state champions and 12 other state qualifiers at the 2008 National High School Finals Rodeo, which begins Sunday and runs through July 26 at the McGee Park San Juan County Fairgrounds in Farmington, N.M.

Idaho state champions Cheyanna Robinson of Gooding (breakaway roping), Justin Parke of Gooding (tie-down roping and bull riding) and Montana Barlow of Valley will represent District V, while District VI will send saddle bronc rider Bailey Tubbs of Piler and Brady Manning of Oakley (boys cutting).

Parke is trying to look at nationals as just another rodeo. But "it is obviously a

### National High School Finals Rodeo

The National High School Finals Rodeo begins Sunday with a 7 p.m. performance. Performances continue at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. each day, with the first go-round ending with Wednesday's morning performance. The second go-round begins Wednesday evening and ends Saturday morning. The final go-round is at 7 p.m. Saturday.

Visit <http://www.nhsra.com> for daily results.

For a full list of area qualifiers, see page B2.

little bigger," he said. "Regarding goals and expectations, I try not to think about that stuff. I'm not feeling any big pressure but I will try to do what I'm capable of doing."

Kash Wilson of Gooding will be competing in bareback riding after earning a trip to nationals in his first year of high school rodeo.

"I'm pretty excited," said Wilson. "I sure didn't expect to be going my first year."

Megan Crist of Kimberly is making her second trip to nationals and will be competing in two events, goat tying and pole bending.

"I practice as much as I can when I'm home," said Crist, District VI's top cowgirl in poles.

Crist had the district's fastest run of 20.887 seconds this season and believes it will take a pair of 20-second runs to advance to the short-go in the event.

"Last year I had two 21-second runs (21.541 and 21.439) and didn't make the short go," said Crist. "This year my horse, Sport, is healthier."

Is there any added pressure on her second trip to nationals? "If I had done better last year, I might be feeling some pressure, but I'm not really worried about it," said Crist. "Last year, there weren't a lot of my friends there so I was kind of by myself. This year, I'll know more people so it should be more fun."

Bull rider C.J. Santana hasn't been on a bull since July 4. But he's got a

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## Tour rocked as promising youngster Ricco tests positive for EPO

Cavendish makes British history with third win

By James Keenan  
Associated Press writer

NARBONNE, France — Drugg hit the Tour de France again Thursday, and the third doping bust netted the biggest name yet: Italy's Riccardo Ricco, a winner of two stages.

The disclosure came hours before the 12th stage, which was won by Britain's Mark Cavendish while Australia's Cadel Evans kept the yellow jersey.

But as often the case in cycling, drugs overshadowed racing. This is the third straight year the sport's showpiece event has been undercut by doping.

"May the cheaters get caught. May they go away." Tour president Christian Prudhomme said. "I said to the riders before the race, behind closed doors, that you have the key... Some didn't get the message."

Ricco was detained by French instrument with the evidence for doping is being crucified for doing the right thing.

Ricco was detained by police and booted by spectators before the stage. All three busts have involved the performance enhancer EPO, cycling's drug of choice.

His Saunier-Dual team withdrew from the Tour and suspended all activities. The team bus was detained by gendarmes, said the prosecutor for the Fois region, Antoine Leroy.

Ricco tested positive after the fourth stage, a time trial in Chiolet.

The Giro d'Italia runner-up won the sixth and ninth stages of this Tour and was ninth overall entering Thursday.

"It's just amazing. It's irresponsible," British cyclist David Millar said. "This guy does not have any love or care for the sport."

Pierre Borydry, the head of the French anti-doping agency, announced the result shortly before the stage.

Saunier-Dual sporting director Matxin Fernandez said the team suspension will remain in place until it's clear precisely what happened.

"It's a team decision not to start the race," Fernandez said. "He's our leader. We can't act as if nothing happened."

Saunier-Dual is the first team to drop out of this year's Tour. Last year, two teams withdrew and race leader Michael Rasmussen was kicked out just days before the end for lying

about his whereabouts to avoid pre-Tour testing.

This year, organizers pledged a tougher approach regarding drug cheats. Eight specially trained chaperones shadow riders after each stage, even climbing onto team buses, to ensure that cyclists go to doping checks.

Cavendish led a group sprint to the finish, completing a 105-mile ride through rolling hills and plains from Lavelanet to Narbonne, Evans, trailing in the main pack, leads Frank Schleck of Luxembourg by one second and Christian Vande Velde of the United States by 38.

Cavendish, a Team Columbia rider who had never won a stage before this year, was followed by Sebastian Channel of France in second place, with Gert Steegmans of Belgium third.

"Every time it's special," said Cavendish.

Ricco entered the day 2 minutes,

29 seconds behind Evans.

Ricco had come under suspicion about what he says is his naturally high hematocrit level — the volume of red blood cells. High hematocrit levels can suggest EPO use but do not confirm it.

Following his victory in the ninth stage, Ricco said he has had high hematocrit levels "ever since I was little," adding "I hope soon that everybody will stop speaking about that."

Ricco's popularity in Italy rocketed with his two stage wins, drawing front-page coverage in the soccer-focused Gazzetta dello Sport.

"We are learning that things that look too good to be true are too good to be true," Millar said.

Ricco has said his idol was Marco Pantani, who in 1998 became the last Italian to win the Tour. Pantani faced doping allegations throughout

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# Nationals in dire need of capital improvements

WASHINGTON (AP) — If the Washington Nationals decided not to return from the All-Star break, would anyone really notice?

Surely the baseball world would survive, perhaps even thrive, without its worst team, one that is 36-60, is batting a majors-low .239 and has been shut out a majors-high 12 times heading into Friday's game at Atlanta.

Washington is a team that has no superstars, a ton of injuries and not much personality. A team so uninteresting that a meager 9,000 households the fewest by far in the country — are watching the average game on television in the local market.

They are the nondescript Nationals, a bad rebuilding team that rarely on the field.

"Big picture, we feel great. Long term, we feel great," team president Stan Kasten said. "But the daily bumps and bruises are still painful to go through."

"The constellation of misfortune is striking," said Dr. Ben Shaffer, the very busy team orthopedist. "It seems biblical. But the reality is there are a number of different events that are not related, and most of them are traumatic and unavoidable."

There's also the matter of performance. Austin Kearns and Wily Mo Pena, two-thirds of an outfield that was supposed to provide some pop to the lineup, are both hitting .205 and have combined for six home runs. Ronnie Belliard, of all people, leads the team in homers, with nine. The starting pitching has been decent for the most part, but the team ERA ranks among the bottom third in the majors.

With the second half of the season a wash, the Nationals have already started promoting prospects from the minors, players who are key to Kasten's plan to rebuild the franchise from the ground up. A promising sign that doesn't grab headlines: The three top farm teams all have records well over .500.

Meanwhile, what little attention the Nationals are getting isn't positive.

Last week, two fans died while on the upper deck of a bus arranged by the team to carry fans to its stadium from a distant parking lot.

General manager Jim Bowden

became the first name to surface as a person interviewed by the FBI as part of a probe into the skimming of bonus money from Dominican Republic prospects.

Owner Ted Lerner is withholding millions of dollars in rent for the new ballpark and is asking for \$100,000 per day in damages because he claims the stadium was not finished on time, a case that hardly plays well in the public eye when considering that the \$611 million facility — paid for by taxpayers — did host its first game as scheduled.

After a half-season, that new stadium, Nationals Park, is starting to look as plain as the team. Sure, it's a clean and pleasant place to watch a game, but it's short on distinctive features that would make it a must-see attraction.

The cherry trees beyond the left-field bleachers — supposedly the distinctive Washington-flavored feature — are barely noticeable. The Capitol dome is visible only from a few sections in the upper deck. At least the Nationals could boast that they were playing in the country's first certified environmentally friendly ballpark — until they cashed in that goodwill by inviting in ExxonMobil as a sponsor, prompting a protest outside the gates at a game last month.

Attendance is averaging a middle-



Washington Nationals baseball team owner, Mark Lerner, and team president, Stan Kasten, right, are seen before the start of a game between Washington Nationals and Atlanta Braves at Nationals Park in Washington on March 30.

of-the-pack 30,000 per game, even with the spike that comes from curious fans who just want to see what the new park looks like.

Last-place teams often remain interesting because they have colorful or standout players — Seattle, for example, has Ichiro Suzuki, at least — or because the team is imploding. Eljah Dukes, Lastings Milledge and Paul Lo Duca have made more than their share of off-the-field

news in the past, but Dukes and Milledge are on the DL, and Lo Duca lost his starting catcher's job to Jesus Flores.

"That leaves Nationals fans to root for nice guys who don't have much to say. Asked last week about a victory that ended a six-game losing streak, Kory Casto offered this gem: "Any time you can be on the winning end, it's a lot better than being on the losing end."

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# Tigers blast their way to win over O's

BAITIMORE — Gary Sheffield and Brandon Inge hit two-run homers. Marcus Thames added a solo shot, and Detroit beat Baltimore 6-5 on Thursday night.

Kenny Rogers (7-6) allowed four runs and 11 hits in six innings for the Tigers, who have won 24 of 35 since June 7.

Todd Jones, the fifth Detroit pitcher, worked the ninth for his 18th save. After allowing a one-out sacrifice fly with the bases loaded, he retired Kevin Millar on a ground ball.

Michael Mora homered for the Orioles, who have dropped eight of nine.

Baltimore starter Garrett Olson (6-5) gave up five runs, seven hits and four walks in six innings.

Inge gave the Tigers a 5-4 lead in the sixth with his seventh homer that fol-

lowed a two-out single by Edgar Renteria. It was his first home run on the road since May 17, 2007, at Boston.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

**METS 10, REDS 8**  
CINCINNATI — David Wright's two-run homer in the ninth inning rallied New York to its 10th straight victory and moved the Mets into a first-place tie in the NL East.

Playing on the one-month anniversary of manager Willie Randolph's firing, the Mets blew three leads before scoring four runs in the ninth off closer Francisco Cordero (4-2).

They were 6½ games out when they changed managers and now they are tied for first with Philadelphia, back in the top spot for the first time since April 19.

# Kimberly grabs precious road league sweep

### Staff reports

A.J. Schroeder got the save in the first game and drove in five in the nightcap as the Kimberly Astros kept pace in American Legion Class A's baseball season.

The Astros won the opener, 8-5 before routing the Rebels in the nightcap 12-0

in five innings. Nate Harmon tossed a sparkling fourth in the nightcap, his first shutout of the season.

"There are a bunch of teams right there with us at 20-8. In league, so we're really happy to get a sweep. Said Kimberly head coach Gary Krummy.

Kimberly (24-8, 20-8 Area C) is at the Pocatello Razorbacks this afternoon.

**Game 1**  
Kimberly 10, Pocatello 5  
Innings: 1-5  
Pitcher: [unclear]  
[unclear] 2B, [unclear] SS, [unclear] 3B, [unclear] LF, [unclear] CF, [unclear] RF, [unclear] C, [unclear] P

**Game 2**  
Kimberly 12, Pocatello 0, five innings  
Innings: 1-5  
Pitcher: [unclear]  
[unclear] 2B, [unclear] SS, [unclear] 3B, [unclear] LF, [unclear] CF, [unclear] RF, [unclear] C, [unclear] P

### CARDINALS 4, PADRES 3

ST. LOUIS — Troy Glaus hit two homers and Rick Ankiel and Joe Mather added one each — all off San Diego's Jake Peavy.

Peavy (7-6) gave up eight hits and struck out seven in seven innings.

Kyle Lohse (12-2) won his ninth straight decision, the most for St. Louis since Chris Carpenter won 13 in a row in 2005.

Lohse pitched seven innings, allowing two runs, seven hits and two walks while striking out four.

### ROCKIES 5, PIRATES 3

DENVER — Chris Iannetta homered and drove in three runs and Ubaldo Jimenez pitched seven strong innings for Colorado.

— The Associated Press



Burley's Garrett Lyons slides safely into second base during the Bobcats' 11-5 win over the Idaho Falls Rangers in Burley on Thursday.

# Bobcats knock off I.F.

By Ryan Howe Staff writer

BURLEY — Burley's Kace Redder had a golden opportunity with the bases loaded in the second inning and his team down 2-0.

He struck out to end the inning.

Luckily for Redder and the Bobcats, he got a second chance.

Down 5-2 in the fourth, Redder again stepped to the plate with the bases loaded. This time he jacked a triple down the right-field line to tie the game, sparking Burley's 11-5 win over the Idaho Falls Rangers in Game 1 of a doubleheader Thursday.

"The first time I was waiting for something to happen and wasn't very aggressive and got behind in the count," Redder said. "The second time, my

approach at the plate was different. I was looking for a first-pitch fastball and I got it."

Redder's three-RBI triple was part of a five-run fourth inning that seemed to shake Burley's sluggish start.

Thursday's game were originally cancelled and the Burley players had the day off, but Idaho Falls' coach called Burley coach Matt Peterson earlier in the day to tell him they were coming.

The coach was able to round up the team on short notice.

Burley won the nightcap 10-0. Details were unavailable.

Burley will host Marsh Falls in a doubleheader Saturday starting at 5 p.m.

**Burley 11, Idaho Falls 5**  
Innings: 1-5  
Pitcher: [unclear]  
[unclear] 2B, [unclear] SS, [unclear] 3B, [unclear] LF, [unclear] CF, [unclear] RF, [unclear] C, [unclear] P

# Tour

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his career. He died of a cocaine overdose in 2004. The master came as judicial officials continued to question Spanish rider Moises Duenas Nevada, who was expelled from the rice Wednesday. Duenas Nevada was stopped by police in Tarbes, at a hotel where his

Barloworld team was staying. Police also searched his room.

Gerard Aldige, the state prosecutor in Tarbes, told The Associated Press that he found "numerous small medical materials like syringes, needles, and medical drip bags, which theoretically a cyclist should not have in his room," he said.

preliminary criminal charges for "holding and using poisonous substances or plants" and "prohibited importing of merchandise."

Also found were capsules and gels, but their composition must be tested, Aldige said. He said one medicine not authorized for sale in France was uncovered, though he did not elaborate.

# British

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birds and was under par most of the round until a pair of late bogeys.

"It's in the hell is it under?" Pat Perez said from the warmth of the locker room after an 82. "I would pay to learn how to do that."

The leaders caught a break by getting slightly better weather, although it was by no means easy. The average score in the opening round was about 76, driven up by 19 rounds in the 80s.

But they arrived at Royal Birkdale in good form.

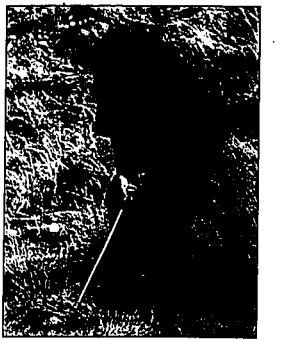
McDowell, the first-round leader down the coast at Royal Liverpool in 2006, won the Scottish Open four days ago at Loch Lomond. Allenby lost in a playoff at the Stanford St. Jude Classic in Memphis, Tenn., last month, and tied for third two weeks ago at Congressional.

Even so the British Open lived up to its billing as the major that sometimes requires the most luck. It wasn't a goofy bounce but the tee times, thanks to weather that shifted along with the tide in the middle of the 15 hours of action.

"We did get the better side of the draw, no doubt about it," Norman said. "When you watch it in the morning, you feel sorry for the guys. But there's times when you say, 'Well, I've been there before. I've been on that side of the draw, too. It all balances out, and you have to take advantage of it.'"

Former Masters champion Mike Weir did his best in the morning, making an eagle on the 17th for a 71.

Sergio Garcia, the betting favorite at Birkdale's Woods on the disabled list, was among the late starters but did not make his first birdie until the par-5 15th and had to settle for a 72. Also at 72 was Brandt Snedeker, who has contended in both majors this year.



Rocco Mediate plays from the rough near the No. 6 green during the first round of the British Open at Royal Birkdale in Southport, England on Thursday.

After five bogeys on the first six holes, he was 3 under the rest of the way.

Now for the gloomy side of the round. "It was miserable, miserable, miserable weather," Vijay Singh said after his 80. "It was just a miserable day."

Michaelson, at No. 2 the highest-ranked player at a major for the first time, was not terribly bothered by his 79 because he figured everyone else would struggle. When the winds died slightly, so did his hopes. He was tied for 123rd.

# Finals

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"My mom won't let me on any more national level, she's afraid I'll get hurt," he said.

Of course, the Shoshone cowboy doesn't share his mom's fears because "he believes you can get hurt if you think about it."

But that's an argument he'd lose because his mother, Michelle, also competed in bull riding at one time and knew the dangers and how easy it is to get injured in the event. Santana shares Park's thoughts on nationals just being another rodeo.

"We just go from one rodeo to another," he said. "Bull riding takes a lot of visualization and of course, you always have to smile at the

## District V and VI national qualifiers

Breakaway roping: Cheyanne Robinson, Gooding; Alyssa Koch, Gooding

Bull riding: Montana Barlow, Valley; C.J. Santana, Shoshone

Boys cutting: Brady Manning, Odey

Tie-down roping: Justin Parke, Gooding; Jarrett VanBlazen, Filer; Cody Wedsworth, Kimberly

Saddle bronc: Bailey Tubbs, Filer; Ty Eames, Gooding

Breakaway roping: Josh Wilcox, Gooding; Jarrett VanBlazen, Filer

Gait cutting: Chelsea Jones, Riggins; Kaitlyn Hancock, Valley

Goat tying: Paige York, Declo; Megan Crist, Kimberly; Kelle, Gooding

West vesting: Megan Crist, Kimberly

Pole bending: Wyatt Hoffman, Riverview

Steele wrestling: Wyatt Hoffman, Riverview

crowd. Many bull riders have a bad habit of anticipating the eight seconds instead of waiting for the buzzer. They lose their focus and get backed off."

Santana thanked Diane and Jim Meeks for helping on the road to nationals.

The first rodeo performance is scheduled for 7 p.m., Sunday, while and the first cutting competition is slated for 9 a.m., Monday. The Tread' go-round for cutting is 9 a.m., July 26, with the final go-round rodeo performance will be at 7 p.m.

# As clear another pitcher, ship Blanton to Phillies

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Oakland Athletics traded away their second starting pitcher this month, dealing righty-hander Joe Blanton to the Philadelphia Phillies for three minor leaguers on Thursday.

As general manager Billy Beane swapped Blanton a week after sending Rich Harden to the Chicago Cubs — and that's with his team very much in contention in the AL West, six games behind the first-place Los Angeles Angels.

"Philadelphia was aggressive," Oakland assistant GM David Forst said. "They made it clear they needed a starting pitcher to help out and we were able to get the deal done."

The minor leaguers involved are left-hander Josh Wainman, who was in Double-A, and second baseman Adrian Cardenas and outfielder Matt Spencer, both players in Single-A. The 27-year-old Blanton, a

14-game winner last season, was 5-12 with a 4.96 ERA in 20 starts for Oakland. He has not pitched since 2008 in his fifth big league season after being the opening day starter in March against the Boston Red Sox in Tokyo.

"We've been attempting to upgrade our rotation and we feel like we done that," Phillies assistant general manager Mike Arbuckle said. "We think Joe is a very strong, competitive pitcher that has the mental makeup to pitch productively in a pennant race. He pitches a lot of innings and takes some burden off the bullpen."

Blanton — who is listed at 6-foot-3 and 225 pounds — has been scheduled to pitch tonight against New York at Yankee Stadium in Oakland's first game after the All-Star break. Forst said he had yet to discuss with manager Bob Geren

who would fill Blanton's spot in the rotation. Gio Gonzalez, a candidate to be promoted, has been pitching well for Triple-A Sacramento.

**AP SOURCE: YANKEES SIGN SEXSON**  
**NEW YORK** — First baseman Rich Sexson and the New York Yankees reached a deal Thursday, a week after the Seattle Mariners cut the slumping slugger.

A person familiar with the contract said Sexson would be paid a prorated share of the \$390,000 minimum salary. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because an official announcement had not been made.

ESPN.com first reported a tentative agreement between Sexson and the Yankees. The Yankees were eager to add a powerful right-handed bat as they start the second half of the season.

They went into the All-Star break third in the AL East, six games behind Boston. Sexson hit .344 with four home runs in 71 at-bats against lefties this season.

That was his bright spot during a season in which the 33-year-old Sexson hit .218 overall with 11 homers and 30 RBIs.

**HIDDEN HOMO RETIRED**  
Hideo Nomo, who pitched a pair of no-hitters and led a rush of Japanese players to the major leagues, is finished.

Nomo announced his retirement Thursday, agent Don Nomura said. In 1996 with the Dodgers, he pitched the first no-hitter in the history of Coors Field. He beat the Colorado Rockies at a time when pitchers routinely struggled at the mile-high ballpark. In 2001, his bid for the Red Sox, he no-hit the

Baltimore Orioles.

**LIRIANO'S AGENT CALLS FOR INVESTIGATION**  
MINNAPOLIS — An agent for Minnesota pitcher Francisco Liriano is asking the players' union to investigate why the Twins have yet to call him up from Triple-A Rochester.

Craig Conko says his client is frustrated because he has pitched well in the minors for more than a month.

Genske says the delay has had an adverse effect on Liriano's service time, which determines when he is eligible for arbitration.

Twins GM Bill Smith says he is pleased with Liriano's progress after missing last season with Tommy John surgery, but the team's four young starting pitchers have performed well and made it difficult to create a roster spot.

# SCOREBOARD

## BASEBALL

Team	W	L	Record
AL East	10	7	58.5%
Boston	10	4	70.0%
Tampa Bay	7	4	63.6%
New York	5	4	55.6%
Florida	4	7	36.4%
Baltimore	4	7	36.4%
AL West	10	7	58.5%
Los Angeles	10	4	70.0%
Oakland	6	4	60.0%
San Diego	4	7	36.4%
Seattle	3	7	30.0%
NL East	10	7	58.5%
Atlanta	10	4	70.0%
St. Louis	7	4	63.6%
Philadelphia	5	4	55.6%
Washington	4	7	36.4%
NL West	10	7	58.5%
San Francisco	10	4	70.0%
Colorado	7	4	63.6%
Arizona	4	7	36.4%
San Diego	3	7	30.0%

## GAME PLAN

**LOCAL**  
**AMERICAN LEON BASEBALL**  
Idaho Falls Russells at Jerome AA, 8 p.m.  
Pocatello Runners at Roberts at Twin Falls AA, 8 p.m.  
BGC at Challinor at Twin Falls AA, 8 p.m.  
Bull at Marsh Falls, American Falls, 8 p.m.  
Jerome AA at Upper Valley, St. Anthony, 8 p.m.  
Kimberly at Pocatello, 8 p.m.

## TV SCHEDULE

**ARC RACING**  
**SPEED** — ARCA, Kentucky  
ARCA 150, at Sparta, Ky.  
7 p.m.  
**ESPN2** — Midweeklights  
NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series (1A), Thursday 8, 10 p.m.  
NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series (1B), Thursday 8, 10 p.m.  
NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series (1C), Thursday 8, 10 p.m.  
NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series (1D), Thursday 8, 10 p.m.  
NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series (1E), Thursday 8, 10 p.m.

## WTA Tour Bank of the West

Player	W	L
Kimberly Po	1	0
Michelle Lutz	1	0
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## PGA TOUR

Player	W	L
Tim Lincecum	1	0
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## SOCCER

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Reyna, who will turn 35 on Sunday, had been bothered by hamstring and back injuries this season that have limited his playing time, and he said that played a role in his decision. He said he will stay on with the Red Bulls in an advisory role, though he said details were still being worked out.

Reyna captained the U.S. national team

## TRACK & FIELD

**ESPINO** — USF Development Academy Championships, U-18 championship meet, at Carson, Calif.  
**ESPINO** — U-18 Gold Cup League, Meeting for de France, at Paris (same day type)

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## FOOTBALL

**BALTIMORE** — Baltimore Ravens signed former NFL player and coach Matt Stinchcomb to a one-year contract.

## TENNIS

Player	W	L
Michelle Lutz	1	0
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# MMA star Rampage Jackson detained for mental evaluation

IRVINE, Calif. — Former mixed martial arts light heavyweight champion Quinton "Rampage" Jackson has been hospitalized for a mental health evaluation.

