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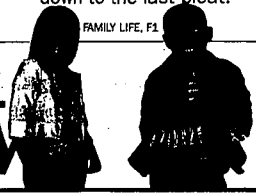
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Idaho officials, activists react to wolf ruling

By Kate Poppino
Staff writer

The hunt is off. And not everyone in Idaho is happy about it.

Months after Canadian gray wolves were removed from the endangered species list, state officials and advocates on both sides of the debate offered mixed responses to the news that they're back on it, however temporarily.

U.S. District Judge Donald Molloy granted a preliminary injunction late Friday in Missoula, Mont., restoring the protections for the wolves in Montana, Wyoming and Idaho.

Molloy will eventually decide whether the injunction should be permanent.

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Wind energy projects meet stiff opposition

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BLACKFOOT — A lifetime running catch above Wolverine Canyon's limestone spires has taught Peggy Stolorthy one absolute about eastern Idaho: The wind here blows like crazy.

Looking to harness that power, Stolorthy and a Seattle-based wind energy

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Elements of proposed four-block development

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City, consultants reveal downtown plans, say \$10 million in public money might be needed to revitalize area

By Jared S. Hopkins • Staff writer

Downtown Twin Falls could soon offer flashy restaurants, sleek offices and a landmark city hall — plus affordable housing right in the heart of it all.

The vibrant four-block redevelopment south of Main Avenue may become the catalyst for other private investment.

But developers say the ambitious project will need some help — from taxpayers. The plan is unlikely to develop unless it receives millions of dollars in public money, much of it coming through a citywide bond vote.

In the past two years, the city and its Urban Renewal Agency, hoping to liven up downtown, have spent more than \$500,000 on the project.

The Portland-based Leland Consulting Group has so far been paid more than \$250,000 for its services — some of it sub-contracted to local developers Jeff Hepworth and Fran Florence — and recently paid \$200,000 for the property and buildings where Red's Trading Post is now located, at Second

Coming Monday: Legal questions linger about local developers behind the Four Block project.

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Moreover, the agency has spent more than \$1 million to acquire properties in and near the four-block area, planning for eventual development.

Early estimates indicate the project will cost at least another \$40 million to build — with an additional \$8 million to \$10 million from taxpayers.

Consultant Dave Leland said the most likely source is a

bond issue, though city officials said they have no idea when a levy vote might take place. Still, officials said at least \$300,000 is budgeted for project planning and consulting in the next year.

City officials and developers have been reluctant to release information about the project in recent months, but last week made available cost estimates and conceptual drawings. The about-face

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Wildfire Defense Systems firefighters Elliot Grayson, left, Collie Stewart, center, and Casey Armstrong demonstrate how they would protect a home from a wildfire at a residence in Paradise, Calif., July 10. Business is booming for private firefighting companies.



Firefighters for hire: Wildfires bring a demand for private firms

By Maria Wolan
Associated Press writer

BIG SUR, Calif. — Seated behind the wheel of a fire engine, Dave Breglia follows a map dotted with expensive homes threatened by wildfires. His job: protect high-end real estate and save an insurance company millions of dollars.

"I never know where I'll go next or how long I'll be there," said Breglia, a private contractor who was in Paradise, about 80 miles north of Sacramento. "But this season I beg I'll be on the road until October."

Business is booming for private firefighting companies as drought and soaring temperatures combine

to create one of the worst fire seasons in years across the West. Some contractors are even acquiring their own fire engines and flying helicopters.

But some fire officials question the reliance on private crews, raising doubts about their training and

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Wind

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company aims to erect dozens of energy-producing turbines on 9,000 acres that have been in her family since the 1930s. She says the project will help keep livestock on land she could otherwise be forced to subdivide into ranchettes. But Stolworthy has encountered a stiff headwind from a wealthy health-care-products mogul who owns land nearby and argues the 5,000-foot mountains here are too precious to be outfitted with industrial turbines that could poke 40 stories into the sky.

Frank VanderSloot, who owns Metacolon Inc. and paid for advertisements in the local newspaper and erected a sign at the base of the canyon urging drivers to "take pictures," because "Wolverine Canyon will never be the same."

"You put up those windmills and for me, the nature part is gone," VanderSloot said in an interview at his \$800 million Idaho Falls-based company.

Average power royalty payments for private property owners usually range between \$2,000 and \$4,000 per megawatt, and Ridgeline Energy LLC wants to add 450 megawatts.

"With livestock prices getting where they are and hay and grain prices soaring, it really causes the livestock owner to wonder if he can stay in business, without doing something on the outside," said Stolworthy, whose house is near where Wolverine Road turns from asphalt to gravel and heads into the canyon.

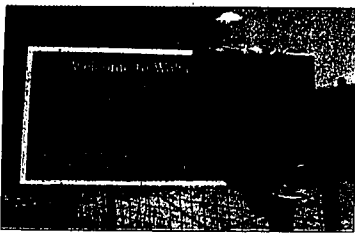
This high-country Idaho drama that has both sides vying for the affections of environmental groups is being played out elsewhere in America, too, as wind farm protests have arisen from small but vocal groups from Cape Cod to Washington.

While billionaire oil tycoon T. Boone Pickens, U.S. Congress and the Western Governors Association are all pushing wind energy as one solution to America's energy security woes, foes say growing demand for greenhouse-gas-free megawatts shouldn't trump other interests, including land values and scenic vistas.

Conservationists in Maryland stuggle turbines in the windy western part of that state by arguing roads leading to them would denude ridge-top Appalachian forests while providing only a minuscule of the energy America needs.

And in the highest-profile fight, Massachusetts Sen. Edward Kennedy and former presidential candidate Mitt Romney tried to kill a 130-turbine proposal off Nantucket Island that would be visible from the Kennedy family's compound.

Eric Rosenbaum, a Vermont-based science editor who runs the Internet site National Wind Watch, argues shortcomings of industrial wind farms are being ignored



A sign near Blackfoot on July 10, erected by Wolverine Canyon wind project for Frank VanderSloot, urges drivers to take pictures of the area because "it will never be the same" should the turbines be approved. The county ordered him to remove or cover the sign, saying it violated local ordinances.

as the large financiers behind these projects race to cash in on millions worth of federal tax credits and other incentives.

"The preponderance of support for wind energy is probably due to the fact that most people will never have to weigh the impacts," he said. "They require heavy roads, they create noise, lights, new transmission lines."

Industry advocates dispute Rosenbaum's claims that wind doesn't have the potential to displace dirtier energy sources like coal.

And they say foes are unlikely to dent broader enthusiasm — especially given a report from the U.S. Department of Energy that says it's feasible to provide 20 percent of America's power from wind turbines by 2030, when U.S. electricity demand is expected to have grown nearly 40 percent.

About 5,000 megawatts of wind energy was installed in 2007, more than a third of all new U.S. power capacity. With so many new turbines, the American Wind Energy Association in Washington, D.C., concedes conflicts can occur.

"There needs to be a lot of energy education," said Susan Williams Sloan, the group's outreach manager. "When we do that, we're going to have a lot more people who want more turbines in their backyard."

In eastern Idaho, Ridgeline Energy has been forced to spend thousands of dollars on a lobbying firm whose directors include former U.S. Interior secretary and Idaho Gov. Cecil Andrus to help win approval for its 150-turbine project, which would generate enough electricity to light about 300,000 homes.

Ridgeline already developed, then sold, a 43-turbine, 65-megawatt wind farm on rolling dryland wheat country that tips up and connects to the ridges above Wolverine Canyon.

On a recent weekday, Randy Gardner, Ridgeline's project manager, drove the gravel roads beneath the turbines. Gardner said he finds little evidence of avian mortality beneath the slow-turning blades, which are adjusted by computers based in California as the breeze shifts. Several hundred yards away, little sound

can be heard. "I could sit out here on my back porch and sip a glass of wine and it wouldn't bother me," he said. "Having a housing development here, now that would bother me."

Mary Hoyt, director of the Greater Yellowstone Coalitions Idaho office, said his group investigated the disputed project after being contacted by both sides but opted not to intervene.

Still, Hoyt said efforts by

windfarm foes to characterize Wolverine Canyon, a popular picnicking site for locals as far back as 1870, as a pristine wilderness are inaccurate. There are miles of old roads built for logging, a scattering of private cabins have been erected from valley to ridgeway and ranchers like the Stolworthys run hundreds of cattle in the steep draws.

"I have strong suspicions that developers are more against this than anybody else, because they want to put their own mark on the land," Hoyt said. "To me, I think wind towers up there are probably OK. It's not going to be worse or more of an impact than the things that are already are up there."

Though VanderSloot owns dozens of parcels at the base of Wolverine Canyon near its scenic limestone spires, he says they've been in his fami-

ly for years and he has no development plans.

He compares putting 499-foot turbines atop the ridges of Wolverine Canyon to installing an industrial site atop the famed Grand Teton mountain range, located about 30 miles to the northeast on the Idaho-Wyoming border. He fears new roads, fences and blinking lights atop the towers warning

passing airplanes will mar the scenery for hunters, hikers, all-terrain vehicle riders and snowmobilers who frequent the area.

"I'd rather not see windmills or log cabins," VanderSloot said. "But if I had my choice, I'd rather see log cabins. This is not an argument against wind energy. It's an argument against putting it there."

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Wolves

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It was sought by groups including Western Watersheds Project and Defenders of Wildlife to prevent planned hunts later this year in all three states.

The decision means state wolf hunts planned as part of its management plan likely won't happen. And it means the rest of the plan, as well as laws passed by the Legislature to replace the federal regulations, is on hold for the moment.

It acknowledged that both Idaho's and Montana's wolf management plans would not hurt wolf recovery in those states, a statement that did not go unnoticed by Fish and Game Commissioner Wayne Wright. Arguing that the expected biological opinions have shown that proper genetic mixing is taking place in the Yellowstone wolf pack, he said Molloy shouldn't have applied the injunction to Idaho.

"It just doesn't seem fair," said Wright, who represents the Maple Valley Region. "If Judge Molloy agreed that our plan would preserve a sustainable wolf population, why then penalize Idaho for Wyoming's plan?"

Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter and critics of the decision on Friday. But it was hailed by Western Watersheds Project staff, who posted it on their Web page. And Lynne Stone, director of the

How many wolves live in Idaho?



Officials with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game estimate as many as 3,000 wolves could call the state home by the end of this year, a full half of the population spread across Idaho, Montana and Wyoming.

A wolf hunting season adopted by Fish and Game in May set a population goal of 518 live wolves. But that's not enough, says anti-wolf activist Ron Gillett. He estimates Idaho is home to between 2,500 and 3,000 wolves, a figure he said he and others arrived at by splitting the 35 wolves originally transplanted to Idaho in 1995 and 1996 into six packs, assuming about eight pups per litter per pack a year and adding that number up over the years.

The figures used in his calculation do differ from figures cited by U.S. District Judge Donald Molloy in a biological summary in Friday's ruling. Wolf packs can range from two to 12 animals, Molloy wrote, and generally only the alpha male and female breed. Litters can average five pups. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimated at least 100 breeding pairs are scattered across the three states earlier this year.

State officials estimate wolf counts through a combination of observation, radio collars, aerial tracking and stations that record wolf howls. Fish and Game Commissioner Wayne Wright said. Breeding and litter estimates are also included. The state's estimates are probably on the low side, he said. "It's certainly not an exact science."

Ketchum-based Boulder-White Clouds Council, said the reversal will provide more protection for the wolves.

Federal agencies, she said, are far more likely in her opinion to investigate wolf killings than Idaho Fish and Game officials, whom she also faulted for developing the management plan allowing about half of the state's wolves to die each year. This fall's planned wolf hunt would have been "one of the most horrific things I ever

witnessed," she said. "They're going to be skinning wolves alive," she said. "Friends have compared it to the Warsaw ghetto."

Ron Gillett, head of the Idaho Anti-Wolf Coalition, also applauded the ruling, saying it opened the door for his group to attack the ESA protections head-on. It proves, he said, that wolves will never be de-listed unless a citizen initiative to do so is placed on the ballot. Two previous initiative

attempts by Gillett failed, the last by only 7,500 signatures, he said. But Molloy's ruling will spur people previously loathe to sign on to back him up, he said.

"It is going to be all-out war," Gillett said, comparing his side to the U.S. in World War II.

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Fire

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whether they could get in the way of government firefighters.

Others are concerned that a trend toward privatization will give protection to the wealthy, but leave other homeowners vulnerable to the flames.

Insurer American International Group Inc. or AIG, used private firefighters to protect high-end homes in Ketchum during last August's Castle Rock fire. It's too late to purchase more insurance once a fire is racing toward a home, though that didn't stop Ketchum residents from trying. Others decided to stay put and protect their homes with garden hoses.

"Life has to come first, then property," said Janet Upton, a spokeswoman for California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. "We know the number of private contractors is on the rise. If they communicate with us, they could be an asset. If not, they're a big liability."

By Tuesday, most of the blazes started by a huge lightning storm more than three weeks ago had been extinguished, and some of the largest fires were nearing containment. Flames have blackened more than 1,300 square miles in places like Big Sulphur and other parts of California. About 100 homes have been destroyed and many others damaged.

"We've really turned a corner," said Daniel Berlant, a state fire department spokesman. "But we have to remember this is just July, and our biggest fires are historically in September and October."

State officials said 200 blazes were still active, most in the mountains ringing the northern edge of the Central Valley. The move toward private fire crews is in some ways a throwback to earlier era, when homeowners in colonial times joined together to form "fire clubs" that protected members' homes. Early fire departments were often supported by insurance companies that had a vested interest in preventing disaster.

In modern times, timber and oil companies have used private firefighters for years, but now insurers concerned about the high cost of home replacement are hiring private contractors, too. New Jersey-based Chubb Corp., which employs Breglia, began offering free fire protection to its clients in 13 Western states in May. Already 11,000 homeowners have signed up, more than a third of those in wealthy and fire-prone enclaves like Lake Tahoe and Marin County. The company plans to expand the

service to other states before the start of next fire season.

Chubb hired Montana-based Wildlife Defense Systems Inc. to protect homes with a replacement value of \$1 million or more. The company is now subcontracting a pool of 50 fire engines throughout the West dedicated exclusively to Chubb policyholders.

Fireman's Fund Insurance Company donated \$18 million over four years to support public fire departments.

But this year it jumped into the private firefighting business, too, joining with Sacramento-based Fire Stop and two southern California companies.

Fire Stop, with nine fire engines, has doubled its employees over the last year. "The company is also in talks to acquire helicopter support."

"Insurance companies are hot on this," said Chris Dusa of Fire Stop. "Public firefighters wait until the bell goes off and then they go out to

the fire. We do things more proactively by creating a moat around the property before the fire gets there."

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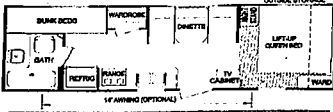
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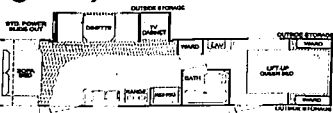
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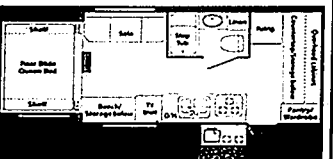
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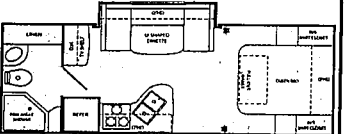
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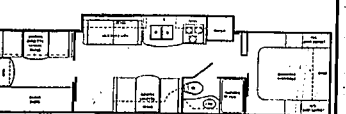
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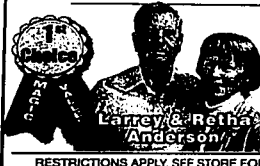
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Woman found dead in baby mystery case partially eviscerated

By Dan Hephin
Associated Press writer



Photo courtesy of KDKA-TV
In this Thursday image made from video and provided by KDKA-TV, Andrea Curry-Demus, center, is seen after being arrested at West Penn Hospital in Pittsburgh. Investigators found the body of a woman with her hands bound on Friday at the apartment of Curry-Demus, who showed up at the hospital with a newborn she falsely claimed was hers but later said she had obtained for \$1,000, authorities said.

PITTSBURGH — An autopsy on a woman's body found in an apartment linked to a mystery newborn baby found that the woman was partially eviscerated and her uterus was cut open, authorities said Saturday.

The body was found Friday in an apartment of another woman who showed up at a hospital with a newborn she falsely claimed was hers. Investigators were trying to determine the woman's identity, how she died and whether she was the mother of the baby that Andrea Curry-Demus allegedly told police she bought for \$1,000.

The victim appeared to have been dead for about two days before she was found, Allegheny County Medical Examiner Karl Williams said in a statement.

The woman's hands and feet were bound with duct tape, and her face was covered with a plastic material that had also been secured with duct tape. A placenta was recovered at the apartment.

The medical office would not elaborate on what was meant by "evidence of partial evisceration that included opening of the uterus."

Pathologist Cyril Wecht, who previously served as the county's coroner but did not participate in the autopsy, said evisceration means to cut into the abdomen and remove organs and tissues. "Obviously, they did so to get to the baby," he said.

Curry-Demus, 38, of suburban Wilkesburg, showed up at West Penn Hospital in Pittsburgh on Thursday with a newborn whose umbilical cord was still attached, police said. Tests later proved she was not the mother — despite her claims to the contrary, police said.

Curry-Demus was charged with child endangerment and dealing in infant children. She has been jailed until she posts \$10,000 bond and undergoes a psychiatric exam.

In the early 1990s, Curry-Demus pleaded guilty to charges relating to abducting a baby and stabbing a pregnant woman in a plot to steal her unborn baby, a newspaper reported.

The jail wouldn't say whether Curry-Demus had an attorney, and a message left for an attorney who has previously represented her was not immediately returned.

The woman's body was found Friday after reporters called authorities about a foul odor coming from inside Curry-Demus' apartment. Police had been at the building Thursday night, but did not enter that apartment, Wilkesburg Police Chief Ophelia Coleman said. A relative of Curry-Demus had led them to another apartment, she said.

Curry-Demus had said she was pregnant and had a baby shower, friends and relatives said.

In 1990, Curry-Demus, then known as Andrea Curry, was accused of stabbing a Wilkesburg woman in an alleged plot to steal the woman's infant.

A day after the stabbing, Curry-Demus snatched a 3-week-old baby girl from Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, according to court records reviewed by the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review. The baby was in the hospital to be treated for meningitis and the girl's 16-year-old mother had gone home for the night when Curry-Demus took the child, court records say. The baby was found unharmed with Curry-Demus at her home the next day.

Curry-Demus pleaded guilty in 1991 to various charges stemming from both incidents and was sentenced

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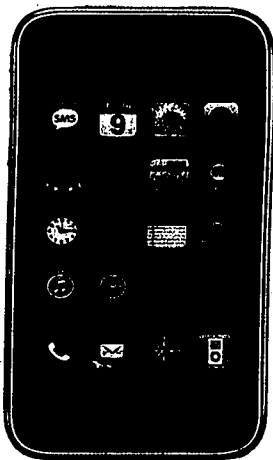
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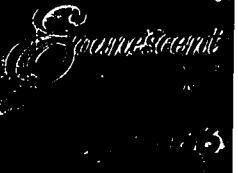
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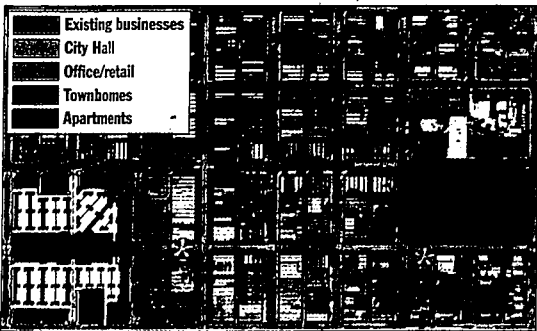
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Four-block development overview



Downtown rising?

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comes as the project enters a new phase where backers must start building public support for major new spending, which the developers and city officials call crucial to success.

"Once people really understand what their possibilities are downtown, they're going to get really excited about it," said Twin Falls Economic Development Director Melinda Anderson.

Projecting plans

The four-block project would be from Second Avenue South to Fourth Avenue South, and Shoshone Street South to Idaho Street. Various buildings — offices, retail and urban housing — would line the streets with parking in the center of the site. Plans show Hansen Street used to link the site to Main Avenue and City Park — eliminating the fountain on Main Avenue.

"They are all existing on their own," Anderson said of the areas that would be linked with a newly tree-lined corridor. "Hansen could be a great connector street."

In the conceptual drawings, an "ice-cream" 15,000 square-foot, three-level City Hall would be a focal point at the southeast corner of Shoshone Street South and Second Avenue East — now Block's Trading Post — and would house City Council chambers and customer services like bill payment or permit applications.

Most city offices, however, would be next door in what is described as a commercial building — meaning the city might lease some or all of it from its private owner.

City officials have long wanted to replace the crowded City Hall on Second Avenue East. A 2005 study determined the city needed a 100,000 square-foot building which would cost \$8 million to build, city officials said. It's unclear how that relates to the planned new city hall. The 2005 estimate included facilities for city fire and police agencies that could stay where they are and expand into the old city hall once new offices are built in the four-block project.

A diagonal walkway would lead southeast to a clock tower on a plaza in the center of the development. Hansen Street would become a pedestrian-only thoroughfare through the development lined by townhomes, offices and shops.

The most current diagrams show only three blocks in the intact — Idaho Carpet Liquidators, A Pet's Palace and a vacant building. All others would be leveled and replaced. However, city officials say the initial plan, drafted by a consultant under a \$10,000 contract, will be refined and updated.

In addition to the city hall, early estimates show 240,000 square-feet of development in the four blocks, including 135,000 square-feet of office and retail space, and about 75 apartment and townhomes. The challenges would surround more than 700 parking spaces.

For months, Florence and Hopworth have been speaking with local business executives about relocating in the four blocks, either from other locales in downtown or from

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other parts of the city. Some possible tenants have already been identified, although Florence said Friday his company, Four Block LLC, has not yet been fully organized. They include Glambia Foods, St. Luke's Health Systems and Obenchain Insurance. But Leland said bringing in new business is also a goal.

"The easiest thing about this project is there's overwhelming support to revitalize downtown," Florence said. "The difficult part is with getting the private sector to choose the four-block project over other parts of Twin Falls."

Money matters

In March, Anderson in a city staff report estimated private investment would be \$62 million, but Leland said last week that this estimate is too aggressive and he wanted to "pull that back" to about \$40 million-plus.

Using estimates of \$4 to \$5 of private money for every \$1 from the taxpayers, he said, the city's future total investment, including a city hall, could be \$8 million to \$10 million.

"The city also expects to borrow \$2 million to buy out some businesses, demolish buildings and prepare the site for new construction, Anderson said. The URA now owns 40 percent of the land it needs for the project and will likely acquire the rest over the next year, she said.

A more exact timetable is difficult to predict due to economic conditions, needed permits and other hurdles any major development must face. Full build-out could take five to 15 years and involve constant revisions to match building to demand and available financing, Leland said. For example, if the city and URA fall short on public funding, the project might start with two blocks and grow over time, he said.

"Overall I would say it's continuous," he said. "Once you're in the business of keeping downtown healthy, you don't get out of the business, it's perpetual. It just gets easier as more and more investors come in and invest in downtown. It makes it safer for other investors to come in."

But if the Twin Falls City Council approved a plan for a City Hall this summer, they could move into it within three years, he said.

The 'golden goose'

Public-private partnerships are common in American downtowns, but Leland said there's a strong need to invest taxpayer money in Twin Falls because the city's downtown has struggled for so long.

"The city is making it more inviting to come in," he said. "The greatest resistance is going to be at the beginning, when there's not a lot of precedence. The early pioneers are going to need some assurance. Exactly where the public

money will come from is unclear. The city will pay Leland \$65,000 to develop a more detailed budget and identify funding sources, according to a contract approved by the URA last week and up for City Council approval Monday. City officials say the most likely sources are tax-increment financing through capture of increased property tax money made possible by urban renewal, and a citywide bond levy election.

Leland said his firm recommends limiting public investment so that a private-sector developer receives a fair return on investment, but not unfair profits because of seemingly high public investment. For example, if the project involves townhomes, the developer should expect no more than a profit of about 14 percent on them, which is the industry average for such projects, he said.

"If it starts to get a bunch above that, then I would say the public investment is not required because it's always important that the golden goose — which is the public financing mechanisms — not be killed," he said. "You can't endanger the process over one deal."

Leland said the deal wouldn't progress unless the city and developers have a solid plan, and said there will be many safeguards.

"I'm not a believer in 'if you build it they will come,'" he said. "Why should the public spend a whole bunch of money on a real estate if we don't know we have a solid deal?"

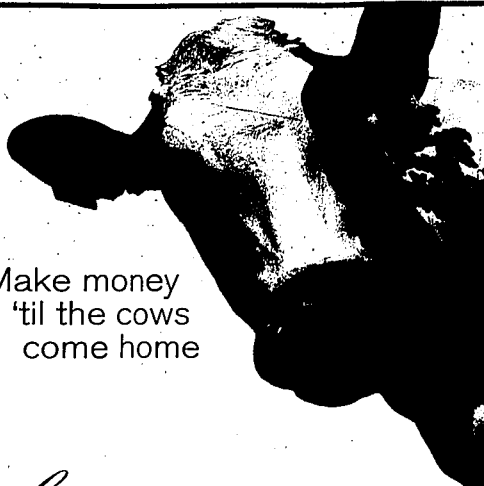
Earlier this year, the city asked Idaho Rep. Mike Simpson to help secure \$550,000 in federal aid for Main Avenue infrastructure work. The request is being considered in a House appropriations sub-committee, said Simpson spokeswoman Nikki Watts.

In April, Clow sent Simpson a reminder that the money is the city's highest priority and is critical to the city's efforts to revitalize the downtown area," Anderson said the money would be spent on one block, but said which one hasn't been determined.

The city also asked for between \$400,000 and \$500,000 for an environmental study related to re-routing State Highway 30 — the two sections of the highway — to Mindoka Avenue, which would shift traffic away from the heart of downtown, making it more pedestrian friendly, Will Houlter, a Washington, D.C.-based lobbyist for the city said both requests are still pending.

"So far we haven't seen anything that we could consider fatal or unresolvable," Leland said. "If there weren't interested tenants, I would say to the city, 'this is foolish,' but we do have interested tenants."

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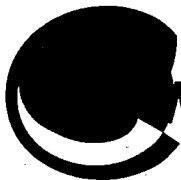
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Iraqi Sunni bloc rejoins government

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq's largest Sunni Arab political bloc returned to the government fold Saturday after calling off a nearly one-year boycott of the Shiite-dominated leadership — another critical stride toward healing sectarian rifts.

The return of the National Accordance Front does more than politically reunite some of Iraq's main centers of power.

It was seen as a significant advance toward reconciliation and efforts to cement cooperation between Shiite-led, forces and armed Sunni groups that rose up against al-Qaida in Iraq.

The United States has pressured Iraq's government to work toward settling the sectarian feuds, which brought daily bloodshed until recent months. The hope is that more parties staked in the future of Iraq could mean a quicker exit for U.S. and other foreign forces.

Iraq's sharply improved security situation is already bringing plans for a pared-down British force.

On a visit to Baghdad, British Prime Minister Gordon Brown said plans are being made to scale back troops in Iraq, but refused to consider an "artificial timetable" for withdrawing Britain's remaining 4,000 soldiers.

Brown's comments — following meetings with Iraqi leaders — come in advance of next week's scheduled address to British lawmakers on Iraq, when he is expected to give more details on troop reduction plans as insurgent attacks and militia violence drops sharply around Iraq. No specific troop withdrawal figures have been made public, but a senior British military officer has predicted substantial troop cuts in Iraq next year.

"It is certainly our intention that we reduce troop numbers, but I am not going

to give an artificial timetable at the moment," Brown said following talks with Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and President Jalal Talabani.

A departure of more British forces will have little bearing on the battlefield. The troops, mostly based outside the southern city of Basra, no longer have a combat role and are involved mostly with training Iraqi security units.

Britain's moves come about four months after Iraq opened a major offensive in Basra to root out Shiite militias with suspected links to Iran.

The campaign — which began with disarray among Iraqi forces — ultimately gained ground with U.S. help and reclaimed wide control over Iraq's second-largest city and key oil center.

Although Britain maintains the second-largest foreign military force in Iraq, it is dwarfed by the approximately 150,000 U.S. soldiers currently in the country.

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Home prices come more within reach in valley

Bailouts of 'irresponsible spenders' leave some frustrated

By Joshua Palmer
 Staff writer

There is good news for home buyers in south-central Idaho as the region's housing market adjusts to a nationwide slowdown. Home prices are coming within reach of more buyers, who previously could not afford to buy a first home or upgrade to a larger house. Danny and Marisa Coleman, who moved to Twin Falls from the Boise area about two months ago, are like many young couples who came to the Magic Valley in search of work and affordability.

"We lived in Star for something like six years trying to save up enough money for a down payment on a home," said Danny Coleman, who added that he avoided the attractive adjustable rate mortgage even before the meltdown in the credit markets. "But here's the thing, for every year that it would take us to save a couple thousand, housing prices would basically increase to the point where couldn't really get ahead."

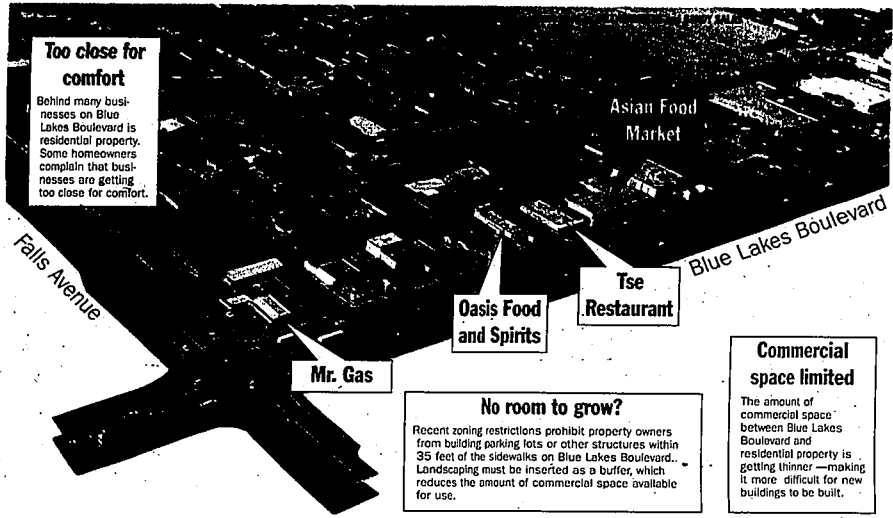
He said that in 2003, they made a bid on an older three-bedroom home in Star for

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"... my wife and I work hard to be financially responsible, but it's the people who threw money they didn't have into a big home, new cars and anything else they could put on credit that are getting all the help."

— Danny Coleman, who moved to Twin Falls from the Boise area about two months ago

Feeling the squeeze



Too close for comfort
 Behind many businesses on Blue Lakes Boulevard is residential property. Some homeowners complain that businesses are getting too close for comfort.

No room to grow?
 Recent zoning restrictions prohibit property owners from building parking lots or other structures within 35 feet of the sidewalks on Blue Lakes Boulevard. Landscaping must be inserted as a buffer, which reduces the amount of commercial space available for use.

Commercial space limited
 The amount of commercial space between Blue Lakes Boulevard and residential property is getting thinner—making it more difficult for new buildings to be built.

Zoning laws make it difficult to expand or remodel commercial space on Blue Lakes Blvd.

By Joshua Palmer
 Staff writer

Tony Tse thought that his proposal to replace an older building with a newer commercial building on Blue Lakes Boulevard was in line with the city's vision for commercial development. But that didn't seem to be the case when he took his proposal to the city planning and zoning commission.

Tse's existing building, which even he describes as "falling apart" and "ugly," is on Blue Lakes Boulevard North. The building houses the Asian Food Market and a few other small businesses under its shallow ceiling and crumbling walls. However, Tse's proposal to tear down the structure and build a newer, nicer and more spacious commercial building has met opposition from neighbors living a block away.

The result was a rejection of Tse's requests and an example of how city zoning restrictions on Blue Lakes Boulevard are putting the squeeze on property owners and businesses.

Many property owners also see the rejection as a contradiction of the city's comprehensive development plan. At issue is the amount of commercial and retail space squeezed between Blue Lakes Boulevard on the west and property zoned residential to the east. About five years ago that space was reduced by a zoning restriction that prohibits property owners from building structures or parking lots within 35 feet of Blue Lakes

"It's pretty simple — If you can't build the space you need to make it profitable, then you will look elsewhere."
 — Tony Tse, Twin Falls businessman

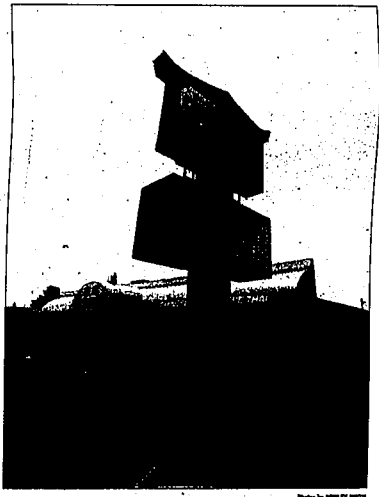
Boulevard — one of three main arterials in Twin Falls. "It's called a set-back, and it basically says that (property owners) have to have some sort of landscaping between their building or parking lot and the curb of the sidewalk," said Mitch Humble, community development director for the City of Twin Falls. "That distance might be a little on the higher end — other cities require anywhere from 20 to 35 feet."

He said the zoning law is required on the city's main arterials — Blue Lakes Boulevard, Washington Street and Addison Avenue — to allow future widening.

Because the landscape restriction reduces the amount of property that can be developed for commercial use on Blue Lakes, some property owners have bought residential properties behind their businesses and attempted to rezone for commercial use.

If Tse cannot rezone the nearby property from residential to commercial, he will only be allowed to build a 5,000 square-foot

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The sign at Tse Restaurant is shown Thursday at 1021 Blue Lakes Blvd. North in Twin Falls. Property owner Tony Tse is proposing a new commercial building at this location, but city officials say it will be too close to residential property.

Street smarts? Drivers downshift to super-compact Smart car

By Simone Barbeau
 The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Elizabeth Szewczyk saw a tiny picture of the Smart Fortwo in a car magazine, and knew it was her next ride. She already owned her ideal car — a bright yellow 2005 Jeep Wrangler — but the gas mileage was horrible. She remembers watching the fuel gauge drop as she drove down the highway and realizing it was time to trade in her childhood dream. She loved the strong American feel of the Wrangler, but the eye-catching Smart car helped her get over it.



The Smart car, center, made by Mercedes-Benz, is benefitting from growth in the U.S. small-car market.

"Here I am driving this thing and I still feel amazing," said Szewczyk.

27. "The Jeep was stylish, but I never got the attention before that I

get with this." The two-seater Smart car, manufactured by Mercedes-Benz. Cars and sold in Europe for a decade, hit the U.S. market in January. Most from \$14,000 to about \$18,000, taxes and fees included. By the end of June, Smart had well over 30,000 people on a waiting list — which is now about a year long — and had sold almost 11,400 cars. Smart markets its car as an eco-friendly vehicle that appeals to trendsetters of all ages and income levels. The car's tagline exhorts consumers to "open your mind to the car that challenges the status quo." But don't expect Smart car centers

to be filled only with Greenpeace activists. Many local Smart car buyers are owners of the iconic symbol of American consumerism: the sport-utility vehicle. And they aren't necessarily going from monster to midsize codd turkey; many keep their gas guzzlers and use their fuel-efficient car for city driving.

Sean Sarraf, brand manager for the Germantown, Md., Smart center, estimates that more than half of his customers own SUVs. When a big vehicle pulls up at the Annapolis Smart center, employees joke that they can predict that the customer

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The week ahead

The following reports are scheduled for release this week.
Monday
 WASHINGTON — Treasury bill auction.
 NEW YORK — The Conference Board releases its Index of Leading Indicators.
Wednesday
 WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Report on regional economic conditions.

Thursday
 WASHINGTON — Labor Department releases weekly jobless claims.
 WASHINGTON — National Association of Realtors reports on existing home sales for June.
 WASHINGTON — Freddie Mac, the mortgage company, reports on mortgage rates.

Friday
 WASHINGTON — Commerce Department reports on new home sales for June.
 WASHINGTON — Commerce Department reports on durable goods orders for June.

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EXIT REALTY SNAKE RIVER ACUPUNCTURE WORKS



Didi Perkins (right), owner and operator of Exit Realty Snake River, located at 1510 Overland Ave. in Burley, greets guests at a customer appreciation barbecue July 1. The business specializes in the sale of residential, commercial, multi-residential and farm and ranch. The business is open Monday through Friday and can be reached by calling 878-3948. Evening and weekend times are available by appointment. The business is a franchise of Exit Realty Corp. International.



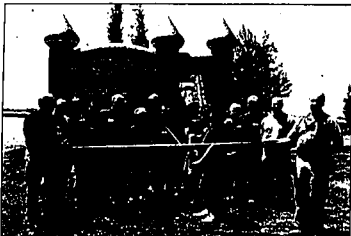
Mark Dunlap, center, with scissors cuts the ribbon to commemorate the grand opening of his new business Acupuncture Works, located inside the Overland Shopping Center, 2271 Overland Ave., Ste. 9, in Burley. Acupuncture Works is a new business located at 2271 Overland Ave., Ste. 9, Burley. The business offers natural health care using acupuncture concepts for pain, inflammatory problems, sports injuries, digestive problems and holistic nutritional education. The business is owned and operated by Mark Dunlap, M.D., C.A., and Angie Dunlap, C.A. Mark was certified in the natural health care field for more than 20 years and is state certified in acupuncture. He is also a certified Reiki massage therapist and does reflexology and botanical medicine. Business hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Evenings and Saturdays are available by appointment. For appointments or more information: 678-7811.

HANSEN PAYNE MORTUARY



Hansen Payne Mortuary held a ribbon cutting with the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce recently to commemorate the grand re-opening of the business following an extensive remodel. The business is located at 321 East Main St. in Burley and can be reached by calling 678-2521 or 678-5557. Business hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by phone 24 hours, seven days a week. Larry Lee Hansen is manager; funeral directors are Arvin Lee Hansen, Joel Heward, Kerry Morrison; and apprentice funeral director is Mark Andressen. Connie Jackson is office manager; Janet Smith is funeral service counselor; Susan Haynes is secretary and Sheri Hansen is receptionist. The Hansen family has been in the funeral business for more than 40 years and is licensed by the State of Idaho. The Hansen Payne building has been in Burley as funeral home since 1921. Services offered include funerals, memorial services, gatherings, cremations and nonresidents. Pictured, center with scissors, are Larry and Arvin Hansen.

PARTY HARDY



Party Hardy held a ribbon cutting recently with the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce at Riverside Park in Heyburn. The business is located at 917 15th Dr. in Rupert and can be reached by calling 436-4FUN. Business hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, however, rentals are available seven days a week. The business rents party equipment including inflatable slides, bounce houses, jousting arenas, sumo wrestling suits, toilet racers, giant tricycles, self-propelled bumper cars, pinata stands, and other party equipment. Owners are Dawn and Daniel Lage. Pictured, center with scissors is Dawn Lage.

Jacob D. Twigg

The Mini-Cassia Public Defender Office announced the addition of **Jacob D. Twigg** as an attorney.

His principal duties will include adult misdemeanor cases in Cassia County. Twigg is a native of Blackfoot. His education includes an Associate's Degree in arts and sciences from Brigham Young University Idaho, a Bachelor of Arts degree from Boise State University and his Juris Doctor's degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Mich.

Brett Lemmons and Robert Flammers

Professional Truck Driving School in Twin Falls announced that **Brett Lemmons** graduated on July 1 and **Robert Flammers** graduated July 2. Lemmons obtained his Class A commercial driver's license. Flammers obtained his Class A commercial driver's license with endorsements.



Evelyn Hedges

DECLO — Evelyn Hedges of Declo recently completed the 100-hour hypnosis course and successfully passed the practical and written examinations with the Brigham Hypnosis Center. She is now certified and qualified to assist clients to stop smoking, lose weight, achieve peak athletic performance, eliminate any habit or behavior that interferes with obtaining their goals in life. Hedges is already certified in Hypnotic.



Kevan Ridge

DESHLER, Neb. — Reinke Manufacturing, Inc., a leading manufacturer of mechanical irrigation systems, announced that **Kevan Ridge** of Rain for Rent Irrigation in Pauli has earned the Platinum PLUS (Proven Leaders in Unmatched Service) Certified Technician Award.

The prestigious award, which has been received by only a small number of service technicians in the Reinke Service Network, is the most elite service designation awarded by Reinke. Ridge qualified for the honor during a recent Reinke service training session held in Deshler, Neb. The Platinum PLUS Certified Technician Program consists of a series of six service-training classes and tests. Ridge received the Platinum PLUS award by scoring more than 90 percent on all six tests.

Jeff Swenson

Dr. Jeff Swenson, M.D., has joined Family Practice Center as a MiniDoca Memorial Hospital as an emergency room physician.

Family Practice Center is located at 1218 Ninth St. in Rupert. Dr. Swenson is a doctor of medicine and will be accepting new patients at his office.

Swenson

Dr. Swenson graduated from the University of Oklahoma, and then did his residency at Idaho State University Family Medicine.

He has been working as an emergency room doctor at MiniDoca Memorial Hospital for the past 18 months. Swenson grew up living in Burley with his family. He attended Rupert schools and graduated from Minico High in 1993.

He is married to Shalene and together they have three children: Tevin is 8; Emlynn is 6; and Livia is 2.

CONTRIBUTION LIBRARY DONATION



Library customers, friends, employees and trustees recently joined **Gooding Mayor, Duke Morton** and library director **Pat Hamilton** to celebrate the new drive-up book drop which was donated to the Gooding Public Library by Magic Valley Bank. Bank employees worked for more than a year to raise the money for the drop. The total amount raised by local branch employees was then matched by the bank as part of the banks Community Match Program. The new book drop is located on the east side of the library parking lot. The employees raised \$4,175 for the book drop, cart and shipping costs. It is the largest single donation the library has ever received. Pictured, Duke Morton, Gooding mayor; Ray Rausch, manager of Magic Valley Bank; Pat Hamilton, library director; Angie Taylor; Carmen Korsen, Gooding city clerk; Carolyn DeWitt; Marsha Oberler; Iean LeJardi; Eric Moore; Gary Major; George Oberler; Danielle Houser and Cheryl Reed.

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Tomato growers: Salmonella scare damages industry

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — The 6,000 acres of tomatoes grown on Virginia's sea-sweet Eastern Shore were never implicated in the national salmonella outbreak — they were still on the vine weeks after people starting getting sick.

Still, that hasn't made much difference to tomato broker **Batista Madonia III**, who has seen sales and prices plummet in the wake of a salmonella outbreak that sickened people in 42 states and left the nation's tomato industry feeling woozy as well.

Since the government announced it was investigating whether tomatoes caused the outbreak that began in April, the nation's tomato industry estimates it has lost more than \$100 million. Health investigators have not been able to find tomatoes that contained the salmonella strain that sickened 1,220 people, and the government on Thursday lifted its salmonella warning involving



Roma tomatoes, left, and large tomatoes, right, are seen at Compton's market in Sacramento, Calif. Virginia is seeing a bumper crop of tomatoes, but there is lingering consumer concern about the safety of tomatoes.

The move hasn't brightened the outlook of the \$1.3 billion industry, and the salmonella's origin are likely

to add to its losses.

"The damage has been done. I don't think we'll ever get over it," said **Madonia**, sales manager for East Coast Brokers & Packers, which grows 4,000 acres on the Eastern Shore.

At height of summer, when tomatoes are a staple of the picnic season, growers have seen their plump red produce pulled from fast-food menus and passed over by shoppers.

"Summer is our biggest window of opportunity. If we miss this season, we can't get it back," said **Tom Deardorff**, a farmer in California, which grows the most tomatoes in the U.S. "It's hard to force people to eat tomatoes at Christmas."

Deardorff, a Ventura County farmer who grows 600 acres of beefsteak and Roma tomatoes, worries it could be a real challenge for consumers to regain their appetite for tomatoes.

An Associated Press-Ipsos poll conducted July 10-14 found that while three in four

people remain confident about the overall safety of food, 46 percent said they were worried they might get sick from eating tainted products.

U.S. Food and Drug Administration officials believe that consumers may now enjoy all types of fresh tomatoes available without worrying about salmonella. Saintpaul, the outbreak strain.

The elderly and people with weak immune systems — those most vulnerable to food-borne illnesses — should avoid fresh jalapenos and serranos, and any dishes that may contain them such as fresh salsa, federal health officials have advised.

Growers in Florida and Georgia, the No. 2 and 3 tomato-producing states, respectively, agreed the damage may be too much to overcome. The harvest is winding down or has ended in those states, and growers are deciding how many acres to devote to tomatoes during the fall.

Mattel shares gain after court victory

Los Angeles Times

Barbie and Ken might be getting some new neighbors. And Wall Street is pulling out the Welcome Wagon.

On the heels of Mattel Inc.'s sweeping court victory in its copyright infringement battle over the popular Bratz dolls, the toy company's shares shot up 13 percent, or \$2.30, to \$20.66 Friday.

A federal court jury decided Thursday that the Bratz characters — which provided stiff competition to Barbie — were created by a designer who had an exclusivity contract with Mattel at the time. The decision wasn't the only factor in the stock rise.

Mattel earnings for the second quarter, announced before the market opened Friday, came in better than analysts had expected. The toymaker benefited from toys tied to the recently released movies "The Dark Knight" and "Kung Fu Panda."

But the light over the Bratz line with rival MGA Entertainment Inc., which brought out the saucy dolls in 2001, was key to bolstering the fortunes of recall-puffed Mattel. "It could be worth north of \$1 billion over the history of the doll," Margaret Whitfield, an analyst with Sterne Agee & Leach, said of the Bratz decision.

Major wireless carriers cut cancellation fees

MELVILLE, N.Y. — Consumers are getting some relief as major wireless phone carriers are reducing hefty early cancellation fees for service contracts.

For years, major wireless carriers charged up to \$200 if a customer signed up for a contract but decided to drop the service before the two-year term was up.

The fees have caused complaints from consumers who want to cancel after their first bill is higher than expected.

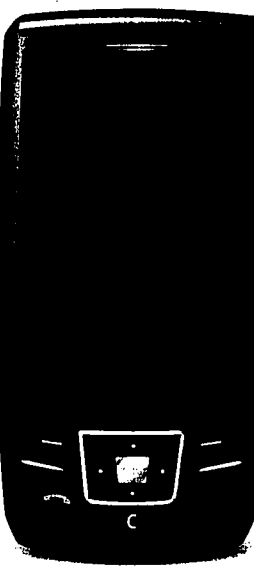
They are often shocked to find they would have to pay the early termination fee, even though it is in their contract.

Federal Communications Commission officials said they received more than 3,700 such complaints in 2006 and 2007.

"We've never bought into the idea that consumers should have to pay in order to shop around for cell phone service," said Bob Williams, director of Hearnsnow.org, a project of Consumers Union that focuses on communications issues. "We don't think they're necessary at all," he said of the fees.

Several of the largest carriers have been reducing the termination fees, saying they want to offer customers more choices. In November 2006, Verizon Wireless reduced its \$175 termination fee by \$5 for each month that a customer remains with the company. AT&T matched that policy as of May 25.

As of June 28, T-Mobile began prorating \$100 for a customer would pay \$100 for canceling six months early or \$50 for canceling three months early.



Canceling with one month to go would cost either \$50 or the standard monthly charge, whichever is less.

Sprint said it will charge a lower fee by the end of the year. "Our competitors offered it before we did, but we're responding," said Sprint spokesman John Taylor. "If we didn't intend to prorate, the consumers would send us a message."

Consumer advocates say the cancellation fees are still too high.

Wireless carriers, however, say that long-term contracts allow them to subsidize the phones they sell.

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The FCC has waded into the issue, holding a public hearing last month on early termination fees, which are also being imposed for broadband and video service contracts. FCC chairman Kevin Martin said it may be better for the federal government rather than the states to regulate such contracts.

But some consumer advocates oppose federal oversight. If it results in customers losing the right to sue in state courts.

In one such case, Verizon Wireless will pay \$21 million to settle a class-action lawsuit that said its previous flat-rate cancellation fee violated state and federal laws. The settlement reached last week in Alameda County, Calif., affects all U.S. customers billed a flat-rate fee since July 23, 1999.

Nancy Stark, a spokeswoman for Verizon Wireless, said Wednesday it was unclear how many customers that settlement would include and how much they would receive.

As part of the settlement, the company admits no wrongdoing.

Car

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will be heading to their dealership, not the adjacent Mercedes showroom.

Smart is benefiting from an overall drive toward SUVs and crossovers. From June 2007 to June 2008, U.S. market share for large vehicles fell almost 7 percentage points to 35.3 percent, while market share for compact vehicles grew over 5 percentage points, according to Tom Libby, analyst at Power Information Network.

But gas mileage alone doesn't explain Smart's success against other buyers. In the city and 41 mpg highway, Smart is the most fuel-efficient, fully gas-powered vehicle on the road, although not by much. If gas were to

reach \$5 a gallon, every 10,000 miles would save Smart drivers only about \$200 or \$300 over a comparably priced Honda Fit or Toyota Yaris, which come with back seats.

SUV-turned-Smart drivers may be among the last to the environmental party, but they're dressed to get noticed — the small, unique-looking cars turn heads.

"The Smart is the new green statement, the (Toyota hybrid) Prius is old hat," said Jack Plunkett, chief executive of market research firm Plunkett Research. "You can't overlook the cute and new factor."

Carolyn Alper, frustrated with spending \$60 a week on

gas for her Lexus RX 330, said other fuel-efficient cars didn't have the same appeal as the Smart car.

"I walked into the dealership, and they had the Smart (Forte) and it just had my name on it," said the interior designer. The Smart cars, she says, "are cute, kind of new and bright and shiny."

But she's not convinced that the Smart car is safe, so she's keeping her Lexus for highway driving.

Safety is a common concern among potential Smart car buyers. But the car fared well in insurance institute for Highway Safety crash tests in May, earning for its size top marks in front- and side-crash protection and accept-

able ratings for rear-impact protection against whiplash. Earlier National Highway Traffic Safety Administration tests had raised concerns about passenger safety in front-end crashes and doors swinging open in side crashes, though the car had received top marks on side impact.

The ride isn't smooth — the car jerks over speed bumps in her parking lot even after Alper's slowed to a crawl — but she says it's a delight to drive in the city.

"It's like a Chihuahua must feel, you just feel so powerful in that little car," said Alper. "And you don't know from the inside that it's so tiny looking."

Housing

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almost \$230,000, but the seller "suddenly" raised the asking price when other buyers expressed interest in the home. The Coleman family didn't buy the home.

"It went on like that for a couple years. Prices kept going up while (buyers) complained about other (buyers)," Coleman said. "Then the (housing) market crashed, and we thought the prices would come back down — the thing was that they didn't go back down."

The couple grew frustrated, and in early 2008 moved to Twin Falls where Danny Coleman took a pay cut at another job, but they could finally afford a home.

According to the Intermountain Multiple Listing Service, which reports home sales statewide, Twin Falls and Jerome saw over the experienced about a 5 percent decline in home prices compared to last year — bringing prices even further below the national median home price.

Cassia County has reported the steepest decline, with the median price — the midpoint

between the highest and lowest — falling more than 21 percent in May compared to the previous year, to \$124,900.

Declining prices are due in large part to home builders constructing more affordable homes. However, some sellers have also lowered their asking prices on existing homes.

Real estate agents describe the region's decline in home prices as a market correction — where prices level off and a housing surplus is sold off.

Meanwhile, foreclosure rates continue to climb in the Treasure Valley area as home prices hold at record highs.

Annoyed by bailouts

Lawmakers appear more focused on the negative economic consequences of falling home prices than the benefits.

Congress is facing declining home prices, rising foreclosures, tighter lending standards, higher interest rates, and industry layoffs. But while trying to protect the economy and honest homeowners who were suck-

ered into bad loans, Congress cut off one of the serpent's heads, only to see two grow back.

And while most economists agree the imminent threat to the economy and financial system are great, Edward Leamer, a senior economist at the University of California, said, "The folks who sat on the sidelines — they should feel legitimately annoyed that the more speculative folks who bought homes they couldn't afford are going to be bailed out or helped by the federal government."

He added that people who agreed responsibly and decided not to buy a home are not getting any benefit.

"It is frustrating because my wife and I work hard to be financially responsible," Coleman said. "But it's the people who threw money they didn't have into a big home, new cars and anything else they could put on credit that are getting all the help."

This week, the House and Senate are patching together a bill for President George Bush's signature that would let the Federal Housing

Freddie Mac takes steps toward selling billions in stock

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Freddie Mac, the troubled mortgage-finance giant, on Friday took a major step toward the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) toward selling billions of dollars of stock.

The McLean, Va.-based company requested, and the SEC accepted, its formal registration with the agency, an application process it has been undergoing for months. A Freddie Mac spokeswoman said completion of the process is a prelude to the company eventually selling \$5.5 billion in stock, a decision up to it and agreed to accomplish at the urging of federal regulators months ago.

The Wall Street Journal on Friday reported that the company might try to raise as much as \$10 billion in new shares to investors, a move that analysts said could nearly double its market capitalization.

The timing, amount and mix of securities to be offered will depend on a variety of factors, including prevailing market conditions, and it is subject to approval by one board of directors," Sharon McInale, a spokeswoman for Freddie Mac, said in a e-

mail Friday. "As indicated, we indicated in our Form 10 registration statement (filed with the SEC this morning), Freddie Mac continues to evaluate and consider this and other alternatives for managing our capital."

"(Our ability to issue additional preferred or common stock will depend in part on market conditions, and we may not be able to raise additional capital when needed," Freddie Mac said in its SEC filing Friday.

After trading by nearly half last week, the shares of Freddie Mac and its Washington-based cousin company, Fannie Mae, rebounded somewhat this week. Shares of Freddie Mac on Friday closed up 10 percent at \$9.18 and Fannie Mae was up 23 percent at \$13.40.

Through a sale of equity to investors, Fannie Mae raised \$7.4 billion in May in a similar effort to improve its financial balance sheet. The company has not said that it has plans to sell more equity anytime soon.

Both companies have been hurt by a decline in the housing market but were bolstered by the government's announcement last week that it would work to prop them up if they ran into serious financial trouble.

Squeeze

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building, which she says is less than half the space he needs to make the project profitable.

But home owners are saying the businesses are getting too close for comfort.

Russell Renk, who lives in Alaska and rents property near the site there. "The hopes to build, told planners and zoning commissioners that expanding commercial property will only hurt nearby residents."

"This change to commercial retail will increase traffic on Lincoln and degrade the present residential neighborhood," Renk wrote in a letter to commissioners. "Further, it will set a precedent for future development and other business, which will decrease the value of my residential home."

He told the Times-News that the city needs to look elsewhere to expand commercial development — rather than allowing it to seep into residential neighborhoods.

"A true solution would be to look at other sections of land for development," he said. "Even if they rezone my neighborhood for commercial use, it's just going to move the problem one more block over."

Commissioners agreed with Renk, despite the city's comprehensive plan to encourage commercial and retail growth on Blue Lakes.

"That's what I don't understand," he said. "The city says it wants more business development on Blue Lakes, but then they say no to requests like mine if a (homeowner) complains."

Other business and property owners on Blue Lakes say that building or remodeling properties on Blue Lakes is hardly worth the costly battle against nearby home owners and city zoning laws.

"If the city doesn't want a bunch of crumbling buildings on Blue Lakes, they are going to need to change the street layout and zoning," Carr, owner of Oasis Fine Food and Spirits.

Other business owners say there is little consistency in city zoning decisions.

While The's request was denied because of homes on Lincoln Street North, other developers on Blue Lakes received approval from similar requests.

Developer Francis Florence, for example, was allowed to build a commercial building with a drive-thru within five feet of a home on the corner of Blue Lakes Boulevard and Falls Avenue.

Humble said the difference was that Florence's development was positioned back-to-back with a home, while The's proposal would position a commercial building to the side of a home.