Irvine police went to Jackson's home Wednesday after his friends told authorities they were "concerned about his behavior" and some remarks he was making. Lt. Rick Handfield said Thursday.

"Officers spoke to him to evaluate whether he was a danger to himself or others," Handfield said. "He was detained and taken to an area hospital for mental evaluation."

Handfield declined to elaborate, citing privacy restrictions.

Jackson was arrested Tuesday in Costa Mesa after a 3-mile chase that began as the result of two freeway collisions and another crash when he allegedly ran red lights in his 2008 Ford F250 pickup, police said. During the chase, police said, Jackson drove over the raised median of the roadway, drove onto a sidewalk, causing pedestrians to flee, and a tire on his truck disintegrated before he taken into custody without incident.

brain and was in a coma after collapsing between rounds of a nationally televised bout in his hometown.

The 25-year-old fighter was taking a beating from Delvin Rodriguez on Wednesday night at the National Auditorium when he collapsed on his stool before the final round.

Ron Katz, a matchmaker for Box Boxing, which promoted the fight, told The Associated Press that Diaz was in a coma and not breathing on his own after the surgery.

There was no indication anything was wrong, Katz said, until Diaz stood up to begin the 11th round. Then he put his hands in his head and "yelped" before collapsing.

**Wambach will miss Olympics**  
**SAN DIEGO** — U.S. soccer star Abby Wambach had surgery Thursday to repair a broken left leg that will keep her out of the Olympics.

The team's leading scorer had a titanium rod inserted in her lower leg during a one-hour operation performed by Dr. Damion Valletta, an orthopedic surgeon for U.S. Soccer. She was resting comfortably and can begin full weight-bearing activities on the leg in five to six weeks.

**Hagerman holds Mega Sports Camp**  
**HAGERMAN** — Hagerman Christian Center is holding the annual Mega Sports Camp July 23-26 at Hagerman Park. The camp will run from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. each day and is for youth in grades 4-6. It will offer soccer, volleyball and basketball camps for experienced and novice players. Call Sally Hoeck at 837-6140 for more information.

**TFHS to hold football camp**  
**TWIN FALLS** — A football skills camp for incoming fifth through ninth graders will be held at Twin Falls High School on Monday through Wednesday, from 3-1:30 a.m. each day. The cost is \$30 if registered by today, \$40 after or on the first day of camp. Forms and other camp information can be accessed on the Bruin football team's website, <http://www.bruinfootball.info>. For more information contact Albyn Reynolds at 539-3481.

## BOXING

**Boxer in coma after fight**  
**SAN ANTONIO** — Welterweight contender Oscar Diaz had surgery for bleeding on the

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## MAGIC VALLEY

**MVCs holds benefit scramble**  
**TWIN FALLS** — Magic Valley Christian School's 13th Annual Benefit Golf Scramble is slated for Saturday, July 26, at Canyon Springs Golf Course. Registration is at 7:15 a.m. followed by an 8 a.m. shotgun start. Entry fee for

## TENNIS

Player	W	L
Michelle Lutz	1	0
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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

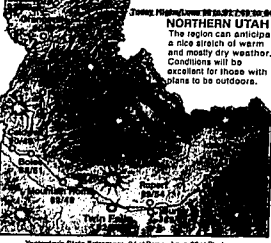
Today: Sunny and hot. Highs low 90s.
Tonight: Mostly clear and mild. Lows upper 50s to near 60.
Tomorrow: More bright sunshine and heat. Highs low to middle 90s.

BURLEY PUPERT FORECAST

Today: Breezy, sunny and quite warm. Highs upper 80s.
Tonight: Mostly clear with a light breeze. Lows low 50s.
Tomorrow: Sunny and warm. Highs upper 80s to low 90s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS.
Conditions will be excellent for all types of outdoor activities and events for several days to come. Dry and warm weather will dominate the weather scene.



Weather by State: Eastern: 41-47; Boise: 41-47; Lower: 30-36; Darley: 30-36; ...

REGGIE M. DEKLAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
I'm making a personal commitment to reach your most...
The strength of your decision will find the way and the...
goals.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday. Includes icons for sun, moon, and clouds, and temperature ranges.

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Table with 2 columns: Moon Phases, Moonrise and Moonset.

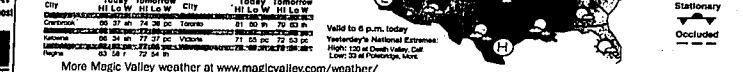
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NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists major cities and their weather forecasts.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



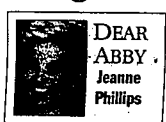
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CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists Canadian cities and their weather forecasts.

Father laments the conversation gap with only daughter

DEAR ABBY: I am the father of a middle-aged, unmarried, well-educated daughter I'll call "Yvette." My problem is, whether we're together or talking on the phone, Yvette seems to find it difficult to converse with me.

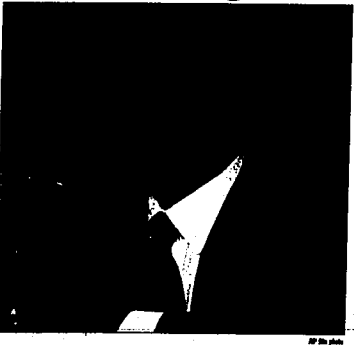


DEAR ABBY: I work in a small office with shared workspaces. One of my co-workers has a sniffling problem that I think may be just a habit. He makes extremely loud sniffling noises all day long.

Rashad leads 20 headed to college Hall

SOUTH BEND Ind. (AP) — Ahmad Rashad's daughter came home from middle school one day saying a classmate wanted his autograph. "He said you played football. Did you?" Condola Rashad asked her father.

Had during a ceremony in December in New York. "Having been inducted in the College Football Hall of Fame gives me a pass to look back," Rashad said. "I'm still looking forward, but at least I get a chance to slow down and enjoy the memories of my college football career."



Ahmad Rashad, former Oregon wide receiver and running back, is introduced as a 2007 inductee to the College Football Hall of Fame at a news conference in New York on Dec. 4, 2007.

Alabama linebacker Ronald McKinnon; Texas A&I defensive end John Randle; McMurry halfback Brad Rowland; Indiana running back Anthony Thompson; Jackson State coach W.C. Gordon; Doug Porter, who coached at Mississippi Valley State, Howard and Fort Valley State.

No Favre talk for Vikings

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Minnesota Vikings took a different stance on Thursday in what has become the story of the summer in the NFL: They decided NOT to talk about Brett Favre.

Vikings offensive coordinator Darrell Bevell had discussions with Favre that would violate league rules. Presumably, such discussions would include the possibility of Favre leaving the Packers for their NFC North rivals in Minnesota.

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## Otter tabs Hartgen to finish Brackett's term

Staff report

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter appointed Twin Falls political and business consultant Stephen Hartgen Thursday to complete state Rep. Bert Brackett's term representing District 23 in the Idaho House.

Brackett, R-Rogerson was appointed on July 10 to complete the term of state Sen. Tom Gunnerson. R-Buhl, who died on June 24. Hartgen was nominated by the District 23 Republican Committee to take Brackett's place as the GOP nominee for the House 23 Seat B general election.

He was the first choice of three nominees submitted to Governor Otter by the District 23 Republican Legislative Committee to succeed Brackett for the current term. "Steve is among the most accomplished and civic-minded citizens of southern Idaho. He has been involved in so many important issues through the decades — from education funding to criminal justice — that he will be a great addition to the Idaho House of Representatives," Otter said. "It's an honor to appoint



Hartgen

someone so well qualified and prepared to take on this responsibility."

Hartgen, 63, a native of Maine, has a bachelor's degree in history from Amherst College in Massachusetts, a master's degree in American history from Brandeis University in Massachusetts, and a doctorate in American Studies from the University of Minnesota. His wife, Linda, is trial court administrator for the 5th Judicial District.

"It has been my pleasure to work

closely with Governor Otter in various capacities, and I look forward to this new challenge representing the people of District 23 in the Legislature," Hartgen said. "I have a broad background in public policy and community development, and believe my expertise and perspective will serve the people of Twin Falls and Owyhee counties well."

Hartgen, a former editor and publisher of the *Times-News*, left the paper in 2004. He started his own consulting business in 2005. He has been a member of the Idaho Capitol Commission since 1998.

## Driver flees scene of 3-vehicle crash

By Cassidy Friedman and Nate Poppino Staff writers

Idaho State Police are looking for a suspected drunken driver who may have caused a three-vehicle accident late Wednesday near Burley. The crash sent five people, including a 3-year-old child, to Cassia Regional Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries, a trooper investigating the crash said.

### BREAKING NEWS

You read this story first on [Magicvalley.com](http://Magicvalley.com).

Little is known about the unidentified driver, whose passengers said they met earlier in the evening at the boat docks in Burley, said ISP Trooper Tyler Barrett. They provided almost no information about the suspect, Barrett said.

Witnesses saw the driver — described as a young Latino man with a military-style haircut, a goatee patch under his lower lip, 5 feet 9 inches, 150 pounds, and wearing a red shirt and shorts — kick out a window of the blue 1995 Chevrolet Tahoe and run away.

"We don't even know what direction he ran," said Barrett, who asks anyone with information about the driver to call the regional ISP office at 208-324-6000. "Our primary focus today is apprehending this guy."

Alcohol is believed to be a factor, ISP reported, as multiple open containers were found on scene.

"The fact that he ran, too, all five fingers point to ... him drinking," Barrett said of the Tahoe's driver.

The Tahoe is registered not to the driver, but to a passenger, Cesarro Villeda, 42, of Burley.

Some occupants of the Jetta and Tahoe may not have been wearing seatbelts. The crash was not in a proper safety seat.

At about 10:34 p.m., Gerald Lind, 41, of Oakley was headed southbound on the highway 27 in a dark blue 1986 Volkswagen Jetta. The Tahoe was traveling westbound on 400 South when it ran a stop sign and hit the Jetta, ISP reported. Both vehicles then collided with a silver 2003 Buick going eastbound on 400 South, driven by Kathleen Hoffman, 41, of Burley.

Five people were taken to the hospital with unknown injuries: Lind and his two passengers, Dave and Keith Crisfield of Oakley, 39 and 79 respectively; and two passengers from the Tahoe, Villeda, and the child.

Kent Crisfield was later taken by air ambulance from Cassia Regional to a Salt Lake City hospital.

## Buhl School Board fills vacancy

By Blair Koch Correspondent

BUHL — It's been three months since the Buhl School Board has had trustees from each of its five representative zones. During Tuesday's meeting, the vacancy created by the April recall of then-Chairman Gene Clemens was filled by the appointment of Barbara Bremers to the Zone Four post.

After Clemens' recall the district announced the vacancy but no one from the zone had expressed a desire to serve until now.

"The district has been wanting to see who would be willing and anxious to serve," said Barbara Bremers is that person," said Board Chairman Jim Barker.

Bremers, who served on the board in the 1980s, was instrumental in creating a parent teacher network and is looking forward to volunteering again.

Her willingness to serve as a trustee was "strictly to provide the fifth person needed in helping the board be fully-functioning again," she said.

Under state code, Bremers must run for election in May to serve the remaining year of Clemens' term. Bremers has not decided if she will run.

"I'm not closed to the idea of running but right now, I don't know," she said. "What I would really like to see is the district come full circle, to see open and transparent communication from everyone in the district."

In other meeting news the board created two new committees for trustees: special programs and the school calendar.

Trustee Jackie Frey suggested the committees. The special programs committee would be informed of the districts' special education and extra language programs.

"Special programs are an area we trustees need to be aware of, ... and this would be a nice opportunity to be informed," she said.

The committees will meet periodically throughout the school year and will report to the board.

*'We're not here because we hate them.  
We're here because we love them.'*



Jerry Holt waves as vehicles drive past the LDS temple Thursday morning in Twin Falls. Holt was at the temple to talk with passersby about what he believes are inconsistencies in the Mormon religion.

## Local Christians stake out LDS temple

By Nate Poppino Staff writer

Anyone driving past The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' new temple in Twin Falls this week probably saw Jerry Holt, waving a sign directing drivers to [www.sacredsecret.com](http://www.sacredsecret.com).

In 2005, Holt helped other Lighthouse Christian Fellowship members distribute 20,000 copies of a videotape questioning many LDS tenets throughout Twin Falls.

It was the start, he said, of his efforts to reach out to members of a faith that leads its own people astray. Careful to point out that he was not protesting the temple, Holt said on Thursday that he and his fellow Christians in the group simply want to start a dialogue with local Mormons about inconsistencies in their faith.

"We're not here because we hate them," Holt said. "We're here because we love them."

Over the next month, members of



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WATCH: A video and hear from local demonstrators and a church spokesman.

Lighthouse, Immanuel Lutheran, New Hope Community Church and First Assembly of God Church plan to stand outside the new temple, handing out tracts questioning the LDS faith and directing people to a Web site with similar writings.

Down the road, Jim Valentine of Milwaukee, Wis., spent about as much time relaxing in a camping chair as hopping up to try to pass out brochures and tracts to people arriving for tours. A self-described Christian consultant, missionary and spiritual worker, Valentine said he has done similar work at other temple openings and offered his services to Holt and his comrades.

Not everyone realized what Valentine was there for — one car

mistook him for a parking attendant. But he'd had several good conversations with LDS officials and others since Friday, he said.

"A few people have been rather tart with us," he said, noting that the Twin Falls temple seemed to attract fewer non-Mormons than others he'd been to.

The demonstrators aren't being paid, Valentine said. Holt, in fact, used vacation time and said he'd have to be back to work on Sunday.

And the church doesn't seem to mind them being there. The Mormons staffing the meeting house were very cordial, Holt and Valentine said, providing water and restroom access. And Mormon representatives, in turn, said the demonstrators are behaving themselves.

"They've been wonderful," local LDS spokesman Terry McCurdy said, noting that he hadn't read their literature. "What they're doing is

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## Movement toward new sewer project slows down in Filer

By John E. Swayze Correspondent

FILER — A new sewer system project in the city of Filer is moving slower than expected.

Council members reported Tuesday that the city continues to wait for various agencies to complete the application process that will eventually fund the construc-

tion of a \$7.9 million membrane bioreactor facility to replace existing lagoons.

"This actually puts us about six to 10 weeks behind schedule," Mayor Bob Templeman said.

The project is part of a \$12.5 million sewer revenue bond city residents approved in November 2006. Approximately \$4.6 million of the bond amount will also be allocated

to replace 7.3 miles of deteriorated sewer line extending from U.S. Highway 30 to North Street and Fair Avenue to Stevens Street.

An MBR system is an expandable 5- to 15-acre project that breaks down wastewater and filters out pollutants. The solids are compacted and dried for disposal and the treated water is suitable for irrigation and groundwater recharge.

A percentage of the money for the system will come from low-interest loans and grants totalling just over \$1.3 million. Additional funding will also be obtained from the Department of Environmental Quality.

"We'll pay for that with Region IV Rural Development money and buy it outright," Templeman said. "Rural Development won't start paying for it until all components are at the

job site and work has begun, so we're going to need around \$2 million in interim bank financing for nine months to a year."

In other business Tuesday evening, the council noted it is currently in the process of developing a 2008-09 fiscal year city budget. A budget workshop will be held at 7:30 p.m. July 29 in the city office on Main Street.

# Buhl High announces 2nd semester honor roll

Buhl High School announced its second semester honor roll.

Tiffany Wuensch

**Seniors**  
Stephanie Ahim, Ashley Wilson  
**Juniors**  
Kurran Kelly  
**Sophomores**  
Chelsea Alvey, Mercedes Mat, Mercedes Pearson, Kaila Ring, Elizabeth Tanner

**Freshmen**  
Megan Devoch, Blake Mabey, Emily Michael, Jacob Morse

**3.0 to 3.49**  
**Seniors**  
Mitch Carter, Tony Cooper, Kayley Covert, Kim Cox, Dustin Davidson, Paige Drayton, Alex Finney, Courtney Henson, Jessica Tucker, Lynne, Anil Kimball, Tucker McCreery, Zach Montgomery, Brock O'Donnell, Steven Potter, Alex Puente, Mya Roberts, Vaughn Sobolka, Mike Willard, Christi Yonk

**Juniors**  
Amanda Bird, Kayla Burt, Katie Busby, Diana Camilo, Briana Castillo, Alecky Christensen, Alex Coggins Peckham, Jessica DeKruyf, Leah Drayton, Kristen Fahrwald, Kristina Gelevor, Ashley Hahn, Kati Hulse, Gabie Jacobson, Jana Konietzki, Rhett LeCivik, Kaela Mejia, Tyler Montgomery, Dalea Pettinger, Nathan Romans, Eric Sengonchayth, Jessica Ussery

**Sophomores**  
Michovan Owens, Tori Berger, Elizabeth Barup, Olivia Ford, Jessica Garcia, Rene Gwin, Brandon Hartmann, Francisca Hernandez, Jacob Meiers, Juan Murillo, Corder Owen, Hunter Owens, Bilanda Sanchez, Nick Sandley, Candice Soriano, Brooke Siga, Priscilla Sommer, Kristjan Wagner, Jessica White

**Freshmen**  
Brandon Benkula, Evelyn Carrillo, Allen Compton, Ethan Compton, Rene Davidson, Julian Fahrwald, Miguel Garcia, Justina Gill, Heather Griggs, Matt Hamilton, Kylie Harvey, Paul Hernandez, Trevor Hite, Katherine Hunter, Connor Jones, Gabriela Jones, Wilfrido Lopez, Todd Loveless, Margot Loza, Brody McClain, Raela Mink, Mark Montgomery, Tegan Montgomery, Aly Pettinger, Emily Prew, Jordan Rutter, Cristina Salinas, Taleah Trullio, Gino Vitarelli, Andrew Wilson

**3.50 to 3.99**  
**Seniors**  
Abby Castillo, Cori Flint, Jordan Hampton, Justin Heaton, Sandra Hernandez, Corty Hicks, Brian Hosman, Leslie Hunter, Charles Lawrence, Stetson Montgomery, Emily O'Connor, Vincent Dr. Patrick Osterkamp, Rafael Pereira, Whitney Phinney, Jessica Price, Sandra Sanchez, Ryan Strick, Brad Twiss

**Juniors**  
Tara Bailey, Kelsey Clements, Nicole Fry, Nick Hamilton, Desi Hopworth, Jenna Hutchinson, Ashley Kersey, Bruno Loza, Robert Lyday, Tessa Mabey, Kristin March, Kristina Nye, Sam Smith, Krysta Tyre, Autumn Yturbe

**Sophomores**  
Courtney Azavedo, Mollie Bourner, Liz Comer, London Equilior, Lionel Gonzalez, Lacey Hull, Jack Hamilton, Dasty Henson, Emily Hosman, Tashica Jacobson, Jake Juker, James Martinez, Isaac McCreery, Brian Schofield, Tom Smalley, Tom Wuensch

**Freshmen**  
Whitney Amoth, Caleb Gerdes, Tarcilio Hernandez-Sanchez, Korby Hutchinson, Francisco Jimenez, Piper Jones, Kim Juker, Markus Lively, Michael McDonald, Makessa Montgomery, Erin Quigley, Jason Silva, Paige Ward,

## Clarence William Hollifield

**HANSEN** — As the first rays of sunshine lit the fields of potatoes, grain and beans, Clarence William Hollifield took his last breath on his beloved farm on Tuesday, July 15, 2008, one week before his 88th birthday and shortly after celebrating his 65th wedding anniversary.



This strong and determined man was born July 22, 1920, to William and Anna VanZante Hollifield in Buhl. At age 2, his family moved to Hansen, where his father purchased a farm. Clarence and his two brothers and two sisters loved farm life and its challenges. Memories of sports victories and shenanigans were often dinner topics.

Clarence graduated in 1939 from Hansen High School and immediately pursued his passion of farming, his courtship of a fellow classmate, Helen Barnard, and his commitment to community. He served on the first zoning committee started in Twin Falls County, and he anxiously encouraged the establishment of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls and was grateful for the experience of this committee. Clarence began serving on the Federal Land Bank Association's district board in 1994 and acted as chairman for many years. He was chairman of the Hansen School Board and an officer and member of the Idaho Cattle Feeders Association and Idaho Beet Growers.

Clarence was appointed to serve on the Twin Falls County Hospital Board of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and served as chairman during the major modernization phase. He also served on the Farm Credit local board, the Spokane District board and was elected to the national board and traveled frequently to Washington, D.C., and other cities in the United States representing Farm Credit. He was inducted into the Southern Idaho

Livestock Hall of Fame in 1998 and later served on the Twin Falls County Mutual Fire Board and the Black Creek Rural Fire District Board. He also served on the Twin Falls Canal Company Board of Directors.

Among Clarence's many accomplishments, he was most proud of the family farming legacy that continues through his son, Terry, and his grandson, Larry. Larry is the fourth generation proudly farming in the Magic Valley.

Clarence is survived by his partner and wife, Helen; son, William (Karl) Hollifield of Twin Falls; son, Terry (Caro) Hollifield of Hansen; daughter, Nancy (Kent) Taylor of Twin Falls; seven grandchildren, Analise (Radi) Taylor of Los Angeles, Calif., Anne (Steven) Pitts of Twin Falls, Paige (Bricc) Dietzel of Boise; Larry (Christi) Hollifield of Kimberly; Margie (Clint) Garter of Sandpoint, and Matthew Taylor of Albany, N.Y. He is survived by five great-grandchildren, two expected great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. He also is survived by step-grandchildren, Jason Kitley, Stefani Jenco and Megan (Paul) Rasmussen. His youngest daughter, Betty (Wilma) Hollifield of Boise survives him. His sisters, Geneva Poppell and Dorothy Carlson; and his father, Robert Hollifield, preceded him in death.

The family would like to thank St. Luke's Home Health and Hospice and his care providers, Jovita, Esmeralda and Lorena for their years of faithful caring.

A visitation will take place from 5 to 6 p.m. Friday, July 18, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 19, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, with internment immediately following at Sunset Memorial Park in Jerome.

A memorial fund has been established for Hansen High School graduates who pursue degrees in agriculture or animal sciences. Donations may be left at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

## Roy Deles VanZante

**EDEN** — At this time we celebrate the loving bond between family and friends and the memories that we all shared ... for Roy will truly be missed.



In the 81 years he lived, Roy Deles VanZante touched many hearts and lives.

He passed away Tuesday, July 15, 2008, at his daughter's home in Eden.

He was born Sept. 7, 1926, in Emmet, the fourth child of Deles Roy and Lola Faye Marshall VanZante. His family moved to the Magic Valley area to farm, where he attended school at Curry and Pocatello High. His means of transportation to school was usually a horse. His education was cut short, graduating at eighth grade after he became a main provider with his dad for his brothers and sisters following his mother's death after giving birth to his brother, John. He harnessed many a horse for cow cracking during that time. When World War II broke out, he enlisted in the Navy and proudly served on the USS Nobel in 1945 to defend his country.

After the war and married Merle Jean Humphries after they met in front of the Idaho Department Store in Twin Falls. She was 16 at the time and, after three months of dating, they married March 28, 1948, on Easter at her parents' home. After a brief honeymoon to Yellowstone, the couple continued their lifelong fulfillment of raising their family on various farms throughout the Magic Valley. Fun times shared as a young couple included square dancing, attending the Diamond Squares Club run by Walt and Dorothy Wilf. He was also a member of the Lower One Sidelanders CB Club and gained many friendships there, including pinotching, bingo and holiday dinners. He never hesitated to share the values of a good life on the farm with anyone who came along.

Favorite times were usually spent working cattle, bucking hay, school activities, hunting trips and county fairs. When

the crops were contended and the cows didn't follow, Roy was able to sneak off and enjoy some great family vacations.