With all these questions in mind, some property owners on Blue Lakes are asking where they fit into the city's development plan. "It's pretty simple," he said. "If you can't build the space you need to make it profitable, then you will look elsewhere."

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Library confrontation points up privacy dilemma

By John Curran
Associated Press writer

RANDOLPH, Vt. — Children's librarian Judith Flint was getting ready for the monthly book discussion group for 8- and 9-year-olds on "Love That Dog" when police showed up.

They weren't kidding around: Five state police detectives wanted to seize Kimball Public Library's public access computers as they frantically searched for a 12-year-old girl, acting on a tip that she sometimes used the terminals.

Flint demanded a search warrant, touching off a confrontation that pitted the privacy rights of library patrons against the rights of police on official business.

"It's one of the most difficult situations a library can face," said Deborah Caldwell-Stone, deputy director of intellectual freedom issues for the American Library Association.

Investigators did obtain a warrant about eight hours later, but the June 26 stand-off in the 105-year-old, red brick library on Main Street frustrated police and had fellow librarians cheering Flint.

"What I observed when I came in were a bunch of very tall men encircling a very small woman," said the library's director, Amy Grasmick, who held fast to the need for a warrant after coming to the rescue of the 41-year-old Flint.

Library records and patron privacy have been hot topics since the passage of the U.S. Patriot Act after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks. Library advocates have urged the government of using the anti-terrorism law to find out — without proper judicial



Library Director Amy Grasmick sits in the Kimball Public Library's children's room where public access computers are in use in Randolph, Vt., Friday. Five state police detectives wanted to seize Kimball Public Library's public access computers as they frantically searched for a 12-year-old girl, acting on a tip that she sometimes used the terminals.

oversight or after-the-fact reviews — what people research in libraries.

But the investigation of Brooke Bennett's disappearance wasn't a Patriot Act case.

"We had to balance out the fact that we had information that we thought was true that Brooke Bennett used those small computers to communicate on her MySpace account," said Col. James Baker, director of the Vermont State Police. "We had to balance that out with protecting the civil liberties of everybody else, and this was not an easy decision to make."

Brooke, from Braintree, vanished the day before the June 26 confrontation in the children's section of the tiny library. Investigators went to the library chasing a lead that

she had used the computers there to arrange a rendezvous.

Brooke was found dead July 2. An uncle, convicted sex offender Michael Jacques, has since been charged with kidnapping her. Authorities say Jacques had gotten into her MySpace account and altered postings to make investigators believe she had run off with someone she met online.

Flint was firm in her confrontation with the police.

"The lead detective said to me that they need to take the public computers and I said 'OK, show me your warrant and that will be that,'" said Flint, 56. "He did say she didn't need any paper. I said 'You do.' He said 'I'm just trying to save a 12-year-old girl,' and I told him 'Show me

the paper.'" Cybersecurity expert Fred H. Cate, a law professor at Indiana University, said the librarians acted appropriately.

"If you've told all your patrons 'We won't hand over your records unless we're ordered to by a court,' and then you turn them over voluntarily, you're liable for anything that goes wrong," he said.

A new Vermont law that requires libraries to demand court orders in such situations took effect July 1, but it wasn't in place that June day. The library's policy was to require one.

The librarians did agree to shut down the computers so no one could tamper with them, which had been a concern to police.

Guns ruling spawns legal challenges by felons

WASHINGTON (AP) — Twice convicted of felonies, James Francis Barton Jr. faces charges of violating a federal law barring felons from owning guns after police found seven pistols, three shotguns and five rifles at his home south of Pittsburgh.

As a defense, Barton and several other defendants in federal gun cases argue that last month's Supreme Court ruling allows them to keep loaded handguns at home for self-defense.

"Folons, such as Barton, have the need and the right to protect themselves and their families by keeping firearms in their homes," says David Chontos, Barton's court-appointed lawyer.

Chontos and other criminal defense lawyers say the high court's decision means federal laws designed to keep guns out of the hands of people convicted of felonies and crimes of domestic violence are unconstitutional as long as the weapons are needed for self-defense.

So far, federal judges uniformly have agreed these

restrictions are unchanged by the Supreme Court's landmark interpretation of the Second Amendment.

"The line I'm proposing, at the home, is entirely consistent with the Supreme Court ruling," said Chontos, a lawyer in Turtle Creek, Pa. A court hearing on the issue is scheduled for late July.

The legal attacks by Chontos and other criminal defense lawyers are separate from civil lawsuits by the National Rifle Association and others challenging handgun bans in Chicago and its suburbs as well as a total ban on guns in public housing units in San Francisco.

People on both sides of the gun control issue say they expect numerous attacks against local, state and federal laws based on the high court's 5-4 ruling that struck down the District of Columbia's ban on handguns. The opinion by Justice Antonin Scalia also suggested, however, that many gun control measures could remain in place.



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Obama focuses on threats to U.S. during visit to Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Visits with U.S. troops and Afghan officials in a war-weary region marked Barack Obama's first day in Afghanistan, the focal point of his proposed strategy for dealing with threats to the U.S. if elected president.

While officially a part of a congressional delegation on a fact-finding tour expected to take him to Iraq, Obama was traveling Saturday amid the publicity and scrutiny accorded a likely Democratic nominee for president rather than a senator from Illinois. Security was tight and media access to Obama was limited by his campaign, and his itinerary in the war zones was a closely guarded secret.

Obama, dressed in light khaki colored trousers and a checkered shirt with his sleeves rolled up, and others in the delegation received a briefing inside the U.S. base in Jalalabad from the Afghan provincial governor ... of Nangarhar, Gul Agha Sherzai, a no-nonsense, bullish former warlord.

"Obama promised us that if he becomes a president in the future, he will support and help Afghanistan not only in its security sector but also in reconstruction, development and economic sector," Sherzai told The Associated Press.

The area where the meeting took place is not far from where Osama bin Laden escaped U.S. troops in 2001 after his al-Qaida terrorist group led the attacks on Sept. 11. With the ousted Taliban regime resurgent and given the al-Qaida goal of terrorizing the U.S., Obama has argued that the war in Afghanistan deserves more attention as well as more troops.

Obama's first overseas tour since securing the Democratic nomination — he is scheduled to travel to Europe through next week — could be key to honing his foreign policy strategy with less than four months before the election. His rival for the presidency, Republican Sen. John McCain, has criticized Obama for not spending more time in the region and for developing a policy without more firsthand knowledge.

In that vein, Obama was expected to meet with Afghan President Hamid Karzai on Sunday.

Traveling with Obama were Sen. Chuck Hagel, a Nebraska Republican, and Jack Reed, a Democrat from Rhode Island. Both military



U.S. Democratic presidential contender Barack Obama is seen being photographed during a meeting with Gul Agha Sherzai, the governor of Nangarhar province, center rear, and U.S. military personnel in Jalalabad east of Kabul, Afghanistan on Saturday.

veterans, the senators have been mentioned as potential Obama vice presidential running mates, although Reed has said he's not interested in the job and Hagel would be an unlikely cross-party choice.

At the start of their Afghan trip, the delegation met with top military leaders and troops at Bagram Air Field, the main U.S. military base north of the capital, before going to Jalalabad Air Field in Nangarhar province.

Before departing the U.S., Obama said he wanted to see "the situation on the ground."

"I want to, obviously, talk to the commanders and get a sense both in Afghanistan and in Baghdad of, you know, what the most, their biggest concerns are, and I want to thank our troops for the heroic work that they've been doing," he said.

A lack of time in the region has not stopped Obama from proposing significant changes in the war effort in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Obama advocates ending the U.S. combat role in Iraq by withdrawing troops at the rate of one to two combat brigades a month. He supports increasing the military commitment to Afghanistan, where the Taliban-led insurgency is at its strongest in seven years.

In an interview with German magazine Der Spiegel released Saturday, Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki called Obama's suggestion of 16 months "the right timeframe for a withdrawal" and said U.S. troops should leave Iraq "as soon as possible."

His statement was a sharp contrast to Bush administration policy, supported by McCain, opposing a set timetable for withdrawal.

Investigators begin work at site of crane collapse

HOUSTON (AP) — Federal officials started their investigation Saturday in the collapse of one of the nation's largest mobile cranes, which toppled at a Houston oil refinery, killing four workers and injuring seven others.

The 30-story-tall crane, capable of lifting 1 million pounds, crushed to the ground Friday at a LyondellBasell refinery in southeast Houston.

Representatives of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration began their formal accident investigation Saturday morning, said David Roznowski, a spokesman for the LyondellBasell refinery.

OSHA investigators are working with the refinery, a subcontractor and the project manager.

"It really is too early to say what happened," Roznowski told The Associated Press on Saturday. "With the formal incident investigation, that's where we will start to get answers, but it's going to take time. We want to make sure no stone is left unturned and that this kind of thing doesn't happen again."

The owner of the crane, Deep South Crane & Rigging of Baton Rouge, La., plans to work with the federal investigators looking into what is the latest in a series of fatal accidents involving cranes around the country.

"We will cooperate fully with all investigations that may arise from this tragic incident. We will provide information as we gather and verify it," company spokeswoman Margaret Landry said.

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EDITORIAL

It's called 'investment' property for a reason

The Twin Falls School District's Plan B for covering rapidly escalating cost of construction at the new Canyon Ridge High School was always to sell property it owns on the city's fast-developing west side. But not so fast.

This year's appraised value for 6.81 acres of district-owned residential real estate came in at half last year's value — \$240,000 instead of \$483,000. And a piece of commercially zoned real estate that went to bid this month also yielded disappointing results.

The highest bid for the 4.3 acres was \$1.05 million. The property appraised at \$2.4 million. Then last week the district announced that Canyon Ridge is running as much as \$9.4 million over budget. That's \$2 million more than six months ago. It's a perfect storm of bad news: The local real estate market is testing the bottom, while the soaring cost of oil has made construction materials — and the cost of transporting them — pricey.

So what's the district to do? Anything, it seems to us, but to sell the property now. The residential property in the Riverhawk Subdivision and commercial real estate located at Washington Street North and what will become Cheney Drive won't be under-priced for long. With the high school, the new St. Luke's Magic Valley and Wal-Mart all coming to the North Washington neighborhood, land prices will rebound sooner rather than later.

In the meantime, the district has some better options for keeping Canyon Ridge construction going: Voters in March passed a 10-year plant facilities levy to give the school district \$33 million — much more than the \$6.4 million it got from the levy during the previous 10 years. That money wasn't intended for the new high school, but the district could re-prioritize its spending plans.

The district has collected \$4.5 million in interest and investments from school bond money during the past two years. From the time the first shovel of dirt was turned at Canyon Ridge, the district has been practicing "value engineering" — using the money only for essentials and deferring nice-but-not-necessary items for later. One alternative that apparently isn't on the table is delaying the opening for Canyon Ridge until 2010. That's understandable, considering that many other schools are bursting at the seams.

The Twin Falls School Board is unlikely to panic. Nobody is out to sell into a bear real estate market. That's sensible, because in a few years the value of the district's property is more likely than not to open up many more possibilities to pay for future growth.

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There's no reason for the Twin Falls School Board to panic because of cost overruns at Canyon Ridge High School and a depressed market for school district real estate holdings.
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Setting the stage for more bailouts

The chief stewards of U.S. financial market policies seem to be living out an old-time movie serial. Over the past year, Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke have moved an crisis to crisis, improving us they go. The distressed damsels, they saved last week were the government-sponsored mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.



VINCENT REINHART

Part of creative policy-making, as in moviemaking, is obscuring the moving parts. But it's clear even now that over the weekend the government safety net was significantly expanded, the lines between the public and private sector were further blurred, and the odds were raised that such government rescues will be needed in the future.

Fannie and Freddie, as government-sponsored enterprises, are public-private entities with special advantages to foster housing finance. Those advantages include a backup line of credit with the Treasury, exemption from some securities registration requirements and the designation of their debt as "government securities." The whole package combines to confer a huge perk: Investors believe that the firms' debt is implicitly guaranteed by the government. Thus the debt that Fannie and Freddie sell commands a yield close to those on Treasury securities, and they need not hold as much capital as other firms are required to. This gives them a significant leg up on their competitors. Investors have recently become concerned about what would happen if the implicit guarantee were test-



ed. If markets turned against Fannie and Freddie, would all securities be backstopped by the government? Would the interests of existing shareholders be diluted? Fannie and Freddie's share prices have plummeted.

These concerns set policy-makers in motion. The government has essentially built two bridges for these institutions. In the very near term, the Federal Reserve has granted them access to its discount window.

The Fed bridge is set to shut down when the Treasury link opens. This requires Congress to expand the Treasury's authority to lend and to allow the purchase of preferred stock. The Treasury would be providing long-term funding, presumably giving the entities time to shore up their balance sheets by raising more capital.

The argument is that if the government opens its checkbook to these firms, private investors will be less likely to flee.

Indeed, if investors become sufficiently confident, the crisis could fade without the government's lines being tapped at all.

Yet there are two reasons to doubt that this movie ends so happily and two reasons to

wish it were never made. First, in the very near term, continued double-digit declines in housing prices will raise doubts about the repayment prospects of more and more mortgages. Add to that the difficulties associated with an economy teetering on the brink of recession. Anyone holding mortgages or mortgage-related securities is in for a bumpy ride.

Thus the second problem: The endgame is uncertain. The government's funding responsibility will end only when the two firms have raised sufficient capital. It will be impossible for the Fed or the Treasury to turn away a request for more credit.

While policy-makers have at least temporarily resolved this crisis, we will live with the consequences for a long time. Consider the downsides:

First, the Federal Reserve is likely to be given additional responsibilities related to overseeing housing finance. What happens when that goal interferes with the ones Congress has already given it — fostering maximum employment and stable prices? An overextended Fed might be tempted to keep the liquidity tap open too long to support housing finance,

even at the cost of a pickup in inflation. Second, the government had to act because, in today's interconnected markets, Fannie and Freddie are too big to be allowed to fail. Policy-makers missed an opportunity for significant reform.

The public-private mix embodied in the GSEs has been shown once again not to work. The public expects hulls investors into compliance, while the firms' private management will always try to keep their capital reserves as low as possible.

Policy-makers could have used the crisis to focus attention on the entities' appropriate long-term status. The government could have reaffirmed a model that does not work, almost guaranteeing a repetition of this problem down the road.

Vincent Reinhart, a former director of the Federal Reserve's Division of Monetary Affairs, is a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute. He wrote this for The Washington Post.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Elected sheriff provides 'checks and balances'

"Sheriffs should be appointed, not elected by popular vote," by Deputy Remigio, California

Pure nonsense! The primary function of the popularly elected sheriff is to provide a break between professional law enforcement — and all of its residues reaching all the way up into the federal government — and the local community: it's "checks and balances," folks.

Though often not respected by federal and state authority, the sheriff, nobody else, is the senior law-enforcement official in every county in the United States. Supposedly, the sheriff's political position is apolitical, or their loyalty is to the local people and not to some politically appointed buck up the ladder in government chain-of-command. We live in unique times, though. It's our own fault,

but the United States is no longer special in this world. As freedom goes, the World Wide Freedom Index places us 56th. By our holier-than-thou rhetoric, shouldn't we be No. 1?

Why 56th? The United States has fallen in virtually every endeavor since World War II except to make the rich richer, the poor poorer and the moneyed and well-connected above the law — we've come to a point where we mirror imperial Russia, 1895.

And because of laws protecting this system of plunder, we now stand at the precipice of a police state. No? Don't we have the most numerous per capita and the most heavily armed police force in the world? And don't we have a system of surveillance going into place that would make any Stalinit proud? Yes on all. But yet the American Taliban, other rightist freaks that wear the swastika, not courageous on their arm, but cowardly on their soul, and Bushies

scream for more. Even Torquemada is smiling up at us from the gates of hell, saying, "Gocha." MARK SCHUCKERT
Twin Falls

Virtual Academy is highly accountable for funding

I cannot believe the ignorance presented in your recent articles regarding online charter schools.

When reading a Times-News story, I was disturbed, yet not surprised, that your story didn't include a single parental comment on the matter. What exactly is the problem? Our textbooks and supplies come from another state, or is it that the quality of materials such as science experiments and art supplies that K12 provides are a parent's dream? It is unreasonable that since I'm not paying for insurance on a building and a janitor I can get better supplies? The IDVA funding system

is held highly accountable. I also know that our school board is made up of a number of people with backgrounds in education leadership. The board is highly qualified then most to deal with funding formulas that best serve our students.

My kids have been in the Idaho Virtual Academy for four years and the results speak for themselves. My daughter had very low ISAT scores in the public school system. This year (fourth grade), she tested advanced for her age group, she cried when Julia Caesar died, if lost at sea she could filter her own water, and at the store the other day she knew that the cashier had given me the wrong change.

If options like IDVA work for my family and thousands of other students, maybe these schools deserve a fair chance and some responsible journalism. SUZIE HELLER
Gooding

Changing Times: A legal marriage is a legal marriage — even gay ones

Few days pass without someone taking offense at something we do here. It's not that we go out of our way to be offensive. In fact, we hope to avoid it. But in the news business, we try hard to reflect the big and small truths of life, and sometimes that ruffles feathers. Today we're doing something that might trouble some folks. In the Family Life section you'll see a wedding announcement for James Robert Tidmarsh and Ryan Frank Jensen of Twin Falls. Let's not beat around the bush here. They're men. They're from Idaho. They're registered at Wal-Mart. In the past, the Times-News segregated same-sex marriage announcements, placing them under the head-



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James G. Wright

ing "Celebrations" rather than putting them with weddings. This was a compromise that allowed us to acknowledge the event without giving it equal status with the nuptials of those displaying a variety of genders. Moreover, Idaho doesn't allow same-sex marriages. But in May the California Supreme Court ruled that same-sex couples have the right to wed. That right extends even to people from other states, so on July 5 at the Chapel of

the Bells in South Lake Tahoe, Calif., Mr. Tidmarsh and Mr. Jensen were legally wed.

On returning home, they submitted the standard wedding announcement to their hometown paper. We last saw one of these back in 2004. I'm told, after the state of Massachusetts started allowing same-sex residents or soon-to-be residents to get hitched. After some brief discussion around the office, I decided that it's time to update our policy. From here on out, we'll treat all legal marriages in any state exactly the same.

If you're expecting me to now put up a ringing defense of gay marriage and invite you to argue all about the effects of such unions on Western

civilization, small children or the price of diesel fuel, I'm afraid you've come to the wrong place.

My reason for changing course here is simple: If two couples come in the door with identical marriage licenses lawfully issued by the same state or nation, who are we to say one marriage is a wedding while the other is just a celebration?

And if putting the Tidmarsh-Jensen union in the Wedding column offends you, chances are you'd be equally offended if we ran it at all, under any heading.

I'm also willing to give you all the benefit of the doubt when it comes to adapting to changing times. In fact, we all do it all the time. Decades ago children born out of

wedlock were marked for life with the word "illegitimate" stamped on their birth certificates. They were doomed from birth to a life of shame, treated as lesser beings by society at large.

Newspapers followed convention. Each year when the results came down to the local maternity ward to mark the arrival of the New Year's Baby, they would skip any who lacked married parents.

Now we run their names and those of their unmarried parents in the Stark Report.

No one bats an eye. Editor James G. Wright may be reached at 208-735-3253 or james.wright@lee.net.

Sound science supports delivering babies the old-fashioned way

You'd think the health-care establishment would have bigger fish to fry than Ricki Lake. But Lake's recent documentary, "The Business of Being Born" (available at www.thebusinessofbeingborn.com), which includes footage of her own delivery of her second child at home, was on the agenda at the American Medical Association's annual meeting in mid-June.

Lake was personally named-checked in one part of a "Resolution on Home Deliveries" introduced by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. "Whereas, there has been much attention in the media on celebrities having home deliveries, with recent 'Today Show' headlines such as 'Ricki Lake



JENNIFER BLOCK

takes on baby birthing industry..." The AMA ultimately passed the resolution without the Lake citation, but not before the Hollywood media got wind of it and home birth was thrust into the mainstream light.

It's about time. Planning a home birth with a midwife may sound old-fashioned — maybe you think of it as a "hippy" thing, but a solid body of research shows that for healthy women who seek a normal, nonsurgical birth,

there are several benefits. At home, a woman can get one-on-one care and monitoring from a midwife trained to support the normal labor process.

The physiological birth process is automatic. Hormones fire, the cervix gradually opens, the uterus contracts, the baby descends, muscles engage. A birth in which mother and child emerge as healthy, the cervix gradually opens, the uterus contracts, the baby descends, muscles engage. A birth in which mother and child emerge as healthy, the cervix gradually opens, the uterus contracts, the baby descends, muscles engage.

leaving-back position; and nearly one-third of women end up giving birth through major surgery, the cesarean section.

This has led to an epidemic of pre-term births in the United States. A 2006 survey showed that the majority of babies are now born before the spontaneous onset of labor, which leaves them more prone to breathing and feeding difficulties. Cesareans are also contributing to a rising maternal death rate, announced by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention last year.

Which is why some women, such as those in the film Lake produced, choose to give birth somewhere other than a hospital. Their choice is backed by sound science. Studies of "low-risk" women in North

America planning out-of-hospital births with midwives have found that 95 percent give birth vaginally with hardly any medical intervention. The largest and most rigorous study to date published in the British Medical Journal, found that in North America, babies were born at home just as safely as in the hospital.

Organized medicine can't believe this. Dismissing the research evidence, the AMA's resolution states that "the safest setting for labor, delivery and the immediate postpartum period is in the hospital" or an accredited birth center.

In its own statement earlier this year, the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, implied that women who choose home birth are selfish and irresponsible: "Choosing to deliver a baby at

home... is to place the process of giving birth over the goal of having a healthy baby."

The AMA's statement calls for legislation that could be used against women who choose home birth, possibly resulting in criminal child-abuse or neglect charges. The group says this is about safety. But with no credible research to back up its claim, this argument falls flat.

If these groups were truly making maternal and child health a priority, they'd be reforming standard maternity care, not strong-arming women into it.

Jennifer Block is the author of "Pushed: The Painful Truth About Childbirth and Modern Maternity Care." She wrote this commentary for the Los Angeles Times.

The good news: Getting old can get old fast

Jay brings it up. He's young still, 40-something — full head of hair, barely any when it lists, disgustingly fit.

"From then," he asks me (because I am older and wiser; please God, not just older), "does all conversation eventually become about cholesterol and blood pressure and the fiber and sodium content of food?"

I smile.

He'd been at a party at a friend's house and the talk on that balmy summer night among men and women all in their prime, wasn't about books or movies or reruns or work or kids or impending vacations. It was about lipitor and statins and plaque-burdened arteries and the benefits of taking an aspirin every day.

"This isn't the first time that a conversation among his peers has turned to carbs and the healthy effects of a high-fiber diet, he says. How did this happen? Is this the future, talk about aches and pains and stress tests and nitroscopics and lab work and blood tests?"

He sighs.

About 15 years ago at a dinner party, I sat beside a



BEVERLY BECKHAM

man in his early 50s, a seemingly nice, normal human being I had known for years. But I didn't know the man he had suddenly become. Every time a course was served, he leaned toward me and began a serious discourse on all the ways in which this particular food was killing people. Beef, leave it alone, he said. Never eat beef. It's high in fat. It's loaded with antibiotics. It's unhealthy for people to eat beef.

Are grain potatoes? Too much cheese and salt. You're better off with a baked potato. Rolls? Butter? Salad dressing? Give them up. Chocolate cream pie? Absolutely not, he practically yelled, shooting the waitress and the pie away.

Say away from the light, he may as well have been saying.

I saw the plates as a minefield. One bite and that little piece of plaque still clinging to an artery wall may well work its way free.

And then what? asked this man who used to pose questions such as, "Maiter or Capote? Whom would you rather have as a dinner guest?"

To be fair, he had been told only a few days before that he had high cholesterol. Which is why he was so food obsessed and talked on and on about HDL and LDL and all the wrong things he had eaten in the course of his life. You have time, he told me, to eat your cup of coffee, which he had not yet mentioned to the waiter to take away. "You have time if you change your eating habits," now.

"Nut's," he said. "Nut's are the answer. Cashews. They're rich in magnesium. And almonds. They have more protein than eggs, which you should not be eating. And walnuts are good for you, too. They prevent high blood pressure. And drink wine. Red wine. It keeps the arteries supple."

That was the sole piece of advice I took to heart.

So what do I say to Jay? That talking about trans fats and ERGs is a slippery slope? That just the other day at the gym, one person was talking skin cancer, another was

talking mammograms, and someone else was saying she'd been diagnosed with osteoporosis?

Or should I tell him what happened six weeks ago? My husband and I were at a local restaurant when we ran into the same man who, all those years ago, turned my divorce into an impromptu lecture on how to prolong my life. There he was, with his wife, both of them looking fit and fine, eating chicken smothered with mushrooms and cheese, a baked potato with sour cream, rolls, butter. And drinking red wine.

We sat and talked for a while. About work and kids, about town politics and life. There was not a mention of cholesterol.

This is because when something is new, it's all you talk about. When something gets old, it's old. It's accepted, not inspected at every turn.

So the good news, Jay, is that even getting old comes with a little lipitor and blocked arteries will lessen. The bad news is that you have to get old first.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Galena cell tower decision good for land stewardship

Sawtooth National Forest Supervisor Jane Kollmeyer deserves real credit for her positive decision to deny the Galena cell tower and associated building on Galena Summit in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

Based on the law, all available facts, overwhelming public opinion opposing the project and applying a strong dose of common sense, she made absolutely the correct decision. She stood up for real land stewardship.

The Sawtooth Group of the Sierra Club, 10 members of the retired SNRA Land Manager Coalition, two retired SNRA professional landscape architects, the 300-member Nordic and Backcountry Skiers Alliance, the owner of Galena Lodge, the Sawtooth Society and a host of concerned citizens were united in opposition. The Platine Code and Commissioners had serious concerns.

The project would have indeed caused substantial impairment of the visual resource. It is important to remember that Public Law 92-400 set a high standard for maintaining visual quality of the SNRA.

This is further amplified in the Sawtooth Forest Plan and longstanding Forest Visual Management documents. The SNRA is all about the uncluttered landscape and the irreplaceable views from both near and afar.

Sixty-five million taxpayer dollars have been prudently invested by taxpayers since 1972. In the SNRA private lands program precisely to protect "viewsheds" with conservation and scenic easements and prevent visually cluttered development. A string of cell towers strung from Galena Summit to Stanley and on

down the Salmon River corridor would have had a debilitating visual impact.

The cell tower company will likely appeal the decision. I do not have a legal leg to stand on. The SNRA is a national scenic jewel and maintaining visual integrity of the landscape is paramount. With a sense of relief and sincere appreciation, I say "job well done" to Jane Kollmeyer from all of us. She has lawfully affirmed the true public interest.

SCOTT PHILLIPS
Halley
(Editor's note: Scott Phillips is the chairman of the Sawtooth Group of the Sierra Club and retired SNRA Land Manager Coalition.)

Risch has no ideas about how to solve energy woes

The mood around the gas pumps is surly lately. Pumps understand that prices will rise even more and they realize that the solution to the problem will be costly and long. They know who is responsible.

In January, Bush and Craig will be gone. Those are steps in the right direction.

However, Idahoans are expected to elect Jim Risch to replace Sen. Craig and that would be a colossal mistake. Risch is a Bush-Craig clone with no credible ideas about how to solve our present energy woes. He supports the stagnant status quo policy devised by Mr. Cheney which continues to subsidize Big Oil at considerable expense to average Americans. He is neither independent nor innovative and his election would assure nothing more than rubber stamp votes for the failing energy policy of the past seven years.

We Idahoans can, instead, embrace some independent western thinking and elect Larry LaRoche to the U.S. Senate in November. LaRoche has progressive proposals to achieve energy independence for our country. Big Oil does not contribute to his campaign so he will have the freedom to im-

plite and implement fresh ideas and policies.

Larry knows that a new energy infrastructure will be necessary to lift us out of this crisis and he has developed a comprehensive blueprint to start us along that path. He is optimistic that a new energy industry cannot only stabilize our national interest but also directly benefit Idaho's economy by creating new businesses and jobs in Idaho. His Web site has the details.

Larry drives his own vehicle to campaign events. He pumps his own gas and knows what a gallon costs. He, too, probably gets surly when he opens his wallet after filling up. Elect one of us to the U.S. Senate in November. Vote for Larry LaRoche.

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An old program with new paint

Paint Magic marks 23rd year in valley

By Nata Poppino
Staff writer

Oasis Stop 'N Go employees found a new calling in life this week. When they weren't running the company's various convenience stores, they took up paintbrushes

and gathered at the home of Lois Galley, 629 Fillmore St., turning her bluish home a light brown. It was their first experience with Paint Magic, the annual event where volunteer teams give aging homes across south-central Idaho fresh coats of paint. And, team members said, they enjoyed the work enough that it may not be their last.

"It makes you feel good to help somebody out," team member Mont Willie said. "Galley was right there the whole week."

This was Paint Magic's 23rd year, with 503 homes painted since it began, said Ken Robinette, Paint Magic president and South Central Community Action Partnership executive director. About 450 volunteers painted 19 homes in Twin Falls, Hollister, Heyburn and other towns this year, he said. Some teams handled two houses.

Sharing space in the Twin Falls City Park with a wedding reception, Robinette paid tribute at a Saturday

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Cyrus Trevino of Twin Falls paints a carport Friday evening as part of a Paint Magic project by the Oasis Stop 'N Go team in Twin Falls.

Photo by Mark Cooper

AROUND THE VALLEY

Minivan rollover kills two travelers on I-84

Two travelers, one from Washington and one from Michigan, died in a rollover Saturday morning on Interstate 84, Idaho State Police reported.

Craig Walther, 57, from Puyallup, Wash., was driving a Honda Odyssey eastbound near the Jerome-Minidoka county line when he fell asleep at about 7:52 a.m., the report said. The minivan drifted off the left side of the road, Walther woke up and overcorrected, and the van rolled several times before coming to rest in the median at milepost 201.

Walther and Allison Vangieson, 28, of St. Clair Shores, Mich., both died at the scene. Four other passengers — Katherine Walther, 54, also of Puyallup, and three juveniles — were taken by ambulance to Minidoka Memorial Hospital, where they were treated and released.

Vangieson was not wearing a seat belt and was thrown from the van, ISP reported. Both of the Walthers were wearing seat belts and the three children were all in child safety seats.

ISP continues to investigate the accident.

Man charged after girl hurt in rollover accident

A Blackfoot man has been charged with drinking and driving after an accident Friday night near Stanley, sent an 8-year-old passenger in his vehicle to the hospital.

Tony Galloway, 40, was driving north at about 10:45 p.m. on State Highway 75 when his 1998 Chevrolet Cavalier failed to negotiate a curve and went off the road, rolling several times, Idaho State Police reported.

Galloway was treated and released at the scene. His passenger, a young girl, was taken by air ambulance to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, where her condition is unknown.

Galloway was charged with a DUI, ISP reported, and the investigation continues into the incident.

Camas ice cream social today in Fairfield

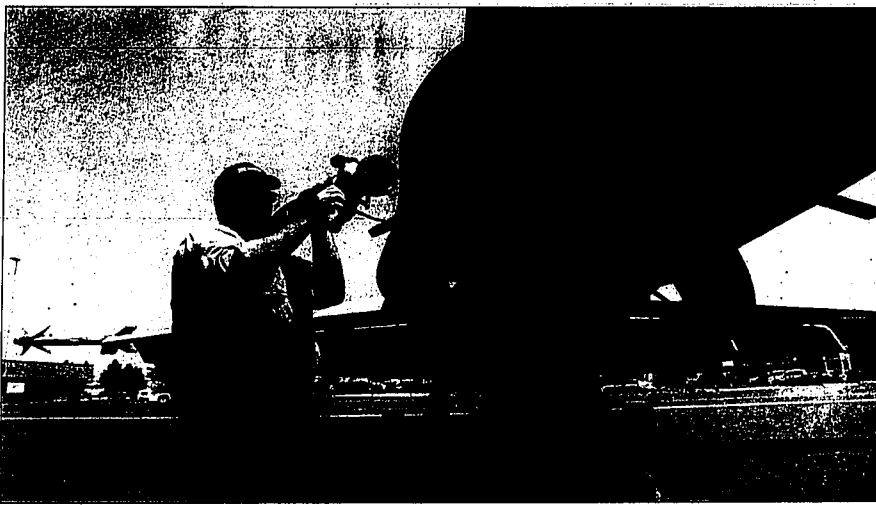
Today from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at Fairfield City Park, the Camas County Public Library will hold its annual ice cream social to raise money for its new building and remodel. Ice cream, sherbet, cookies, brownies and toppings will be served. Ice cream and sherbet this year will be donated by The Perfect Cup to celebrate its first anniversary.

— From staff reports

Where's Crump?

Steve Crump is on vacation. His column "Don't Ask Me" will return Wednesday.

MARINE FIGHTERS STOP IN TWIN FALLS



Danny Grubbs of Roeder Flying Service finishes fueling an FA-18 Hornet fighter jet during a pit stop at Twin Falls Airport. The Marine aviators made a stop in Twin Falls to refuel after participating in training exercises near Boise.

T-ball teaches kids (and parents) the fundamentals

Game has special place in culture

By Sean Breslin
Staff writer

Summer has barely begun, and already kindergarten T-ball is wrapping up in Twin Falls. It's a short season, lasting just five weeks. But that's a long time for 5- and 6-year-olds.

"It's pretty complex for these girls," said Harold Chambers, whose daughter plays in the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation T-Ball league.

With about 1,000 children from kindergarten to ninth grade enrolled in T-ball and baseball programs, recreation aide Brandy Mason attributes the game's popularity to its particular place in



American culture. "Baseball is America's game," Mason said. "Everybody loves baseball." And all those kids need space to play. Coordinating the city's available fields is the biggest challenge for parks and recreation, Mason said. "Anywhere there's a grass area and a backstop, we have games every night," she said. "Anywhere we can find a space."

The girls have all completed kindergarten, so going into the T-ball season they've got a

year of mingling with children their own age under their belts.

With T-ball, there's no score kept for the one-inning games. Everyone gets a chance to bat, and there's no outs. But as kids get older and into more advanced leagues, parents can get a bit more vocal about the rules, Mason said. "Everybody has an idea of what the rules should be, even though they change from season to season," she said.

But despite the challenges offered by young players, tight field schedules and parents, Mason said she's got it good. "It's a great job," she said.

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Braddon Barkhalter, 5, of Filer, runs for home plate during a T-ball game on June 11 in Filer.

Outdoors group lends a helping hand to special needs kids

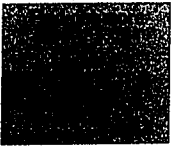
By Kathryn Montoya
Correspondent

A Twin Falls non-profit is bringing freedom to Idaho's trails.

Once a year, Helping Hands Freedom Trails offers children with disabilities — along with their families and caregivers — the opportunity to take in the Idaho outdoor experience. Program volunteer Dave Cooper, 61, said that he grew up fishing, hunting, backpacking and hiking.

"These kids don't get to enjoy Idaho like we do," said Cooper. "Some of these kids wait all year for these three days."

Cooper and Lloyd Ramsey, 68, both said they've been working with Helping Hands



for many years. It began around 1986 when Access Trail Rides, a group formed by the U.S. Forest Service, began helping people with disabilities enjoy the outdoors. When the group, renamed Access 90s during the 1990s, dissolved, the High Desert Backcountry Horseman took over.

Ramsey was a member of that group.

"They asked me to bring up my horses and I've been going ever since," he said. "We started with nothing and had to borrow everything. Over the years we started to purchase our own items."

Today, Ramsey said, the group hauls tents, tables and other supplies in a 48-foot semi and a 30-foot fifth-wheel.

The three-day trips are about more than camping. With the aid of specialized saddles and a wheelchair ramp, campers go on horse-back rides. An adapted rodeo is held, including log calf roping, stick horse riding and wheelchair barrel racing and pole bending.

Other activities include crafts, face painting, wagon

rides, games, campfires, karaoke, skits and a Saturday night dance.

"The dance lasts until midnight, or as long as the workers will let them stay up," Cooper said.

"Two of the highlights for Saturday night are the wheelchair limbo contest and the dance contest. Last year's trophy winner for the limbo contest got out of her wheelchair and crawled under the beam to win, Cooper said.

"We make allowances for the kids," he said.

Ramsey said there is no age limit or no ability limit for campers, and if only one member of a family qualifies for the trip, entire families are encouraged to come.

"If anyone wants to know more about it they can come

up to Elba and see what we do," he said.

This year's camp will be July 25-27 near Elba, southeast of Burley and Albion. The cost is \$20 per person, which includes a T-shirt and meals for three days.

Cooper said he expects to have 100 to 150 campers and around 100 volunteers. While the non-profit recoups between 30 to 50 percent of its operating costs from camper fees, it relies heavily on donations of money, equipment and volunteer time.

Still, Cooper said the pay — "smiles and hugs" — is good.

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SCCAP THANKS GARNAND



South Central Community Action Partnership thanks Gary Garnand and the Twin Falls Rotary Club for their generous donation of \$1,000 to support SCCAP's Second Annual Community Partnerships in Action event that will take place September 20 at the Twin Falls City Park. This contribution will assist them bringing in 60 to 80 booths from non-profit organizations and financial institutions that will provide information to more than 4,000 people about services that are available to low-income individuals and families across the Magic Valley. Pictured from left, Twin Falls Rotary Club President Gary Garnand and SCCAP Executive Director Ken Robinette.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Peterson graduates from A.T. Still University

Kylan D. Peterson, son the late Dan Peterson and Jan Peterson, graduated from A.T. Still University in Kirksville, Mo., on May 17. He recently began his residency in otolaryngology/facial plastic surgery at Genesys Regional Medical Center in Grand Blanc, Mich.

Peterson graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1996 as a valedictorian and graduated from Utah State University in 2002 after completing a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Santiago, Chile. He currently resides in Grand Blanc, Mich., with his wife Danette, daughter of Roger and Toni McBridge of Twin Falls, and son Kelon.

Burley's Kelsey makes Gonzaga dean's list

SPOKANE, Wash. — Michael W. Kelsey, a junior from Burley was named to the Gonzaga University dean's list for spring semester 2008.

Kelsey graduated from Burley High School where he served as the student body president for the 2005-06 school year. At Gonzaga, he has served as the parliamentarian as a freshman for the Gonzaga Student Body Association. As a sophomore, he was the attorney general. He will serve as the student

body vice president for his junior year 2008-2009. He is in the Gonzaga Comprehensive Leadership program and is also an ambassador for the school. He is majoring in business finance and marketing with a minor in philosophy. He is studying art and history in Rome for the summer. He is the son of Amy and Representative Fred Wood and Dan and Amy Kelsey.

Parrott gets scholarship to study agribusiness

Stephen Parrott of Buhl recently received a \$1,000 scholarship from the CHS Foundation, the major giving entity of CHS inc. an energy, grains and foods company.

Parrott will study agribusiness at the University of Idaho in Moscow.

Rupert's Ellis receives accounting scholarship

The Idaho Association of Public Accountants has awarded five \$1,000 scholarships to Idaho students who are pursuing degrees in accounting at Idaho colleges or universities.

The 2008-09 Betty Schmidt Memorial Scholarships recipient from the Magic Valley is Brian Ellis of Rupert. He will be attending Idaho State University. The scholarship committee awarded the scholarships based on student's academic merit, leadership, hard work, dedication and financial need. Students who are Idaho residents and will be juniors, seniors, or graduate students at Idaho colleges or universities who have declared accounting as their major are eligible to apply for the annual scholarship.

Eleven years later, Idaho Center still has trouble turning a profit

NAMPA (AP) — One of Idaho's largest performance venues remains unprofitable 11 years after it opened with much fanfare, though officials in this southwestern Idaho city say the Idaho Center is worth the half-million dollars in taxpayer subsidies it receives because of the facility's broader economic benefits to the region. Nampa boosters estimate the center, which in some configurations seats more than 13,000 people, brings some \$20 million to southwestern Idaho, in the form of hotel stays, restaurant dining and other purchases. They don't have figures on how much remains in Nampa.

Some critics complain the Idaho Center should be self-supporting and argue that much of the \$20 million goes to hotel operators in neighboring Boise and Meridian, where taxpayers don't pony up for the arena's operations. The city subsidy for operating expenses averaged about \$750,000 per year until 2005 when current operator, Philadelphia-based SMG, took over the reins from the urban renewal district that had built and operated the center. That fell to \$600,000 for fiscal year 2006 and \$500,000 in 2007.

Paint

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barbecue on the paint team, sponsors and others involved in the annual event.

The weather this year, Robinette said, was just right warm enough to allow the teams to finish their work early, but not too warm.

"Our ice cream didn't melt," he joked at Saturday's barbecue.

Oasis got involved after Robinette gave a presentation to them on the services agency provides. Team captain Anne Wilkinson said. About 25 people volunteered for her team, including several children. And most of them said they'd be helping out, she said, meaning the team may return next year.

"A lot of people said it was really fun," she said. The painters don't discriminate, and even Santa got himself a freshly painted house this week, courtesy of Filter Fire and Rescue. Larry

on grounds it would drain local taxes, told the Idaho Statesman. If a portion of the \$20 million goes to neighboring communities, "that doesn't help the people who paid for it, the people who are still paying for it," Hautzinger said.

She'd unhappy subsidies aren't being cut more rapidly — even as the center's horse park, amphitheater and arena draw rodeos, shows and concerts including misuses as the Balling Stones. Sting and blues rockers ZZ Top, expected this August.

The current fiscal year ends Sept. 30, and the Idaho Center is on target to meet or slightly beat its budgeted subsidy need of \$548,000, said Craig Baltzer, the Idaho Center's general manager.

He anticipates a similar subsidy for fiscal 2009. "We're trying to do our best to step this (subsidy) down each year," he said, adding rising costs and general economic uncertainty make another cut unlikely in the coming year.

City subsidies must be expected for publicly-owned complexes such as the Idaho Center, Baltzer maintains.

Though Idaho Center advocates can't say how much of the estimated \$20 million in direct and indirect economic impact goes to Nampa, but they say it's

significant — from filling what motel rooms are available to purchases of horse supplies by competitors who flock to equestrian shows.

"From an economic standpoint, it has been a resounding success," Nampa Economic Development Director Cliff Long said. "And we're going to see continued economic growth anchored by the Idaho Center."

He wants to develop more hotel and motel beds in Nampa.

Still, a long-proposed auditorium district is stalled at the current time.

"Nampa's the second-largest city in Idaho, but we don't have the facilities some other cities have," Long concedes. "We don't have a true full-service hotel, something like the Doubletree Riverside."

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Search dogs brought in to find victim

Man presumed to have drowned

SPALDING (AP) — A team of tracking cadaver dogs has been enlisted to help locate the body of a northcentral Idaho fisherman missing since May 16 and presumed drowned.

Jerry L. Thompson is believed by authorities to have fallen into the Clearwater River while trying to lift his boat's anchor. The 69-year-old Thompson's boat was found anchored adjacent to U.S. Highway 12, just north of the Nez Perce National Historical Park at Spalding, a historic Presbyterian missionary town dating back to 1836.

Kris Brock, one of the handlers for the non-profit High

Country Search Dogs team from Avon, Mont., says the nine dogs brought to Idaho are an important tool in bringing closure to loved ones desperate to learn the fate of the disappeared. Brock said the drive of the dog, and not its breed, is the real motivating factor that sends the animals searching.

"They do it for the reward of finding the person at the end," she told the Lewiston Tribune, adding the dogs will get a treat when they find what they're looking for. At least one of the dogs did latch on to an area of interest in the river, said Nez Perce County Sheriff's Sgt. Bill Madison, prompting searchers to send the dogs back for another pass.

Still, divers who entered the water later in the day did-

n't find anything. Madison said they would focus on that area again, as well as the upstream shoreline, as the search continues later this week.

High Country Search Dogs has a 24-hour emergency number, so volunteers on the team can be dispatched quickly should someone be lost. Teams affiliated with the group hail from Idaho, Montana, Utah and Wyoming. Dogs start training as early as 8 weeks and it takes hours and hours of work before they can be certified.

"It takes about a year of some pretty intense training," said Joe Manley, a deputy with the Fremont County Sheriff's Office in eastern Idaho who brought his bloodhound along for the search. The dogs include a variety

of breeds, including German shepherds.

Not all searches are for bodies; for instance, dogs from High Country in 2005 successfully located a 75-year-old truck driver who had gotten lost on a drive between Arizona and Washington state and wandered away from his vehicle.

Often, however, the outcome of their work results in the confirmation of bad news.

For instance, the dogs on the hunt for Thompson's scant may move up the Snake River to aid in the search for a missing swimmer at Lower Granite Dam in nearby Washington state. Jordan Bloom, 23, is believed to have drowned there Monday afternoon, according to the Garfield County Sheriff's Office.

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AROUND THE WEST

IDAHO

Woman accidentally backs over campers

SE. CHARLES, Idaho — A driver accidentally ran over a group of five Utah campers when backing up to fill the gas instead of a brake pedal.

Now one of the injured has died.

Idaho State Police said Michele Pereira of Orem, Utah, died from her injuries Friday night.

Pereira was one of five relatives, including an infant, that were run over as they sat under a beach awning earlier in the day at a North Shore beach camping site near St. Charles, Idaho.

The 1-year-old was admitted to Salt Lake's Primary Children's Hospital with serious injuries. Another person, Nicole Pereira March of Springville, Utah, was treated at Bear Lake Hospital in Montpelier.

Two others, Carlos and Chantal Pereira, both of Orem, were treated and released.

Police say the driver, an Orem woman, was backing up to the awning and intended to brake, but accelerated instead.

Salt retirees only about \$10,000 in debt

BOISE — Idaho U.S. Rep. Bill Sali retired only about \$10,000 of his remaining debt during the latest reporting period ending June 30, leaving him owing about \$125,000 from his 2006 campaign.

The accounts are estimated given by aides to Sali, R-Idaho.

Only estimates were available, because Sali has yet to have his fundraising details posted on the federal Election Commission Web site, as was required by July 15.

Sali spokesman Wayne Hoffman says technical glitches had prevented the campaign from uploading the material.

It's got about \$250,000 in cash on hand, nearly \$200,000 less than the \$400,000 his Democratic rival Walt Minnick has socked away in his campaign account with four months before the November general election.

NEVADA

Search team finds no sign of Fossett

CARSON CITY — A team of elite athletes and expert mountaineers has ended a weeklong hunt for Steve Fossett, finding no sign of the missing adventurer in his plane but eliminating miles of rugged terrain from areas that still must be searched.

The 10 searchers, headed by Canadian geologist and adventure racer Simon Donato, 31, packed up their gear on Saturday after taking a day to explore a steep canyon in Nevada's Wassuck Range, dominated by 11,239-foot-high Mount Grant. That followed six days of hiking in the Sweetwater Mountains and Bodie Hills to the west, on the state's border with California.

"We didn't find what we were looking for, but we covered a lot of land that can

where the project is now," agency spokesman Eric Mills said.

The hydropower generated by falling water in the 69-inch diameter pipes could offset the cost of the power needed to pump the water uphill, but there will be a net energy loss, he said.

The agency's cost estimate doesn't include years of debt service on government bonds.

— Associated Press

UTAH

Lake Powell pipeline pushes \$1 billion

SALT LAKE CITY — The 174-mile Lake Powell pipeline, a project that would bring more water to southwestern Utah, just got more expensive.

The U.S. Division of Water Resources says the hydropower-assisted project will top \$1 billion, nearly double an estimate made three years ago, to match new prices for materials including steel and general construction.

"This is a good snapshot of

September.

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Girl Scouts witness how cookie crumbles

By David Pierson
Los Angeles Times

With a sigh, Claremont, Calif., Mayor Ellen Taylor explained how she became the "Claremont Cookie Monster."

It happened during a chance encounter in March outside her husband's law office in the heart of the quaint college town, where she also works.

She noticed Girl Scouts had set-up a cookie sale on a street corner just outside the building. Taylor approached a troop leader and asked if they had permission to set-up.

The troop leader, Maia West, said she did.

West said Taylor told her she was disrupting her business. Taylor says she was simply worried the girls could get hurt next to such a busy intersection.

The confrontation ended with Taylor calling the police and the half dozen 8-to-10-year-old Girl Scouts packing up their cookies.

"We were just yelling 'Girl Scout cookies!' and the lady comes out and tells us to stop it because it's ruining her business and she can't work," said West's 10-year-old daughter, Amanda, recalling the incident. "The lady told us to go so we had to leave. We put our cookies away and got in the car and left."

A few of the Scouts jeered at Taylor as they left. By the time the police arrived, everyone was gone.

Taylor didn't think twice about the encounter. She thought she was doing the right thing.

But within days, the confrontation between the mayor and the Scouts was the talk of Claremont.

It would get worse in the coming months, leading to accusations that the city was trying to punish the Girl Scouts with a new law and nasty name calling directed at Taylor.

Taylor still is trying to put what she called the "Girl Scout cookie saga" behind her.

City officials are just hoping the community can move on.

"What happened with the Girl Scouts," said City Manager Jeffrey C. Pierson, "got blown way out of proportion."

After packing up and leaving the sidewalk in front of the office building West and her Girl Scout troop were angry.

They had sold cookies on the streets of Claremont for years with no complaints or problems.

"It was such a negative experience," said West, who has lived just outside Claremont for nine years. "Here we are trying to encourage these young girls to be entrepreneurs and this woman shuts them down. The Scouts didn't feel very good about it."

A few days later West made a fateful decision: She sent an e-mail chronicling the incident to the *Claremont Insider*, a popular blog known for its gossipy items and sharp jabs at local politicians.

An anonymous editor of the *Claremont Insider* dubbed Taylor the "Claremont Cookie Monster" in a series of biting posts. Readers responded with their own comments, the vast majority siding with the Scouts.

On the blog, she became known alternately as "Queen Ellen," "Wrong Way Ellen" and "Tough Cookie Taylor" and "Her Honorable Majesty."

It wasn't long before the *Claremont Courier* ran an article and published readers' letters ridiculing Taylor for taking on the Girl Scouts.

"I actually felt sorry for her after a while," West said about the name-calling on the blog.

Then came the proposed ordinance.

The Claremont City Council proposed rules that would force solicitors to obtain a permit and undergo a background check before hitting the streets of Claremont.

The ordinance specifically cited Girl Scouts, among others, as nonprofit organizations that will need to apply

for a permit to go door-to-door.

West knew nothing about the ordinance until a cousin who lived in Claremont called her a few days after the incident with Taylor and told her she received a mailer about the new law.

"She said, 'You really did it now,'" West said.

In fact, the city had been considering the solicitation rules for months. The ordinance updated a 1982 city

law that regulated solicitation but was left inactive since 2002, after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled such laws a violation of the First Amendment, officials said.

Under the new law, Girl Scouts would need a permit to go door-to-door but would be exempt from being fingerprinted and subject to criminal background checks. That scrutiny is reserved for commercial, not charitable, solicitors.

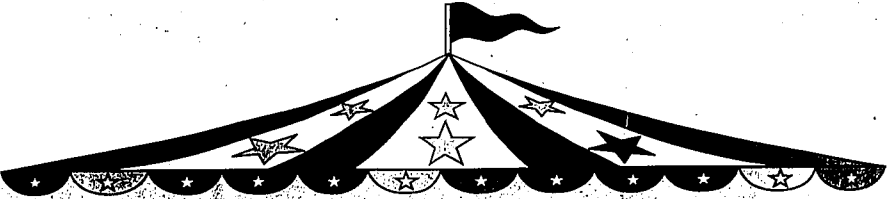
The ordinance added fuel to the Girl Scout debate — with some questioning whether the incident played a role. Taylor again took a drubbing.

Taylor said she tried to set the record straight. She spoke to one of the troop leaders who had set up in front of the law office, apologizing for stopping their sales that day.

She offered to buy some cookies, but there were none left.

Mayor Ellen Taylor still is trying to put what she called the "Girl Scout cookie saga" behind her.

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Witness tells how U.S. taxes evaded abroad

By Desmond Butler
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — A man wanted by Liechtenstein for leaking secret banking information that identified millionaires tax cheats across Europe and the United States described how Swiss federal investigators how money was concealed.

Lawmakers played a videotape of the testimony by Heinrich Kieber at a congressional hearing Thursday that revealed rare details of offshore practices at two European banks. At the hearing, Swiss banking giant, UBS AG, announced that because of recent revelations, it will stop offering U.S. clients offshore services through branches based abroad.

Kieber appeared only as a silhouette against a white screen with eyeglasses and a balding head apparent. Kieber is living under a new name in an undisclosed witness protection program, according to lawmakers. He has never spoken publicly about his role in exposing tax shelters he says were used by Liechtenstein's LGT group.

In the videotaped interview with the congressional investigators, he described ruses that he saw while working at the bank, which he said were used to cover the tracks of money moved into accounts.

The hearing by the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs investigations subcommittee highlights officials believe cost the U.S. government about \$100 billion a year.

The hearing came a day after the panel released a 109-page report that took aim at LGT, owned by Liechtenstein's royal family, and UBS, one of the world's largest wealth managers.

Mark Branson, chief financial officer of UBS' global wealth management, said at the hearing that the bank regrets "any compliance failures that may have occurred" and will now provide banking or security services to U.S. citizens only through companies licensed in the United States. He said the bank also is working with U.S. authorities to identify clients involved in U.S. tax fraud.

LGT refused to send a representative but said in a statement that it had cooperated by sending a senior official for a lengthy interview and providing all the documents requested by the panel.

Both LGT and UBS came under withering criticism from the lawmakers.

"Tax havens are engaged in economic warfare against the United States and honest, hardworking American taxpayers," said Democratic Sen. Carl Levin, chairman of the subcommittee. "Today we will look at two banks that relied on secrecy and deception to hide, not just the tax avoidance schemes of their clients but the actions they themselves took to facilitate U.S. tax evasion."

UBS has said it is cooperating with a Swiss investigation as well as an expanding U.S. probe of taxpayers who may have used overseas accounts to hide assets and avoid taxes. UBS has promised to disclose records involving U.S. clients who might have broken tax laws. It also has banned its Swiss bankers from traveling to the United States.

U.S. authorities also have asked the Swiss government to help in the U.S. investigation.

Swiss Finance Ministry spokesman Jean-Michel Trepoizat said Swiss tax authorities received a U.S. request for "administrative assistance" on Thursday.

He said the request would now be analyzed, but he said nothing further.

The subcommittee report said that UBS bankers searched out wealthy U.S. clients and aggressively marketed services to taxpayers who otherwise would not have opened Swiss accounts. It said the bank's practices resulted in billions of dollars of U.S. taxpayer money in accounts that were not disclosed to tax authorities.

The report said UBS has

estimated that it has 1,000 declared accounts in Switzerland for U.S. clients against 19,000 undeclared, with a combined value of \$17.9 billion.

Investigations linked to LGT have been launched in a number of countries since German authorities obtained in February the CD-ROM of some 1,400 alleged tax cheats with accounts at the bank

that Liechtenstein says Kieber leaked. Germany has since passed the file to other countries, including the United States.

In his videotaped testimony, Kieber described shell companies used as "high grade camouflage." Money was often transferred through bank-controlled legal entities registered in numerous countries with lax

regulations, including Panama, the British Virgin Islands and Nigeria, he said.

Additional concealment was provided by fake transactions designed to make it look like clients had withdrawn cash from a bank, when in reality they were credited into a LGT account.

The only purpose of all of this is to make it extremely complicated for law enforcement

agencies to follow the trail, as each step serves as a filter to hide the track of the client's money," he said.

He said that clients were advised how to avoid scrutiny, including not telling anyone including lawyers and family members about hidden money. Clients were also encouraged to use pay phones to contact bank representatives on cell phones

from Switzerland and Austria and to use code words in communications.

LGT questions Kieber's objectivity and accuses him of stealing the information, according to Michael Robinson, a spokesman for the bank. It says that much of the information that Kieber has provided involves records going back to the 1970s and 1980s.

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Archaeologists will reconstruct boat buried beside pyramid

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Archaeologists will excavate hundreds of fragments of an ancient Egyptian wooden boat entombed in an underground chamber next to Giza's Great Pyramid and try to reassemble the craft, Egyptologists announced Saturday.