He enjoyed the family reunion get-togethers that became a yearly event. He enjoyed that time of fellowship with next of kin that would travel from as far as South Dakota to come and enjoy some of the best cooked foods around! One of our dedicated attendees of the VanZante reunions was Clarence Hollifield, Roy's cousin. Only God planned what a great reunion that would encounter when Clarence and Roy passed away the same day just hours apart and will share the same burial day.

Roy leaves behind his greatest legacies, his wife of 60 years, Merle Jean of Eden; his children, Charles Deles (Terry) VanZante of Jerome, Lola Faye (Darrell) Fitzpatrick of Eden, Brenda Jean (Ken) Crandall of Eden and David Roy (Rhonda) VanZante of Hazelton; and his ever-ready sister, Ruth Webb of Rupert, Idaho. He is survived by 15 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lola Faye and Deles Roy VanZante; stepmother, Twiline Scorsone VanZante; infant brother, Raymond VanZante; brother, John Leland VanZante; sister, Ruby Trammer; infant daughter, Denise Kay VanZante; and great-grandson, Kade Jesse Allen.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 19, at White Mortuary. A special graveside service to honor Roy immediately after the memorial service at Sunset Memorial Park.

The family would like to express special thanks to the Veterans Hospital and the Elks Rehabilitation Center in Boise, Hospice Visions in Twin Falls and their wonderful staff.

Though our Roy is gone, he will never be forgotten. We bid him "happy trails ... until we meet again."

## FIVE GENERATIONS



The Robertson family gathered recently for a five generation photo. Pictured are baby Myrie Smalin of Pocatello sitting on the lap of Irene Husaker, great-great-grandmother, of Rupert; left is Louise Bywater, great-grandmother, of Pocatello; back, DeAnna Robertson, grandmother, of American Falls; and right, Jenessa Smalin, mother, of Pocatello.

## FAIR THEME CONTEST



Max Cameron of Oakley submitted the winning theme for the Cassia County Fair. The theme will be "Cassia: Cassia Under Construction," a fitting theme considering the number of new businesses building in the area. Floats and art booths alike will be decorating with this theme which was chosen from among numerous entries. From left are Lindsay Razez, Max McCasman and Kim Razez.

## SERVICES

Ella May Henley of Twin Falls and formerly of Jerome, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at Hwy-14-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Jared L. Fenstermaker of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Star LDS 1st Ward, outstanding visitation one hour before the funeral at the church (Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Karen Doshier of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 1 p.m. today at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Gregory Scott Topholm of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, 259 Main Ave. E. in Twin Falls (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Jim Todd of Yuma, Ariz., and formerly of Buhl, celebration of life at 2 p.m. today at the Moonglo Village clubhouse, 910 Moonglo Road in Buhl.

Scott Alan Korsen of Meridian, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Clover Valley Funeral Home in Boise; gathering follows at the Calle Verde Restaurant, 612 W. Grove St. in Boise.

George A. Pooler of

Auburn, Calif., memorial service at 3 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

Inez Perlene Bowman of Buhl, funeral at 10 a.m. Saturday at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Orval "Scott" Boyer of Hagerman, graveside interment service at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Hagerman Cemetery (Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Velma Elsie Young Posey of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Burley LDS West Stake Center, 2420 Parke Ave.; visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Eva May Joens Marrins of Buhl, graveside memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at the West End Cemetery in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Leona May Harding of Jerome, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome.

Arrangements will be handled by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

**Frank Burton**  
GOODING — Frank Burton, 69, of Gooding, died Thursday, July 17, 2008, at his residence in Gooding. Arrangements will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

## DEATH NOTICES

### William R. Mink

GOODING — William "Bill" Roy Mink, 74, of Gooding, died Wednesday, July 16, 2008, at DeSano Place Suites Assisted Living in Gooding. Arrangements will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

### Elwin Rogers

GOODING — Elwin

Rogers, 90, of Gooding, died Thursday, July 17, 2008, at Gooding County Memorial Hospital in Gooding. Arrangements will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

### Robert Mikesell

Robert "Dick" Mikesell, 80, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, July 17, 2008, at his home.

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# Temple

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exercising their rights. We respect those and have no problem with that at all." It took about one week for a permit to surface. Police visited the area on Thursday morning after the demonstrators shined a couple of feet onto the grassy area between the public sidewalk and the road circling the temple. Valentine agreed to move back to the sidewalk, though he told officers he believed he was in the right, and that he was concerned the city would eventually kick him off. "I don't like my rights changing," Valentine told the

officers. Meanwhile, church members researched public property lines in the area to ensure both groups were following the law, McCurdy said. "As long as we know what we're supposed to be doing, we'll do it," he said, calling the incident a minor issue. "We had hoped nothing like that would happen." Not to say McCurdy seemed pleased with everything the local church groups have planned. Thursday also marked the first of four evening discussions on Christianity, Mormonism and the differences between

them. The first speaker, Daniel "Chip" Thompson, was called to preach to Mormons in Ephraim, Utah, many years back, Holt said. Future speakers have similar backgrounds. "As with the demonstrators, McCurdy said the evening speakers were just the churches exercising their rights. But, he said, he hopes what they're telling people is accurate. "Any time we open a temple, a lot of times those types of things happen," McCurdy said. After all, he said, many churches can be "very aggressive about what they're doing."

# Man's body found in river

Staff report

Twin Falls County Search and Rescue crews recovered the body of a 45-year-old Twin Falls man who jumped from the Perrine Bridge Monday evening according to a county press release. Deputies responded to the bridge after receiving multiple reports that a man had jumped from the bridge at 7:24 p.m. Less than 30 minutes later, rescue teams recovered the body from the Snake River.

# Patient Spotlight

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# FOCUS ON PEOPLE

## Meade earns master's from E. Washington

Ben Meade graduated on June 14 with his master's of Social Work from Eastern Washington University. He is currently working for a private firm in Coeur d'Alene where he resides. Upon passing the state exam for his license as a MSW, he will begin working as a therapist for the same company.



Meade

He plans on staying in the Pacific Northwest for the next few years.

Meade is the son of Bob and LaVerna Meade of Twin Falls. He is a 2001 graduate of Twin Falls High School.

## Poppino honored at Linfield College

Sarah Poppino of Twin Falls was recognized during the Linfield College (Ore.) honors convocation cere-

## mony in May.

Poppino, a junior at Linfield, received the CRC Press Chemistry Achievement Award. The award includes a copy of the Handbook of Chemistry and Physics, published by CRC Press, and is given to students who have demonstrated outstanding academic performance in Linfield's general chemistry course.

She is the daughter of Stephen and Catherine Poppino of Twin Falls.

## Hutchinson attends engineering program at Utah State

Patrick Hutchinson, a Twin Falls High School student, was among 185 students who attended Utah State University's 18th Annual Engineering State program held in Logan, Utah.

The intensive four-day program introduces students to the engineering profession. The event included 14 hands-on competitive exercises.

# 5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

**JULY 14 ARRAIGNMENTS**  
Travis Eugene Carroll, 24, Murtaugh; battery; pleaded not guilty; public defender appointed; released on own recognizance; pretrial set for Aug. 5.  
Anthony Valenzuela, 39, Fresno, Calif.; failure to register as a sex offender; \$25,000 bond; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for July 25.  
Cody Roy Casper, 37, Twin Falls; robbery; \$50,000 bond; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for July 25.  
Joshua Roy Schmitz, 22, Boise; robbery; \$20,000 bond; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing July 25.  
Samanta Jo Karsten, 20, Eagle; old, abet. robbery; \$5,000 bond; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing July 25.  
Timothy Steven Ferguson, 20, Twin Falls; robbery; \$20,000 bond; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing July 25.  
Anita Sewell, 29, Twin Falls; violation of no contact order; \$1,000 bond; public defender appointed; pleaded not guilty; preliminary hearing Aug. 5.  
Thomas E. Stromer, 29, Twin Falls; fail to appear; petit theft; \$100 bond; public defender appointed; pretrial Aug. 5.

**JULY 15 ARRAIGNMENTS**  
Edgar Cortez-Vallio, 29, homeless in Twin Falls; petit theft, resisting/obstructing officer; pleaded not guilty; public defender appointed;

\$500 bond; pretrial Aug. 26.  
David Cserocos, 24, Hansen; malicious injury to property, domestic battery; pleaded not guilty; public defender appointed; \$1,500 bond; pretrial Aug. 26.  
Scott Alan Sides, 32, Twin Falls; battery; pleaded not guilty; public defender appointed; \$300 bond; pretrial Aug. 26.  
Anthony Ramon Talamantes, 19, Twin Falls; domestic battery; pleaded not guilty; public defender appointed; \$500 bond; pretrial Aug. 26.  
**JULY 18 ARRAIGNMENTS**  
Michael Alan Townsend, 43, Twin Falls; domestic battery; pretrial Aug. 26; released on own recognizance; public defender appointed.  
Todd Butler, 32, Fremont, Wash.; petit theft; \$100 bond; pretrial Aug. 26; public defender appointed.  
Jessica Shannon Patterson, 23, Twin Falls; obtain a controlled substance by fraud; preliminary hearing July 25; public defender appointed.

# BIRTHDAYS

## Bean celebrates 90th birthday

Delma Lucille Garner Bean will be honored at an open house for her 90th birthday from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday at Legacy Event Center, 700 S. Oakley Highway, turn east.

Birthday greetings and well-wishes can be sent to her at 152 W. 700 S., Burley, ID 83318.

Delma Garner was born July 23, 1918, in Rupert. She married Raymond A. Bean on Feb. 15, 1938. She was born and raised in Mini-Cassia. She has eight children, 28 grandchildren and 61 great-grandchildren.

## Stephens celebrates 90th birthday

Lis Stephens of Twin Falls will celebrate her 90th birthday at an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at Woodstone Retirement Center, 491 Caswell Ave. W., Twin Falls.

Stephens was born in Nebraska on July 19, 1916. She, and late husband, Leo, farmed in the King Hill area. Gooding, Jerome and Murtaugh. They operated Monty's Mini-Market in Hollister and Jasper Gas and Oil in Filer. She now resides at the Woodstone Assisted Living in Twin Falls.

Children include, Barbara Williams (deceased), Dorothy (Sylvan) Bailey of Wendell and Helen McCord of Kimberly. She has 21 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. The family requests no gifts.

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# Duncan's defense team wants him found incompetent

By Rebecca Boone  
Associated Press writer

BOISE — The defense team for convicted child-killer Joseph Edward Duncan III wants him found incompetent, the attorneys revealed during a court hearing Thursday.

Duncan, who faces the death penalty on three of 10 federal charges stemming from the 2005 abduction of two northern Idaho siblings and the murder of one of them, asked U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge earlier this year to allow him to represent himself during the trial's penalty hearing. Lodge ordered Duncan to be evaluated for his competency, and indicated he would grant Duncan's request if he's found to be competent.

Since then, many of the court proceedings and documents filed in the case have been sealed, and everyone involved in the case has been placed under a gag order by the judge. But in an open sta-

tus conference Thursday, Lodge said he'd received Duncan's psychological evaluations and would make them available to attorneys on both sides in the next few days.

Duncan, a convicted pedophile from Tacoma, Wash., pleaded guilty in December to the federal charges related to the kidnapping of Shasta Groene, then 8, and her brother

Dylan, 9. The children were snatched from their Coeur d'Alene home in May 2005 after Duncan fatally bludgeoned the children's mother, Brenda Groene, their 13-year-old brother Slade, and the mother's fiancé, Mark McKenzie.

Both children were sexually abused before Duncan shot and killed Dylan at a campsite in western Montana. Shasta was rescued on July 2,

2005, when a waitress spotted Duncan and the girl in a Coeur d'Alene restaurant.

It will be up to Duncan's penalty phase jurors to decide whether he gets the death penalty or life in prison without parole.

Duncan earlier pleaded guilty in state court to murdering McKenzie and Slade and Brenda Groene before driving away with the two children. Sentencing on

those state counts is not an issue here.

Federal prosecutors contend Duncan is competent and should be allowed to represent himself during the sentencing hearing. Duncan's attorneys say he's not competent, and hope to continue representing him in the case.

So far, Duncan has been evaluated by at least two psychologists — Dr. Robert Engle in Boise and a woman

referred to only as Dr. Row in court. As part of the evaluations, Duncan underwent brain scans and a neuropsychological evaluation. Deputy U.S. Attorney Wendy Olson said Thursday.

Defense lawyer Thomas Monaghan said he didn't want some of the statements Duncan made to guards or medical professionals to be used against him in this case or any future proceedings.

## Man convicted of attempted rape after promising iPod

BOISE (AP) — A man accused of trying to lure an intended rape victim to a Boise park bathroom with the promise of a free iPod has been found guilty of attempted rape.

Stephen Newman, 33, faces up to 15 years in prison following Wednesday's jury verdict.

Fourth District Judge Michael Wetherall revoked Newman's \$1 million bond. Sentencing is scheduled for Sept. 5.

After the verdict was read to conclude the four-day trial, Newman glanced repeatedly at his wife and parents before being placed in handcuffs and led out of the courtroom. William Osterhout, Newman's attorney, said he was disappointed with the verdict, contending that the prosecution hadn't proven that Newman acted as part of a plan to rape someone.

Ada County Deputy Prosecutor Shelley Armstrong thanked the jury.

"I really want to thank the jury for all they did in this case because of the evidence they had to deal with," she said. "They really had to get far down in the pit in this case."

Prosecutors say Newman placed an ad on the online network Craigslist, offering a free iPod to be found in a bathroom at Charles McDewitt Youth Sports Complex, and that on July 27, 2007, he waited in his Ford Explorer for someone to claim it.

A woman who answered the ad called police after seeing a man waiting in his car near the bathroom.

Police arrived and arrested Newman. Police did not find an iPod in the park bathroom or in the vehicle. But in the vehicle they did find ski gloves, a large kitchen knife, and a plastic pellet gun.

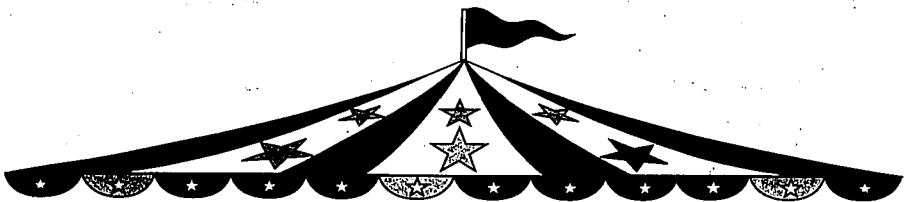
Newman told police he had posted the ad, but detectives were able to trace the ad to an e-mail account belonging to him.

Before being arrested, prosecutors said Newman spent up to two hours in the parking lot doing Internet searches for "how to commit rape," the "penalty for rape," and "percentage of rapists who get caught."

Prosecutors also say he spent time watching videos he made of simulated rape with an actress, and swapping e-mails about rape with a woman where he said how exciting it would be to rape a woman and watch the victim suffer and be ashamed.

In closing arguments, Newman's attorney said Newman was playing a game and had done nothing wrong.

"There is no act," Andrew Parnes said. "There is no intent. What the state wants to do is take his fantasy life and say it is reality. It's not."



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# Bush surveys record-breaking California wildfires, pledges aid

By Deb Rischmann  
Associated Press writer

REDDING, Calif. — President Bush offered federal help and encouragement Thursday to some of the 25,000 firefighters working under a blazing sun to contain wildfires that make up the single largest fire event ever recorded in California. "I always come to make sure the federal government is coordinating closely with the state government," Bush said. "I know Gov. Schwarzenegger well enough to say that if we weren't, he's let me know."

Since a huge lightning storm on June 21, about 2,010 separate fires have ignited across California, ravaging nearly 900,000 acres.

Schwarzenegger declared a state of emergency in 12 counties affected by the wildfires and has called in the California National Guard to help.

"The weather is stable — steady hot and dry inland," said Jason Kirchner, spokesman for the U.S. Forest Service. "Our folks are grinding away on these fires, making progress, but it's coming slow and it's a lot of work."

Bush took an aerial tour with Schwarzenegger to survey fire damage in the 2.1 million-acre Shasta-Trinity National Forest, the largest in California.

Schwarzenegger said 80 percent of the U.S. fire resources for firefighting are deployed in California.

"I'd like to let the people out here know that we're paying attention in Washington, D.C.," Bush said. "We care about you and we'll respond as best as we possibly can."

Bush was shown maps of the fires and then chatted with smoke jumpers who were mending and repacking parachutes.

"I want to say something to the firefighters. We had the privilege of meeting some of these smoke jumpers. They're unusual people — very courageous, determined and dedicated."

Later, the president was flying south to speak at a political reception in Napa, north of San Francisco, that's raising about \$850,000 for the Republican National Committee.

"I'd like to let the people out here know that we're paying attention in Washington, D.C."

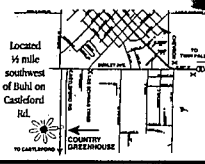
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# Gore calls for quick end to U.S. fossil-fuel use

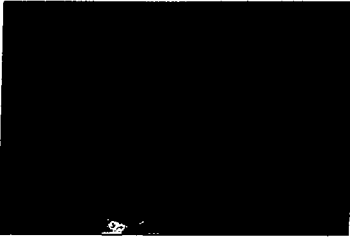
By Steven Mufson  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Former Vice President Al Gore Thursday called on Americans to convert all electricity generation to wind, solar and other renewable sources within 10 years and end their reliance on fossil fuels for the sake of the U.S. economy and the world's climate.

He said that Americans need to "shake off complacency (and) throw aside old habits," and he asserted that the falling cost of solar power, the ample winds of the Midwest and the high price of oil make the shift to renewable energy "achievable, affordable and transformative."

He also called on automobile companies to make plug-in electric cars and advocated an overhaul of the national electricity grid "to link areas where the sun shines and the wind blows to the cities in the East and the West that need the electricity."

Before a packed and enthusiastic crowd at George Washington University's Constitution Hall, the Nobel Peace Prize winner also engaged in some political combat, taking aim at proposals to address high gasoline prices by expanding drilling



Former Vice President Al Gore speaks about energy and the future, Thursday at Constitution Hall in Washington.

and at "repeated troop deployments to dangerous regions that just happen to have large oil supplies." "I for one do not believe our country can withstand 10 more years of the status quo," Gore said to hearty applause.

Energy experts greeted Gore's speech with skepticism, even those who agree with the notion of pushing toward greater use of renewable energy.

"It's extremely important to have people like Al Gore who are pushing and pressing the edge of the envelope," said Philip Sharp, president of Resources for the Future, a Washington think tank. "But

at this point I don't think there's anyone in the industry who thinks that goal, as a practical matter, could be met. This is not yet a plan for action: this is a superstretch goal."

Half the nation's electricity comes from coal plants, and most of them have expected operating lives beyond 10 years; replacing them would require massive capital investment and throw scores of big energy firms into turmoil. Moreover, solar and wind equipment manufacturers would be hard-pressed to supply enough wind turbines and solar panels to meet Gore's goals in a decade.

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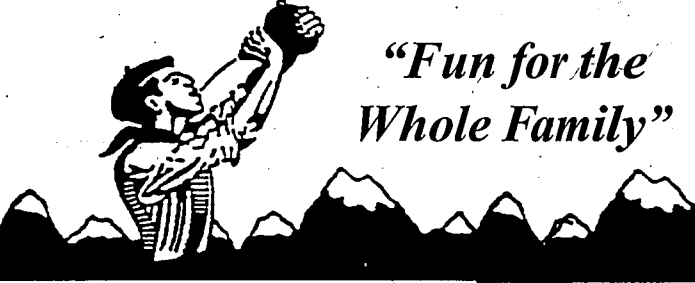
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## FDA declares it's OK to eat tomatoes again

By Lauran Neergaard  
Associated Press writer

"This is not saying that anybody was absolved."

— Dr. David Acheson, the Food and Drug Administration's food safety chief

WASHINGTON — It's OK to eat all kinds of tomatoes again, the U.S. government declared Thursday — lifting its salmonella warning on the summer favorites amid signs that

the regard outbreak, while not over, may be slowing. Hot peppers still get a caution: The people most at risk of salmonella — including the elderly and people with weak immune systems — should avoid fresh jalapenos and serranos, and any dishes that may contain them such as salsa, federal health officials advised.

Investigators still don't know what caused the salmonella outbreak, which now has sickened 1,220 people in 42 states — the earliest falling ill on April 10 and the latest so far on July 4.

But Thursday's move, coming as the tomato industry estimates its losses at more than \$100 million, doesn't mean that tomatoes harvested in the spring are

cleared. It just means that the tomatoes in fields and stores today are safe to eat, said Dr. David Acheson, the Food and Drug Administration's food safety chief.

"This is not saying that anybody was absolved," Acheson said. But, "as of today, FDA officials believe that consumers may now enjoy all types of fresh toma-

atoes available without concern of becoming infected with salmonella Saintpaul," the outbreak strain.

Early on, there was good evidence linking certain raw tomatoes to the sick, Acheson stressed. Yet inspectors haven't found the outbreak strain of salmonella Saintpaul on any farms, in suspect areas of south Florida and parts of Mexico, where they've managed to trace tomatoes thought to have been eaten by patients.

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## Last call? Will takeover force Bud to scale back?

By Will Graves  
Associated Press writer

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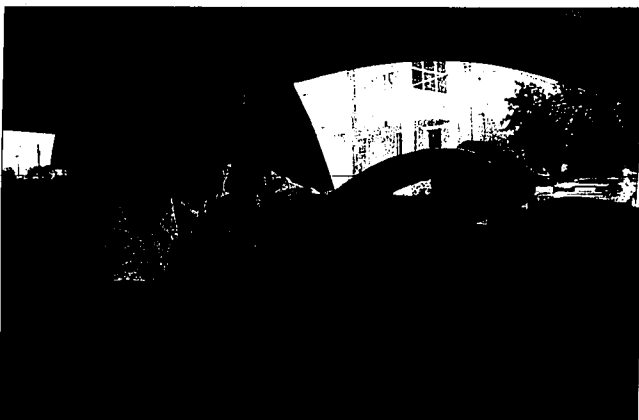
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# The high cost of health

## Fuel's surge a headache for home health providers

By Richard Richmyer  
Associated Press writer



Donald Wagoner, a home care nurse in upstate New York, drives in Amsterdam, N.Y. U.S. home health care workers, particularly those in rural areas, are suffering from financial headaches caused by the escalating cost of transportation.

ALBANY, N.Y. — Check. Bandages and medications? Check. Money for fuel? Uh-oh.

U.S. home health care workers, particularly those in rural areas, are suffering from financial headaches caused by the escalating cost of transportation, forcing some to borrow cash from co-workers in between paychecks and others to consider leaving the industry altogether.

Providers of home care in New York, California and other states are doling out prepaid gas cards, rental cars and other perks in an effort to retain their workers, who care for roughly 12 million elderly and disabled patients nationwide and drive an estimated 5 billion miles a year, according to a recent study by the National Association for Home Care and Hospice.

The industry is also contemplating abandoning uneconomical home visits in far-flung locations, and increasingly checking patients' blood pressures, heart rates, blood-sugar levels and other vital signs via remote monitoring systems, which many companies previously deemed too expensive.

Industry officials said they had not heard of any

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instances where a patient's care was compromised by the high cost of getting a health care professional to their home, though they are worried it could happen.

After some home health providers threatened earlier this year to cease operations in rural parts of South Dakota, Democratic Sen. Tim Johnson said he would push Congress to revamp the Medicare payment system to account for the industry's rising fuel bill.

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past 18 months, experts said it's a particularly knotty problem for nurses, aides and other employees of home health care agencies — many of whom are responsible for their own travel expenses and depend on government reimbursements that haven't yet caught up with the rising prices at the pump.

A recent survey by the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging underscores the impact: half of the respondents said they had already cut back on home visits because of surging fuel costs — and 90 percent said

they expected to make cuts in 2009.