The 4,500-year-old vessel is the sister ship of a similar boat removed in pieces from another pit in 1954 and painstakingly reconstructed. Experts believe the boats were meant to ferry the pharaoh who built the Great Pyramid in the afterlife.

Starting Saturday, tourists were allowed to view images of the inside of the second boat pit from a camera inserted through the a hole in the chamber's limestone ceiling. The video image, transmitted onto a small TV monitor at the site, showed layers of crisscrossing beams and planks on the floor of the dark pit.

"You can smell the past," said Zahi Hawass, director of Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities.

Experts will begin removing



Belgian tourists visit the ancient Pharaoh king Cheops' first solar boat during their visit to the boat museum at the pyramids site in Giza, Egypt. Archaeologists announced Saturday they will rebuild a sister ship.

around 600 pieces of timber in November, said professor Sakuj Yoshimura of Japan's Waseda University, who is helping lead the restoration effort with the antiquities council.

The discovery of the boat pits more than 50 years ago by workmen clearing a large mound of wind-blown debris from the south side of the Great Pyramid is considered

one of the most significant finds on the plateau. They are the oldest vessels to have survived from antiquity.

The reconstructed ship is on display in a museum built above the pit where it was discovered. It is a narrow vessel measuring 142 feet with a rectangular deckhouse and long, interlocking oars that soar overhead.

Dignitaries attend party for Mandela's 90th

QUUNU, South Africa (AP) — Songs, laughter, teasing and tender words marked Nelson Mandela's 90th birthday celebration Saturday as presidents, village elders and African royalty joined him for a festive luncheon on his rural homestead.

The Nobel Peace Prize winner celebrated privately with his family in this rural southeastern village Friday, the day he turned 90. Saturday was a grand occasion, held in a tent outside his homestead in Quunu, 600 miles south of Johannesburg, where as a boy he herded cattle in the hills.

The anti-apartheid lion walked into the tent with his

successor to the South African presidency, Thabo Mbeki, and African National Congress leader Jacob Zuma, stopping to personally greet some of the 500 guests as he made his way to the head table.

The guests, many dressed in traditional beaded cloths, animals skins and feather headdresses, stood and cheered while a Xhosa choir sang "Here is our hope!"

Wearing an intricately patterned

shirt in shades of brown, Mandela looked relaxed and cheerful as he listened attentively to the accolades being heaped on him.

Mbeki called Mandela a "great liberator." Zuma said the gathering was a celebration of "a life and legacy of a father, grandfather, comrade, warrior, soldier, nation builder and statesman."

Former Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda caught the festive mood with a tuneful solo of "Happy Birthday," followed by a teasing verse: "How old are you? State secret!" Then the 84-year-old Kaunda logged over to shake Mandela's hand.

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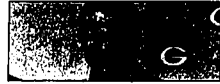
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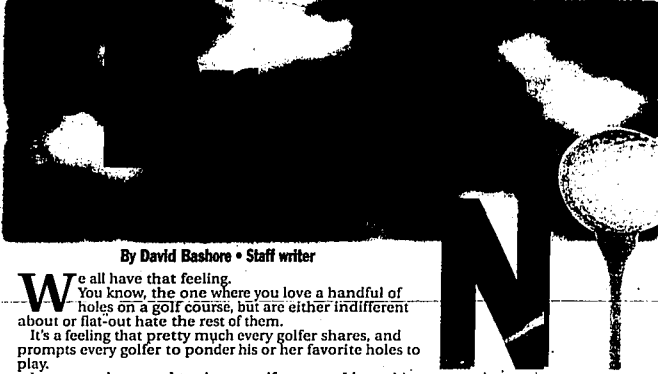
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HITTING THE LINKS: DAY 2



By David Bashore • Staff writer

We all have that feeling. You know, the one where you love a handful of holes on a golf course, but are either indifferent about or flat-out hate the rest of them. It's a feeling that pretty much every golfer shares, and prompts every golfer to ponder his or her favorite holes to play. In my travels around to six area golf courses, I bore this thought in mind and compiled what I believe to be the nine best holes over these six courses — in my humble opinion, of course. Here they are, in no particular order, along with my suggestion for navigating each. (Note: Distances are from the back tees, to the center of the green.)

NINE

Times-News writer's take on best holes in the area

Hole No. 1

TWIN FALLS MUNI NO. 13
Par: 4
Yardage: 255
Summary: The green sits there and invites long hitters to go for it, and with a 255-yard straight shot to the center of the green, it's an inviting proposition. But a cavernous bunker lurks at the left-front of the green, just waiting to gobble up your ball if you fall victim to the temptation and get too greedy. Suggestion: Play a 3- or 4-iron to get within 75 yards, then pitch your way on. It's a better way to make sure you get out of there with par if you can two-putt, rather than trying to go for a birdie and ending up taking a 5 or worse.

Hole No. 2

PLEASANT VALLEY NO. 7
Par: 3
Yardage: 128
Summary: This is probably the most enjoyable hole I played in my six-course adventure. You tee off from a bluff overlooking the green, which lies in a basin a considerable distance below. You can pretty much throw yardage out the window, as the posted distance tricks the mind into forgetting about that little thing called gravity. Suggestion: Play a pitching wedge with a smooth, easy swing. Don't try to crush it, because a hard stroke will fly the green and risk sailing out of bounds even with the short-cut club in your bag. But with a fluid half-to three-quarter swing you should find yourself on the dance floor.



A waterfall, pictured from the No. 13 fairway at Canyon Springs Golf Course, cascades down the canyon wall a short distance from the No. 14 tee box, coupling with surrounding trees to provide an ambience of natural isolation.

Hole No. 3

CLEAR LAKE NO. 14
Par: 4
Yardage: 371
Summary: The tee box is set up on a natural platform overlooking the fairway below, with a healthy chunk of scraggly brush and chunky rough separating the two. Clearing the hazard is just the first obstacle on a hole that heads downhill and then sweeps to the left. Suggestion: Because of so much brush between the tee box and the front edge of the fairway, there's little choice but to let loose on this one. Assuming you keep it in the fairway, you'll probably need an 8- or 9-iron to get it on, unless you really get a good blast.

Hole No. 4

93 GOLF RANCH NO. 2
Par: 4
Yardage: 432
Summary: This long par 4 has an intriguing second shot, no matter where you hit the first one, because the shot into the green is more than likely going to be entirely blind. You're heading uphill into the green as well, meaning that you'll have to choose your club carefully lest you short or sail the green. Suggestion: This is almost certainly a two-wood shot for the average golfer, if you want to get on the green in regulation. Longer hitters can drive and then leave themselves a longer iron shot into the green. Before you take that tricky second shot, head up the ridge and get a visual on the green, then choose a target (a tree, some point in the sky, etc.) to aim at.

Don't quit your day job, you hack!

I don't pretend to be a great golfer. In fact, if Charles Barkley and I yours truly squared off for 18 holes, it'd probably be a reasonably even match. If I'm totally honest, I'd have to guess Sir Charles might come out on the winning end — my abacus tells me he's about four points better than me on the Stableford system. Yeah, I'm #1 on the list. Outside of a nine-hole 44 at Par-33



DAVID BASHORE

Pleasant Valley Golf Course in Kimberly — the first course I played in a six-round escapade to area courses — I didn't even sniff a respectable score. Not 90, not 100, not even 110. The other five rounds landed somewhere between 116 (at Twin Falls Muni) and 131 (at Canyon Springs Golf Course). But the important thing was that I enjoyed myself — when I wasn't finding hazards with expert precision or hitting the ball continuously out of bounds, that is. Whether I was chipping in for birdie on Pleasant Valley's No. 6, sinking a 16-foot putt on Clear Lake Country Club's No. 17 (albeit for triple bogey) or trying to go through what had to be the thickest pine trees in the history of mankind on Jerome Country Club's par-3 No. 12 only to take a 9, I learned a few things about my own game and a few of the exceptional public courses we have in the immediate area. The scores I logged on each of the six courses I tackled more or less were reasonably indicative of how I felt the courses ought to be ranked in terms of difficulty. Not an official ranking by any means, just a hack golfer's humble observation. The only real anomaly in that score spread was Clear Lake, and with good reason. I usually prefer to golf by myself. This is primarily because I accept that I'm atrocious at the game and would rather not totally embarrass myself in front of anyone at all, let alone one to three people almost surely better at golf than I am. But when I mentioned to my father, who lives in Nampa, that I was going to play at

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DREAM NINE: CONTINUED ON PAGE D7

Coming Monday: The best places to pull off some impressive feats.

The Shark is circling with 2-shot lead at British

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press writer

SOUTHPORT, England — Greg Norman has another chance to win a major. This time, he might have nothing to lose. In gusts that approached 50 mph Saturday at Royal Birkdale, Norman finished off another chapter of this incredible script at the British Open with the perfect pitch shot over a pot bunker that settled a few inches from the cup, the easiest putt he had all day. Norman played bogey-free over the final eight holes for a 2-over 72, emerging from a four-way logjam at the turn to take a two-shot lead over defending champion Padraig Harrington and K.J. Choi. The rest of the details are still hard to believe. This is no longer the thrill-seeking Great White Shark who used to

British Open

Third-round leaders	
Greg Norman	+2
Padraig Harrington	+4
K.J. Choi	+4
Simon Wakefield	+5
Ben Curtis	+7
Ross Fisher	+7
Anthony Kim	+7
Alexander Noren	+7
Other notables	
David Love III	+9
Sergio Garcia	+9
Mike Weir	+11
Ernie Els	+13
Phil Mickelton	+13

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routinely beat up on the best players in every major until it was time to award the trophy. That was when his game was tested, and the wounds from so many

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majors-gone-wrong were still fresh. Norman is now 53, newly wed to tennis great Chris Evert, a part-time golfer who had not played in a major for three years. The only reason he entered this British Open was to practice for a couple of senior majors in the coming weeks. "It is different, no question," Norman said. "The players are probably saying, 'My God, what's he doing up there?'" Equally different are the expectations. This is the eighth time Norman, who was at 2-over 212, had had at

least a share of the 54-hole lead in a major. But it's the first time since he was six shots ahead of Nick Faldo going into the last round of the 1996 Masters, where he lost by five in a collapse that seemed to define his career in the majors. He will be in the last group Sunday with Harrington, who doesn't see Norman as anything but a two-time British Open champion. "When he's interested, Greg Norman can really play," said Harrington, who overcame his wind-blown mistakes with four birdies for a 72. "He's well capable of putting it together, as he's shown in the first three rounds, and I don't think anybody should expect anything but good play from him tomorrow." Norman and Harrington were

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Greg Norman of Australia plays on the No. 15 hole during the third round of the British Open Golf championship, at the Royal Birkdale golf course, Southport, England, Saturday.

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Baseball scores for Boston Red Sox vs Los Angeles Angels, Cleveland Indians vs Detroit Tigers, etc.

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Fever beat Liberty as WNBA holds first outdoor game in New York

NEW YORK — Katie Douglas and the Indiana Fever stole the spotlight — under the moonlight — from the New York Liberty in the WNBA's first outdoor game.

On a basketball court laid on top of the tennis court at Arthur Ashe Stadium, Douglas scored nine of her 20 points in the fourth quarter, Tumika Catchings had 15 points and nine rebounds, and the Fever (11-1) beat the Liberty 71-55 on Saturday night.

Even though the game was scheduled for a night start in hopes of avoiding the summer sun and heat, the game-time temperature was a steamy 87 degrees. The setting sun was only shining on one corner of the top level of seats, and there was a slight breeze blowing across the court from one corner.

"Probably the biggest thing both teams will have to be concerned about is making sure they stay hydrated," Catchings said. "Definitely trying to keep your body temperature low."

MARTIAL ARTS

Pil Sung shines at Taekwondo nationals

For the Times-News

Pil Sung Martial Arts of Rupert recently participated in a National Taekwondo tournament held June 21 in Seattle. In addition to eight national titles, Pil Sung stu-

dents claimed 23 gold medals, 12 silver medals and 27 bronze medals. Pil Sung took 24 competitors to the tournament, which featured competitors from Idaho, California, Washington, Oregon, Canada and Arizona.

Courtesy photos



Pictured, from left, are Janie Toner, Carlissa Toner, Aetelia Toner and Felix Dapping.



Pictured, from left, are Brandie Bethke, Fletcher Taylor, Jeffery Sjobalm, Kaitlin Wilcox and Felix Dapping. In front is Lincoln Taylor.



Pictured, from left, front row: Brandie Bethke, Sara Woodward and Quentia Taylor; back row: Kelle Allred, Lisa Farnsworth, Nathan Woodward, Travis Fulcher, Ray Farnsworth, Shaela Richards and Jessica Woodward.



Pictured, from left, are Verna Hoyt-Lidell, Liliana Suanero-Nava and Chuck Dapping.

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YOUTH BASEBALL



Mini-Cassia Braves place at tourneys

The Mini-Cassia Braves all-star baseball team took second place at the Rupert Tournament and fourth at the Burley Tournament, competing in the 11-12-year-old division. The team is affiliated with the Express. Pictured, from left, front row: Bat boy Chavez, Domielco Chavez, Daniel Freilburger, Chris Caldera, Hunter Graefe, Tanner Harper and coach Eric Harper; second row: Coach Bruce Brysbeare, Hunter Brysbeare, Brian Christenson, Cody Vogt, Zack Terry, Jordan Valdez, Nick Redder and coach Scott Redder. Not pictured: Coach Joe Freilburger.



Burgess' Intermountain students advance

Burgess' Intermountain Martial Arts advanced five students in June. Pictured, from left, are Noah, Caleb, Malik, Donovan, Logan and Josh Burgess.



Pil Sung demo team performs

Pil Sung Martial Arts' demonstration team, pictured, performed at the National Iwa Rang Taekwondo Tournament in Seattle on June 21, earning the HTF Demo Team of the Year for 2008.

LOCAL GOLF

Muni ladies hold Golfer of Month

For the Times-News

The Twin Falls Muni Ladies Golf Association played for Golfer of the Month on July 10. Ilene Carey shot a 95 to take Gross Golfer of the Month and Kathy Janson shot a net 65 for Net Golfer of the Month. Virginia Undhjem took first gross with a 69, while Naleen Dury shot a net 66 for first place net. Barbara Short shot a net 68 to take second.

On July 17, the Twin Falls Muni Ladies Golf Association played Beat the Pro. Mike Hamblin shot a 69 and Helen Brown beat the pro with a net 65. Dustie Becker tied the pro with a 68.

Virginia Undhjem took first gross with a 73. Dustie Becker took second with a 90 and Linda Hocke shot a 94 for third. On the bet side, Helen Brown had a net 66 for first, Barbara Frith shot a net 69 for second and Carole Kassel took third with a 70.

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Your Scores

BOWLING

BOWLADROME: TWIN FALLS

MONDAY MIXED COUPLES
MEN'S SERIES: Bob Leazer 621, Dennis Seckel 560, Mike Andrae 523.

MEN'S GAMES: Bob Leazer 217, Dennis Seckel 212, Victor Hagood 204, Mike Andrae 177.

LADIES SERIES: Michele Seckel 584, Kim Leazer 510, Jennifer Lewis 415.

LADIES GAMES: Michele Seckel 198, Kim Leazer 183, Jennifer Lewis 155.

TUES. NO TAP

MEN'S SERIES: Jake Smith 777, Ed Dury 675, Con Moser 676, Blaine Ross 648.

MEN'S GAMES: Jake Smith 277, Con Moser 256, Ed Dury 245, Blaine Ross 244.

LADIES SERIES: Linda Cline 654, Susann McCann 654, Joanne Miller 633, Bonnie Draper 558.

LADIES GAMES: Joanne Miller 260, Linda Cline 245, Susan McCann 239, Bonnie Draper 233.

THURS. NO TAP

MEN'S SERIES: Ian DeVries 729, Jim DeVries 635, Mike Starr 635, Mike Andrae 600.

MEN'S GAMES: Ian DeVries 262, Jim DeVries 244, Mike Starr 221, Mike Andrae 216.

LADIES SERIES: Ann Shepherd 638, Gail Knight 583, Pona Hudson 543, Jill Copenbarger 429.

LADIES GAMES: Ann Shepherd 208, Pona Hudson 220, Gail Knight 206, Jill Copenbarger 181.

ADULT/YOUTH

MEN'S SERIES: Nathan Ybarra 592, Fred Eters 461.

MEN'S GAMES: Nathan Ybarra 203, Fred Eters 172.

GIRLS' SERIES: Ashley Eters 212.

GIRLS' GAMES: Ashley Eters 124.

MAGIC BOWL, TWIN FALLS SUN. YOUTH-ADULT

BOYS' SERIES: Trevor Wakley 571, Kyle Mason 561.

BOYS' GAMES: Trevor Wakley 245, Kyle Mason 200, Zack Black 196, Dominic Curtis 184.

TUESDAY MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Norm Hatke 661, Tim Craig 610, Sonny Miller 514, Derrick Hanson 503.

MEN'S GAMES: Norm Hatke 255, Tim Craig 225, Joe McClure 206, Sonny Miller 186.

LADIES SERIES: Traci Hanson 542, Georgia Randall 526, LaDonna Molsow 470, Melody Hatke 425.

LADIES GAMES: Traci Hanson 200, Georgia Randall 194, LaDonna Molsow 185, Kathy McClure 153.

YOUTH-ADULT

MEN'S SERIES: Kent Stowe 592, Joe McClure 562, Dan Churchman 412.

MEN'S GAMES: Kent Stowe 247, Joe McClure 209, Dan Churchman 145.

LADIES SERIES: Ada Perrine 563, Billie Mason 427, Chantel Marlon 376, Julie Galley 342.

LADIES GAMES: Ada Perrine 216, Billie Mason 186, Chantel Marlon 155, Julie Galley 152.

BOYS' SERIES: Kyle Mason 616, Cody Galley 393, Dylan Kenyon 317, Michael Jenkins 303.

BOYS' GAMES: Kyle Mason 214, Cody Galley 142, Dylan Kenyon 120, Michael Jenkins 111.

GIRLS' SERIES: All Churchman 439, Chaz Shoup 166.

GIRLS' GAMES: All Churchman 177, Chaz Shoup 72.

YOUTH-ADULT

MEN'S SERIES: Kent Stowe 729, Dan Churchman 577.

MEN'S GAMES: Kent Stowe 268, Dan Churchman 196.

LADIES SERIES: Billie Mason 476m, Ada Perrine 401, Julie Galley 253.

LADIES GAMES: Billie Mason 182, Ada Perrine 160, Julie Galley 86.

BOYS' SERIES: Kyle Mason 677, Cody Galley 302, Ac Stowe 144.

BOYS' GAMES: Kyle Mason 257, Cody Galley 108, Ac Stowe 59.

GIRLS' SERIES: All Churchman 399, Chaz Shoup 207.

GIRLS' GAMES: All Churchman 151, Chaz Shoup 92.

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Hole No. 5

CANYON SPRINGS NO. 14
Par: 5
Yardage: 479
Summary: This one makes my list if for no other reason than you have the waterfall from across the road cascading down nearby. The elevated tee box, nearly enshrouded in trees, gives you a real sense of being isolated from the outside world. If you're able to focus on the awaiting hole rather than the surreal nature scene around you, you can do well on the hole. It's not terribly difficult to navigate.
Suggestion: Clear your head and swing away. The only real hazard is the road to the left and some trees in the distance to the right, so there's nothing to dissuade you from busting out the driver and having a crack at it. Big hitters may be able to reach the green in two, but three solid shots should get just about anyone on regulation.

Hole No. 6

TWIN FALLS MUNI NO. 11
Par: 4
Yardage: 261
Summary: Much like Muni's No. 13, this is green is tantalizingly reachable with the driver for long hitters, but there are different pitfalls to consider. Bunkers guard either side of the approach zone leading up to the green, and a lateral hazard containing tall, thick growth lies back and left of the green, if you really got all of it. For those with a slice, the road (and out of bounds, naturally) lies right side of the hole.
Suggestion: Unless you can boast of deadly accuracy with the driver, lay up with a well-struck 4- or 5-iron, ensuring you'll go well short of the green and have a reasonable pitch to the hole.

Pleasant Valley Golf Course's No. 7 hole is one of the most enjoyable holes in the Idaho Valley. At 122 yards in length, the tee is on a bluff with the green in a basin well below.
Staff photo by BARRY BUCHHEIT

Hole No. 7

CLEAR LAKE NO. 4

**Par: 4
Yardage: 326**
Summary: This hole rapidly descends downhill, resulting in a completely blind tee shot into the basin below. The fairway slopes down to the

right, leaving a solid shot to reach the green in regulation. With proper forethought and the right club selection, however, this tricky sloping, dog-legged hole can be navigated with success.
Suggestion: If you can hit it clean and keep it in the fairway, the driver wouldn't be a bad option, leaving a modest chip to get on the green. Otherwise striking a long iron and wedge will probably achieve the same purpose.



The No. 13 hole at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course can be tricky, particularly if you land in the bunker after trying to go for the green.

Hole No. 8

JEROME COUNTRY CLUB NO. 5

**Par: 3
Yardage: 190**
Summary: For 3 over water about covers it. A small pond creeps up from the left, and if you want to attack the green you'll have to hit it over the drink — but wise club selection is essential because if you short it, you're almost certainly wet. An escape route lies to the right for those less daring. But you're not going to make anything better than par on there barring a miraculous chip-in.
Suggestion: Go for it with a long iron. Big hitters might be able to take a 5- or 6-iron to it, while the average golfer might need a 3- or 4-iron. For those who subscribe to the cliché that discretion is the better part of valor, you can lay up to the right with just about any club and leave a short wedge shot into the green.

Hole No. 9

93 GOLF RANCH NO. 14

**Par: 4
Yardage: 412**
Summary: The green here is pretty tricky. The fairway runs straight, but the danger lies off to the right, across a small channel of water. The second shot is pretty much make-or-break, and leaves those within range of the green with a decision to go for glory or play it safe.
Suggestion: If you're going to go for it, a solid tee shot is vital as you don't want to be going for the green over the water with a 4- or 5-iron; it's a much easier shot with a 7- or 8-iron if you can get the tee shot that far. If you can't hit within 160 yards off your tee shot or you just don't feel comfortable firing with disarray, lay up on the second shot and give yourself a short iron chance straight-on rather than going from an angle over the water.

Harrington tries to win another Hack

SOUTHPORT, England (AP) — Padraig Harrington might have come up with a new practice routine for the majors.

1. Play the front nine. Once should be enough.
 2. Just walk the course after that, chatting leisurely with the guy who's getting some real work in.
 3. Stop off at the greens for a little chipping and putting.
- A bit unorthodox? Sure, but Harrington has no complaints about the way it worked for him at this British Open.

"At least I didn't tire myself out," he said with that nasal-tongued burgle of his.

On Sunday, Harrington will be playing in the final group of a tournament he didn't even know he'd be healthy enough to play just a few days ago. He'll have to overcome a two-shot deficit to Greg Norman to take home the claret jug for another year, but just consider where this peak fishman was on the eve of the weekend.

Last week, Harrington hurt his right wrist doing an exercise that was supposed to strengthen it. He took Monday off, then played nine holes Tuesday before it started bothering him. He came out Wednesday intent getting in a round, but that lasted just three days.

The rest of the time, he just walked along with Woody



Padraig Harrington lines up a putt during the third round of the British Open Golf championship at the Royal Birkdale golf course, Southport, England, Saturday.

Austin, studying the course but mostly just laughing and sharing stories in between Austin's shots. Harrington's caddie lugged a putter and a handful of wedges, the only clubs his boss felt comfortable swinging.

Less than 24 hours before his tee time, Harrington walked down the 18th fairway with three reporters in tow, admitting he wasn't sure if he was healthy enough to play. Certainly, if this was just about any other event, he would have packed it in right there.

But this is the Open, and he's the defending champion. So, the next morning Harrington reported to the first tee at his appointed time, gritted his teeth and headed out to shoot a most respectable 74 in miserable conditions.

The wrist was sore, but it held up.

Now, he's not even thinking about it.

"The wrist seems to be fine. No problems with it," Harrington said Saturday after a 2-over 72 in fierce winds left him deadlocked with K.J. Choi, only Norman above them on the score-board. "I will continue to have treatment and continue to look after it, but I'm confident in it at this stage."

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Clear Lake on one of his days off from Micron. There was never any doubt that I was going to have company.

It was during that round that I finally grasped how fickle a game golf is. I started out well enough, earning a par on No. 1 and hitting my irons really well. But as the round progressed — and my dad and his golfing buddy started convincing me to use the driver I have less than two confidence in — those shots started to fade. But something else started picking up.

After reaching the green on No. 9, Dad's buddy Robert — who sports an 8.5 handicap compared to my ... well, I don't think they have handi-

caps high enough to reflect my golfing incompetence — noticed that I was standing too far away from my ball when putting. He told me to get my head directly over the ball. I made the recommended adjustment and did what three-putt a single green the rest of the day.

Since that moment my putting has been vastly improved. It's just everything else that I used to do reasonably well in my overall game

that's now gone to pot, and I still haven't gotten it back. But that's the humbling part of golf, I guess, and it gives me something to work on now that I'm starting to get the putting game nailed down.

When I figure the rest out, I'll finally give the Chuckster a run for his money.

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British

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the only two players among the final 11 groups to break 75.

No one broke par. Nine players failed to break 80, including David Duval, who was three shots off the opening hole and an 83, matching his worst score in a British Open.

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measuring 30 mph when the first player teed off at breakfast and holding steady at 40 mph during the heart of the third round — making it hard to appreciate what Norman was doing.

He is 18 holes away from becoming golf's oldest major champion by five years. Julius Boros was 48 when he won the 1968 PGA Championship in San Antonio.

Maybe it was just a coincidence, but Jack Nicklaus was in town on Friday. He was 46 and seemingly out to pasture when he shot 30 on the back nine at Augusta National in 1966 to win the Masters for a sixth time. Norman was a runner-up that year, naturally.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Sunny and hazy skies, light winds and hot temperatures. Highs 95 to 98.
 Tonight: Clear, but plenty of haze will linger. Light and variable winds. Lows 60 to 63.
 Tomorrow: Slightly cooler and still sunny. Hazy skies likely to persist. Highs 89 to 93.

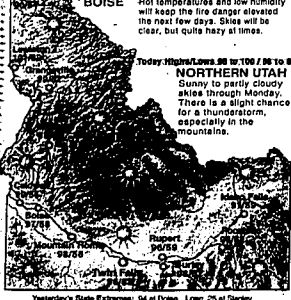
BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Sunny and hazy skies, light winds and hot temperatures. Highs 95 to 98.
 Tonight: Clear, but hazy skies. Winds will be light and variable. Lows 60 to 63.
 Tomorrow: Not quite so hot. Sunny skies will be filled with haze. Highs 88 to 91.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
 Skies will be sunny, but plenty of haze will be around from the California fires. Temperatures will be very warm, but it might cool nicely. The haze danger will remain very high.

BOISE
 Today: Highs 78 to 89. Temperatures in the 80s to 90s. Hot temperatures and low humidity will keep the fire danger elevated the next few days. Skies will be clear, but quite hazy at times.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 94 at Idaho Falls, 25 at Burley. Weather key: H: hazy, B: blizzard, C: cloudy, F: fog, H: heavy snow, H: haze, L: light snow, M: mostly cloudy, N: mist, O: overcast, R: rain, S: scattered, T: thunderstorm, W: wind.

BREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I'm making a hole in the stone not by hitting it, but by not falling."

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Sunny and hot	Clear and warm	Sunny and slightly hazy	Sunny, temperatures edge back up	Sunny and hot	Temperatures remain above average
High 96	Low 63	91/62	95/63	94/60	92/61

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset	Pollen Count
Yesterday's Low: 60	0.00	60%	30.04	6:18 AM	Low
Yesterday's High: 96	0.00	60%	30.04	8:07 PM	Low
Record Low: 38	0.00	60%	30.04	6:21 AM	Low
Record High: 98	0.00	60%	30.04	8:07 PM	Low

Moon Phases

Aug 25: Last Day	Aug 1: New Moon	Aug 8: First Day	Aug 15: Full Moon
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Moonrise and Moonset

Monday: 10:52 PM	Moonset: 6:48 AM
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U. V. INDEX

Low Moderate High
 The higher the index the more sun protection needed.