The Northern Montana Home Health Care and Bear Paw Hospice, a not-for-profit company based in Havre, Mont., that covers two counties made up of 24,000 people across 7,136 square miles, is looking at discontinuing service in the state's back country.

The company's director, Lisa Generoux, said the formula Medicare reimbursements simply doesn't account for \$4.09-a-gallon gasoline, the average price at the pumps in the Rocky Mountain states

these days.

Donald Wagoner, a nurse who travels up to 100 miles a day traversing New York's Adirondack region, said his newest professional challenge these days is simply not running out of fuel. "I've come close a couple of times," said Wagoner, who drives a Saturn Vue SUV that gets around 25 miles to the gallon.

For the most part, providers are taking steps to make sure their staffs can afford to travel from home to home and, when they cannot, that patients continue to get the care they need.

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### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### NATION Deciding vote in XM-Sirius makes deal

WASHINGTON — The potential deciding vote in the U.S. government's review of the \$3.1 billion merger between satellite radio companies told The Associated Press he will vote in favor of the deal if the companies agree to tougher conditions.

So far, two of the five members of the Federal

Communications Commission have voted to approve Sirius Satellite Radio Inc.'s buyout of rival XM Satellite Radio Holdings Inc. That is one vote shy of a majority.

FCC commissioner Jonathan Adelstein, a Democrat, wants the companies to cap prices for six years and make one-quarter of their satellite capacity available for public interest and minority programming, among other conditions.

If the executives agree,

Adelstein told the AP that he will be in favor of the deal.

#### Rates sink on all types of mortgages

WASHINGTON — Mortgage rates fell this week with 30-year mortgage rates dropping to the lowest level in six weeks as investors became less worried that the Federal Reserve would soon tighten credit policy to stall inflation.

Freddie Mac, the mortgage

company, reported Thursday that 30-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged 6.26 percent this week.

That was down from 6.37 percent last week. It marked only the second weekly decline in the past eight weeks and left the 30-year rate at the lowest point since it averaged 6.09 percent the week of June 5.

Analysts attributed the decline in part to comments made this week by Federal Reserve Chairman Ben

Bernanke. He indicated in his mid-year economic report to Congress that the central bank was poised between concerns about rising inflation pressures and the weakening economy.

Many analysts viewed Bernanke's comments as a signal that the central bank will delay tightening rates to give the fragile economy and banking system time to recover. The Fed is hoping that the sluggish economy will help dampen inflation.

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# Texas approves major new wind power project

By Jim Vertuno  
Associated Press writer

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas, headquarters of America's oil industry, is about to stake a fortune on wind power.

The biggest investment in the clean and renewable energy in U.S. history, utility officials in the Lone Star State gave preliminary approval Thursday to a \$4.9 billion plan to build new transmission lines to carry wind-generated electricity from gusty West Texas to urban areas like Dallas.

"People think about oil wells and football in Texas, but in 10 years they'll look back and say this was a brilliant thing to do," said Patrick Woodson, vice president of E.ON Climate & Renewables North America, which has about 1,200 megawatts of wind projects already in use or on the drawing board in Texas.

Texas is already the national leader in wind power, generating about 5,000 megawatts. But wind-energy advocates say the lack of transmission lines has kept a lot of that power from being put to use and has hindered the building of more turbines.

Supporters say Thursday's 2-1 vote by the Texas Public Utility Commission is critical to getting that energy to more people.

"We will add more wind than the 14 states combined," said PUC Commissioner Paul Hudson. "I think that's a very extraordinary achievement. Some think we haven't gone far enough, some think we've pushed too far."

Most of Texas' wind-energy production is in petroleum-producing West Texas, where nearly 4,000 wind turbines tower over oil pumpjacks and capture the breeze that blows across the flat and

largely barren landscape. The new plan would not directly build a slew of new turbines, but would add transmission lines capable of moving about 18,000 megawatts. One expert said that is enough to power more than 4 million Texas homes.

Supporters predict the plan will spur new wind power projects, create jobs, reduce pollution and lower energy costs. Texans will rate some of the highest electric rates in the country, in part

because of congested transmission lines.

Texas electric customers will bear the cost of construction over the next several years, paying about \$3 or \$4 more per month on their bills, according to Tom Smith, state director of the consumer group Public Citizen. But he predicted that increase would easily be offset by lower energy prices.

Smith called Texas' current transmission lines a "two-lane dirt road" compared to the "renewable energy

superhighway" the plan would build.

"We have all these wind plants up and operating. What we're asking for is the superhighway to get the energy to the cities," Smith

said. "This will send signals to manufacturers all across the world Texas is ready to be a world-class player in renewable energy."

The plan still needs to receive final approval later

this year from the PUC. The transmission lines would not be up and running for three to five years. Who would build them and other details have yet to be worked out.

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## Apartment rents in West increase slightly

By Evelyn Nieves  
Associated Press writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Apartment rents in the western United States are barely climbing — good news for renters but actually a sign of a weakening economy, according to a new report released Thursday.

The good news for renters is that while homeowners have watched the value of their houses drop, and suburbs' least, renters have seen their mortgages double, even triple, many apartment renters are paying just a few dollars more than they did a year ago, according to the report by RealFacts Inc.

Of the 19 major Western metropolitan markets covered in the analysis, 14 experienced quarterly rent growth, but none more than 1.7 percent, and four actually declined.

"That's consistent with national trends, which show that rents across the nation increased by only 0.6 percent since March 2008 and only 2.5 percent in the past year, the report said. Relative to other items in the household budget, apartment rent is lagging behind inflation, which was 5.2 percent in June 2008.

But what the slow rate of increase for rents actually means is that times are hard, said Caroline Latham, CEO of RealFacts.

"Basically the rental market is reflecting the economy," Latham said. "For many people, there's a misperception that as home foreclosures go up, there is increased demand for rentals and a rise in apartment rents. We don't see that correlation. It's a lagging market and when there's a weak economy, all of it suffers."



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By Andrew Weeks  
Staff writer

If you're like me, you're fairly new to south-central Idaho. And that means, if you're like me, you've been itching to get out and explore the area's great outdoors.

A recent journey took me along the Thousand Springs Scenic Byway, a leisurely drive from about Buhl to Bliss, where rolling hills and farmlands, corn fields and cow pastures come into view.

Boring? Depends on your frame of mind. I was trying to get to know an area better, and surprisingly I kept myself busy at a few stops along the way.

### Thousand Springs

You likely won't see thousands of springs at the Thousand Springs site, an area that still offers an abundance of waterfalls along the Snake River Canyon, but it's an impressive sight nonetheless — impressive because it is Mother Nature's own handiwork.

Water from the springs comes from the Snake River Plains Aquifer, one of the largest groundwater systems in the world. Water travels thousands of miles under southern Idaho's porous volcanic rock and emerges from the springs into the cliffs, where it then cascades to the river below.

You can see waterfalls from U.S. Highway 30 near Hagerman, but RV and tent camping is available at certain area sites, as are boat tours. For more information: Thousand Springs Park District, 837-4505 or <http://parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/parks/thousandssprings.aspx>

### Fossil beds

Know what a zebra looks like?

The Hagerman Horse, a prehistoric animal that today would likely resemble a zebra, was first discovered near the Snake River in Hagerman, thus the ancient horse's name. It is believed the horse lived during the Pliocene epoch, about 3.5 million years ago. Today, a number of fossils are still embedded in the banks of the Snake River and give a glimpse to life before the Ice Age.

Museums, exhibits, guided tours, fishing and hunting within designated boundaries, bird watching, canoeing and other activities are available at the Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument, depending on the time of year. Summer hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday-Thursday and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

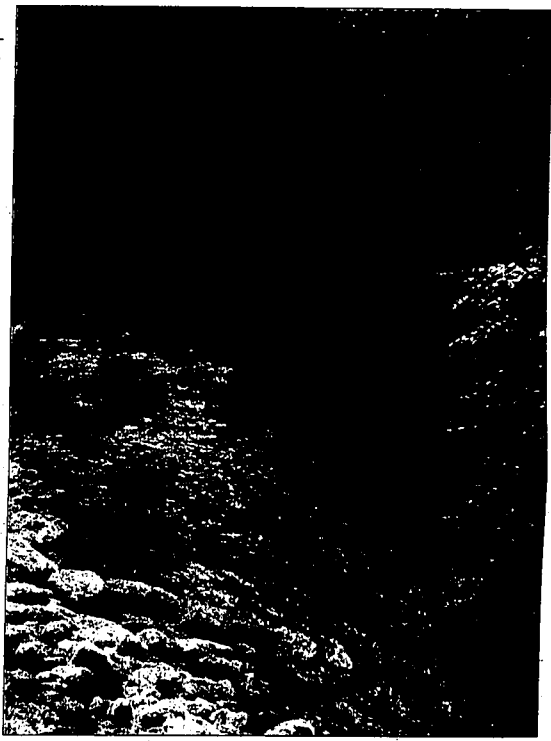
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### Fish hatchery

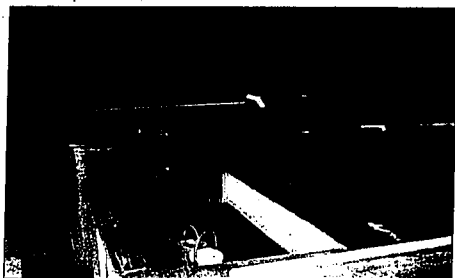
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The steelheads, which hatch in about May, are raised in 40 large tubs that contain up to 35,000 fish each. Once they grow to six to eight inches long they are transferred — in about August — to the hatchery's "raceways"

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## Rock crawling on four wheels hooks Eastern Idaho couple

By Kevin Aug  
Idaho State Journal

POCATELLO — Andrew Paulson's buggy teetered on the edge of an 18-foot-deep pit.

Growling loudly, the vehicle, really not much more than a racing seat encased in a metal cage, then tipped over the cliff and plunged nose-first toward the dirt below: It hung in the air for a split-second before landing on all four wheels with a thunderous crash.

Paulson disappeared inside the plume of dirt the buggy had unleashed, but his voice escaped loud and clear.

"Yee-haw!" Paulson screamed enthusiastically.

This is the man who's only happy when he's upside down, as his wife, Shannon, describes him. The Paulsons began competing this season on the World Extreme Rock Crawling Championship Series, a circuit in which drivers maneuver buggies up and down obstacle courses that consist of towering rock clusters and cavernous concrete pits.

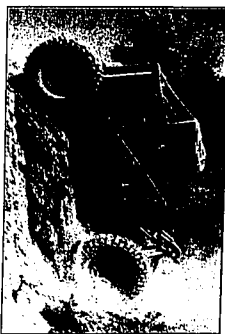
The Paulson team consists of Andrew, its driver, and spotters Shannon and John Dayley, who give Andrew directions as he navigates the courses. The rookie squad from Thyce earned a sixth-place finish, its best so far, at a Cedar City, Utah, event in June after overcoming early season jitters the obstacles gave them.

"I knew what I was in for, but yeah, I was surprised ultimately," Andrew said of his introduction to the sport. "The magnitude of it is almost incomprehensible for most people, and it was for me. It was like, 'How am I going to do this?'"

Andrew first caught the rock crawling bug when Shannon surprised him with a plane ticket to Las Vegas for the world championships as a birthday gift three years ago.

Having navigated off-road trails in his International Harvester Scout for years, Andrew instantly decided he wanted to tackle rock crawling as well. He began constructing his buggy from scratch, as well as a miniature course in his backyard in the Thyce area north of Chubbuck consisting of a rock cluster, a mountain of dirt and an adjacent pit.

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Andrew Paulson takes his rock crawler down a vertical embankment, near Pocatello, on July 12. The Paulsons began competing this season on the World Extreme Rock Crawling Championship Series, a circuit in which drivers maneuver buggies up and down obstacle courses that consist of towering rock clusters and cavernous concrete pits.

## Illuminating the darkness with Coghlan's LED Micro Lantern



Founded in 1959, and today boasting a line with hundreds of products, Coghlan's Ltd. is a ubiquitous supplier of camp site accessories — from plastic soap holders and tent repair kits to 17 items listed under a category called "Mosquito Products."

This summer, on a couple family camping trips, I put a new Coghlan's item up to the test. The LED Micro Lantern costs \$7.99 and weighs less



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than one ounce. It looks like a toy or a keychain trinket. But hang it from the ceiling in a tent and you'll be impressed with the little lantern's ambient illumination.

At two inches tall, the company ([www.coghlan.com](http://www.coghlan.com)) brags that the Micro Lantern can illuminate "an entire camp site and replace your old bulky lantern."

Bolstered by a 5mm LED and a conical reflector, the light can brighten a picnic table in utter night enough to eat, cook or organize gear. But replace the "old bulky lantern" burning white gas with its mantles ablaze? Nope.

In a tent, the Micro Lantern was more at home. I hung it from its carabiner clip on a nylon loop at the zenith of our six-person Kely. The tent, an octagonal dome with a mesh ceiling and shadowy corners, was softly lit by the press of a button, the Micro Lantern casting its LED haze enough to roll out sleeping bags, hang out and get ready for bed.

To read comfortably while laying down, however, I had

to wear a headlamp.

The Micro Lantern comes with two tiny lithium batteries that are quoted to power the light for 25 hours. An emergency strobe feature will flash for 50 hours, the company says.

Coghlan's markets the light for backpackers and campers. For its size, the light was impressive. But for adequate illumination camp-wide, don't yet leave your headlamp behind.

# Big Cottonwood big on activities

By Rob Morris  
Correspondent

Imagine a sylvan slice of southern Idaho of almost 10,000 acres, including mountain juniper forests, irrigated farmland, and a riparian cottonwood forest. Now imagine that this territory contains elk, deer, pronghorn antelope, wild turkey, pheasant, valley quail and streams containing a self-sustaining population of Yellowstone cutthroat trout.

Now, envision that you have access to all of it, because you do.

The Big Cottonwood Wildlife Management Area, six miles northwest of Oakley, offers plenty of hunting, fishing, hiking, biking, horseback riding and wildlife viewing.

Purchased in 1993 by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game to preserve and protect a portion of the southern Sawtooths, the Big Cottonwood site includes 814 acres from the original 1993 purchase and adjoins almost 17,000 acres of public, state, Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service lands, all of it open to the public.

"We directly manage the 814 acres owned by the (Idaho) Department of Fish and Game and coordinate with the other agencies that manage their lands that border the WMA," said site manager Mike Todd. "Our biggest challenges have been getting enough irrigation water and noxious weed control. It looks as if we'll get our full water allocation this year, due to good winter precipitation and a cold, wet spring. We are making headway in the control of our noxious weeds: Leafy Spurge, Hoary Cress (whitpot) and Canadian Thistle."

"Unique to the area is the large population of wild turkeys — hardly ever found during turkey season, but often seen wandering about the WMA at most other times."

"We have enough excess production that Big Cottonwood serves as the



A view of Big Cottonwood Creek trailhead, about six miles northwest of Oakley.

## How to get there

**Big Cottonwood WMA:** From Twin Falls, head east on Highway 30 as if heading to Burley. Turn right (south) at the Big Cottonwood WMA sign (4900 East Rd) and follow the signs.

An alternate route: take Interstate 84 to exit 208 (Burley) and travel 20 miles south on State Highway 27 to the Big Cottonwood WMA sign (1600 South Rd). Turn west on 1600 South and follow the signs 7 miles to the management area.

For more information: <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/cms/wildlife/wma/bigcotton/info.cfm>

**Comas Prairie/Centennial Marsh:** Head west on Highway 20 and travel 13 miles south on the Highway 20/ Highway 46 intersections. Look for the Comas Prairie sign (Wolf Lane) and turn south.

turkey introduction reservoir for other areas," Todd said. "Turkey hunting is permitted on a controlled-hunt basis throughout game management area 54, which includes the WMA."

Yet another treat is the Yellowstone Cutthroat fishery located in Cottonwood Creek, above the beaver ponds. "It's one of the few places within the Magic Valley area that has a self-sustaining, fishable population of Yellowstone cutthroats," said Rob Ryan, regional fisheries biologist with the IDFG. "Since the

creek isn't very big, most fish will be on the smallest size, but we have reports of fish up to 13 inches being taken from the creek."

## The Comas Prairie

At nearly 6,000 acres, the Comas Prairie/Centennial Marsh WMA is a bird-watcher's paradise. As Idaho's largest rush/sedge marsh the area is best known for the Common Cuckoo, a staple in the diet of Native Americans and the plant has helped feed the Lewis and Clark expedition.

"We manage the WMA primarily as a waterfowl production and resting area," said site manager Terry Gregory. "Given adequate winter precipitation, the marsh floods every spring and becomes a duck factory. Historically, it would flood again in the fall, but as land use patterns have changed, fall flooding has become much rarer. In the 20 years I've been here, it has re-filled in the fall in only two of those years."

Consequently, the area gets little use from waterfowl hunters, but marsh and prairie birds can be observed in the spring and fall.

"It's an excellent place for birders," Gregory said.

It's a sleeper unit for big-game hunting, though. Lying within unit 45, the area is open to deer, elk and pronghorn hunting, provided you have a permit. There were four elk taken from the WMA last year and deer can be found in the willow thickets," Gregory said.

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## OUTDOOR BRIEFS

### F&G seeks to restore

#### Portneuf fishery

POCATELLO — An Idaho Fish and Game official says work to restore the fishery in the upper Portneuf River will serve the economy as well as local anglers.

Mark Gambelin, a regional supervisor for Fish and Game, told members of the Greater Pocatello Chamber of Commerce that mule deer hunting and fishing infused more than \$6 million into Bannock County's economy in 2006 alone. Statewide, he says outdoor recreation related to wildlife resulted in more than \$1.3 billion in economic activity that year.

Gambelin hopes to raise awareness about working done to improve fishing on the Portneuf. Two area groups, the Southeast Idaho Fly Fishers and Caribou Conservancy, are trying to improve critical stretches of the river degraded by cattle.

### Almo and just north of the City of Reno. It is some 25 miles south of Albon.

### Salmon fishing ends statewide

Chinook salmon fishing ended Thursday evening statewide for this year.

Idaho Fish and Game managers say anglers have caught the state's share of hatchery origin adult Chinook salmon on the South Fork Salmon River and on the Upper Salmon River.

The South Fork and Upper Salmon rivers will be closed to all nontribal salmon fishing, even catch-and-release. No other waters are open in Idaho to salmon fishing.

### Super Hunt tickets available

The deadline to enter this year's second Super Hunt drawings is less than a month away.

Eight winners will be announced.

Entries in the second Super Hunt of Super Hunt Combo drawing must be received at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game headquarters by Aug. 10 for the drawing on Aug. 15. Tickets will be drawn for one deer and two pronghorn antelope hunts as well as one moose hunt. One Super Hunt Combo ticket will be drawn that will entitle the winner to four hunts of one each.

Winners may hunt in any open hunt in the state, and any animal they shoot will be in addition to any other tags or controlled hunts. The hunter may hold. All other rules of those hunts apply.

Single tickets cost \$6.25. Tickets are available at license vendors, all Fish and Game offices and online at <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>; click on the Super Hunt logo, or call 800-824-3729 or 800-554-8638.

Forms to order tickets by mail are also available on the Fish and Game Web site and in the hunting rules brochure. Mail entries to: IDFG License Section, P.O. Box 25, Boise, ID 83707.

— from staff reports

### Star Party scheduled at Castle Rocks State Park

The Centennial Observatory at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho has joined with members of the Magic Valley Astronomical Society to present a free Star Party at Castle Rocks State Park from 2 p.m. to midnight next Friday, July 25. Centennial Observatory Manager Chris Anderson, who helps organize such events away from the CSI campus during the summer months, said dark sky locations are great opportunities for veteran skywatchers as well as for newcomers. The absence of light pollution, which is found in all locations close to cities, makes viewing through telescopes much clearer.

The event will start at 2 p.m. with solar viewing, telescopes that are specially equipped to allow visitors to look at the sun. After sunset, the star party will last until at least midnight. Admission is free of charge and persons of all ages are welcome.

Castle Rocks State Park is located near the town of

## Going batty for bats

By Nelson Hatch  
For the Times-News

Hoary bat, Western Pipistrelle, Big brown bats, little brown bats, Fringed myotis.

Long-legged myotis, Western Small-footed myotis, Yuma myotis, California myotis, Spotted bat, Townsend's Big-eared bat, Pallid bat, Long-eared myotis, and Silver-haired bats are the bats that call Idaho home.

Bats belong to the order Chiroptera. Out of the four families of bats found in the United States, there is only one confirmed family living in Idaho: Vesperilionidae. In this one family, there are eight different genera occurring in Idaho, with 14 different species among them.

Bats are amazing creatures and are mammals. Though they can fly like birds, their wings are different than birds. They are like very long fingers covered by skin and fur instead of feathers.

Bats are not blind, and some people think, and many can see very well. Bats depend on sound and good hearing to find food and to get around in the dark.

Bats of Idaho are insectivores, which mean they eat insects. Some bats may

catch up to 1,200 insects in just one hour. Can you imagine not having bats around and how many bugs we would have?

Bats also find summer roosts. Idaho Fish and Game, with the help of several Boy Scouts working on their eagle projects, have built and placed several dozen bat houses around the Magic Valley on Wildlife Management Areas.

In the winter, bats hibernate in caves and fissures in the lava flows across the Magic Valley. The bat house gives the bats a place to stay near a major food source, where they can help us by eating some of the insects that bug us, and helps the bats by giving them a place to stay near the bugs.

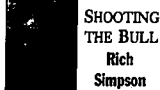
About 900 species of bats are found throughout the world. Bats are found on all continents, except Antarctica. Forty-two species of bats can be found in the United States.

Information for this article was gathered from the Idaho State University Museum of History Web site.

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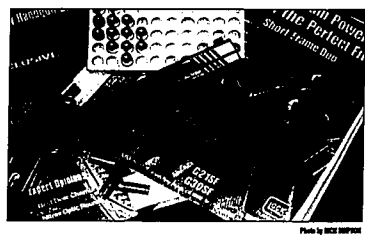
## Fabulously-popular polymer pistols

There was a time — not all that long ago — when plastic items were considered to be "cheap" substitutes for their metal counterparts. Slowly, many prejudices subsided and few people nowadays would dispute how much plastics have actually molded (sorry about that) our modern way of life.



Plastics — as the industry is quick to point out — are everywhere. They're in our kitchens, living rooms, schools, offices, automobiles and planes. And as grandpa can testify, they have even found a home in our bodies. Where would the ole boy be without those marvelous artificial hips or heart parts? For the longest time, the use of plastics in firearms was verboten! Real guns, it was agreed, could only be fashioned of steel or aluminum alloy and walnut.

For many handgun enthusiasts, this ideological nut was cracked in 1982. In that year, the Austrian military and police forces replaced their World War II-era service pistols, the Walther P38, with a unique plastic-framed (polymer) pistol — the Glock 17. The Glock 17 (coined because it was the 17th patent awarded to the Austrian firm of the same name) was a polymer-framed semi-automatic pistol, using a modified version of John Browning's locked breech short recoil operating system, aka Colt 1911. Interestingly, the gun's designer, Gaston Glock, was not a firearms enthusiast at



all, but an innovative manufacturer of high strength synthetic and steel industrial components.

Chambered initially in the NATO-standardized 9mm Parabellum, Model 17 was soon adopted by the Dutch, Norwegian and Swedish armed forces. In just 10 years, more than 350,000 Glock 17s had been sold in more than 45 countries worldwide — 250,000 in the United States alone. At last count, the military and police forces of 30 nations (from Afghanistan to Sri Lanka) marshal some version of the prolific Glock line.

Glock pistols currently chamber most modern pistol cartridges, including the 9mm Parabellum, 10mm, .45 ACP, .40 S&W, .380 ACP, .357 SIG, and the proprietary .45 GAP (Glock Automatic Pistol). So adaptable is the basic design, there is little doubt that some variation of this fine handgun will be with us until we start packing lasers for our defensive needs.