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Tuesday
Boise	78/89	80/90	82/91
Idaho Falls	85/96	87/98	89/90
Pocatello	88/99	90/91	92/93
Rupert	91/102	93/94	95/96
Twin Falls	94/105	96/97	98/99

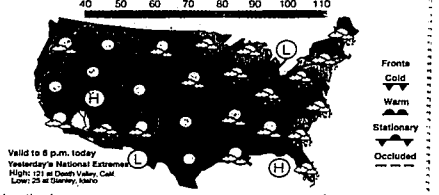
NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Tuesday
Atlanta	82/93	84/95	86/97
Chicago	78/89	80/91	82/93
Denver	75/86	77/88	79/90
Houston	88/99	90/91	92/93
Los Angeles	78/89	80/91	82/93
New York	75/86	77/88	79/90
San Francisco	68/79	70/81	72/83

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Tuesday
London	68/79	70/81	72/83
Paris	65/76	67/78	69/80
Tokyo	75/86	77/88	79/90
Sydney	82/93	84/95	86/97
Wellington	68/79	70/81	72/83

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Tuesday
Calgary	68/79	70/81	72/83
Edmonton	65/76	67/78	69/80
Montreal	75/86	77/88	79/90
Ottawa	72/83	74/85	76/87
Toronto	78/89	80/91	82/93

Wie DQ'd from State Farm over scorecard mishap

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — After finishing Friday and Saturday in second place at the State Farm Classic, Michelle Wie was one good round away from finally living up to her deep potential. Then, minutes after tapping in her last putt of the third round, Wie sat red-eyed at a folding table in front of a couple dozen bled reporters and photographers, explaining why she'd been disqualified from the tournament. The 18-year-old, playing her best golf of the year, broke one of the game's most basic rules: She failed to sign her



Wie with her parents and drove away.

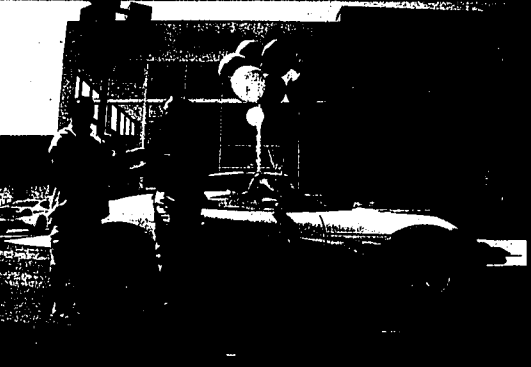
scorecard before leaving the scoring area. "I don't know why or how it happened," she said. "We took no questions before leaving the clubhouse at Turner Creek Country Club. She climbed into an SUV with her parents and drove away. That left Yani Tseng leaving the tour-

nament at 18 under, followed by Katie Fitcher at 16 under and Hee-Won Han and Ji Young Oh another shot back.

FLANAGAN TIED ATOP U.S. BANK MILWAUKEE — Second-round leader Nick Flanagan birdied his final hole Saturday to join fellow Australian Gavin Coles in first place after three rounds at the US Bank Championship. Flanagan shot a 1-under 69 and Coles a 68 to get to 11 under at Brown Deer Park Golf Course. Johnson also birdied the 18th hole to

shoot even-par 70, tied with Jim Mills (64), George McNeill (66) and Ken Duke (68) a stroke back of the leaders.

EAKS LEADS AFTER 2 ROUNDS OF 3M BLAINE, Minn. — R.W. Eaks shot an 9-under 63 Saturday for a three-stroke lead over Gene Jones and Loren Roberts after the second round of the Champions Tour's 3M Championship. First-round leader Dana Quigley is four shots back at 12 under. Bernhard Langer is at 11 under. — The Associated Press



The odds of an amateur golfer scoring a hole-in-one on a typical par-3 golf hole are 15,000:1.

We would like to congratulate Ron Aardema, for beating those odds at the 5th Annual IDEAL Idaho Milk PAC Golf Scramble and Banquet. Aardema drove home a 2008 Pontiac Solstice convertible, which was the hole-in-one prize offered by Con Paulos Business Express.

Other players to take home prizes include closest to the pin Grand Prize winner Valentin Celeya who won a new set of Cobra irons; longest putt winner Bob Matlick taking home a new Nike putter; women's longest drive winner Jennifer Yost and men's long drive winner Arie Roeloffs both taking home \$75 in gift certificates along with closest to pin winners Deb Kristensen and Jeff Lund.

IDEAL and the Idaho Milk PAC extends a thank you to Con Paulos, event sponsor - Arnold Machinery, closest to the pin Grand Prize sponsor - Modern Machinery, lunch sponsor - Met Life Agriculture Investments; longest putt sponsor - Agrakey Solutions and long drive & a second closest to pin sponsor - Farmer's National Bank.

Thirty-three teams participated in the event, which raised \$15,000 for the Idaho Milk PAC to help political candidates who support agriculture. Team and hole sponsors that helped make the event a success were: AgTec, Avelar Dairy, Bettencourt Dairies, Cesco, Community Counselling Services, Cooper Construction, Cooper Norman, Dairy Farmers of America, Eagle View Farms, Fritzer & Torbet, Givens Pursley, Glanbia Foods, Grand Valley Hybrids, Idaho Dairymen's Association, Independent Milk Producers, JD Heiskell, Jack Petter Dairy, Jeromie Cheese, Magic Valley Quality Milk Producers, Milk Producers of Idaho, Northwest Dairy Association, Northwest Farm Credit, Premier Insurance, Rabo Agri Finance, Rockridge Dairy, Schilder Dairy, West End Dairy, Woodstock Dairy, Southern Dairy, Standard Nurseries, Sun Valley Nurseries, Valley Nurseries, Valley Nurseries, Valley Nurseries, Idaho Valley Co-op, Western Dairy, Busby.

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South Dakota's Black Hills caves offer a variety of challenges for all who enter into their depths



Caver Mike Wiles is shown at Jewel Cave National Monument, S.D., on Oct. 2, 2007. He and other volunteers helped map the cave past 142 miles, making it the second longest cave in the world.

Thrills abound for those willing to dig down deep

By Carson Walker
Associated Press writer

JEWEL CAVE NATIONAL MONUMENT, S.D. — Caver Mike Wiles has helped document the far reaches of this cave that's a favorite Black Hills tourist attraction, but tours are available here year-round and elsewhere for the more casual explorer.

Wiles and other volunteers mapped Jewel Cave's passageways past 142 miles, making it the second-longest cave in the world. Nearby Wind Cave National Park is the eighth longest.

Some people have made caving out to be an extreme adventure, but it's really safer than a lot of activities on the surface, he said. "The challenge and thrill come from discovering corridors that have never been reached — sometimes after days underground."

"I don't go for the rush. But instead of a rush I just have this long-term, continuous enjoyment with it. That way I don't get burned out," Wiles said.

"It is really, really exciting to go into some big passage where no one's been before. Or to find something in the cave that's unique that you've never seen before."

Wiles said he was reluctant on his first trip underground in 1976, but soon realized he excelled at it, despite never doing well at other sports.

For his efforts, he was awarded the 2007 Lew Bickling Award from the National Speleological Society — the top caver.

But caves are not just for those dedicated to spending hours crawling through small passages.

They started becoming popular with vacationers in the 1800s and now draw millions of visitors a year, said Gary Berdeaux, who co-owns Diamond Caverns in Park City, Ky., with his wife, Susan. She's also the national coordinator of the National Caves Association, which represents commercial caves.

"The reason these things survive is their universal appeal. There's something that goes back to primal man, since cave-man days it's been a place of shelter, of worship, it's been a resource of minerals to carve," he said.

"Today it's just a natural curiosity. There's a big, dark hole over there. Where does it go? It's mysterious. That allure transcends race and gender and national-



Calcite crystals are shown lining the walls of Jewel Cave National Monument.



Wiles helped map Jewel Cave past 142 miles, making it the second longest cave in the world.

ity. It's just a universal appeal."

Most caves that offer tours close or go to reduced hours during the winter because of dwindling tourist numbers. But because underground temperatures are mostly constant, some places do stay open and draw people year-round.

Before going on any a tour it's wise to check out the specifics of the cave for the level of challenge, safety concerns and other factors to consider, Berdeaux said.

A jacket or sweater and good walking shoes are a must for most tours, some of

Learn more
JEWEL CAVE NATIONAL MONUMENT: 13 miles west of Custer on Highway 16, nps.gov/jeca or 605-673-2288. Open daily. Softie and Lantern Tours: \$8 adult, \$4 child and seniors. Spelunking Tour: \$27 adult, \$13.50 seniors. Reservations recommended.
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which are even handicapped-accessible.

And for many caves, reservations are required because space is often limited, said Ken Zortman, lead park ranger at Jewel Cave, which celebrates 100 years as a federal park this year and offers three different tours.

The scenic walking tour is suited for nearly everyone and entails about 700 stairs over a half-mile.

"You get to see the most impressive thing, which is the calcite crystal that lines the inside of the cave," Zortman said.

The lantern tour is a bit more physically demanding. It's led by rangers in 1930s-

How far?

Jewel Cave National Monument is about 12 hours by car from Twin Falls. Head east on Interstate 84, then take Interstate 80 East from Cheyenne, Wyo. In Rawlins, Wyo., head north on Wyoming Route 789, then take Wyoming Route 220 to Casper, Wyo. From there, follow small roads northeast through Glenrock, Douglas, Shawnee, Lusk and Newcastle until you hit the national monument.

era clothing and runs through the historic part of the cave.

"It's much more strenuous because you're in the upper parts of the cave. And you don't typically find wide open rooms. It's more confining, and of course you're walking on the cave floor," Zortman said.

For the more adventurous, there's the spelunking tour at Jewel.

First, you have to be able to crawl through a concrete block that's 6 inches by 25 inches.

The tour includes some large passageways but also a few tighter spots that are that size.

"There's a few squeezes," Zortman said. "Though some people have fears of going underground, generally most phobias disappear when they start taking in the natural beauty, he said. Then the fun becomes exploring other caves."

"Once they learn about caves and enjoy what it presents I think it becomes, 'Well here's a cave. Let's check what's different in this one compared to the other one we visited,'" Zortman said.

The National Caves Association has a complete list of all caves in the U.S. and tips on taking a tour on its Web site: caves.org.

For the more serious caver, the National Speleological Society is active in studying and preserving caves, educating the public about caving and sponsors an annual convention for its more than 11,000 members that have a variety of backgrounds, said Stephanie Seales, operations manager.

"Anywhere from geologists to someone who's just interested in caving. We've got doctors, professors. Just all kinds of people who cave," she said, adding that more women have taken up the sport.

The NSS has resources and a list of caving clubs on its Internet site: caves.org.

Betting on Las Vegas summer travel discounts

By Lane Engle
Los Angeles Times

Summer in Las Vegas means triple-digit temperatures and torrid travel deals. And this year, the discounts may sizzle.

That's because, reversing the trend over the last several years, Sin City's tourist business is slipping. Through March 2008, gaming revenue and hotel rates dipped about 3 percent from the same period last year. Conventional wisdom blames high oil prices, the mortgage meltdown and a sluggish U.S. economy.

Come summer, "I'm predicting the room rates are going to be the lowest in six or seven years," said Anthony Curtis, president of Las Vegas Advisor, a consumer Web site for visitors.

It's not that tourists have abandoned the gambling and entertainment scene. More than 9.6 million arrived in the first quarter, a number virtually unchanged from the same period last year. But in a trend that began in 2007, they're spending less while there, said Kris Tibbs, senior research analyst at the Las Vegas

Convention and Visitors Authority. Alicia Viramontes of Hawthorne, Calif., is one such tourist. "I couldn't resist," she said, explaining why she dropped more than \$270 in May on 11th-hour plane tickets to join friends at Harrah's. "I just had to get away. Vegas is Vegas. Everybody loves it."

Viramontes, who works in tech support for a software company, said she travels to Las Vegas about twice a year and planned to return in July for a concert.

"But I'm on a little more of a budget this time," she said. "My diners won't be so extravagant. I'll have the chicken instead of the steak."

Sean Barke, a hairstylist from Marina del Rey, Calif., who said he parties in Vegas two or three times a year, is thinking of visiting less often because his salon business has slowed. He's more mindful of bargains and plans further ahead, booking his recent \$138 round-trip on Southwest Airlines a month out.

But Paul Callera of Westchester, Calif., who said he goes to Vegas for meal

deals, doesn't bet that his gambling friends will hold back.

"If they want to gamble, they're going to go there," he said.

These days, though, gamblers aren't the mainstay of Vegas, where resorts made 26 percent of their money from betting in 1990, but only 42 percent last year, said Bill Lerner, senior gaming and lodging analyst for Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., a top investor in U.S. gaming. The rest came from shows, food, shopping and more.

Unlike Curtis of Las Vegas Advisor.com, Lerner doesn't expect rock-bottom hotel rates this summer in Vegas.

Howard Lefkowitz, president of Vegas.com, which sells Las Vegas travel, also doesn't forecast record-low rates, although he said the average room rate for advance bookings was recently down 5 percent to 8 percent compared with last year. Vegas.com is booking more rooms, tours and packages than last year, he added.

Whatever the price picture, "there are always deals to be had," Lefkowitz said.

Here are tips from Lefkowitz, Curtis and Lerner:

Live by the calendar: To get the lowest hotel rates, go when business is slow, such as midweek, much of July (except July 4, which is a big party) or just before the Christmas travel season. Avoid weekends, holidays and dates when big conventions are in town. You can find a convention calendar at lasvegasadvisor.com.

Cast a wide net: Bargains show up everywhere, in newspaper ads and on Web sites of casinos, the tourist authority (visitlasvegas.com), lasvegasadvisor.com and travel sellers such as vegas.com, Orbitz, Expedia, Travelocity, Priceline and Hotwire.

Curtis said he recently found a 20 percent off coupon for the Border Grill restaurant in a freebie magazine in Vegas.

Get on a list: Casinos regularly send deal offers by e-mail. Sign up for these for free on their Web sites.

Look for extras: Don't shop just by room price. Many hotels, reluctant to drop rates, instead offer valuable add-ons. This year, "we see more types of deals,"

Lefkowitz said. Among ones were two-for-one show tickets from the Flamingo and a \$25 slots credit at the Venetian.

Go to the fringes: You'll generally find better room rates in downtown Las Vegas and toward the end of the Strip, rather than the heart of the Strip.

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Park Service launches Web site for visitors with disabilities

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Park Service has launched a Web site for visitors with disabilities and other special needs to help them find accessible trails, programs and activities at national parks.

The Web site at www.gov/pub/all/access/index.htm is called "National Parks: Accessible to Everyone."

Many individual parks have sections on their Web sites about accessibility, and the new national database is a work in progress, incorporating information as it becomes available.

The site lists places where signed interpreters can be arranged for the hearing-impaired and which visitors centers have captioned movies or services for visually impaired park-goers. There are also detailed descriptions of trails, including the type of surface, for visitors who have mobility handicaps or use wheelchairs.

A description of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, for example, notes that most park trails are "steep and rugged," but a half-mile paved trail can be found on Newfound Gap Road south of the Sugarlands Visitor Center, along the West Prong of the Little Pigeon River. The path even has tracks of a black bear that happened to wander across the wet concrete.

"We still have a way to go before we can say we are accessible to all, but that is our goal and we will continue to work to achieve that," said Mary A. Bomar, director of the National Park Service.

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Dear Mr. Wolff: Do you recommend Crawling Stayman (a two-heart bid by responder after Stayman showing a weak hand with both majors)? How else can this bid be used? Four-Legged Friend, Olympia, Wash.

players with the best judgment and card sense to prevail.

Dear Mr. Wolff: I held ♠ A-3, ♥ Q-10-7-3-2, ♦ A-Q-3, ♣ K-J-4. After my RHO opened one club, I did not know whether to double, bid hearts, or overcall one no-trump. How would you rate these choices? Triple Option, Laredo, Texas

ANSWER: Of the three options, I like doubling least. If an opponent or partner bids spades, I am not strong enough to introduce hearts now. As to the other two calls, I would not normally bypass a major to bid no-trump, but my weak major and good club stop make that a plausible possibility. It is very close between that action and an overall, hoping to bid again to get my extra values across.

Dear Mr. Wolff: In a recent duplicate game, declarer exposed a card, touching the table with it but not letting go. I always have understood that when you expose a card to the whole table, you had to play it. Is that right? Sudden Exposure, Kenosha, Wis.

ANSWER: When a defender plays a card so that anyone at the table might see it, that constitutes a played card. For declarer, when a card touches, or nearly touches, the table, it also constitutes a played card. That does not always apply to declarer's dropped card, but in the example you gave, the card appears to be played and cannot be taken back.

The details of Bobby Wolff's autobiography, "The Lone Wolf," contact kay9872@aol.com or if you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bvolk@wv-midprairie.com

Dear Mr. Wolff: I held ♠ 8-6-3, ♥ A-K, ♦ A-K-J-3, ♣ K-Q-J-4, and my RHO opened one spade in third seat. I could not think of anything to do but double—and the results were not good. What should I have done? Stumped, Richmond, Va.

ANSWER: There is no good bid here; the more I look at this hand, the less I know what to do with it. I too would have doubted, then tried to describe my holding by bidding a minor later. But frankly, I'm stuck!

Dear Mr. Wolff: Are you a fan of a strong-club system, or do you prefer natural methods? Natural High, Lakeland, Fla.

ANSWER: Although for many years Bob Hamman and I played a strong club, I lean more toward natural methods. The truth is that complex systems work better than natural methods, but only if you know them well. Part of their benefit is that your opponents are not as well-versed in your methods as you are. I'm always happy when everyone plays a simple, natural system. This allows the

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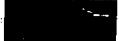
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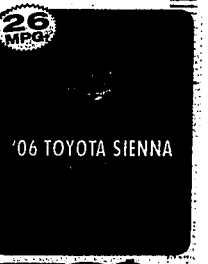
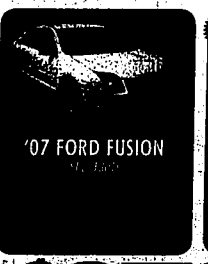
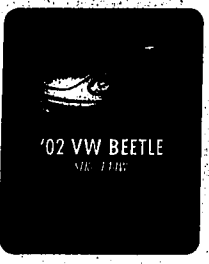
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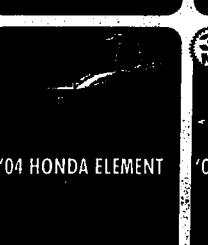
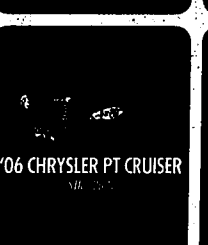
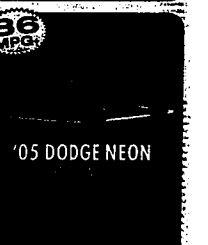
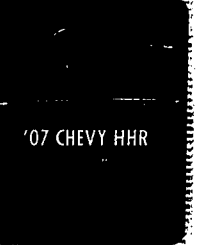
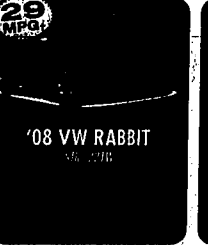
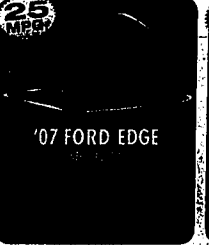
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'Never a second thought'

Twin Falls nurse treats strangers like family

By Melissa Davlin
Staff writer

Rose Hranac travels the halls of St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center with ease, chatting with nearly everyone she comes across. She has a friendly word or gentle teasing for everyone, and her co-workers reciprocate.

The registered nurse is a popular lady now that everyone has seen her true colors.

Last month, Hranac accompanied a patient to his home in Florida after he had been treated for a stroke at St. Luke's Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit. She used two of her days off to fly with the patient and his wife to Tampa Bay, drop him off at a care center and return to Twin Falls.

The patient, who sold sewing machines in Twin Falls, was admitted to the hospital on May 11 and transferred to the IRU on May 22. The hospital planned to release him on June 4, but after the patient became ill at dinner and was unable to keep food down, it was clear that more help was needed.

Meanwhile, a friend who had come from Florida to escort the couple and help care for the patient had to return for work.

"The wife was very nerv-

ous about taking her husband back herself," Hranac said. The woman had an intense fear of flying and wasn't sure she could handle caring for her husband and herself at the same time.

Hranac, who had worked closely with this couple in the month they were at St. Luke's, saw the trouble the couple had and decided to give up two of her days off to fly with them and help feed the patient, who could eat only soft foods and nectar-thick liquids. A friend of the patient's donated frequent flier miles for Hranac's plane ticket.

"It was never a second thought," she said.

So on June 10, Hranac picked up the couple from the hospital at 3:30 a.m. and drove them to Boise. Between then and their arrival in Tampa Bay at 6:35 p.m., she helped feed him,



Rose Hranac, a registered nurse at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center, checks a chart in the inpatient Rehabilitation Unit on Wednesday. Hranac recently received recognition for accompanying a patient to Florida to ensure he had adequate care while traveling.

monitored his condition, and tried to keep the wife calm.

When they landed, they were greeted by the wife's mother, who let Hranac stay at her house.

"She just gave me the biggest hug," Hranac said. Hranac dropped off the couple at his new care center, ate supper and went to bed. The next day, she was back in Twin Falls. Janie Humphrey, IRU

supervisor, praised Hranac's dedication to her patient. Humphrey nominated Hranac for St. Luke's HR-Compensation-Staff/Team Recognition and Awards Program to compensate her for the cost of gasoline and the unpaid time for her deed.

"She was more than willing to go as a friend, unpaid by the medical center," Humphrey wrote. And it's not the first time

Hranac has gone out of her way to assist a patient. When she worked at a nursing home, she twice flew with a semi-quadruplegic woman to her children's weddings in Salt Lake City.

The patient is deceased, but her husband keeps in touch with Hranac.

So does the couple from Florida. Hranac writes to them frequently and has received a couple of phone calls.

"They have my cell phone number," she said.

The patient, Hranac said, is "not completely normal yet." He is at home, however, and is making progress with speech and swallowing.

Hranac can rest assured, however, that she did all she could to make his recovery a more comfortable one.

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Kids' looks mimic adults', down to the last pleat

By Emily Vestlund
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — When Samantha Meller shops for her son, she has a very specific look in mind: designer jeans, velour track suits, L.A.M.B. sneakers, a sporty-urban vibe.

"My son's style is very Kingston," she says, referring to Gwen Stefani and Gavin Rossdale's boy. "I make no qualms about it. I see pictures of Kingston and I say, 'I want that outfit for my son.'"

Of course, 11' Rossdale is still a toddler, and Meller's son is just 21 months old. But they're part of a growing set of pint-sized fashion plates, wearing shrunken-down versions of trendy adult clothes.

In the past few years, the obsession with dressing little kids like Dogtown skaters, Malibu moms and even Upper

East Side socialites has hit a new, Surf-high level.

More clothing companies than ever are producing what the rag trade refers to as mini-me clothes on every price level. Marquee American designers, such as Phillip Lim and Marc Jacobs, are turning out Lilliputian renditions of clothes that sell down the runway each season.

European design houses that have a long tradition of producing children's clothes are paying more attention to their kids wear lines. Instead of just churning out jumpers in Burberry checks or Missoni waves, they're making children's clothes that look like grown-up togs in teeny-tiny sizes. So naturally, the fast-

fashion folk have followed suit:

H&M and Zara are turning out mini-me looks for kids of all sizes.

While women's national apparel sales have followed the economy downward, kids' clothing sales have dipped less profoundly, according to retail research company NDP

Group. And sales for infant-toddler clothes are the only clothing sector that's significantly up, from \$14.7 million in March and April 2007 to \$15.3 million in the same period this year.

At Pumpkinheads in Los Angeles, which stocks diminutive True Religion and J Brand jeans and Splendid tees, sales are up 12 percent this year. "I think the luxury market is almost unaffected by the economy," owner Jamara

Ghalayini says. "Also with the gas prices and the economy, it seems like people are traveling less so have more money to spend on their kids."

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Lisa Kline, who owns four boutiques and one kids store, said sales at her kids store are outpacing the others. (Everything she buys, including Chlp & Pepper tees, is a shrunken-down version of looks you might see styled-out grown-ups wearing — sans the

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Arranged marriages still appeal to many

By Maggie Koerth Baker
For The Associated Press

Love — who has time for that? Arshia Urooj Zaidi certainly didn't. Up to her neck in a Ph.D. program, she knew that as much as she wanted to fall in love and get married, her schedule just didn't allow for a search for Mr. Right.

But Zaidi had a backup plan.

"I left it up to my parents. I said, 'I'll do my Ph.D. and you guys take care of this,'" she says.

A little more than a year after her parents found a promising suitor, Zaidi, 34, had both her degree and a husband she had come to love. She owes it all, she says, to an arranged marriage.

Not to be confused with forced marriages, which girls, often very young ones, are married off against their will, arranged marriage uses family connections and parental vetting to match adults, who decide for themselves whether they will marry.

Many immigrant groups have favored some variation of arranged marriage; in the West today, it's especially common among families from India, Pakistan and China.

Proponents say the process has some advantages over Western-style "love matches." Arranged marriage takes a lot of the guesswork out of picking a partner, relieving the stress of having too many choices, and puts your future



This photo provided by Arshia Zaidi shows Zaidi, right, posing with Fawad Al Naqvi on the day of their wedding ceremony on July 15, 2006, in Canada. They first met on March 11, 2005, and they were engaged on April 15, 2006.

in the hands of those whose experience you may trust more than your own.

"Your parents picked the person for you and all the things have gone through approval. So if something happens, you aren't the sole person to blame," says Zaidi.

Sumee, a 36-year-old Indian who now lives in California, understands this concept firsthand. He prefers not to give his last name because, when he was younger, he went against his parents' wishes and made a love marriage. It didn't work out.

Arranged marriages also can turn out badly, of course. But to Sumee, one of their pluses is that the spouses tend to have a lot in common. Parents are likely to find someone who shares their child's social class, religion, personality traits and culture. Those weren't things Sumee was thinking about when he got married.

"She was very different than me, and I thought the only thing that mattered was love," he says. "It became so difficult to interact with families, and for the families to interact with each other. It

was impossible. I faced a lot of problems and I've started to think, maybe this arranged thing is a good idea.

Lovely Western singles who wouldn't dream of marrying a stranger picked out by Mom and Dad can still imagine that might be easier.

"I think there's definitely a measure of arranged-marriage envy out there," says Marlan Salzman, author of "Next Now" (Palgrave Macmillan, 2006), a book about business and culture trends. "Any of us with East Asian friends know... if someone could have saved any of us those years or hundreds of horrible nights we've had trying to fit square pegs and round holes, it would be wonderful."

Instead, she says, some of the benefits of arranged marriage are available outside immigrant communities in the form of hired matchmakers or Internet services, what she calls "assisted marriage."

What an arranged marriage actually is can vary, depending on the family. For some people, it means being matched long-distance with someone from their parents' hometown in India or Pakistan, and only meeting in person shortly before the wedding. In other cases, par-

ents might formally introduce a couple, then leave them to a relatively average Western dating life.

Zaidi's marriage to electrical engineer Fawad Al Naqvi was somewhere in between. Naqvi's parents contacted hers and set up initial meetings attended by both families; the couple was never alone. After deciding that they were going to marry, however, Zaidi and Naqvi spent a lot of time instant messaging, getting to know each other in the months between their April 2006 engagement and their wedding in June 2007.

Zaidi, an assistant professor at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology, is a sociologist who studies South Asian communities in Canada. She wrote her master's thesis on perceptions of

arranged marriage, and says she was surprised she ended up opting for one herself.

"I was one of those girls who believed in the Cinderella story, the concept of love," she says. Many of the women she interviewed for her thesis agreed, she said; 10 of the 16 women who told her they didn't want an arranged marriage now have one.

The reasons, say Zaidi and others, include social pressures and the fact that finding true love is harder than the storybooks make it out to be. There's also a desire for other perceived benefits of arranged marriage, which second- and third-generation immigrants often see among their parents: low divorce rates and a feeling that the success of your marriage matters to the whole community.

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Dying woman's hostility and anger is tearing her sister apart

DEAR ABBY: Please help me — I am in pieces. My sister is dying of cancer. She has shut me out of her life and has become very hostile toward me. This is breaking my heart, and I don't know how to deal with it. I have done nothing to offend her, and I don't understand why she is acting this way.

I understand that my sisters are in pain and afraid, but I need her in my life because I love her. What can I do?

— CARING SISTER IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR CARING SISTER: I'm sorry about the sad prognosis your sister received. Many years ago, a doctor named Elisabeth Kubler-Ross identified five distinct emotional stages that a dying person may go through after being diagnosed with a terminal illness. They are: denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance.

However, people do not

DEAR ABBY
Jeanne
Phillips

necessarily pass through all of these stages. Sometimes they get "stuck" — and it appears your sister has made it past the second stage. Spiritual and/or psychological counseling might help her. But if she's unwilling to accept it, all you can do is let her know how much you love her, need her and will always miss her.

ES. A grief support group might be very helpful for you, so check with the American Cancer Society. It can be reached by calling (800) 227-2345 or visiting www.cancer.org.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I were invited to a dinner party. Then our hostess

told us that guests must bring their own plates and silverware or we would not be permitted to join the dinner. I thought it was extremely tacky; my husband saw no problem with it. What are your thoughts?

— DINNER GUEST IN DENVER

DEAR DINNER GUEST: Let's put it this way — your hostess's request was highly unusual. Perhaps the woman didn't have enough china and silverware to accommodate all the people she wanted to come. Of course, she could have provided paper plates and plastic flatware — and that's what you should have brought so you wouldn't have had to carry home and wash your dirty dishes.

PS. If you chose to attend the woman's dinner party knowing the circumstances, it's not very nice to now be biting the hand that fed you.

Kids

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triple-shot Starbucks latte), Kline added that her sales staff uses celebrity kids mania as a selling tool, pointing out which Kingsley shirt Maddox Jolie-Pitt was recently seen in, etc. "People care about that stuff," she says.

The media coverage has "just created a bigger push and demand for shrunken-down adult clothing," said Serge Azria, designer for contemporary women's line Jole, which recently debuted kids' and tween collections that sell at Barney's New York and Lisa Klein Kids.

"Kids are getting more informed these days about what labels that their favorite celebrities wear and want to emulate their favorite role model," Azria says.

These tots might not be moving \$3,000 Balenciaga bags, but after Tom Cruise's chubby-checked daughter Suri who was recently fitted for a pair of custom Christian Louboutin shoes, was seen in a belted Burberry dress, the house's signature checkered plaid started popping up on kids all over L.A.

Eugenia Ulasewicz, president of Burberry in the Americas, couldn't gauge the

Suri effect but overall characterizes kids' sales as "very strong." And it might be naive to think that Suri and her pocket-sized pals, including the Beckham boys, aren't at least partially responsible.

After decades of licensing out its children's lines, Burberry is progressively bringing these collections in-house.

"Where we did have children's clothes, we saw there was a real customer appetite for our product," Ulasewicz says. "When you saw adult versions done in children's versions, the consumers were embracing what we did."

But what rational person pays \$180 for a Burberry shirt dress or \$150 for a Little Marc (Marc Jacobs) swing coat for a human being still working out how to twist the cap on a bottle of Elmer's? Sure, there are christenings and special events that justify a special purchase, but for some, there even some with money to burn — buying these duds smacks of wastefulness.

All Froya, a mother of two young children who runs the Los Angeles office of the public relations company Bismark Phillips Communications & Media, said buying expensive clothes that mimic adult fashion "is a waste of money and I think it's weird. It's fracky when moms have mini-me's running around. And kids grow out of things so quickly, I don't see the point."

Froya, who represents women's fashion brands, added that "the practice of dressing your kids like a celebrity top is 'personally, just a little sad. It's like, dress your kids like themselves.'"

But for parents accustomed to keeping up with the Joneses in other areas, dressing their 4-year-olds in Tod's loafers and Chloé dresses is just another way to assert their style and affluence. And kitting out your kids in designer duds is far cheaper than swathing yourself in Chloé.

"You can live out your fashion fantasies through your kids," says Meiler, who dissects duds worn by Shiloh Jolie-Pitt, Violet Afton and other celebrity offspring for Life & Style.

"The adult equivalent would be \$1,000, and in kids it's only \$100. Plus, I don't look like Gwen Stefani, and nothing I put on is going to make me look like Gwen Stefani. But with kids, people can show their personalities."

Your pets, vets and debts

By Joe Helm
The Washington Post

In the bad-luck lottery for pet care, Jennifer Freeman, of Washington, D.C., hit the jackpot. Over seven bank-account-draining months two years ago, her four cats came down with several ailments: urethra blockages, gum disease, constipation (hey, it happens). Before she knew it, Freeman, 31, had forked over more than \$11,000 for surgeries and veterinary fees, was buying bottled water and prescription pet food for her feline charges and was wondering just how much more she could take.

"On my end, the cash register was just spinning," Freeman says. "Half of my take-home pay was going to pay vet bills." Upon receiving yet another \$1,000 bill for a series of tests and procedures, a sobbing Freeman told her veterinarian that the next time one of her cats got sick, he should put it to sleep, because she couldn't afford it.

"The vet seemed a little stunned," says Freeman, whose cats are alive and mostly well. "I think he didn't think that money was a big consideration for me."

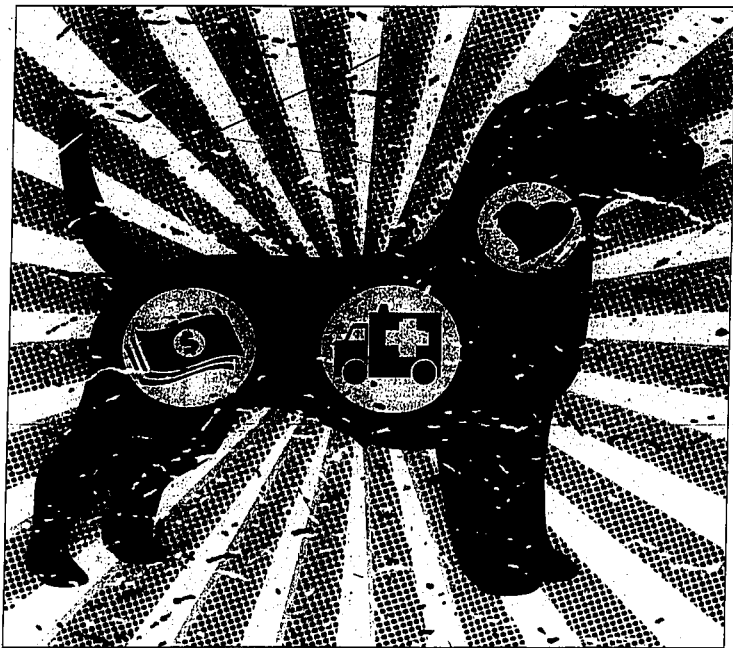
Money, it turns out, is becoming a bigger consideration for almost everyone when it comes to pets. Americans spend an enormous sum on health care for their dogs, cats, birds, fish, ferrets, gerbils, lizards, potbelly pigs and other assorted pets, more than \$20 billion in 2006 alone, according to the American Veterinary Medical Association. (That's greater than the gross domestic product of more than half of the world's countries.) Though care for all pets is included in the figure, the nation's 81.7 million cats and 72 million dogs account for the majority of vet fees.

A generation or two ago, visits to the vet were limited to getting rabies shots and treating the occasional broken leg or bite wound. These days pet owners are offered an alphabet of treatments, from acupuncture, aromatherapy, behavior counseling and chemotherapy to prescription drugs, root canals, surgery and X-rays.

And with veterinarians providing ever more medical solutions for all creatures great and small, owners find themselves having to choose between paying hefty bills and performing the moral and emotional calculus that leads them to decide to put down their pet. Many are finding it increasingly hard to make that choice.

"The human-animal bond has grown so much that people are often willing to spend the money instead of making the very difficult decision to euthanize the animal," says David Kirkpatrick, spokesman for the veterinary association.

Yet although pet owners welcome medical advances that may add months or even years to their animal's life, the associated costs often leave them feeling as if they are



being asked to play God.

"There are so many options for people that it can create angst and guilt," says Anne Sweeney, 44, a pet owner from Mount Airy, Md. "If there's a treatment out there, you feel like you have to do it."

Sweeney speaks from experience. Ally, the family's greyhound, died in 2006 after treatment for a bout with bone cancer that included drugs for pain control, a course of radiation and the eventual amputation of one of her legs. Ally lived for 2 1/2 years from the disease's diagnosis, and Sweeney doesn't regret the steps the family took to keep her alive and control her pain or the approximately \$5,000 they incurred in health-care fees. But now a cancerous tumor has been removed from Coach, another of the family's dogs, and Sweeney isn't sure she would take the same treatment path this time if it becomes the only option. The financial implications of doing so certainly would factor into the decision.

"I'm a dog freak. I cry every time I see a commercial showing dogs in the pound," she says. "But I also know my limits. I do think you can go overboard."

The quandary for owners has grown as families have begun to see animals as integral members, says Lorri Greene, a San Diego-based psychologist and the co-author of "Saying Good-Bye to the Pet You Love" (New Harbinger Publications,

2002). And choosing to euthanize a pet can be especially traumatic for owners. "If they are thinking of it (the pet) as a child, it becomes a very difficult decision," she says.

In recent months, as the economy has teetered and money has tightened, Greene says she has seen "more and more owners who are feeling guilt" about what they can or can't afford for their pets and "a lot more people who are reluctant to throw extra money around."

Veterinarians say they are offering more options (including treatments previously available only to humans) because pet owners are demanding better care and want more, even if it adds to the cost.

"Consumers are able to seek out the level of care they are comfortable with," says Peter Glassman, a veterinarian and director of the Friendship Hospital for Animals in Washington. "If a pet owner really wants human-level care — then it follows that they are going to have to pay for it."

Glassman says that vets have a responsibility to explain choices and treatment options to pet owners but that it's not always possible for them to predict the result of treatments or how much additional care will be required.

"It's not like taking a car in and changing the muffler," he says. But, he adds, pet owners who can spend more on their pets are likely to get better



Although pet owners welcome medical advances that may add months or even years to their animal's life, the associated costs often leave them hurting. This cat is receiving hydration therapy.

results. "For those who can take advantage of it, the value is not all of the nation's 83,730 veterinarians, however, think that spending more and more is the answer. Nor are they all

pleased with the direction their field is heading in or comfortable with the explosion in pet health-care costs. Perhaps none is more outspoken than James L. Busby, the author of "How to Afford

Tough questions

When a pet becomes ill, owners are often faced with decisions that have ethical, emotional and financial costs. Lorri Greene, a psychologist and the author of "Saying Good-Bye to the Pet You Love," stresses that pet owners in this situation need to prioritize. She suggests that they ask themselves the following questions and factor the answers into their decision making:

- Is there a reasonable chance for a cure or comfort for my pet?
- How much extra time am I buying the animal?
- What will its quality of life be during and after treatment?
- Do I have the financial, emotional and time resources to deal with this?
- Do I have the physical strength for all that will be required of me?
- How many of my pet's usual activities will it be able to continue?
- If I were in my pet's place, what would I want done?

Veterinary Care Without Mortgaging the Kids' (Busby International, 2005) and a Minnesota vet.

"The trouble is that many veterinarians don't give you all of your options, only the most expensive ones," he says. "And they shame you if you don't want to pay for them. They say, 'Don't you want what's best for your dog?'"

Busby insists that vets are over-vaccinating, over-testing and overcharging for their services. He rails against what he says are unnecessary vaccines for Lyme disease and takes vets to task for advocating the maximum care in all instances. He is not exactly Mr. Popularity among his colleagues.

"I'm a lone dog," he says. "I've had three or four vets say good things about me, and the rest of them throw rocks. If I wasn't 68 years old and didn't give a damn, I'd be in a tough spot."

Busby recognizes that most owners don't have enough information about their pets to know when to accept a vet's recommendation, and when to change it. His book and Web site (www.oldcountryvet.com), he says, give owners "the knowledge to say no to their veterinarians. People have got to say no."

Ultimately, individuals have to sort through the ethical, emotional and economic dimensions of owning pets to determine how much to spend on them — and where the cost is simply too great.

"The embarrassing answer is that if I had to do it again, I would probably continue to pay," Freeman says about her cat's treatment. "I accepted responsibility for these cats, and some of those responsibilities aren't pleasant. Now, do I have any plans of getting more cats? Absolutely not."

Rheumatoid arthritis might be a bigger risk for big babies

By Janet Crowley
Los Angeles Times

Those big 10-pound newborns that look like future Hall of Famers might be at an increased risk of developing rheumatoid arthritis. In a study of 84,077 women participating in the Nurses' Health Study from 1976 to 1992, Dr. Lisa Mandl at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York and colleagues found that people who weighed more than 10 pounds at birth were twice as likely to develop rheumatoid arthritis as those who were of normal weight — 7.1 to 8.5 pounds — at birth.

This is not to say that heavier birth weight causes rheumatoid arthritis. Mandl says — both might have the same underlying cause.

"The same stressors that are preprogramming the fetus to be heavier when born may also be programming the fetus to develop rheumatoid arthritis later in life," she said. Gestational diabetes, for example, might create a large baby and also alter how the fetus produces hormones, possibly setting up the body for rheumatoid arthritis later in life.

Other researchers have noted a correlation between high and low birth weight and disease. Low birth weight has been associated with an increased risk of Type 2 diabetes, heart disease and hypertension; high birth weight with a disorder called Sjogren's syndrome. The results appeared online in the Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases.

ENGAGEMENTS

VAN EATON-THRONE

Robert and Melanie Kelly of Kimberly and Brent and Charlene McMillen of Boise announce the engagement of their daughter, Megan Marce Van Eaton, to John William Throne III, son of Cindy and John Throne Jr. of Boise.

Van Eaton is a 2002 graduate of Centennial High School and works at St. Luke's Medical Center in Boise. Throne is a 2004 graduate of Capital High School and attends Boise State University. He works at St. Luke's in Boise.

The wedding is planned for



John 'JT' Throne and Megan Van Eaton

Saturday, Aug. 2, at the Rogers Ranch in Boise. The couple will reside in Boise.

URIE-GREEN

Donald and Kathleen Urie of Eden announce the engagement of their daughter, Nikki Michelle Urie, to Loren Clayton Green of Hazelton, son of the late Charles Green and the late Connie Green.

Urie graduated from Magic Valley High School in Twin Falls and works at Dell Computers in Twin Falls. Green attended Valley High School in Eden and received a general equivalency diploma from the College of Southern Idaho. He works at Electrical Contractors in Jerome.



Loren Green and Nikki Urie

The wedding is planned for Friday, Aug. 8, at The Haven in Hazelton. A reception will follow.

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Lights, camera, growl!

By Brenna Maloney
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Pretend you're a movie director, shooting a scene in the Alaskan wilderness. Your stars are a child actress and a 1,600-pound kodiak bear. Now, how do you get that bear to look directly at the girl when she is speaking to him?

Mark Dumas knows. He's an animal trainer with 37 years' experience in movies and television, and he happens to specialize in bears. Dumas, 57, can teach a bear to do many things, including "sit," "stay," "go with" and the ever-important "bond," in which the animal walks into a scene and looks the actor right in the eye.

If it has feathers or fur, chances are Dumas has trained it. His list includes pandas, polar bears, dogs, house cats, lions, tigers, cougars, leopards, camels, deer, raccoons, otters, badgers, monkeys, eagles and a lizard or two.

He has taught animals to "act" in movies and shows that your parents probably remember, such as "The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams," and never films that you might have seen, including "Ace of Hearts" and "The Bear."

"I didn't want to stay in school to be a veterinarian, but I loved being around animals," Dumas says. After apprenticing with an animal trainer who specialized in big cats, "I kind of fell into it."

Dumas divides his time among Los Angeles and several places in Canada, where he keeps many of the animals he trains.

Teaching an animal to "act" is time-consuming. "It takes about six months from start to finish" to train a dog for a film," Dumas says. He conditions the animals with food, rewarding them when they successfully complete a task.

"Like all animals, you work with them at home (first), then start traveling. You take them to a different location, like a supermarket," Dumas says, to test and reinforce what they have learned. "You make them rock-solid, so nothing really bothers them. It's a way of building their confidence."

On the set, Dumas sometimes finds that his biggest challenges aren't with the animals, but with the actors and directors.

"I've worked with people who are scared to death of animals, and the animal knows it," he says. He also has worked with actors who complain that the animal is "upstaging them," getting all the attention.



Animal trainer Mark Dumas works with a dog named Doo. He divides his time among Los Angeles and several places in Canada, where he keeps many of the animals he trains.

With directors, "lots of times animals are just props," Dumas says, recalling one commercial he worked on with a director who didn't understand why a polar bear and a penguin couldn't be made to play together. "They don't live on the same continent!"

Dumas explained. Animal training can be dangerous. Accidents do happen, even with skilled trainers and experienced animals. In April, a 700-pound grizzly that had appeared in a movie and commercials killed a trainer in California.

Dumas knows the danger firsthand. Early in his career, he was walking past a mountain lion that was tied to a stake. As Dumas passed, the animal lunged and pulled the stake out of the ground. Dumas was bitten three times: In one arm and both legs. The big cat hadn't

been tied properly, he said. A few days later, his wounds healing, Dumas was back working with the animal. Some people say it is wrong to use animals in movies. They worry that the animals might be mistreated. Dumas says he tries to

build a relationship with each animal, never forgetting that these creatures are wild. "You have to understand them, respect what they are," he says. It's important to be patient and to always take notice of the animal's mood because, he says, just like us, "they also have bad days."

Animal actors

Mark Dumas has trained hundreds of animals, and each has been a challenge. Here's what he says about a few of his friends in the animal kingdom:

Deer



"Deer are prey animals; it's easier to deal with predator animals. With deer, you need to hand-raise them, teach them to walk on a leash or go to a mark. You have to expose them to many things. Deer aren't smart. They're sweet but not smart."

Wolves

"That big bad-wolf thing? That's a misnomer. They are shy animals."

Squirrels

"Squirrels. Not smart."



Cats and dogs

"The secret to training a cat is that you have to make them believe they are doing it for themselves. A dog does it for you."

Bears

"Bears are really, really smart."



BOOK REVIEW

'Elvis and Olive'

The Washington Post

By Stephanie Watson, for ages 9-12

Everyone has a secret. Natalie Wallis and Annie Beckett hope to learn all the secrets of their neighborhood. They invent secret names (Natalie's is Olive, Annie's is Elvis) to use while spying on their neighbors and hanging out in their cool headquarters under Annie's porch.

Natalie and Annie are unlikely friends, which leads to some funny moments. Natalie attends private school, is always safety-conscious and follows all of the

rules. Annie is in public school and is wild and brave, but sometimes tells whopping lies to get around telling painful truths. Each girl wants to be more like the other, and that makes their friendship strong. Natalie enjoys going on adventures with Annie, since her parents are a bit overprotective. Annie is an orphan who lives with her uncle and longs for the stable, loving family that Natalie has.

The two spend their summer afternoons peeping in neighbors' windows and rushing back to their secret spot to write what they see on notecards. Slowly they build a notecard file about every-

one in the neighborhood. Some of the secrets are silly (the Army sergeant makes paper-mache hot-air balloons) and some are serious (one 14-year-old girl steals jewelry), but Natalie and Annie keep the biggest secret — their own — from each other.

Though this story is predictable at times, it is worth reading for those moments when Natalie's and Annie's personalities clash, and when Natalie starts becoming fearless. Plus, the lessons the two learn about

growing up and facing the consequences of their actions can apply to all of us.



Jokes for kids

Newsday

What do you call a cow with a twitch?
Beef jerky

If you take off its first letter, last letter, and middle letter it still sounds the same. What word is this?
Empty — mpty — mpt — mt

Bob's mother had three children: one named May, one named June, and one named what?
Bob.

What do you call a sheep covered in chocolate?
A Hershey banana.

Patient: I keep thinking I am flour being baked in an oven.

Doctor: Stop loafing around.

What is Snow White's brother's name?
Egg White.

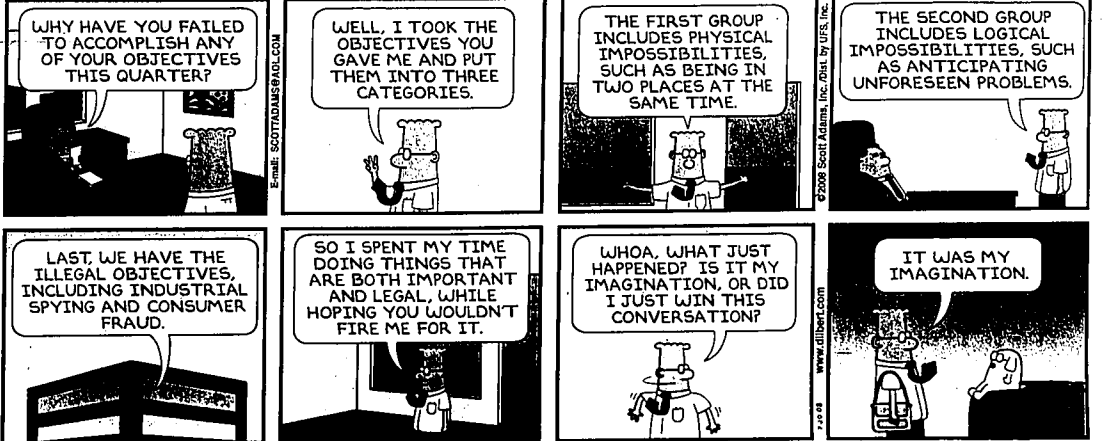
How do you stop a skunk from smelling?
Hold its nose.



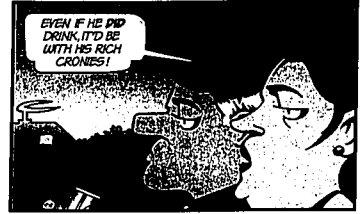
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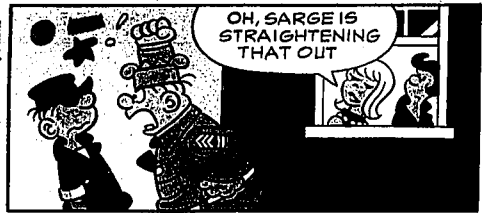
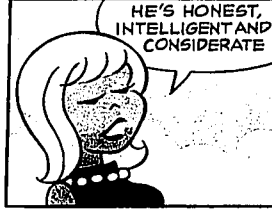
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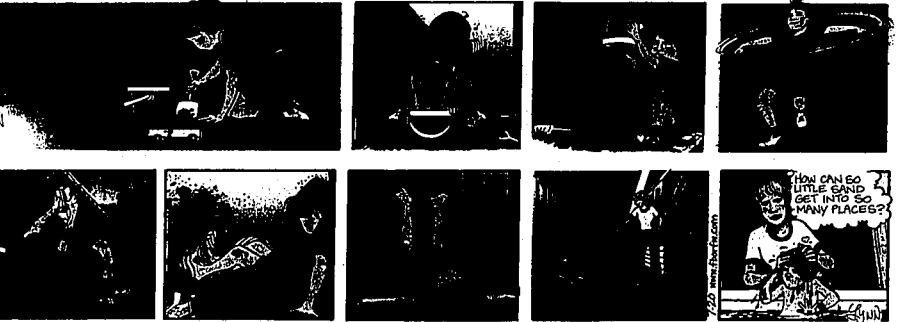
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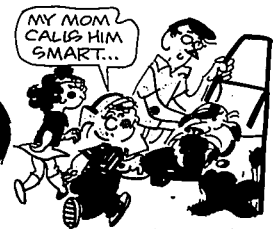
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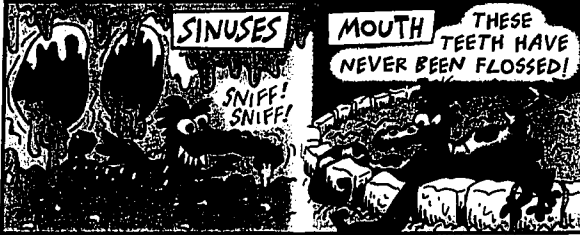
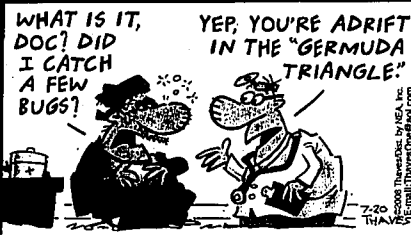