To say that Gaston Glock revolutionized not only our way of thinking, but the entire handgun industry with the application of synthetic materials would be an understatement. So complete has this paradigm shift

become that practically all the major players in the handgun industry today market a polymer model or two. You can go to a local dealer and purchase polymer-framed guns by Springfield Armory (XD pictured), Smith & Wesson, Ruger, Beretta, H&K, Sig-Sauer, Kahr, Taurus and E.E.A.

So what features do polymer pistols possess to fuel this amazing market demand? One is simply economy. It is cheaper to mold plastic than it is to precision cast and/or machine steel or aluminum components. An executive of a major handgun company was once derided for marketing cheap plastic guns. His quip replied, "Ours guns are polymer — it's plastic only when it costs less than \$200. Not surprisingly, all of his guns retailed well beyond the two century mark.

High strength and durability are also hallmarks of these "Upperwear pistols." Contrary to the dire predictions of skeptics, the polymer-framed guns were not invisible to airport security measures and didn't melt or dissolve in real-world environments. In fact, the rust-corrosion-proof plastic guns have proven to be steel-tough and can shake off

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abuse that would cripple lesser weapons.

Additionally, synthetic frames can be molded into a variety of ergonomic shapes to fit almost any size hand, and most include Picatinny rails for mounting tactical lights and lasers. Polymer is also much lighter than steel or alloy and since you always carry a gun more than you shoot it, this can be a big plus at the end of the day.

Perhaps the benefits of polymer pistols can best be witnessed by a first resident and former Army paratrooper, weapons specialist and sniper, WWOX II. "In the 80s, Dr. Gaston Glock introduced the polymer (plastic) pistol to the American market. We ole steel shooters looked at it with a jaundiced eye to say the least; however, we gave it a try. After many tests, both our unit and mine, the Glock earned the right to be in my military gear and gun safe. It took more abuse than any steel gun and never failed to operate flawlessly. The Glock is the standard for the pistols of today and tomorrow. Most pistol manufacturers have a polymer gun in their inventory to compete to the dire predictions of skeptics, the polymer-framed guns were not invisible to airport security measures and didn't melt or dissolve in real-world environments. In fact, the rust-corrosion-proof plastic guns have proven to be steel-tough and can shake off

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Rob Morris photo.

## SOUTH HILLS WILDFLOWERS



Jeannette Graham and her husband Randy recently visited the South Hills, where they saw more than 20 varieties of wildflower, like this Western blue flag *Iris missouriensis*. Send your outdoor photos to Outdoors Editor Andrew Weeks at [aweeks@magicvalley.com](mailto:aweeks@magicvalley.com).

## Visitors to Lucky Peak should watch out for bears

## Staff report

Families camping, boating and fishing at Lucky Peak Reservoir just minutes up the Boise River from Idaho's capital, may not realize they have entered bear country.

A young black bear reportedly followed an 11-year-old boy down the dock as the boy was about to board a canoe earlier this month. The boy's parents scared off the bear by hitting the dock with their paddles. A bear answering the same description was later seen hanging around in a popular wooded camping

area on the lake's shore, biting into at least one cooler and showing a preference for desserts and chips over hotdogs.

Young bears learning to make a living on their own often show more curiosity than fear toward humans and may make poor choices about areas where they are not tolerated. Bears that become accustomed to people and human foods are nearly always headed for a sad end. People do bears no favor by allowing them to develop dangerous habits.

Idaho Fish and Game

reminds campers and hikers to be aware of bear etiquette in the woods. Campers and backpackers should be careful storing their food to avoid attracting black bears. If it smells good to you, it smells good to a bear, too.

**Tips for around camp include:**  
 • Keep a clean camp. Pick up garbage and store it in a closed vehicle or in a bag tied high in a tree.  
 • Store all food in a bear-resistant container, camper or vehicle, or hang it from a rope between two trees at least 10 feet apart and 10 feet off the

ground. Never keep food in your tent.

• Do not bury food scraps, pour out cooking grease, or leave anything that might be tasty on the ground or in the fire pit. Also, store barbecue grills or other smelly cooking gear inside your vehicle or within a sealed container.

• If you see a bear watch it from a distance and leave it alone. Black bears are not usually aggressive, but the danger may increase if a bear loses its fear of humans.

For more information about bears and other wildlife: <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>

## Calif. condors' animal instinct takes over in fire

## By Tracie Cone

Associated Press writer

BIG SUR, Calif. — As wildfire whipped toward a remote sanctuary of the endangered California condor last month, the rare birds got their biggest test in survival after years of pampering by biologists: They had to live completely on their own.

Forced away by flames, their scientist handlers could only hope the birds' animal instincts would kick in. To their delight, they did.

The birds found fresh air, and food: a beached whale and decaying California sea lion on the edge of Big Sur's cliffs. After the birds swam through the area, many even returned home.

"It's incredible. They did just what they're supposed to do," said Kelly Sorenson, executive director of the Ventura Wildlife Society, which runs the sanctuary. "I was honestly thinking we'd lose four to six birds. You can rebuild pens, but we only have a limited amount of time to restore a species."

The Ventura Wildlife Society near Big Sur is the only nonprofit in California to prepare captive-bred condors for life in the wild, making it an integral part of conservation efforts to save the condor from extinction.

Flames from the 188-square-mile fire in the Los Padres National Forest last month destroyed the society's aviary and release pen and

thousands of dollars worth of equipment. The fire also displaced the 43 free-flying birds the society monitors and forced a hasty rescue of seven 1-year-old chicks and their adult mentor by the U.S. Coast Guard.

For 17 days, biologists were cut off from the sanctuary, monitoring the wild birds by electronic transmitters. "We felt so helpless," Sorenson said.

The culture was declared an endangered species in 1967, when its population—estimated to be 50 to 60 birds at the time—was in sharp decline because of poaching, habitat destruction and lead poisoning.

In the 1980s, the U.S. government approved an ambi-

tious and costly conservation plan that brought the last of the nearly two dozen surviving California condors into captivity for a captive-breeding program.

After teaching the newborns with puppets and other tools how to survive in the wild, reintroduction into forests started in the 1990s. While there have been some setbacks (powerlines have proven a difficult obstacle to navigate), there are now 332 condors, half of which are being supervised in the wild in Arizona, California and Baja California, Mexico.

The wildfires near the sanctuary started the night of June 21 with a burst of lightning storms that ignited fires all over Northern California.

der and other wildlife.

For more information: 209-437-4896 or <http://www.fws.gov/hagerman>.

## Wildlife preserve

Not far from the fish hatchery is the Hagerman Wildlife Management Area, also located on State Fishery Hatchery Road off Highway 30, where a number of wildlife can be viewed.

The small waterfront is home to golden and rainbow trout, sturgeon, pelicans, muskrats, birds, bees and a variety of butterflies.

Fish are stocked frequently during the summertime, and the small lake is a favorite place to catch trout 8 inches long or longer.

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## Byway

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to grow farther, said Anna Ray, the hatchery's fisheries program assistant. Come springtime—from about March to May—the fish are released into the wild, mostly into the Upper Salmon River, Ray said. Eggs are gathered and the process starts over again, she said.

If you visit the hatchery, be sure to ask about the sturgeon that also is raised at the site. Also, keep an eye out for various species of butterfly, birds,

vertical cliff Andrew tried to scale, only for the buggy to topple over backward and land on its ceiling.

"Every event that I go to, it's like, 'There's no way you can actually drive up this or through this,'" Shannon said. "As his wife, I'm thinking, 'Boy, do I want him to drive that? That looks really scary.'"

But Shannon soon learned her worst fears were unfounded when he developed a routine of climbing out from nasty spills with a "whoop" and his bleeps flexed. Besides a sore back and scrapes on his left arm from dangling it out the window, Andrew emerged largely unscathed from most of his misadventures.

In fact, his worst injuries have come in his garage building and repairing his

buggy. Andrew has suffered more welding burns than he cares to remember, and he even once caught a metal splinter in his eye from grinding a buggy part.

After that injury, crashing down a pile of rocks just didn't intimidate Andrew that much anymore.

"It's a learning curve, like anything," Andrew said. Spotters also have a history of getting hurt, whether by standing too close to the monstrous buggies or simply falling victim to the same perilous drops and climbs the vehicles struggle with.

But Shannon and Dayle so far haven't suffered anything more painful than bumps and cuts in their young rock crawling careers, and they've also grown immune to the potential haz-

ards of their job.

"I've been around it enough to where I know where the danger zones are," Dayle said. "I get the butterflies when I'm competing, but not so much from the fear. I get more butterflies for him than for myself."

But there are few other places Andrew would rather be than in his buggy. Through the long hours working on and riding in it, he's developed such an affection for the vehicle that he's already made plans to bury its wrecked parts in his back pasture.

"How many people would spend the money to build one of these and then, in most people's eyes, wreck it or break it?" Andrew said. "The rewards are difficult for some people to comprehend, but they're there."

## Seek Idaho's darkest sites for the best stargazing

Idaho has lots of great locations for viewing the night sky, but not all dark sites are well-suited for stargazing.

Remoteness from lights is important, but many of Idaho's darkest locations are also far from roads; good luck lugging your telescope into the middle of the Frank Church Wilderness.

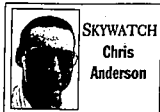
How far from lights is enough? Consider this: From just a few miles outside Twin Falls, one can see the glow of Jackpot, 40 miles away.

In other words, the farther the better. Another factor is altitude. Since atmosphere absorbs starlight, the higher your elevation, the clearer the views. But above 9,000 feet reduced oxygen decreases your eyes' ability to see faint stars.

Traveling above Galena Summit, for example, will produce diminishing returns.

Even in a cloudless sky, humidity dims the views. Idaho's arid southern desert trumps its mountainous northern forests in this regard, as well as boasting of unobstructed horizons for low targets.

All things considered, Idaho's amateur astronomers have their favorite spots. Among them are Craters of the Moon National Monument (where Idaho Falls' first astronomer, the late Dr. J. B. A. Astronomical Society hosts two public star parties each year), in Owyhee County (home of the Bruneau Dunes public observatory), and City of Rocks National



SKYWATCH  
Chris Anderson

## Sky calendar through Thursday:

Planets:  
 One hour before sunrise:  
 No naked-eye planets visible.  
 One hour after sunset:  
 Saturn: W, very low  
 Mars: W, very low  
 Jupiter: SE, low  
 Moon: Full moon this morning, 1:59 a.m. Last quarter next Friday, 3:24 p.m.

Reserve in south-central Cassia County.

Next Friday the public will get the opportunity to enjoy close-up views of City of Rocks' pristine night skies. The Magic Valley Astronomical Society and CSI's Centennial Observatory will have portable telescopes available for public viewing at Castle Rocks State Park's Ranch House site from 9 p.m. to midnight. And next month, on Aug. 23, they'll set up at Potomac Mountain for the second year in a row.

Weather permitting, you can enjoy some of Idaho's finest night skies at one or both of these events.

Next week: Jupiter points the way to the celestial tourist.

## BIG CATCH



Don Cogger of Twin Falls holds the two 24-inch walleye he caught on Lake Sacawaga during a fishing trip to North Dakota over the fourth of July weekend.

## Share your big catch

Send photos and information about your catches to Outdoors Editor Andrew Weeks, [aweeks@magicvalley.com](mailto:aweeks@magicvalley.com) or 132 Fairfield St. W., Twin Falls, ID 83303.

## Young grizzlies accused of killing 71 sheep

GREAT FALLS, Mont. (AP) — Wildlife officials hope to capture two young grizzly bears suspected in a sheep killing spree that one government trapper says is the worst he's seen.

The bears are blamed for killing 71 lambs and ewes in pastures south of Choteau between June 11 and July 9.

Mike Hoggam, of Valler, a trapper with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's

Wildlife Services, says most carcasses don't kill sheep—and the few that do don't usually stop.

A grizzly bear management specialist with Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Mike Mitchell, says a captured female would likely be relocated to the west side of the Rocky Mountains.

He says the fate of a male "would be open for discussion."

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# Singing for sex: Even toadfish do it

By Randolph E. Schmid  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — It's not exactly Tony serenading Maria in "West Side Story" but for all their homeliness toadfish also sing to attract mates.

OK, singing may be a stretch; it's more of a hum. But it turns out to be useful, for science as well as the fish. Exploring how their nervous system produces sounds is allowing scientists to trace the earliest developments of vocalization in other animals, including people.

Many animals communicate vocally — birds chirp, frogs thrum, whales whistle — and comparing the nerve networks in a variety of vertebrates suggests that making sounds originated in ancient fishes, researchers report in Friday's edition of the journal *Science*.

The sounds of whales and dolphins are well known, but most people don't realize fish also make sounds, lead researcher Andrew H. Bass of Cornell University said in a telephone interview. He's a professor of neurobiology and behavior.

"I'm not saying fish have a language or anything, higher powers of the brain," he

added quickly. "But some of the networks of neurons, nerve cells in the brain, are very ancient."

The whole nervous system basis that led to speech originated in fish hundreds of millions of years ago, he said. He studied the hindbrain in the larvae of midshipmanfish and toadfish, which grow up to produce more than one type of sound.

"It's not as complex as what you hear mammals and birds doing; it's the simplest type of communication ... but the parts of the nervous system

that generate sounds are easiest to study in these fish," Bass said.

His team found two major uses of sound. The second type is a threat sound, more of a grunt or growl, to protect nesting territory.

The locations of the vocal nerves described in the study are consistent with the organization of the vocal systems in

frogs, birds and mammals, supporting the idea of a common early development, Daniel Margolis and Melina E. Hale of the University of Chicago comment in a perspective on Bass's study.

However, they add: "The story of the evolution of vocalizations is still being written, both for its deep ancestral roots and for its most modern development."

The research was funded by the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health.



Photo shows the head of a male Gulf toadfish, *Opsanus beta*. Gulf toadfish build their nests in shallow waters along the southeastern and Gulf coasts of the United States.

## Donor kidneys removed with single bellybutton cut

By Thomas J. Sheeran  
Associated Press writer

CLEVELAND — Brad Kaster donated a kidney to his father this week, and he barely has a scar to show for it.

The kidney was removed through a single incision in his bellybutton, a surgical procedure Cleveland Clinic doctors say will reduce recovery time and leave almost no scarring.

"The actual incision point on me is so tiny I'm not getting any pain from it," Kaster, 29, said Wednesday. "I can't even see it."

Kaster was the 10th donor to have the procedure done at the Cleveland Clinic by Dr. Ian Sir, S. Gill and colleagues. The 11th was done Thursday.

Gill said the technique could make kidney donations more palatable by sharply reducing recovery time.

More than 80,000 Americans are awaiting kidney transplants.

Last year, there were about 13,300 kidney donors in the U.S., and about 45 percent were living donors, according to the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network.

The first 10 recipients and donors whose transplants used the single-incision navel procedure have done well, according to the researchers. They report on the first four patients in the August issue of the journal *Urology*.

Preliminary data from the first nine donors with the bellybutton procedure showed they recovered in about just under a month, while donors who underwent the standard laparoscopic procedure with four to six "key hole" incisions took just longer than three months to recover.

"The clinic says the return to work time for single-point donors is about 17 days, versus 51 for traditional multi-incision laparoscopic procedure.

"For me, that's huge so I can get back to work," said Kaster, a self-employed optometrist.

Patients of the new procedure were on pain pills less than four days on average, compared with 26 days for laparoscopic patients. "This represents an advance, for the field of surgery in general," said Gill, who predicted the bellybutton entry would be used increasingly for major abdominal surgery in a "nearly scar-free" way.

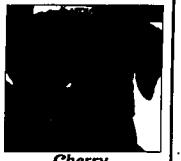


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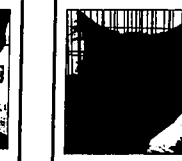
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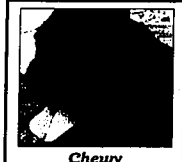
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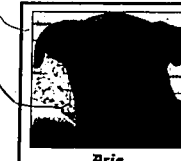
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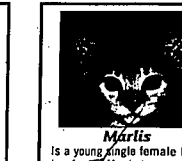
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## 2008 PONTIAC SOLSTICE ROADSTER More Of The Good Stuff!

RoadWorthy!  
By Ken Chester, Jr.  
Motor News Media Corporation

Introduced in 2006, the Pontiac Solstice became the nation's first production two-seat roadster. Boasting a near 50/50 weight distribution, the rear-drive Solstice is built on GM's rear-drive Kappa platform.

For 2008, the Solstice adds the following standard equipment: a premium acoustic hoodliner, an enhanced sound system with MP3 capability and an iPod jack, XM Satellite radio, tire pressure monitoring system, OnStar communications system and driver information center.

Powered by an advanced Ecotec 2.4L four-cylinder engine, the base Solstice transfers torque to the street through the standard Aisin close-ratio five-speed manual gearbox. A Hydro-Matic 5L40 electronically-controlled five-speed automatic transmission is an available option.

Last year, Pontiac debuted the Solstice GXP. Featuring an Ecotec 2.0L four-cylinder Direct Injection Turbo with Variable Valve Timing four-cylinder engine, the new GXP receives the following upgrades and enhancements: four-wheel independent sport-tuned suspension, StabiliTrak vehicle stability system, P245/45R18 performance tires, high-polished stainless-steel dual exhaust outlets, front and rear fascia extensions and embroidered GXP seats.

The Solstice employs an independent short/long arm-type (SLA) suspension in the front and rear to give the Solstice a responsive, road-gripping driving feel. The SLA suspension design features forged aluminum upper and lower control arms that are strong and low in mass. The rear suspension also features a toe control link and the rear



differential housing has an optimized three-point mounting design. Bilstein coil-over-monotube shocks keel the roadster connected to the road at all four corners.

Pontiac engineers developed a lower-dominant tuba structure for the chassis in order to provide a solid foundation for the suspension hardware. Hydroformed frame rails run the full length of the vehicle and are the basis for the chassis. Additional stampings from a rigid structure provide mounting

points to attach the bodywork. An internally reinforced tunnel at the center of the chassis houses the transmission and driveshaft and is enclosed at the bottom to enhance stiffness. This built-in strength reduces chassis flex and cowlshake in a vehicle designed from the outset as a convertible.

The rigid structure of the Kappa vehicle architecture permits more precision when it comes to tuning the suspension.

The interior design of the Solstice is equally purposeful and intuitive, with details like

pedals placed for easy heel-and-toe driving and a cockpit-style instrument panel that swoops around the driver. The interior designers worked with the chassis engineers to optimize the placement of the short-throw shifter. Manual shifter throws between gear changes were studied and revised until the "just right" length was determined.

Although the Solstice conveys a minimalist image, it comes well-equipped with an impressively feature-rich interior that allows for a comfortable driving position for

tall drivers. Standard equipment includes: racing-inspired sport bucket seats with convenient seat cushion and seatback storage; leather-wrapped manual shift knob; AM/FM stereo with six speakers; rear window defogger; rake-adjustable steering wheel; three cupholders; and an easy-to-operate cloth convertible top with glass backlit.

### 2008 Pontiac Solstice Roadster By The Numbers

**PRICE:**  
The base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the 2008 Pontiac Solstice roadster starts at \$22,185 for the base model, \$24,545 for the GXP Destination Edition.

**WEIGHT:**  
2,820 lbs.  
**Wheelbase:** 101.2; **height:** 50.1 (all vehicle measurements are in inches).

**ENGINE:**  
2.4L four-cylinder: 173 hp at 5,500 rpm and 167 lb-ft of torque at 4,500 rpm; 2.0L DI Turbo four-cylinder: 280 hp at 5,300 rpm and 260 lb-ft of torque at 2,500-5,200 rpm.

**MPG FUEL ECONOMY:**  
2.0L four-cylinder turbo — 19 city/28 hwy (manual); 19 city/28 hwy (auto); 2.4L four-cylinder — 19 city/25 hwy (manual); 19 city/24 hwy (auto).

**LOAD CAPACITY:**  
3,000 lbs.

**SAFETY FEATURES:**  
Dual front airbags, four-wheel disc brakes, OnStar communications system, automatic headlamp control, daytime running lights, tire pressure monitor and the rearview GXP adds limited slip rear axle, four-wheel antilock brakes, fog lighting, remote keyless entry, automatic power door locks, traction control and StabiliTrak vehicle stability control system.

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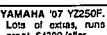
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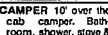
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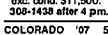
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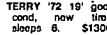
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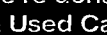
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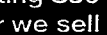
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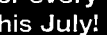
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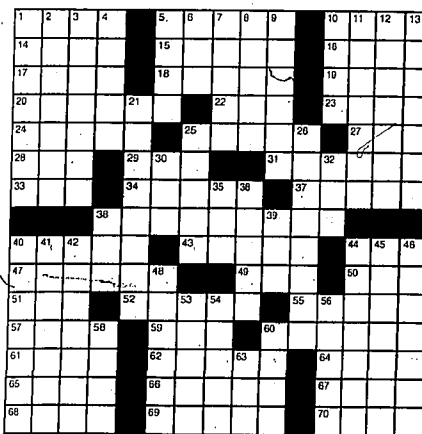
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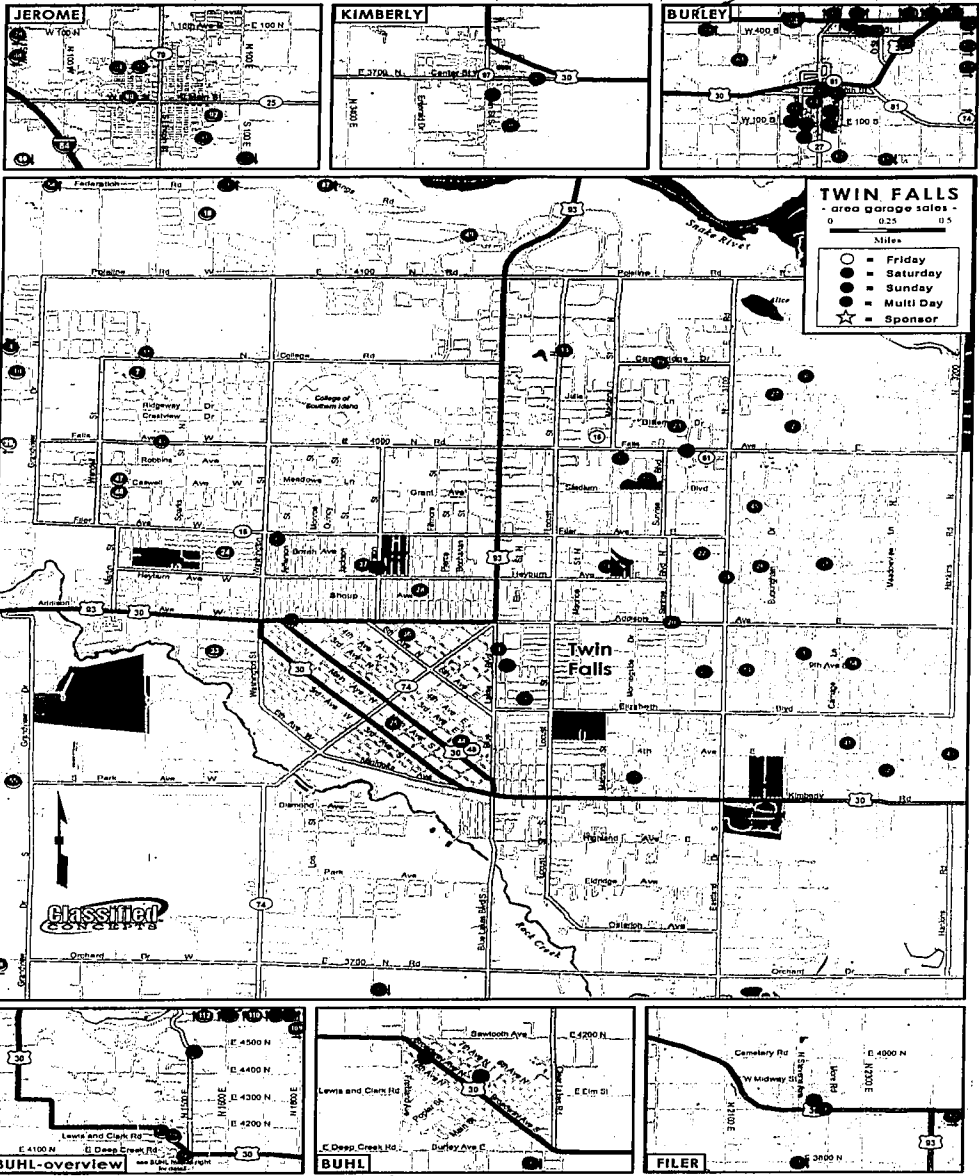
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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Idaho Code 45-805 that Oregon Trail Storage, 471 South Park Avenue West, Twin Falls, will release the contents of the following units:
Blake Tammany, Unit C-29, last known address: PO Box 403, Emmaville, ID 83332.
Robert Galvan, Unit F-21, last known address: 645 Fenwick Road, Unit 1620, Twin Falls, ID 83301.
Dawn Chiro, Unit A-20, last known address: 711 Broadway Ave. N., Buhl, ID 83316.
Dae Dee Ronger, Unit C-49, last known address: 230 Main Ave S Room 201, Twin Falls, ID 83301.
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101 Lost and Found
FOUND Lab, Yellow, 1 year7, on Sat. found on Poolina & 2200 E. 420-0042.
LOST Jack Russell Terrier, female, 5 yrs. Old. Answers by Katrina. Was wearing a black harness. Lost at GJ Stinks, Colton-wagon camp ground, 420-896 or 639-9679.
LOST on Washington St. South. Female, Spitz-type, black, 12-14 in. tall, wearing a purple collar with heart. Calls to Skywy. 208-733-0338.
LOST Rabbit, male, whitish/gray tipped body by eared bear. Jefferson St, Filer & Washington. REMIARDI. Call 208-604-1800.
LOST Teazup CH-hushua, brown, female, in the Gooding area. If found please, contact 338-0204.
LOST Yorkie, blonde reddish/black female, 12 yrs, family mascot. her. Large reward 734-8080 or 734-4996.

Child Care Services
Little Peaches Day-care in Filer currently has openings for 6 1/2 yr olds. LICOP & state licensed. Call 328-6506.
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bill Keane
JELLYFISH
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“Do they have a peanutbutterfish?”

LEGAL NOTICE
The Idaho Department of Fish and Game was informed by the Bureau of Fisheries that by July 17 anglers in Chinook Salmon fishery in the South Fork Salmon and upper Salmon rivers will have harvested the non-trial fishery shares of adult hatchery Chinook salmon returns to the McCall Hatchery steelhead facility on the South Fork Salmon River and to the Sawtooth Hatchery on the Upper Salmon River. Therefore, the Bureau of Fisheries recommends closure of the Chinook salmon fishing seasons on South Fork Salmon River and the upper Salmon River at the end of Chinook salmon fishing on July 17. Pursuant to his authority under Idaho Code Section 36, 105(10)(a), the Idaho Department of Fish and Game Director hereby closes the Chinook salmon season on the South Fork Salmon River (from the IDFG South Fork Salmon River weir and trap) and the Chinook salmon season on the upper Salmon River (from the Highway 75 Bridge over the mainstem of the Salmon River at milepost 213.5, approximately 9 miles west of Clayton, ID, upstream to the posted boundary approximately 100 yards downstream of the wall at Sawtooth Hatchery south of Stanley, ID) on July 17, 2008 at 10:24 AM. Copies of Order 08-44 are available at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game headquarters, 200 South Main, PO Box 25, Boise, Idaho, 83720.

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104 Personals
Single woman looking for single gentleman companionship! 65-62. Likes being outdoors, taking walks, movies, play cards. Responding. Lady Resident PO Box 58, Filer, ID 83328-0558.
113 Child Care Services
ICCP Child Care has FT openings, meals, snacks, crafts, low rates, 11+ yrs exp. Call 661-1886.

CONSTRUCTION
CONCRETE LABORER AND/OR TRUCK DRIVER needed. 731-6172 or 731-6180.
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Seeking individual to install/troubleshoot electronic/mechanical outdoor access control equipment. Experienced or would train the right person. Skills required: low voltage electronics, wiring, mechanical ability. Valid Drivers License and pre-employment drug screen required. Wages DOE send resumes to box 431248 c/o Times News P.O. Box 549 Twin Falls, ID 83303.
DAIRY
Exp. Hard Person/ Manager needed on Dairy. Must be exp. in A.I. breeding and herd health. Must be Bi-Lingual. Contact 208-732-4728 call after 5pm.
DAIRY
Milkier wanted in Brunau, Idaho. House provided plus benefits. Must speak English. 208-656-2973 or 208-645-2085.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF JEROME MAGISTRATE DIVISION
IN THE INTEREST OF: KAMI EILEEN FARNUM Case No. CV-2008-666
THE STATE OF IDAHO SENDS GREETING TO: DINO F. FARNUM
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT:
A petition has been filed in the above-entitled matter in the Magistrate Division of District Court of Jerome County, Idaho, by the Prosecuting Attorney, who has filed the above-named child comops within the purview of the Child Protection Act, and
You, Dino F. Farnum, the biological father of Kami Eileen Farnum, are hereby directed to appear personally before the court for a Planning Hearing at the District Court, Judicial Annex, 233 West Main, Jerome, Idaho on the 6th day of August 2008, at 1:15 PM.
You are hereby notified that the service of such summons upon you, as the parents, guardians, or custodians, of the respective child does carry the right to be represented by an attorney if you choose, or if financially unable to pay, have the right to have an attorney appointed by the court to represent you in the hearing. You, as the parents, guardians, or custodians may be financially liable for the support and/or treatment of the child.
You, Dino F. Farnum, are further notified that the child and the parents, guardians, or custodians have the right to be represented by an attorney if you choose, or if financially unable to pay, have the right to have an attorney appointed by the court to represent you in the hearing. You, as the parents, guardians, or custodians at county expense.
You, Dino F. Farnum, are further notified that there shall be a rebuttable presumption that if a child is placed in the custody of the department and was also placed in out of the home care for a period not less than fifteen (15) out of the last twenty-two (22) months from the date of adjudication, the department shall initiate a petition for termination of parental rights. This presumption may be rebutted by a finding of the court that the filing of a petition for termination of parental rights would not be in the best interest of the child or reasonable efforts have not been provided to reunite the child with his/her family, or the child is placed permanently with a relative.
Thomas H Borrosen, Magistrate Judge
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• Maintain employee files
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MEDIUM

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for todays puzzle on page E-15.

**EDUCATION**  
Buhl School District is currently hiring a Special Education Teacher. Para Professionals and ESL Teacher opportunities also available. Application materials are available at the District office, 929 Main St., Buhl, ID or by calling 542-3535. EOE and Drug-Free Workplace.

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**COLLECTIONS**  
Full-time Collector. Full-time computer/telemarketing skills. Experience preferred but not req'd. Call 208-733-2128 for appointment.

**GENERAL**  
City of Wendell is seeking to hire an Ordinance Officer. Meter reader. Job entails enforcing city ordinances, reading water meters, creating utility bills, etc. Deadline is August 29, 2008. Applications can be picked up at City Hall, 978 First Ave. E., Wendell.

**GENERAL**  
Cycle City is under new ownership and currently hiring for Assistant Sales, Service and Parts Full Benefits. Hiring on Scale. For more info or to apply call Josh 208-436-4771

**CLASSIFIEDS**  
It pays to read the fine print!  
Call The Times-News to place your ad 208-733-0931 ext. 2

**EDUCATION**  
Reading coach position grades K-6 available at Hansen Elementary School. Masters degree in reading or reading endorsement preferred. Full time position, salary based on state pay table. Application materials available at the District office, 609 S. Main St., Hansen, ID or by calling 422-8387. EOE and drug free workplace.

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**GENERAL**  
Farm Mechanic and Truck Drivers needed. Call 324-4444

**LAW ENFORCEMENT**  
Gooding City Police Dept. accepting applications for full time certified or certifiable Police Officer. Must possess physical fitness, written and oral board exams, subject to testing, background investigation and other. Contact Gooding City Police Dept. at 834-5638 or visit our website at [police.goodingidaho.org](http://police.goodingidaho.org)

**PhoneBase Research**  
Currently has immediate openings in our interviewing department. This position involves conducting public opinion polls over the telephone. Fair resume with references and wage requirements to 908-877-8001. Attn: Safety Director, Idaho Milk Transport, Inc. Burley, ID

**GENERAL**  
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**LAB TECHNICIAN**  
Position available. Weighing, sampling, debris, etc. Must be able to lift up to 75lbs. OT during hours. Must have experience in providing management and direction for the Production department. Must have experience training staff, providing timely and accurate labor tracking and production reports. Ethanol experience is a plus. We offer competitive salary, benefits that start immediately and a great work environment. For immediate consideration visit our website at [www.pacificethanol.net](http://www.pacificethanol.net) or contact [trivers@pacificethanol.net](mailto:trivers@pacificethanol.net)

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**Sears Mfg Co.** is a very stable employer and is accepting applications for the following positions:  
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**MISCELLANEOUS**  
**Sun Valley**  
Sun Valley Resort has job openings for temporary seasonal workers from November 1, 2008 through April 1, 2009. Job Location: Dollar Mountain and Bald Mountain in Blaine County, Idaho. Please find the position listed with the Job Order Number:  
**Snowmakers, 26 Positions, Job Listing Number 1322646:** Using commercial equipment, make, apply and maintain snow on mountain ski trails. There is no experience necessary. Entry level wage \$8.40/hr. This position starts at 35+ hours per week and will be generally subject to four shifts: 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. and 12:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Scheduled work days may fall on ANY day during the week (including national and state holidays).  
**Dorm housing is available.** Dorm housing rates are as follows:  
Quad room without bathroom: . . . . \$2.50/day  
Triple room without bathroom: . . . . \$3.00/day  
Double room without bathroom: . . . \$3.76/day  
Single room without bathroom: . . . . \$5.53/day

Pre-employment drug testing is required for safety sensitive positions. Random drug testing is conducted throughout the season on all employees. Subcontracted authorized medical professionals perform the pre-employment drug testing.  
Shuttle buses are available between mountain facilities and dorm facilities from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. daily. Free local municipal bus service (Mountain Rides) is available for all employees on a scheduled basis.  
Please send resume with Job Listing Number to: Idaho Department of Labor 137 W. Main Street, Field Support Boise, Idaho 83735-0810 Fax: 208-947-0049, Email: [William.Reed@labor.idaho.gov](mailto:William.Reed@labor.idaho.gov)  
Referral instructions will be available from any Idaho Department of Labor Office with the Job Listing Number.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT**  
The City of Twin Falls is accepting applications to fill several RESERVE POLICE OFFICER positions. Application packets, including job description and qualifications, can be picked up in the lobby of the Twin Falls Police Department, located at 356 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East. This is a volunteer position.  
If you have questions regarding this announcement, please e-mail [SrStaff Sergeant Ron Fustos at rfustos@tfd.id.gov](mailto:SrStaff Sergeant Ron Fustos at rfustos@tfd.id.gov). Closing date for this announcement is August 15th, 2008.

**WAREHOUSE PERSONNEL NEEDED**  
Warehouse Personnel are responsible for accurately filling and safely packaging and shipping product orders to ensure a high level customer satisfaction is met. Minimum Job requirements: 18 years old, high school graduate, ability to pass Veterinary Drug Technician test, which includes background check; Ability to communicate well and work well with others. Attention to detail a must. Must be able to lift a minimum of 50 lbs. General knowledge of warehouse/forlift operation preferred but not required. Mail/drop off your resume at: V-Pharm Inc. P.O. Box 108 2746 Tucker Court Jerome, ID 83338

**GENERAL**  
**Coca-Cola**  
Swire Coca-Cola, USA is accepting applications to fill the following positions:  
**Sales Merchandising Department**  
Merchandising duties include:  
•Stocking shelves  
•Building displays  
•Customer service  
•Frequent lifting  
**Twin Falls Warehouse**  
Warehouse duties include:  
•Loading Trucks  
•Ability to operate a forklift, training provided  
•Afternoons and evenings  
•Frequent lifting  
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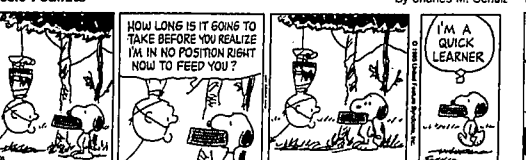
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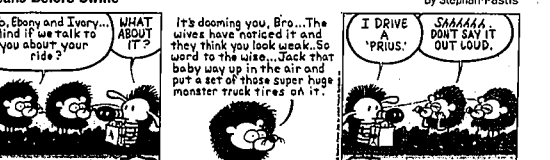
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From the very beginning of construction, it became clear that this would be a temple designed specifically for the Magic Valley. From the canyon-like façade and the twin falls in the front of the temple to the Idaho Syringa flower motif and the beautiful artistic portrayal of Shoshone Falls, Thousand Springs and the South Hills, this temple feels like home to the local members who enter its doors. This temple has already become a place of worship, meditation and prayer to those who have worked there and

helped in its creation.

The architect, the glass artisan, the interior designer and the artists who created the beautiful artwork all toured the temple and marveled at its beauty and peacefulness. After the temple has been opened to our neighbors and friends, final preparation will be made for its dedication and President Thomas S. Monson will come and dedicate the temple to the Lord. What once was a beautiful building will then become a place where God's presence can be felt by those who come with clean hands and pure hearts.

As we examine the life of the Savior Jesus Christ and try to pattern our lives after his ultimate example, the temple will be a place where we can come and feel his spirit as we strive to become more like him.

May this become a place of joy and peace and meditation, a place of love and happiness and contemplation, a



place of reverence and respect and admiration for God and His love and creations.

*Elder Brent H. Nielson  
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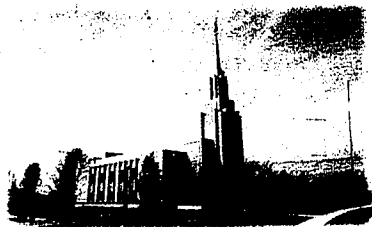
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# Members gather for groundbreaking ceremonies

Elder Neil L. Andersen, a member of the Presidency of the Seventy of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, will preside at groundbreaking ceremonies for the Twin Falls Temple this morning. This will mark the official beginning of construction, which is expected to last about two years.

Andersen will be accompanied by Elder Paul E. Koelliker of the First Quorum of the Seventy and executive director of the church's Temple Department; Elder Shayne M. Bowen, newly called to the First Quorum of the Seventy, and other area seventies from the Idaho area.

Because of limited access and parking constraints at the temple site at the corner of Eastland Drive and Candleridge Drive, attendance at the 10 a.m. event will be by invitation only. However, the proceedings will be videotaped and shown at Mormon stake centers throughout the area today at 6 p.m.

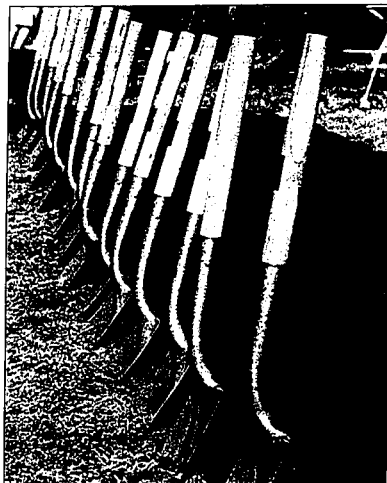
Anyone can attend a gala celebration scheduled for the old Anderson Lumber building today from 6-8:30 p.m. It's located at 960 Eastland Drive.

The Twin Falls Temple will become the fourth in Idaho, the second begun in the state in the past year. It will serve some 40,000 church members from 14 stakes in south-central Idaho.

Following a brief program, Andersen will offer a prayer of dedication on the site. Local dignitaries and church leaders will then join him in turning the first shovelfuls of earth.


Once construction is complete, a public open house will be scheduled and announced. Following the public open house, the temple will be formally dedicated and thereafter used by faithful members of the church for marriages and other sacred ordinances.

**"Groundbreaking ceremonies for the Twin Falls Temple ... will mark the official beginning of construction, which is expected to last about two years."**



A row of golden shovels, used at the groundbreaking of the LDS Twin Falls Temple in April 2006.

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# CREW TO BLAST AT TEMPLE SITE

BY NATE POPPING  
Staff writer

Drivers on Eastland Drive may be treated to a rare sight this weekend — the rumble and dust of dirt and explosives.

The explosives — dynamite, in this case — are making room for a storm drain for the future temple for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, slated for completion next year. The drain requires a trench wide enough for a 24-inch pipe through the solid basalt.

"It's undiggable," said Dan Lafferty, the owner of Lafferty Construction in Wendell who is overseeing the blasting.

Traffic is barely affected by the quick blasts, which started Thursday and each blast only covers a small part of the future trench. Flaggers are stopping vehi-

cles for the duration of each blast. The blasts usually happen in mid-morning and early afternoon.

"I never shoot until we get people stopped," Lafferty said as he watched a tractor-trailer rig crawl to a stop. "That way they don't run on by."

A sign is posted asking drivers to turn off all cell phones and two-way radios. Lafferty said the request is a standard precaution against errant radio signals known as "radio frequency interference." Though it's not likely to happen, interference from such sources could trigger the explosives.

"We've got the latest initiation system out there — but it's still good advice to follow," Lafferty said.

After Lafferty finishes the trench for the storm drain, he will move on to dig three shallower trenches for water, power

and other utilities with a rock trencher.

Other workers overseen by Big-D Construction in Salt Lake City should begin building the temple at the same time, said Terry McCurdy, who is serving as church spokesman for the project.

"The company is waiting for the building permit to be approved before beginning construction," he said.

Church members broke ground on the temple on April 15 and the project is on schedule to be finished by September 2007. The finished building, located on the former Candleridge Golf Course, will be 159.5 feet high and will feature a spire topped with a statue of the angel Moroni, an important figure in the faith.

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# BEGINNING OF AN LDS TEMPLE

## It all started with an early morning phone call

BY SANDY MILLER  
Staff writer

An attorney in a thriving practice, it didn't strike Brent H. Nielson as unusual when his phone rang at 6:30 in the morning that June 20th day two years ago.

But this call wasn't from a client or fellow attorney. For Nielson, one of about 12.6 million worldwide members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, this call was from a higher authority.

"Please hold for President Hinckley," the voice on the other end said.

"That's Hinckley as in Gordon B. Hinckley, the LDS Church's 94-year-old president.

"He just asked me if I had time to meet with him that day," said Nielson, who at the time was the president of the West Twin Falls Stake. "He was flying into Twin

Falls at 1 o'clock and wanted to look at some sites for a temple."

"Temple? This was big. Very big.

A few hours later, Nielson was meeting with the church's real estate agent, who had driven in from Salt Lake City, at one of the local LDS churches. "The Realtor's job was to travel to places around the globe to look at land parcels that might someday become home to an LDS temple. It wasn't his first trip to the Magic Valley. He'd been to Twin Falls a number of times before, looking at land, studying populations, church membership numbers and other demographics. By the time Hinckley became involved, the church had already narrowed it down to eight possible sites.

Just before 1 p.m., one of the Huntsman Corp.'s private jets landed on the tarmac at Joslin Field Magic Valley Airport. The Salt Lake City-based Fortune 500 chemical company often lent its jets to LDS

leaders. Nielson and the Realtor drove the silver Suburban out on the tarmac to greet Hinckley, his personal secretary and a temple architect. Nielson had met the president before when Hinckley visited Twin Falls for stake conferences. On this

day, Nielson would get to spend a few hours in the company of the LDS president.

"It's just an amazing, wonderful person," Nielson said.

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A few hours later, the Realtor and Nielson delivered the LDS president, his personal secretary and the architect back to the private plane.

"By the end of the day, we had narrowed it down to two sites," Nielson said.

Before Hinckley boarded the plane, he asked Nielson a favor.

"He asked me to keep his visit to myself until I heard him announce the temple in Twin Falls," Nielson said.

Nielson kept mum for four months until Hinckley made the announcement during the church's general conference in October. It was a hard secret to keep, but Nielson kept his promise.

"It was hard, especially when I heard people talk about it," Nielson said. "It was exciting news."

On Oct. 2, 2004, during the church's general conference,

Hinckley made the official announcement that two new temples would be going up — one in Draper, Utah, and one in Twin Falls.

The church purchased the 36-acre Candleridge property from Ace Hansen, Dr. James Retmiller and brothers Lowell and Dallas Ward. Hansen said the church came to them, but would not say how much the church paid for the property. The church kept 9.1 acres for the temple site, and sold the rest of the acreage to developer Ken Edmunds, who with partners Devove and Dan Brown, is turning the property into a 49-home subdivision called Easign Point.

The LDS Church had approved building a new stake center in Twin Falls two months before Hinckley's visit. The church had outgrown its meeting houses — eight wards were using the Twin Falls Stake Center



Former church president Gordon B. Hinckley was instrumental in getting a temple built in Twin Falls.

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and 11 wards were crowding into the Twin Falls West Stake Center, said Terry McCurdy, the public affairs representative for the

LDS Church in South Central Idaho.

On Oct. 6, 2005, inside the Candleridge Golf Course's Club-

house, church officials unveiled a model of the white, two-story temple which will be adorned with a gold-leaved angel Moroni atop a spire rising 159 feet in the air.

Last April, ground was broken on the site for the new temple and stake center. A week later, Big D Construction Corp. of Salt Lake City set up a trailer on the site and started moving dirt. The church has since obtained the building permit for the \$3.25 million, 27,850-square-foot temple.

Construction workers are now busy laying the foundation and the temple is expected to open its doors in the spring of 2008, McCurdy said.

The groundbreaking, McCurdy said, was a monumental event.

"A lot of people finally saw that this is really going to happen," he said.

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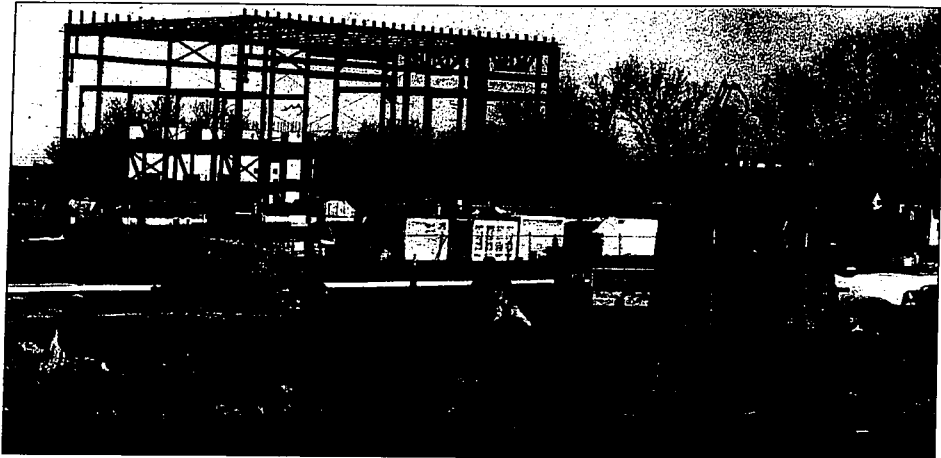
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Construction workers use heavy machinery in December 2006 at the site of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Temple on Eastland Drive in Twin Falls.

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# TEMPLE RISING

Staff report

Beam by beam, brick by brick, the temple for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is taking shape on Eastland Drive in northeast Twin Falls.

The temple won't open in September, as reported previously in the *Times-News*, and an opening date in the first half of 2008 is more realistic, said Terry McCurly, spokesman for the LDS church in southern Idaho.

When finished, the temple will dominate the Twin Falls skyline, standing 159.5 feet from its base to the top of the golden Angel Moroni statue on the steeple.

The finished complex will cover 9.1 acres and include the 29,679-square-foot temple and 24,119-square-foot meeting house next-door.

It will serve about 50,000 Mormons in the region, according to the church.

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## Answers to questions about LDS holy building

BY ARIEL HANSEN  
Staff writer

In 2006, Mike Smit got a new neighbor.

Just two blocks from his Candleridge neighborhood home, a building began to go up that would eventually tower over the suburban homes, topped by a gleaming statue. The building is a temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and soon the doors will swing wide

for a five-week public open house. After the temple is dedicated Aug. 24, though, only approved members of the church will be allowed inside.

"It's in somewhat contrast to my religion to have a temple where once it's closed non-church members cannot go in. That's an item of curiosity to me," said Smit, who is also director of ministries for the Twin Falls Reform Church. "What is so special about the temple, and what

makes it different from other religious buildings?"

Those are questions on a lot of non-Mormon tongues this summer.

### Sacred versus secret

The short answer? "There really isn't anything secret in the temple, but there are lots of things that are sacred," said area LDS spokesman Terry McCurdy.

Mormons base their temple practices on the holy structures of the Old Testament, including Solomon's temple.

"There was actually a barrier and only the people who were authorized and approved could go into his temple," McCurdy said.

There is a similar approval process to enter dedicated Mormon temples today: Baptized members of the church may request to be interviewed by church leaders.

"Questions are asked about worthi-

ness, honesty, faithfulness in this life to your spouse and children, understanding and sustaining the leaders of the church, living the law of tithing," McCurdy said. "As long as people are living those types of standards, they can enter into the house of the Lord."

This process ensures that the ceremonies that happen in the temple are performed and witnessed by devout believers. These ceremonies, called covenants, include baptisms for the dead, endowments and sealings of families.


• **Baptisms for the dead.** "Members search out their ancestors and do work on their behalf. We do that so in the event they do accept the Savior into their life (in their afterlife) and want to be baptized, they can, because it's an earthly ordinance. We believe it has to take place dur-

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A view of the Twin Falls temple's baptistry, where baptisms are performed for deceased ancestors.



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# Temple

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ing this life," McCurdy said.

Andrew Mis, a Twin Falls physical therapist and member of the LDS church, visits a temple at least once a month. Each time he goes, he acts as a representative of someone deceased.

"Anytime I go to the temple now, it's on behalf of someone else. Some people don't understand that, but it's a really unique thing for me to be able to be there and experience that," Mis said. "The repetition is wonderful. It's a very spiritual thing. It can go to the temple say once a week, it's like going to church every week except on a higher plane."

• Endowments. A rite of adult initiation, endowments are a "covenant for us to learn everything that happened from the beginning of the earth," McCurdy said.

Several rooms are used during the endowment, and McCurdy said visitors during the open house will be able to walk through each of them, as well as all other relevant rooms in the temple. The only rooms not included in the tour are spaces like the basement heater room,

closets and break rooms.

"Everything else is going to be totally open people can view and go wherever they want to go," McCurdy said.

• Sealings of families. "The Savior gave Peter the authority to bind in earth and in heaven, and the scripture gives us the authority to do the same thing," McCurdy said. "Instead of the ceremony performed that says 'until death do you part,' the ceremony in the temple doesn't do that."

Sealing a family binds a woman and man together for eternity, as well as any children they have.

## Welcoming others

In many holy buildings across the world, members of all faiths are encouraged to attend sacred ceremonies. That Mormons allow only approved members into their temples shouldn't be taken as an indication that the curious aren't welcome or that leaders of other faiths aren't respected, McCurdy said.

"There are synagogues, there are buildings throughout the world that are

very holy, and we honor that and revere and respect that," he said. "There's a level of worthiness that we ask that people live by so that they understand and take seriously the sacred. Interest in those ordinances is not worthiness, even deep desire to learn is not worthiness."

Open houses are offered at all LDS temples before they are dedicated in part so people who aren't of the faith can have their questions answered, and can see the spaces in which the covenants are performed.

"I've had people say to me, my understanding is you have the open house and then you'll change everything," McCurdy said. "Not true. We don't anticipate changing the carpet and we're not going to take anything else. The only thing that will happen and come in is furniture and fixtures." With an estimated 5,000 people expected to tour the temple each day, that furniture would just be in the way during the open house, he said.

Smit, who has many LDS friends but doesn't often discuss faith with them, said he will attend the open house out of both curiosity and respect for those friends, who have encouraged him to visit. "I've definitely spent some time studying the Mormon faith and trying to understand it, and obviously it's a major influence in this region," Smit said. "I'm curious to see what is inside a structure that is designed that way, to be closed to the public after it's opened."

The Aug. 24 dedication will be the responsibility of one of the members of the church's First Presidency, likely church president Thomas S. Monson. He will place the cornerstone of the temple, which, like a time capsule, will contain objects and artifacts to be revealed decades later, and then will offer a prayer of dedication.

## A better place to live?

Mormon temples are so important to members of the faith that many travel as often as possible to the nearest temple, even if it is hundreds of miles away. Mis, for example, goes to the Boise temple about once a month, and having a temple about to open in his hometown means he won't have to invest as much time or money in the visits that mean so much to him and his family.

"Usually we go to the temple together, and go get ice cream after. It's one of our favorite things to do," he said. "I would

extend that invitation to anyone to come and see the beauty of the building. It's an uplifting thing, and hopefully others can have an experience that whether they have an interest in our beliefs or not."

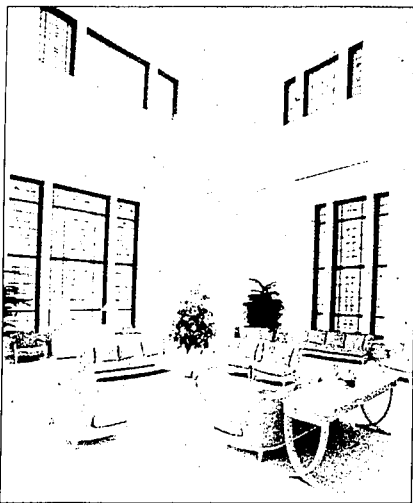
Having a temple in town will be a boon to businesses, including his own physical therapy business, he said, because visitors coming for covenants will bring their money as well as their faith.

Those living near the temple expect that their property values will rise, including Smit. Though he jokingly said that, as a golfer, he was disappointed when the church built in the space formerly occupied by a golf course, he recognizes the significance of having such a structure in the neighborhood and in the city.

Mix hopes that members of other faiths will do the same.

"It's something that says we have a lot of believers in this town, whether they're LDS people or not. I welcome any kind of structure like this," he said. "I think it's making Twin Falls a better place to live for everyone. ... It's our temple, whether we're LDS Mormon people or not — it's our temple."

A view of the Celestial room of the Twin Falls Idaho Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.



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# MOVING MORONI

## Twin Falls LDS temple gets famous angel statue

BY NICK COLTRAIN  
Staff writer

Officials in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints said they wanted to keep it quiet.

Instead, they saw Candleridge Drive lined with cars. Hundreds of people watched and some trained cameras on the golden statue of the angel Moroni as it was lowered onto the steeple of the LDS temple being built about a block away in northeast Twin Falls off of Eastland Drive.

"There's people who drive by here two, three times a day to see what's happening," said Terry McGurdy, a regional spokesman for the church. "They had the crane out here (at the site), and they actually had the angel Moroni sitting right here by the fence. So the word spreads like wild fire."

McGurdy was reluctant to guess on the number of spectators, since many were spread around the construction site or sat on the porches of surrounding houses to watch workers perch Moroni onto the steeple. The 13-foot-6-inch Moroni brought the final height of the temple to about 159 feet.

The golden-leafed Moroni, a robed male figure, stands on a golden ball and holds a trumpet to his mouth. He points to the east where, according to the Book of Matthew, the second coming of Jesus Christ will happen. Moroni trumpets for the final gospel of Jesus, McGurdy said.

McGurdy said the installation doesn't have any religious significance but in-

"We got a call and I said, 'The angel Moroni is going up in 15 minutes, get your shoes on.'"

—Janie Arrington, a Twin Falls mother of two

stead marks the point where the temple's exterior is almost finished and the interior work will start.

The Twin Falls temple, when completed, will serve about 42,000 Mormons in the southern Idaho area.

When the cranes pulled away from Moroni, the crowd cheered and whistled.

Rebec Nebecker, 17, a Mormon from Kimberly, said the installation of Moroni marks a milestone for the temple and Twin Falls.

"It just represents everything we (Mormons) have been hoping and waiting for," Nebecker said.

Elder Brent Nielson, a member in the church's Quorum of the Seventy, said they only told about 40 members about the event because of traffic concerns in the area. Eastland Drive was closed for construction at Candleridge Drive, directly in front of the site.

He said if they formally announced the event most of the Mormons in the area might have shown up.

Some LDS members said they heard from friends about Moroni's installation.

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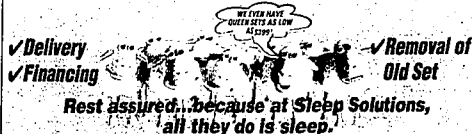


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# THE TEMPLE EFFECT

## LDS temple boosts economic growth

Staff and wire reports

Almost overnight, 48 vacant building lots surrounding The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints temple site on Eastland Drive North doubled in value, from \$64,000 to more than \$124,000.

Almost immediately following the announcement that the LDS Church planned to build a temple in Twin Falls, Marriott International Inc. submitted a preliminary application to build a hotel near the temple site.

Like other cities in Idaho and throughout the United States, the introduction of a Mormon temple has become a catalyst for economic development in Twin Falls.

Some call it the Temple Effect. "As soon as it was announced, everyone scrambled to be near it," said Ryan Horstley, chairman of the Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission. "I really don't think that anyone thought there would be this much interest because of the temple."

Less than a year after the church announced plans to build a Twin Falls temple, developers were seeking city approval for two high-end commercial properties that will include condominiums and 48 residential lots that will surround the temple. More than a hundred other lots are to be developed within a mile of the structure.

"People just like to be close to them," said Lynn Rasmussen, owner and broker of Rasmussen Real Estate Co. "I have had a couple of people who have come here because of the temple."

Realtors say that home buyers looking to be near the temple come from places nearby, such as Burley and Elko, Nev., as well as cities such as Portland, Ore., and Salt Lake City, which have their own temples.

"One guy came here from Salt Lake City because he wanted to live in a smaller community, but he also wanted to live near a temple."

Ken Edmunds, a Mormon and developer of the 48-unit subdivision near Twin Falls' new temple, paid a premium for his land, figuring its location would make it easier to sell homes priced up to \$900,000. He named the neighborhood after a Mormon magazine, the Ensign.

"The name is readily identifiable to those within the church, and those outside don't seem to care," Edmunds said. "In my mind, it was an economic cycle-proof development. And that was proven out."

However, Realtors cannot use the temple as a selling point.

"The federal Fair Housing Act kicks in and calls it discriminatory," said Ted Whyte, a real estate agent in Rexburg, which has a towering Mormon temple completed in February.

Still, home prices in surrounding neighborhoods escalate. Motels start offering rooms with temple views. Members of the community stroll with civic pride and excitement. And sometimes, those of other faiths look on with resentment and suspicion.

Unlike Mormon chapels, where anybody can enter, only Mormons in good standing with church leadership get inside. Once there, they baptize the dead by proxy, marry for eternity and make sacred covenants with God — all beneath golden spires topped with Moroni, the angel Mormons say delivered the golden plates that form their gospel's foundation.

"It is always a constant reminder, when you see it sitting there and the beauty of it, of what I'm supposed to be doing," said Georgia Brown, a Mormon in Twin Falls who says even non-Mor-

mons take pride in the new temple.

"A friend asked me, 'Did you know our Moroni is bigger than the Boise Moroni?' Even for her, it's 'our' temple."

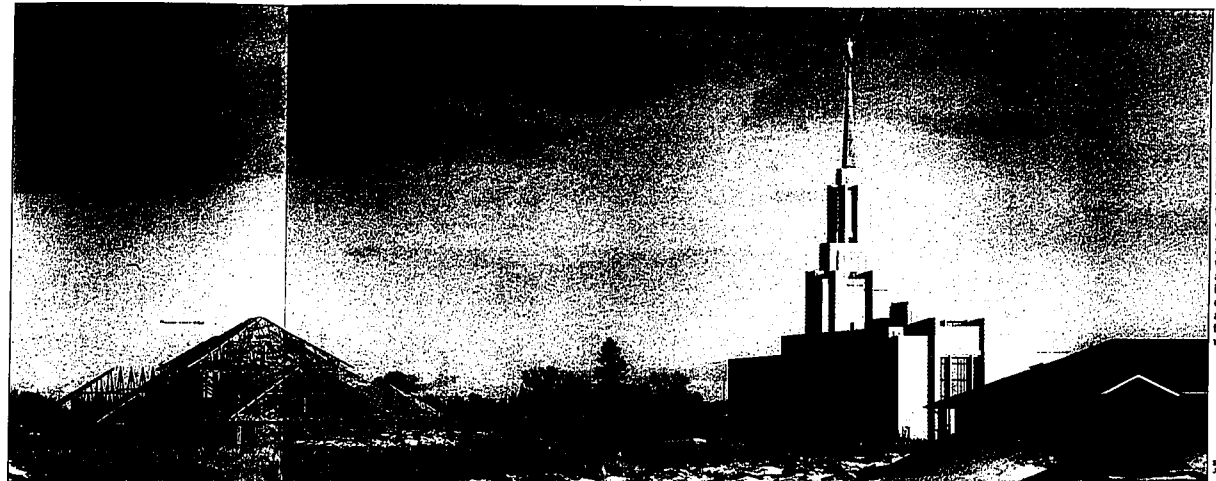
The 13-million member church has at least 13 temples under construction or planned around the world. Just four of them are in the United States, two of them in Idaho.

The planned 30,000 square-foot, two-story structure in Twin Falls is being built on the grounds of the former Candleidge Golf Course about a mile from the Snake River Canyon.

When completed, the temple complex will occupy 9.1 acres on a 36-acre parcel of ground. It will serve about 42,000 Mormons from the 14 LDS stake centers in the Magic and Wood River valleys.

The closest temple now is in Boise. "I've talked with some of the leaders from the church who say that there will be economic benefits to our area," said Shawn Barigar, president and CEO of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce. "And we can only assume that (temple visitors) will do business in Twin Falls besides their services in the temple."

Mormon Church spokesman Clark Hirschi in Salt Lake City said that to



The Twin Falls LDS Temple, under construction in January 2008, towers over a house in Twin Falls. The city could follow the lead of other communities such as Rexburg, Boise, and Idaho Falls, which experienced an increase in housing prices and more clientele for hotels and restaurants after their temples were built.

Staff photo by JEFF JACKSON

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# Moroni

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the day it happened, some only minutes before the crane lifted the statue.

"We got a call and I said, 'The angel Moroni is going up in 15 minutes, get your shoes on.' And that's the fastest they (my children) ever moved," said Jamie Arrington, a Twin Falls mother of two at the event.

Arrington took pictures of the event so

she could show her husband when he got off work later that day.

Adam Archibald, 30, a Mormon father of three from Twin Falls, also took photos so he could put them in scrap books and show his children when they're older. After the installation he could be heard asking his children and some of their friends to pose for a photo and say, "one, two, three, Moroni."



Staff photo by REAGAN THOMPSON

Tim Holmes, an iron worker, helps guide the angel Moroni into place atop the new Mormon temple in May 2007 in Twin Falls. The gold-tipped statue is nearly 14 feet tall and faces east atop the temple, which serves 14 stake houses in the area.

## TWIN FALLS TEMPLE TIMELINE

Location: 1405 Eastland Drive North in Twin Falls.

Site: 9.1 acres.

Exterior finish: Precast concrete panels with quartz rock finish.

Temple design: Modern, single-spire design.

Total floor area: 31,245 square feet.

- Rumors of the temple started several weeks before Conference when the church's negotiations to purchase the Candlelight Golf Course came to light. The incredibly unprofitable course had already announced its intention to close on Dec. 31, 2004, yet more than 300 residents near the golf course produced a petition protesting the loss of the golf course to the temple, upset that their investments into homes next to a golf course would become investments into homes bordering a busy church. In response, the church distributed printed materials, stating its intentions to work with neighbors in regard to traffic and parking when the time came to present plans to the city. Many other residents, both members and nonmembers alike, heartily welcomed the news, excited at the prospect of a fourth temple for Idaho.
- President Gordon B. Hinckley announced the construction of a temple for the Magic Valley in his opening remarks of General Conference held Oct. 2, 2004, to serve the thousands of members who live in southern Idaho between the Boise and Idaho Falls temples.
- Plans for the temple, inspired by nearby Shoshone Falls, were unveiled on Thursday, Oct. 6, 2005, at a press conference held in the former Candlelight Golf Course clubhouse. The stunning model on display showcased the white two-story temple, capped with a gold-tipped angel Moroni atop a spire rising 159 feet in the air — making it the highest point in the area. Also sharing the 9.1-acre complex was a new one-story stake center, more than 300 parking spaces, and tree-lined boulevards and gardens. The church, which went to great lengths to minimize the worries of neighbors, contacted with developer Ken Edmunds to subdivide the balance of the 36-acre plot to complement the existing neighborhood.
- The Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission approved the necessary permits for the building of the temple on Nov. 8, 2005. The commission approved a special-use permit for a temple and meetinghouse and approved a variance for the temple to exceed the city's 35-foot maximum height limit. The commission's approval allowed the church to move to the next stages of planning and to address parking concerns expressed by commission members, who worried that the 300-space parking lot may be insufficient.
- Ground was broken for the temple on Saturday, April 15, 2006 — the day before Easter Sunday. Presiding at the ceremony was Elder Neil L. Anderson of the Presidency of the Seventy. Stake presidents and their families comprised most of the audience at the invitation-only event.
- On Wednesday, May 30, 2007, a gold-tipped statue of the angel Moroni was set in place atop the single spire of the temple. Though efforts were made to keep news of the Moroni raising quiet, hundreds of spectators and cameras crowded the temple the day of the event eager to catch a glimpse of Moroni's ascent.
- About 3,000 youth from throughout the temple district will participate in performing a Cultural Celebration the evening preceding the temple dedication. The event will be 7 p.m. Aug. 23 at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer. Since seating is limited at the arena, the celebration will also broadcast to the 14 stake centers in the temple district to accommodate all who wish to view the production.
- The Twin Falls Idaho Temple opened for public viewing on Friday, July 11 and will last through Aug. 15. The temple is scheduled to be dedicated by President Thomas S. Monson on Aug. 24, 2008.
- The temple will open for ordnance work on Monday, Aug. 25. Getting rental for ordnance work will not be available.

Source: Staff and church reports



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# Lofty numbers

## Hotel and restaurant operators prepare for temple

BY JOSHUA PALMER

Staff writer

Hotel operators were expecting reservations for rooms to peak in July during the opening of the LDS temple located on Eastland Drive in northeast Twin Falls.

However, they were pleasantly surprised when a church official explained that The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints estimates more than 150,000 people will visit the temple during a five-week open house beginning July 11.

"Our church has held many openings of temples and what we project is about 5,000 people per day will come to see the temple here in Twin Falls," said Elder Brent H. Nielson of Twin Falls, a member of the church's Quorum of Seventy. "There will be buses with people coming from as far as Soda Springs and Boise, so we expect a lot of people to be coming through Twin Falls at that time."

Nielson made the announcement to

Southern Idaho Hospitality, which represents the hotel and hospitality industry in south-central Idaho.

He asked them to do whatever they need to do to prepare for the boom in the number of visitors.

Some hotel managers said they are already receiving reservations for rooms during the temple dedication, which will be held Aug. 23. Managers said they do not plan to increase room rates beyond summer rates, which are generally higher than off-season rates.

Restaurants also expect to see a sudden increase in business between July and August.

Many LDS temples have small cafeterias that serve visitors. However, the temple in Twin Falls will not include any food services.

After the open house, church officials estimate that about 500 people will visit the temple each day Tuesday through

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Staff photo by ASHLEY SMITH

Construction of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints temple continued May 2007 in Twin Falls, Idaho. The 29,679-square-foot temple was completed in the spring of 2008.



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Saturday — some of those people are expected to be residents of Twin Falls.

"We anticipate that even after the opening there will be many people coming to the temple for the day and then staying the night in Twin Falls," Nielson said.

The demand for hotels and other accommodations is expected to attract other hotels to the Twin Falls area.

The Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission has already approved at least two preliminary applications to build near the temple site, including a hotel operated by Marriott International Inc.

## Twin Falls LDS temple open house by the numbers

More than 150,000 — Number of people expected to visit the temple during the five-week open house beginning July 11.

\$6.8 million — Lodging revenue during the open house based on 75,000 rooms reserved at \$90 for one night.

500 — Number of people expected to visit the temple Tuesday through Saturday after the open house.

# MORMONS HAVE LONG HISTORY IN MAGIC VALLEY

The 1800s were a time of expansion in many areas of the western United States. So it was with the Goose Creek area of southern Idaho.

In April 1879, William C. Martindale and others came to the region from the Tooele, Utah area to look at the country for the purpose of establishing a settlement. On April 1 of the following year, Martindale was assigned by Church leaders as a presiding elder to go to Goose Creek country and organize a congregation of the Church — known as a branch. On Sunday, May 9, 1880, the first meeting of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Goose Creek was held at Little Basin in a log cabin. The total number present was 14.

After the meeting was called to order, President Martindale read the following statement:

"Tooele City, April 18, 1880. To Whom It May Concern: These present certify that William C. Martindale has been duly appointed and set apart with the consent and advice of the Council of the Apostles to preside over all the Latter-day Saints who have moved or may move to Goose Creek valley."

In 1881 the settlements of the Latter-day Saints in Oakley and Little Basin increased to approximately 60 families. Most were new arrivals from different parts of the country but principally from Grantsville, Utah.

As settlers continued to arrive, the decision was made to organize the Cassia Ward (a larger congregation than a branch) of Box Elder Stake (a stake is similar to a diocese). Elder Horton D. Haight

was called to be the first bishop and moved from Farmington, Utah, to the Oakley area with his wife, Louisa Leavitt Haight.

As the Church expanded, additional wards were established, branches organized and buildings constructed. This growth made it necessary to create a new stake in the Goose Creek Valley on November 19, 1887. Elder John Taylor — a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, a senior governing body of the Church — presided at this meeting, held at the Oakley ward meeting-house. He was assisted by Seymour B. Young, another general authority of the Church. Horton Haight was appointed as the first president of the Cassia Stake with Moroni Pickett and William E. Brim as counselors.

The first Oakley ward and the county in which it was located were named Cassia after the creek that flows through Elba, Idaho. Cassia Creek was named after the cassia plants found growing along the stream banks.

The geographical area covered by the Cassia Stake was very large. In 1887, a visit by stake leaders to Carey, Idaho, required five days — two days going, one day and one evening to hold meetings, and two days returning. Leaders traveled distances from one-half mile to more than 200 miles to visit wards and branches in the stake.

As settlements increased in size and in number throughout the area, additional branches and stakes were organized. The Cassia Stake has been referred to as the mother of all other stakes in south-central Idaho.

Twin Falls and several other communi-

ties were bustling with activity at the beginning of the 20th century. Settlers, many of them members of the Church, were arriving by wagon and train loads. Civilization overpowered the desert landscape with a permanence of homes, courthouses, schools and churches.

On Jan. 18, 1903 some leaders of the Church met in a boarding house on the main street in Boise. It was decided to send a communication to Church headquarters in Salt Lake City, requesting missionaries. Soon Elders Joshua Paul and Melvin I. Ballard arrived in Boise. On Feb. 8, 1903 the Boise Branch was organized as part of the Cassia Stake. On May 28, 1905 the Kimberly Branch (located about five miles east of Twin Falls) was organized with Magnus Swann as the presiding elder. Meetings were held in the Woodrow School.

In 1907 a Sunday school was organized in the Twin Falls area. On Aug. 23, 1908 the Twin Falls Sunday School became a branch, separate from the Kimberly

Branch. In February 1909 the Twin Falls Branch purchased a building on the corner of what is now 3rd Avenue East and Idaho Street in downtown Twin Falls.

Church membership has now grown to nearly 15,000 in the Twin Falls area.

On Saturday morning, Oct. 1, 2005, President Gordon B. Hinckley — former world leader of the Church — announced a temple would be built in Twin Falls. On April 15, 2006 about 1,000 local Saints joined together as ground was broken on the site chosen by President Hinckley for the Twin Falls temple. Also present at the groundbreaking ceremony were many local and public officials. Elder Neil L. Andersen — a general authority of the Church — presided and pronounced the dedicatory prayer. Elder Paul E. Koelliker was also in attendance.

The Twin Falls Idaho Temple, following its dedication on Aug. 24, 2008, will be the 128th operating temple of the Church worldwide and the fourth temple in Idaho.



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# THEY'LL ALL DANCE TOGETHER LDS youths practice for temple celebration

BY ABRIEL HANSEN  
Staff writer

A hundred or so kids stand in four groups, one in each corner of a roped-off parking lot. The music kicks on, and they're off, skipping as fast as they can toward each other, eventually making two big circles. Their director cuts off the boom box, up go the little "pay attention" flags, and the kids get a question: You should be in your circles. Are you there?

No, not really. Their circles are pretty uneven, and the stage-right one doesn't look like the stage-left one. But that's OK.

These kids, along with thousands of others from across Magic Valley, have two months left to perfect their act before they'll perform for visiting dignitaries at the dedication of the Twin Falls temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The Aug. 23 performance will bring together youth from 14 stakes, including a few non-LDS friends who wanted in on the fun.

And despite repetition — they've been practicing every Wednesday evening since late April — the dancing really is fun, say several of the kids from the Twin Falls West stake.

"Just being with everybody, it's kind of a fun atmosphere," said Dan Plant, 13. "I screw up a lot, and we just laugh about it."

It's not the only one to make errors, of course. So when the group gets it right, there's a quick moment of celebration, some hollering of "yeah" and pumping of fists. Then it's back to the dance.

"Getting in the circle is real hard, because it's like playing by ear," Plant said. As is staying on tempo, said Carly Cornia, 16: "It's hard to have both groups on the same beat at the same time."

Each stake is learning a dance that represents the history of the Twin Falls area. An American Indian-style dance will feature dancers from all the stakes, followed by a pioneer dance, one about the settlement of the Oakley Valley, then pieces that represent mining, canal work, the influx of immigrants from across the world, and several about modern Idaho culture. The pieces were chosen by a group of church leaders from each stake.

"Twin Falls only gets a temple once, and we're only this age once."

— Jameson Bastow

"They got together and looked at Magic Valley and looked at our roots. How do we bring that to light in dance and song?" said Mark Holmstead, president of the Twin Falls West stake. He looked out over the parking lot and smiled. "The remarkable thing in my mind is that this is happening at 14 different stakes tonight."

The fun of the performance is only one reason the youth, ages 12 to about 18, are participating. This is their opportunity to show the leaders of their church a set of dances that reflects their commitment to their faith as well as regional history.

"We're celebrating the Magic Valley and the heritage here and, just, the people, and showing what this town is all about," said Jameson Bastow, 18, who described the performance as a chance to show the church's prophet the strength of the community's youth. "There's not that many teenagers that would do this, sacrifice a Wednesday night every Wednesday of their summer."

He may be right about youth in general, but most local LDS teens have committed to being part of the performance. Organizers expect about 3,500 kids and 500 adults will have a role in the cultural celebration, with 800-900 of the kids singing in the choir and the rest dancing.

The sheer size of the performance is exciting to the teens, the way that every stake's dances will come together to tell a story.

"I'm looking forward to watching everybody's, that's gonna be way cool," Cornia said. She appreciates that the dances reflect the whole recent history of Magic Valley, not just the history of the church in the area. "These people helped build up the Magic Valley. It's not just about the Mormons."

"It shows the amazing people that lived here in this melting pot," Bastow said. It's performing in an Italian dance that specifically honors the individuals who helped build the irrigation canals: another

## See the kids perform

The LDS cultural celebration will be held the day before the Twin Falls temple is dedicated. Although the performing youth and invited guests will be at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, the venue is not big enough to host

many spectators. The performance, which begins at 7 p.m. Aug. 23, will be simulcast via closed circuit television at Mormon stake centers throughout the region. Contact your nearest stake center for information.

er Twin Falls West stake group is rehearsing a Basque dance in the next parking lot over. "The immigrants came together to build the canals. That's the living water, which is the theme."

Although the teens will continue to rehearse for about an hour once a week until mid-August, there will be only two dress rehearsals, said Rich Crowley, a local cultural celebration organizer. That's purposeful, he said, as the performance is supposed to be fun for the kids, rather than overly polished.

"There is a temptation to do that, so we

got a directive about a year ago from the headquarters of the church saying, 'Do not think this is going to be a Broadway show! We want the youth to have a marvelous, memorable, fun, spiritually invigorating experience,'" he said. "It really for the kids to have a memory they'll never forget and connect to the temple."

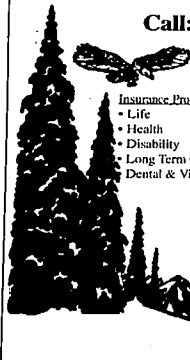
"The kids know this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, to be part of the cultural celebration that precedes a temple dedication. As Bastow said, "Twin Falls only gets a temple once, and we're only this age once."

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# SNEAK PEEK

## Mormons welcome media, others to temple open house

**BY ARIEL HANSEN**  
Staff writer

For months, the brilliant white edifice has welcomed visitors across the Snake

River Canyon, rising high above northeast Twin Falls, a golden statue catching the light at its peak.

And for months, the temple — which will be one of 128 most sacred buildings to

the members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints when it is dedicated Aug. 24 — has roused curiosity.

Church members are eager to get their first glimpse of the interior of the holy structure where they will celebrate their most important rites. Non-Mormons will have six weeks to ooh and ahh over the detailed design and fine art that decorate the temple interior before it is shut to all but approved believers.

"It's exciting," said Tarry Waters, 18, of Hunt, a Mormon who volunteered to assist during the open house. As she waited for visitors to emerge at the end of one of the first tours Tuesday, her enthusiasm and that of the other young volunteers was infectious: They couldn't stop smiling.

"I'm helping bring that excitement, kind of," she said.

Starting Tuesday, members of the media, contractors who worked on the temple and other invited guests got the first official look at its interior. The VIP tours will continue through Thursday, and on Friday, the doors will be flung open to the public. More than 100,000 free tour tickets — available online at [lds.org/reservations](http://lds.org/reservations) or by calling 866-537-6457 — have already been allocated, and organizers estimate that double that number will walk through the temple before the open house ends Aug. 16.

Across the world, church members meet in about 20,000 stake centers or meetinghouses, but only large communities warrant a temple. Since the buildings are comparably rare and so important to the faithful, new temples are celebrated like few other holy buildings. Elder



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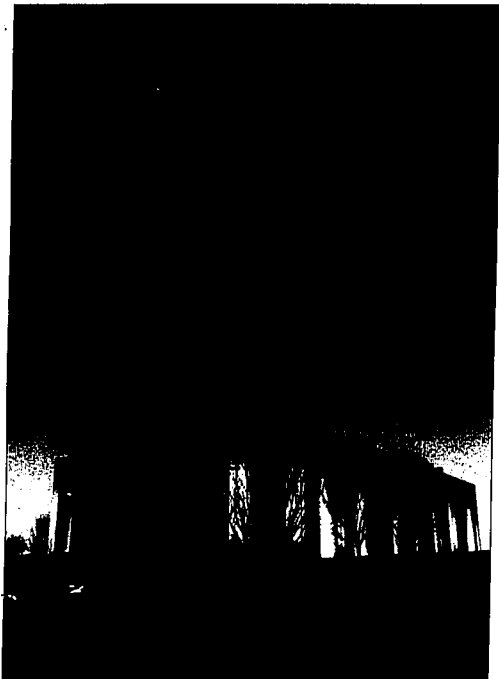
For more temple information — including photos, videos, archived stories and comments from readers — visit the Times-News Temple Track site at [www.MagicValley.com](http://www.MagicValley.com).

William Walker, a member of the First Quorum of the Seventy, the body that advises the church presidency, recalled finding in his late mother's effects the ticket his grandmother had saved from a temple opening in Alberta, Canada, about 90 years ago.

"Just the ticket was something that had been passed down for generations," he said during opening remarks to the media on Tuesday. The Twin Falls opening will likely be remembered just as fondly by the 42,000 Mormons who will be served by this temple, he said. "They will view this as one of the great events of their lives."

Aside from those who will come to the temple open house to see the new structure, the temple will continue to draw visitors after its dedication. Mormons will come from across the region and across the world to baptize their ancestors, affirm and learn more about their faith, and be

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Staff photo by ADILEY SMITH

The Twin Falls temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is seen at sunset in April 2008. Church officials expect up to 150,000 people to visit the temple during the six-week open house that began July 11.



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sealed to their spouses and children.

All the rooms in the temple are elegantly designed and decorated — polished granite floors, rosy African wood paneling, syringa motifs in the carpet and stenciling, plush modern chairs and sofas — but Walker, who heads the church's temple department, said he is particularly proud of the sealing rooms, where marriages are performed.

"This is one of the most beautiful sealing rooms of any temple in the church," he said, looking around at the high ceilings and the mirrors, that reflect each other across the space. "I suspect a lot of people will want to be married here."

Throughout, the walls are covered in original art by Idaho Mormons and prints by famous painters. In one of the endowment rooms, a huge mural covers three walls, depicting a compilation scene of

## Visit the temple

The Twin Falls temple open house will run through Aug. 18. Tickets for the free tours are available online at [lds.org/reservations](http://lds.org/reservations) or by calling 866-537-8457. The temple will be dedicated Aug. 24.

The nearest temples are in Boise, Idaho Falls and Logan, Utah. The Twin Falls temple, at 1405 Eastland Drive N., will serve Mormons between these cities.

Thousand Springs, the Snake River Canyon and Shoshone Falls, with deer and other animals frolicking in the foreground.

The temple is so well-appointed, Walker said, because the church is echoing the biblical tradition of using the finest materials and workmanship to build a house for the Lord.

"It helps us to draw nearer to our God," Walker said. "It helps us see things from an eternal perspective."

## Temple districts

"When you enter any dedicated temple, you are in the house of the Lord."

— Elder Boyd K. Packard, president of the *Quorum of the Twelve*

The Twin Falls Idaho Temple will serve members of the church in the following stakes:

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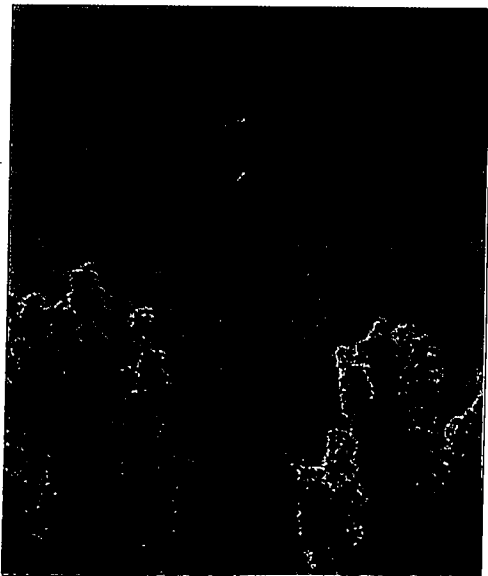
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# THE DOORS ARE OPEN

## Temple tours explain structure, faith

BY ARIEL HANSEN  
Staff writer

On an ordinary Tuesday in early July, Tarry Waters would be up to her knees in hay. This week, though, the Hunt 16-year-old has taken time off from swathing on the family farm to perform a duty of a different sort: She's removing plastic booties from the shoes of visitors to the Twin Falls Idaho Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The temple, which opened for public tours Friday, will be one of the 126 most holy Mormon buildings when it is dedicated on Aug. 24. For the next six weeks, though, anyone may come to see the rooms where the faithful will gather for their most sacred — and private — rituals.

To help host and guide these visitors, Mormons have come from across the area that will be served by the temple. Some stand inside to answer questions, some prepare refreshments for those who have been through, and others put on and remove the booties that will protect the temple floors. With 100,000 free tickets already claimed, and as many as 100,000 more expected to be allocated before the tours are over, the sheer number of visitors necessitates the protective shoe coverings — and the young people who are helping with them see it as more than a functional job.

"It's an honor," Waters said. "I should be out on the tractor, but no way. I'll do that after." Next to her, Sherry Leavitt, 20, of Twin Falls, found Biblical inspiration in the task. "I was thinking like Jesus washed the apostles' feet."

The girls laughed and joked as they



Photo by Ariel Hansen

Each visitor is given a pair of protective plastic booties, worn to protect the temple floors during tours.



Photo by Ariel Hansen

Tarry Waters, left, Heather Belnap and Sherry Leavitt share a laugh Monday while waiting to remove booties from the feet of visitors after they tour the Twin Falls Idaho Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

waited for the next tour group to exit the temple, obviously enjoying their volunteer work. They also enjoyed talking to visitors who had just seen the structure and its well-appointed rooms.

"You can see their excitement over having gone through," Waters said. "It's all smiles. ... There's some that are so excited, they want to go through again."

### The temple interior

Inside, visitors see that no expense has been spared to create a structure intended to inspire and elevate the faithful: a marble entry counter and polished Indian granite floors lead the eye up the warm African anigre wood walls to original oil

paintings and high, gilded ceilings.

Throughout, the architects and designers have incorporated a motif of the sy-

ringa, the Idaho state flower — etched into

rugs, in small panels of the Frank Lloyd Wright design. Please see **DOORS**, Page 21.

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# Doors

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Wright-style stained glass, embossed in wallpaper and even in the pattern of the chandeliers, as seen from beneath.

"Please pay attention to the detail work, we think it's beautiful," said Elder William Walker, a member of the Quorum of Seventy who conducted tours for preview audiences earlier this week. "We do our best to see the finest materials and the finest workmanship are used in these temples to honor the deity."

Through the central hall, from which administrative offices and changing areas open, visitors are brought to the baptistry, where a large round pool is supported by 12 life-size white fiberglass oxen. Scenes from the life of Jesus hang on the walls, and benches accommodate spectators in the space where Mormons perform baptisms for the dead. From there, visitors are taken up the wide staircase, past the bridal changing chamber, and into a series of three rooms used by Mormons to reaffirm and learn more about their faith: the Ordinance room, Endowment room and Celestial room.

"It's here we receive instruction on the purpose of life," Walker said in the Ordinance room, which is decorated with a giant mural by Brigham Young University-Ikaho art professor Leon Parson that depicts scenes of the natural beauty of south-central Idaho. Walking into the Endowment room, Walker noted that "this room is a little lighter, a little brighter, and that's part of the symbolism."

In the final ceremonial room of the tour, the sealing room where marriages are performed, large gilt-framed mirrors face each other on opposite walls, a physical reminder that Mormons consider the ceremonies that seal families together to be binding on earth as well as in Heaven. "If you stand in the right place, it looks like you can see forever," Walker said. "They add to the effect of seeing eternity."

## See it yourself

The Twin Falls temple public open house will run through Aug. 16. Tickets for the free tours are available online at [lds.org/reservations](http://lds.org/reservations) or by calling 866-537-8457. The temple, at 1405 Eastland Drive N., will be dedicated Aug. 24 and will serve about 42,000 Mormons. Signs throughout the temple are in English and Spanish, and Spanish-speaking guides are available to conduct tours.



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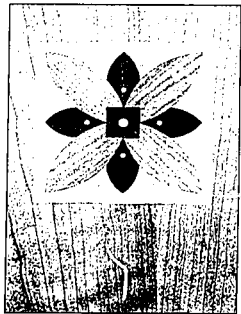
More than 100,000 free tickets have been distributed to temple visitors for tours held during the six weeks before the building is dedicated on Aug. 24.



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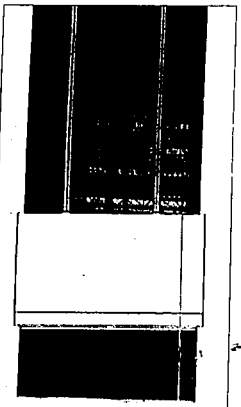
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Motifs of syringes, the Idaho state flower, are used throughout the temple's decorations: in stained glass, cut out of the carpet, gilded on the ceilings, even in the shape of the chandeliers.



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An inscription, found on every LDS temple throughout the world, is seen in this January 2007 photo.



# MORMONS IN MAGIC VALLEY

## Church members gain acceptance through the years

BY ARIEL HANSEN

Staff writer

On Aug. 24, Mormons in Magic Valley will celebrate a milestone. That's the dedication date for the church's temple on Eastland Drive in Twin Falls, and it marks the growth of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the region.

The temple, perched near the edge of the Snake River Canyon, rises in graceful white steps to a 159-foot spire topped by a statue of the Angel Moroni, the celestial figure that members believe visited church founder Joseph Smith, beginning in 1823.

Half a century after those beginnings, the Mormons had made their way to southern Idaho, by way of Salt Lake City. One of those who accompanied Smith's successor, Brigham Young, into Utah was Joseph Egbert, whose great-great-grandson Frances lives today in Twin Falls. The first Mormon settlers in south-central Idaho came to Oakley, then described as the Goose Creek area, in the late 1870s.

### The early years

"They came up to find good farming land," said Frances Egbert, 88, an amateur historian. "That's the reason they came to Twin Falls and Kimberly, there was nice deep farmland and they could get water for a reasonable price."

Egbert collects newspaper articles and other ephemera related to south-central Idaho history in fat binders: one for each of the major cities in the area and others on more general history. Some of the papers were included — and much is unaccounted — including an article by former



Mormon missionaries Dallin Van Blerkom, left, and Ryan Zerbe discuss their plans for the week.

Staff photo by ASHLEY SMITH

*Times-News* writer Bonnie Baird Jones that describes the early history of the church.

By 1880, the church had organized a branch — the smallest organized unit of the Mormon church; larger units include wards and stakes — in Oakley, the article reports. Fourteen members were present at the organizing meeting, and their 14 families grew to 65 within a year.

"These early settlers in Goose Creek Valley established the first irrigation systems in Magic Valley," Baird Jones wrote. "However, they soon learned there was not enough water and the system today is about the size of that established by Mormon pioneers in 1881."

long to an organization that allowed polygamy.

"There was a lot of fear about the political power of the LDS and that was part of the reason for the Test Oath Act," Gentry said. "Part of the reason for the hesitation to give the LDS the vote was that the LDS had been historically Democrats. ... If you were LDS you weren't very likely to be excited about becoming a Republican. That's interesting given that today, stereotypically, LDS people are Republican, so it just shows you how times change."

The sentiment against Mormons extended even further, Gentry said. Mormons were among the first to associate irrigation with the LDS church in many settlers' minds.

"Because of the political hostility there was also fear of the LDS developing irrigated agriculture in this area," he said. "There's some evidence that perhaps irrigated agriculture came later than it might have if there hadn't been the issue of who was going to profit from the irrigation."

Some of the prejudice was subtle: Gentry said the development of Twin Falls may have been launched in part to attract non-LDS people to the area. He noted that Herman Stricker and J.B. Perrine, two of Twin Falls' founding fathers, were not Mormon.

Some of the prejudice was overt. A 1969 *Times-News* article paraphrases an early member of the Twin Falls stake: "One member says during a parade in those days someone carried a sign saying 'We want no Mormons or Chinese in our town.'"

Gentry said Mormons were blamed for Please see **ACCEPTANCE**, Page 23

By the end of that decade, Cassia County had been established, the first LDS stake was created, and the non-Mormon people of south-central Idaho feared the influence of the LDS church on secular life.

In the U.S., the Republican Party was formed to combat slavery and polygamy, said College of Southern Idaho history professor Jim Gentry. At the time, polygamy was still allowed by the Mormon church — it was ended in 1890, the year Idaho became a state — so Mormons tended to be Democrats.

In 1885, the Republican-dominated Idaho Legislature passed the Test Oath Act, which effectively required anyone registering to vote to attest that they did not be-

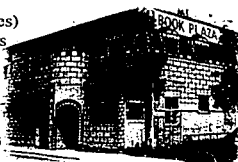
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everything from the lack of growth of Idaho Territory — there was a belief that Mormons were trying to restrict non-Mormon population within 500 miles of Salt Lake City — to the disappearance of a 3-year-old boy. There were also hard feelings because Mormons were commonly sheepherders, while non-Mormons were cattle ranchers, and there were disputes over grazing land.

These differences led to one of the most infamous murder trials in Idaho history, the 1897 case of Jackson Lee "Diamondfield Jack" Davis, who was tried and convicted of murdering two Mormon sheepherders at the behest of a cattleman. Two other ranchers eventually confessed to the crime and Davis was released in 1902.

"This antagonism toward the Latter-day Saints' religion was caused not only by the practice of polygamy by some members, but also by the fear of the theocratic intermixture of religion and politics, the tendency of Mormons to band together against outsiders, and the resentment by others of 'the almost terrifying attitude of certainty which the Mormons maintained in relation to the religious doctrine,'" Gentry wrote in his 2003 history of Twin Falls. "In the Middle

and on the Edge."

## Coming together

By the turn of the century, the tide of public sentiment had also turned. The Test Oath Act was repealed in 1893, three years after the church officially abandoned polygamy and three years before Idaho gave women the right to vote.

According to the 1969 article, between 1897, when the Cassia Stake was created, and 1919, when the Twin Falls Stake was formed, branches or wards of the LDS church were organized in Albion, Almo, Elba, Basin, Goose Creek, Marion, Ball River, Mortgash, Kimberly, Rupert and Buhl. The Twin Falls ward first met in 1910 in a former Methodist Church at what was then Third Street and Third Avenue East, then in 1916 at a former Baptist Church at Fifth Avenue East and Third Street East. The first stake tabernacle, completed in 1930, was on Fourth Avenue East across from the city park. The 50th anniversary of the stake was celebrated in 1969 in stake headquarters on Maurice Street.

The total Idaho population in 1920 was about 432,000; the LDS church nationwide reported 103,388 members that year; and

in 1919 when the Twin Falls stake was formed it reported about 1,200 members.

The first half of the 20th century marked a shift toward acceptance of Mormons and their incorporation into the public and business life of Magic Valley. This shift, said several church members, came as non-Mormons got to know the members of the LDS church and the Mormon population shifted west from Oakley.

"When we first moved to Twin Falls, which was 50 years ago, everybody you'd meet would say, 'I'm from Oakley,'" said Ruth Day of Twin Falls, a member of the LDS church. She said she had seen how small Oakley had become, and was surprised so many people claimed Oakley as their former hometown.

"Everyone just began to feel like these are good people we're living with around here, on both sides," she said.

Egbert agreed. "People began to know us better," he said. "A lot of animosity is there because of ignorance. We may believe a little different, but we're just like everybody else."

A schoolteacher before retiring, Egbert recalls experiencing only a few instances of anti-Mormon sentiment. In the 1940s,

Castleford was known as a town with a small LDS population, and he remembers hearing surprise that the town would hire him as a teacher.

Mormons have since become prominent members of the community, serving as public officials, business leaders and volunteer organizers. Today it is impossible to separate the growth and vibrancy of Twin Falls from the rise in the number of its Mormons.

"I think the very fact an LDS temple is being dedicated, and there's never been one before, indicates the quantity of LDS population in this area has significantly increased," Gentry said.

Terry McCurdy, spokesman for the church in this area, estimated the LDS population in the eight counties of Magic Valley as of the end of 2007 at about 42,000, out of a total population of about 150,000.

The dedication of the temple will bring Mormons and non-Mormons alike to Twin Falls this summer, a boon for businesses and an opportunity for those who know little about their LDS neighbors to learn more. It's a chance to find common ground on the grounds of one of Twin Falls' most beautiful new buildings.

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