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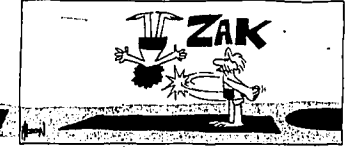
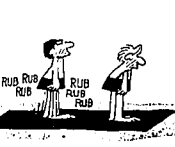
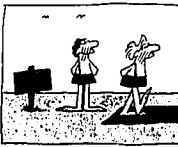
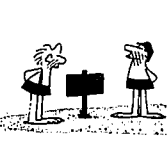
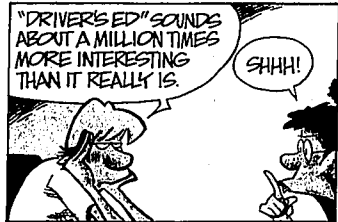
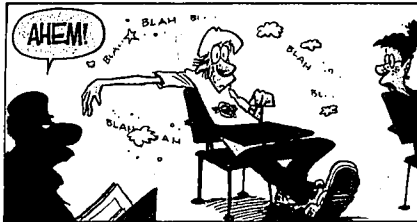
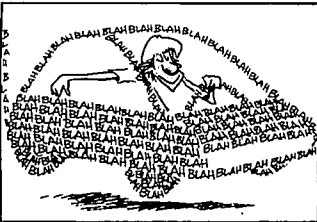
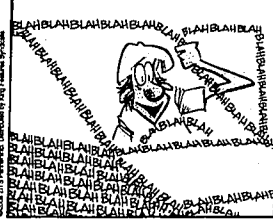
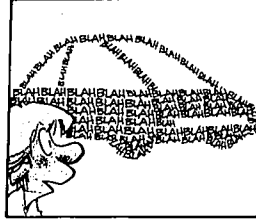
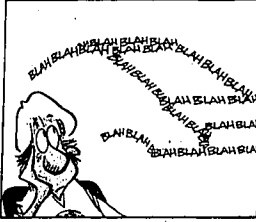
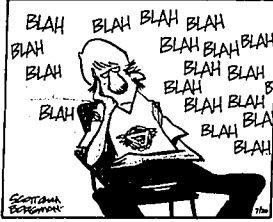
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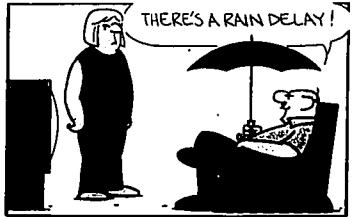
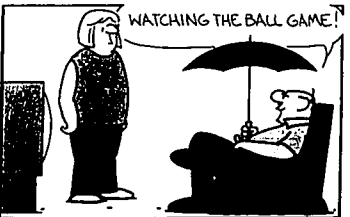
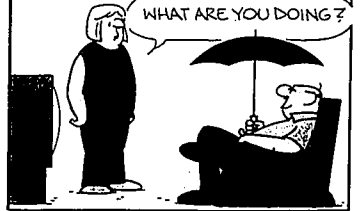
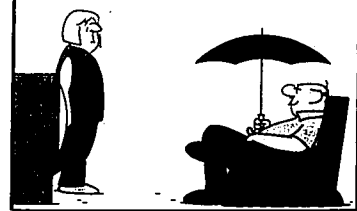
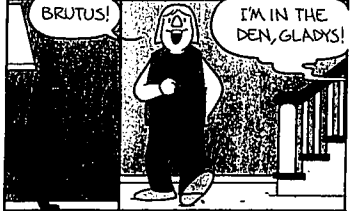
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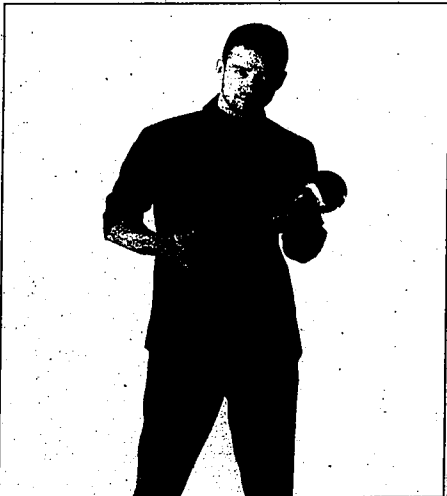
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Free Channels													
CA	(3) KTWV	The Daily Buzz	América This Morning	News	Good Morning America	Judge Maria Lopez	Judge Maria Lopez	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	Temptation	The Tyra Banks Show			
CB	KBWB	América This Morning	News										
CD	KIPT	América This Morning	News										
CE	KRFX	América This Morning	News										
CF	KKTG	On the Air	Hat & Hat	Mister Rogers' Neighborhood	Pimp-My-Video	After	Carlson George/Claudia the Big Red Dog	How Many?/ Dragon Tales	Judge David Young	Judge David Young	All My Children	It's a Big Big World	Judge Mathis
CG	KTFF	News		Today				One on One	Cristina's Court	Divorce Court	Judge Alex		
Cable Channels													
30	KTUD	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	News	The Early Show	AgDay	First Business	Mystery	Jerry Springer	The Young and the Restless	Home Video	Live With Regis	Howl's Moving Castle
31	KMKT	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	News	The Early Show	AgDay	First Business	Mystery	Jerry Springer	The Young and the Restless	Home Video	Live With Regis	Howl's Moving Castle
32	KXAB	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	News	The Early Show	AgDay	First Business	Mystery	Jerry Springer	The Young and the Restless	Home Video	Live With Regis	Howl's Moving Castle
33	KMYT	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	News	The Early Show	AgDay	First Business	Mystery	Jerry Springer	The Young and the Restless	Home Video	Live With Regis	Howl's Moving Castle
34	KYAL	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	News	The Early Show	AgDay	First Business	Mystery	Jerry Springer	The Young and the Restless	Home Video	Live With Regis	Howl's Moving Castle
35	KZLQ	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	News	The Early Show	AgDay	First Business	Mystery	Jerry Springer	The Young and the Restless	Home Video	Live With Regis	Howl's Moving Castle
36	KCLY	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	News	The Early Show	AgDay	First Business	Mystery	Jerry Springer	The Young and the Restless	Home Video	Live With Regis	Howl's Moving Castle
Cable Channels													
37	TELE	Rocio	Anantes del Desierto	Amantes del Desierto	El Alma Herida	Canos de Familia	Tierra Pus	Los Platizados	Patión de Gavilanes				
38	LINE	Washington	Varied Programs	U.S. Senate Coverage	U.S. Senate Coverage	U.S. Senate Coverage	U.S. Senate Coverage	U.S. Senate Coverage	U.S. Senate Coverage	U.S. Senate Coverage	U.S. Senate Coverage	U.S. Senate Coverage	U.S. Senate Coverage
39	GNN	(4) American Morning	NewsCenter	American's Morning	MSNBC News Live	Happening Now With Jon Scott	MSNBC News Live	MSNBC News Live	MSNBC News Live	MSNBC News Live	MSNBC News Live	MSNBC News Live	MSNBC News Live
40	MSNC	(4) Morning Joe	Squawk on the Street	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter
41	CNBC	(4) Soccer Box	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter
42	ESPN	(4) Mike and Mike in the Morning	ESPN Live	Final Score	Final Score	ESPN First Take	ESPN First Take	ESPN First Take	ESPN First Take	ESPN First Take	ESPN First Take	ESPN First Take	ESPN First Take
43	ESPN2	(4) Mike and Mike in the Morning	ESPN Live	Final Score	Final Score	ESPN First Take	ESPN First Take	ESPN First Take	ESPN First Take	ESPN First Take	ESPN First Take	ESPN First Take	ESPN First Take
44	ESPN3	(4) Mike and Mike in the Morning	ESPN Live	Final Score	Final Score	ESPN First Take	ESPN First Take	ESPN First Take	ESPN First Take	ESPN First Take	ESPN First Take	ESPN First Take	ESPN First Take
45	AMC	(4) Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie
46	YCN	(4) Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie
47	DSC	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie
48	HL-8	Writer	Bigfoot	Magic Bee	A Baby Story	A Baby Story	Bringing Baby	Bringing Baby	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	What Not to Wear	Years Younger	Animal Planet
49	TRAV	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Wendell Williams	Wendell Williams	Wendell Williams	Wendell Williams	Wendell Williams	Wendell Williams	Wendell Williams	Wendell Williams	Wendell Williams	Wendell Williams
50	NICK	Backyardigans	Wonder Pets	Hi-5	Hi-5	Hi-5	Hi-5	Hi-5	Hi-5	Hi-5	Hi-5	Hi-5	Hi-5
51	DISH	The Bear on the Mangle	The Little Mermaid	Life & Switch	Life & Switch	Go Joe's Circus	Highlight Heroes	The Whiggles	Barney	Clotie Einsteins	Mickey Mouse Clubhouse	Johnny Quest	Flora & Uga
52	TYHO	Squidbillies	Squidbillies	Iceyasha	Iceyasha	Iceyasha	Iceyasha	Iceyasha	Iceyasha	Iceyasha	Iceyasha	Iceyasha	Iceyasha
53	PAM	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Joseph Prince	Joseph Prince	Joseph Prince	Joseph Prince	Joseph Prince	Joseph Prince	Joseph Prince	Joseph Prince	Joseph Prince	Joseph Prince
54	MGTV	Var. Programs	Cash in Attic	The Manny	The Manny	The Manny	The Manny	The Manny	The Manny	The Manny	The Manny	The Manny	The Manny
55	LIFE	The Balancing Act	Get Married	Yoga	Yoga	Yoga	Yoga	Yoga	Yoga	Yoga	Yoga	Yoga	Yoga
56	FOOD	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs
57	A&E	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs
58	HST	Hands on History	Claymation	Inspiration Today	Inspiration Today	Inspiration Today	Inspiration Today	Inspiration Today	Inspiration Today	Inspiration Today	Inspiration Today	Inspiration Today	Inspiration Today
59	INSP	Angel	Claymation	Inspiration Today	Inspiration Today	Inspiration Today	Inspiration Today	Inspiration Today	Inspiration Today	Inspiration Today	Inspiration Today	Inspiration Today	Inspiration Today
60	TNT	Gospel	Claymation	Inspiration Today	Inspiration Today	Inspiration Today	Inspiration Today	Inspiration Today	Inspiration Today	Inspiration Today	Inspiration Today	Inspiration Today	Inspiration Today
61	SPKE	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs
62	USA	JAD	JAD	Mark	Weather, Stars & Danger	Weather, Stars & Danger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger
63	TBS	Saved by the Bell	Saved by the Bell	Saved by the Bell	Saved by the Bell	Saved by the Bell	Saved by the Bell	Saved by the Bell	Saved by the Bell	Saved by the Bell	Saved by the Bell	Saved by the Bell	Saved by the Bell
64	FX	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs
65	DRAGO	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs
66	SCI-FI	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs
67	COM	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs
68	ET	(4) Bloomberg	ET News	The Daily 10	The Daily 10	The Daily 10	The Daily 10	The Daily 10	The Daily 10	The Daily 10	The Daily 10	The Daily 10	The Daily 10
69	CMT	(4) Jump Start	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs
70	VH1	(4) Jump Start	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs
71	MTV	(3:15) Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs
72	HBO	(4:20) Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs
73	MAX	(4:20) Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs
74	BHOW	(5:15) Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs
75	TMC	(4:25) Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs
76	STRZ	(4) Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs
77	ENCO	(8:15) Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs
78	TRUSTV	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs
79	TEN	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs
80	PLFX	Movie & Specials	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs
81	WGN	Changing	Believer Voice	Var. Highlights	Motock	Motock	Motock	Motock	Motock	Motock	Motock	Motock	Motock

Time	11:30	12p.m.	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00
11:30	KTVW (11) The Cooly Show	The Cooly Show	Roseanne	Roseanne	Depress: Next All of Us	What I Like About You	Reba	Reba	The Steve Wilkos Show	Bill Stanning	Bill Stanning	
12:00	KLGW (11) The Cooly Show	One Life to Live	General Hospital	General Hospital	Pat Program	Joe Millionaire	Monet Williams	Monet Williams	Mary Griffin's Crossroads	Mary Griffin's Crossroads	Janet Hubert	Janet Hubert
12:30	KWBZ (11) World's Wildest	Callies	Barney & Friends	Vatelables	Zakooches	Between the Lines	Michelle	Michelle	Carolee Green	WorldKrit	Faith Hill	Highly Suspicious Report
1:00	KXTF (11) Judge Judy	The People's Court	Judge Hatchett	Judge Hatchett	Judge Joe Brown	Judge Joe Brown	My Wife and Kids	According to Jim	The Henry	Mad About You	Yves	George Lopez
1:30	KFTT (11) Live with Regis and Kelly	The Howard Stern Show	Days of Our Lives	Days of Our Lives	Family Feud	Family Feud	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Oprah Winfrey	None	None	None
2:00	KXTO (11) Kathy	The Bold and the Beautiful	Eye for an Eye	Eye for an Eye	The Steve Harvey Show	Hollywood	The Insider	The Insider	Friends	Friends	None	None
2:30	KXID (11) Kathy	The Bold and the Beautiful	Dancing Light	Dancing Light	As the World Turns	Dr. Phil	Dr. Phil	Dr. Phil	TMZ	Joe Millionaire	Joe Millionaire	Jeopardy!
3:00	KMAV (11) Movies & Specials	Var. Programs	Var. Programs	Var. Programs	Var. Programs	Var. Programs	Var. Programs	Var. Programs	Var. Programs	Var. Programs	Var. Programs	Var. Programs
3:30	KXLB (11) Movies & Specials	Var. Programs	Var. Programs	Var. Programs	Var. Programs	Var. Programs	Var. Programs	Var. Programs	Var. Programs	Var. Programs	Var. Programs	Var. Programs
4:00	KXLY (11) Movies & Specials	Var. Programs	Var. Programs	Var. Programs	Var. Programs	Var. Programs	Var. Programs	Var. Programs	Var. Programs	Var. Programs	Var. Programs	Var. Programs
4:30	TELN (11) Movies & Specials	Var. Programs	Var. Programs	Var. Programs	Var. Programs	Var. Programs	Var. Programs	Var. Programs	Var. Programs	Var. Programs	Var. Programs	Var. Programs
5:00	UNN (11) Movies & Specials	Var. Programs	Var. Programs	Var. Programs	Var. Programs	Var. Programs	Var. Programs	Var. Programs	Var. Programs	Var. Programs	Var. Programs	Var. Programs
5:30	CPNH (11) News	U.S. Senate Coverage	U.S. Senate Coverage	U.S. Senate Coverage	U.S. Senate Coverage	U.S. Senate Coverage	U.S. Senate Coverage	U.S. Senate Coverage	U.S. Senate Coverage	U.S. Senate Coverage	U.S. Senate Coverage	U.S. Senate Coverage
6:00	FNC (11) The Law	Street Law	Street Law	Street Law	Street Law	Street Law	Street Law	Street Law	Street Law	Street Law	Street Law	Street Law
6:30	CHBC (11) Power Lunch	Power Lunch	Power Lunch	Power Lunch	Power Lunch	Power Lunch	Power Lunch	Power Lunch	Power Lunch	Power Lunch	Power Lunch	Power Lunch
7:00	ESPN (11) SportsCenter	Mike and Mike	Mike and Mike	Mike and Mike	Mike and Mike	Mike and Mike	Mike and Mike	Mike and Mike	Mike and Mike	Mike and Mike	Mike and Mike	Mike and Mike
7:30	ESPN2 (11) SportsCenter	First Take	First Take	First Take	First Take	First Take	First Take	First Take	First Take	First Take	First Take	First Take
8:00	FBSPT (11) SportsCenter	First Take	First Take	First Take	First Take	First Take	First Take	First Take	First Take	First Take	First Take	First Take
8:30	AMC (11:15) Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie
9:00	TCM (11:15) Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie
9:30	DOC (11:15) Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie
10:00	TLC (11:15) Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie
10:30	ANML (11:15) Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie
11:00	TRAV (11:15) Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie
11:30	NICK (11:15) Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie
12:00	DON (11:15) Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie
12:30	TOON (11:15) Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie
1:00	TVLND (11:15) Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie
1:30	FAM (11:15) Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie
2:00	HGTV (11:15) Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie
2:30	LIFE (11:15) Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie
3:00	FOOD (11:15) Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie
3:30	A&E (11:15) Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie
4:00	HIST (11:15) Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie
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6:00	USA (11:15) Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie
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7:00	FX (11:15) Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie
7:30	RCV-F (11:15) Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie
8:00	COM (11:15) Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie
8:30	EL (11:15) Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie
9:00	CMT (11:15) Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie
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10:00	MTV (11:15) Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie
10:30	HBO (11:15) Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie
11:00	MAX (11:15) Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie
11:30	SHOW (11:15) Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie
12:00	TMC (11:15) Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie
12:30	ETNZ (11:15) Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie
1:00	GMCX (11:15) Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie
1:30	TRUTV (11:15) Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie
2:00	YM (11:15) Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie
2:30	PLEX (11:15) Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie
3:00	WGN (11:15) Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie

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SUNDAY EVENING **THE KIDS**

Time	6p.m.	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00
10.1	KTVM S.W.	One Tree Hill "Hundred" (CC) America's Funniest Home Videos America's Funniest Home Videos	Discovery High School Science: Get the Picture (CC) America's Funniest Home Videos	Alma's in Charge High School Science: Get the Picture (CC) America's Funniest Home Videos	The Game of Thrones Game of Thrones: Season 1 Game of Thrones: Season 1	Outcasts Game of Thrones: Season 1 Game of Thrones: Season 1	Cherubs Pala Program Pala Program	Pala Program Pala Program Pala Program	Jeremiah And the Ground And the Ground	Call Splash Ambition (CC) Call Splash	Over the Garden Wall The Short List The Short List	Over the Garden Wall The Short List The Short List	Over the Garden Wall The Short List The Short List
10.2	KATW CW	One Tree Hill "Hundred" (CC) America's Funniest Home Videos America's Funniest Home Videos	Discovery High School Science: Get the Picture (CC) America's Funniest Home Videos	Alma's in Charge High School Science: Get the Picture (CC) America's Funniest Home Videos	The Game of Thrones Game of Thrones: Season 1 Game of Thrones: Season 1	Outcasts Game of Thrones: Season 1 Game of Thrones: Season 1	Cherubs Pala Program Pala Program	Pala Program Pala Program Pala Program	Jeremiah And the Ground And the Ground	Call Splash Ambition (CC) Call Splash	Over the Garden Wall The Short List The Short List	Over the Garden Wall The Short List The Short List	Over the Garden Wall The Short List The Short List
10.3	KTVM CW	One Tree Hill "Hundred" (CC) America's Funniest Home Videos America's Funniest Home Videos	Discovery High School Science: Get the Picture (CC) America's Funniest Home Videos	Alma's in Charge High School Science: Get the Picture (CC) America's Funniest Home Videos	The Game of Thrones Game of Thrones: Season 1 Game of Thrones: Season 1	Outcasts Game of Thrones: Season 1 Game of Thrones: Season 1	Cherubs Pala Program Pala Program	Pala Program Pala Program Pala Program	Jeremiah And the Ground And the Ground	Call Splash Ambition (CC) Call Splash	Over the Garden Wall The Short List The Short List	Over the Garden Wall The Short List The Short List	Over the Garden Wall The Short List The Short List
10.4	KTVM CW	One Tree Hill "Hundred" (CC) America's Funniest Home Videos America's Funniest Home Videos	Discovery High School Science: Get the Picture (CC) America's Funniest Home Videos	Alma's in Charge High School Science: Get the Picture (CC) America's Funniest Home Videos	The Game of Thrones Game of Thrones: Season 1 Game of Thrones: Season 1	Outcasts Game of Thrones: Season 1 Game of Thrones: Season 1	Cherubs Pala Program Pala Program	Pala Program Pala Program Pala Program	Jeremiah And the Ground And the Ground	Call Splash Ambition (CC) Call Splash	Over the Garden Wall The Short List The Short List	Over the Garden Wall The Short List The Short List	Over the Garden Wall The Short List The Short List

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NEWS - MOVIES - SUNDAY LAUNCH NIGHT - SPORTS - KIDS

Grid of TV programs including: 12:30 (12) State Unclassified, 1:00 (13) News at 10, 1:30 (12) The Mindy Project, 2:00 (12) The Mindy Project, 2:30 (12) The Mindy Project, 3:00 (12) The Mindy Project, 3:30 (12) The Mindy Project, 4:00 (12) The Mindy Project, 4:30 (12) The Mindy Project.

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Movie titles: (ENCORID) BILLY MADSON, (58) COMEDY Adam Sandler, Damon...

(TM) CROSS CREEK, (1963, Biography) Mary Queen of Scots, (1958) THE MAN WHO KNEW TOO MUCH...

WEDNESDAY, 5:00 a.m. (STARZ) RESIDENT EVIL EXTENSION #1, (2007) ACTION! Mike Johnson...

THE MONTH **2008, McAvoy O, (DINE) ROBIN HOOD, (1991) Adventure Pinch...

Free Channels	6p.m.	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00
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* CHANNELS BROADCAST OUTSIDE THEIR FALLS CANNOT BE RECEIVED IN SOME AREAS

ATCORN... BLUE... PROJECT... TETON... CHAMBER... WILDFIRE

Table with columns for time slots (12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00) and rows of program listings including titles, channels, and descriptions.

16 CHANNELS BROADCAST OUTSIDE TVMM FALLS CANNOT BE RECEIVED IN THESE AREAS

Table with columns: NETWORK, LOCAL CHANNEL, TIME, and PROGRAM TITLE. Lists stations like WTKR, WISN, WISN-TV, etc.

More movies

Large advertisement section for movies. Includes titles like 'LOOKEOUT', 'STARD THE FRIGHTENERS', 'ELECTRA BLUE', 'THE ROAD TO SUICIDE', etc., with showtimes and descriptions.

Main table with columns for Time (6p.m. to 12:00) and various channels (PCH, CBL, etc.) listing program titles and descriptions.

CHANNELS BROUGHT TO YOU BY... NEWS & MOVIES... SPORTS... KIDS... THE TIMES NEWS UPDATES PRESENT

Table with columns for time slots (12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) and rows of movie/program titles and descriptions.

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More movies section containing a grid of movie titles, descriptions, and times. Includes categories like 'KIDS', 'NETFLIX', 'DVD RELEASES', and 'DVD COLLECTIONS'.

Table with columns for Time (6p.m., 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 12:00) and rows for various channels (Free Channels, Cable Channels, etc.) listing programs and their descriptions.

TIME	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	
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TIME	MOVIE	MOVIE	MOVIE	MOVIE	MOVIE	MOVIE	MOVIE	MOVIE
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5:00pm	5.00pm STARBUCKS (H) (TV) (13) STARBUCKS (H) (TV) (13)	5:30pm STARBUCKS (H) (TV) (13) STARBUCKS (H) (TV) (13)	6:00pm STARBUCKS (H) (TV) (13) STARBUCKS (H) (TV) (13)	6:30pm STARBUCKS (H) (TV) (13) STARBUCKS (H) (TV) (13)	7:00pm STARBUCKS (H) (TV) (13) STARBUCKS (H) (TV) (13)	7:30pm STARBUCKS (H) (TV) (13) STARBUCKS (H) (TV) (13)	8:00pm STARBUCKS (H) (TV) (13) STARBUCKS (H) (TV) (13)	8:30pm STARBUCKS (H) (TV) (13) STARBUCKS (H) (TV) (13)

6p.m. 6:30 7:00 7:30 8:00 8:30 9:00 9:30 10:00 10:30 11:00 11:30 12:00

Free Channels		Cable Channels	
01	KTVM 50	The King of Queens (CC)	The King of Queens (CC)
02	KTVM 50	News (N)	News (N)
03	KTVM 50	News (N)	News (N)
04	KPTV 50	The NewsNow: 'The Walk-In'	Washington (Mason Film)
05	KPTV 50	News (N)	Washington (Mason Film)
06	KPTV 50	News (N)	Washington (Mason Film)
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		NEWS		MOVIES		SATURDAY AFTERNOON		SPORTS		KIDS				
		11:30	12p.m.	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30
Free Channels		13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
KTWV CW	(11) Jeremiah The Dead Zone "Dad Voodoo" (CC) (TVPG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
UNH	(11) Jersey Shore "Dad Voodoo" (CC) (TVPG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
KSAB CW	(11) Jersey Shore "Dad Voodoo" (CC) (TVPG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
KIPT CW	(11) Jersey Shore "Dad Voodoo" (CC) (TVPG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
KRFX CW	(11) Jersey Shore "Dad Voodoo" (CC) (TVPG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
KOTF CW	(11) Jersey Shore "Dad Voodoo" (CC) (TVPG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
KFTT CW	(11) Jersey Shore "Dad Voodoo" (CC) (TVPG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
KTTD CW	(11) Jersey Shore "Dad Voodoo" (CC) (TVPG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
KIDK CW	(11) Jersey Shore "Dad Voodoo" (CC) (TVPG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
KMYT CW	(11) Jersey Shore "Dad Voodoo" (CC) (TVPG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
KYXL CW	(11) Jersey Shore "Dad Voodoo" (CC) (TVPG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
KOTF CW	(11) Jersey Shore "Dad Voodoo" (CC) (TVPG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
KCLY CW	(11) Jersey Shore "Dad Voodoo" (CC) (TVPG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Chick Channels		13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
TELE	Devoconed	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
UNI	(11) Abner's Baywatch (TVG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
UPN	(11) Abner's Baywatch (TVG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
GSN	(11) Abner's Baywatch (TVG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
OWN	(11) Abner's Baywatch (TVG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
FNC	(11) Abner's Baywatch (TVG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
MSNBC	(11) Abner's Baywatch (TVG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
CNBC	(11) Abner's Baywatch (TVG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
ESPN	(11) Abner's Baywatch (TVG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
ESPN2	(11) Abner's Baywatch (TVG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
FSP1	(11) Abner's Baywatch (TVG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
AMC	(11) Abner's Baywatch (TVG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
TCM	(11) Abner's Baywatch (TVG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
DSC	(11) Abner's Baywatch (TVG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
TLC	(11) Abner's Baywatch (TVG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
ANAL	(11) Abner's Baywatch (TVG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
TRAV	(11) Abner's Baywatch (TVG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
MEK	(11) Abner's Baywatch (TVG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
DISH	(11) Abner's Baywatch (TVG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
TOON	(11) Abner's Baywatch (TVG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
TVLND	(11) Abner's Baywatch (TVG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
FAM	(11) Abner's Baywatch (TVG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
HD	(11) Abner's Baywatch (TVG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
FOOD	(11) Abner's Baywatch (TVG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
A&E	(11) Abner's Baywatch (TVG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
HST	(11) Abner's Baywatch (TVG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
INSP	(11) Abner's Baywatch (TVG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
TNT	(11) Abner's Baywatch (TVG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
SPKE	(11) Abner's Baywatch (TVG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
USA	(11) Abner's Baywatch (TVG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
TBS	(11) Abner's Baywatch (TVG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
FY	(11) Abner's Baywatch (TVG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
BRavo	(11) Abner's Baywatch (TVG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
SCF-I	(11) Abner's Baywatch (TVG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
COM	(11) Abner's Baywatch (TVG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
W	(11) Abner's Baywatch (TVG)	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
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12:10 pm. **(ENR)** PUCINO FOR BEGINNERS ** (2006, Romantic-Comedy) Elizabeth Reston, Jason Kane, **(12)** THE WAR ** (1994, Drama) Elijah Wood, Ashton Kutcher, **(12)** KNOCK ME OUT FOREVER ** (1946, Drama) John Hodiak, Virginia Erierson, 1:00 pm. **(ENR)** POCAHONTAS ** (1995, Drama) Jason Lee, Jeffrey Gold, **(12)** RUSH HOUR ** (2007, Action) Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker, **(12)** THE USUAL SUSPECTS ** (1995, Suspense) Stephen Baldwin, Gabriel Byrne,

1:10 pm. **(ENR)** INTIMATE BETRAYAL ** (1987, Drama) James Brolin, Moleoly Anderson, TVPG (G)
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OR DIE HARD ** (2007, Action) Bruce Willis, Austin Long, **(ENR)** CRAZY IN ALABAMA ** (1999, Comedy-Drama) Mel Gibson, David Morse, **(12)** POLYGLIST II: THE OTHER SIDE ** (1986, Horror) JoBeth Williams, Boone Hurst, 3:00 pm. **(GRND)** DROP DEAD SEXY ** (2006, Comedy) Jason Lee, Christopher Moltisanti, **(2)** THE OTHER SIDE ** (2007, Comedy) Jason Lee, Christopher Moltisanti, Madison Pettis, **(3)** THE OTHER SIDE ** (2007, Comedy) Jason Lee, Christopher Moltisanti, Madison Pettis, 3:30 pm. **(GRND)** MY COUSIN VIN ** (1999, Drama) John Voight, Madeline Turner, **(ENR)** GLORY ** (1999,

Drama) Margaret O'Brien, Walter Brennan, **(12)** JUMANJI ** (1995, Fantasy) Robin Williams, Bonnie Hunt, **(1)** A SHOT AT LOVE ** (2000, Drama) Anthony Quinn, Robert Costigan, **(2)** ELEX ** (2006, Drama) Kiefer Sutherland, Kristina Romanov, **(12)** WALK AWAY ** (1992, Drama) Drew Barrymore, James Leavelle, **(12)** FIRST KNIGHT ** (1995, Adventure) Sean Connery, Richard Gere, **(4)**

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Jackson: Backers are betting on Vegas

Q Michael Jackson hasn't performed in the U.S. since a 9/11 benefit concert in 2001. What do you make of reports that he's preparing a comeback?—*Carole Curtis, West Chester, Pa.*

A Our sources say that Colony Capital—an owner of several casinos in Las Vegas—is trying to help the King of Pop overcome his Wacko Jacko image. As a first step, it rescued Jackson, 49, from defaulting on a \$23 million loan backed by his Neverland ranch. One of Colony's Vegas venues is prepared to build a theater for Jackson to do a long-running show once he's financially, physically, and emotionally ready. The question is if Colony builds it, will they come?

Q At one time, the ultimate accolade in showbiz was being known by your first name, like Cher. What is it today?—*F. Armstrong, Ithaca, N.Y.*

A Being known by your initials—also reserved for politicians like FDR and JFK. Go to Parade.com/personality to see if you know the identities of the celebs who go by SJP, JT, YSL, JTT, and MJ.

Q Is Johnny Depp still living in self-imposed exile in France?—*T.F., Modesto, Calif.*



Depp and Paradis: Out of exile

A No, Depp, 45, and his long-time love, Vanessa Paradis, 35, consider West Hollywood their primary home. The actor owns a four-bedroom mansion on 2½ lush acres just north of the Sunset Strip. We're told

he enjoys the chic celebrity-friendly neighborhood, where he's able to stroll down the hill for a newspaper without attracting a crowd of fans or paparazzi.

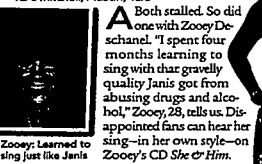


Jen and Brad: Is a reunion realistic?

Q In your opinion, is Jennifer Aniston remaining single in hopes that she and Brad Pitt will reunite if he and Angelina Jolie break up?—*Cathy Spidell, North Canton, Ohio*

A Not unless she believes Brad has had a miraculous transplant of that "sensitivity chip" she once accused him of missing.

Q Whatever happened to the Janis Joplin biopic that was to star Renée Zellweger and Pink?—*R.A. Mitchell, Austin, Tex.*



Zoo: Learned to sing just like Janis

A Both stalled. So did one with Zoey DeSchanal. "I spent four months learning to sing with that gravelly quality Janis got from abusing drugs and alcohol," Zoey, 28, tells us. Disappointed fans can hear her sing—in her own style—on Zoey's CD *She or Him*.

Q What can you tell me about Kimora Lee Simmons of TV's *Kimora: Life in the Fab Lane*?—*Jean Barkdull, Lake Arrowhead, Calif.*

A Kimora, 33—daughter of a black dad and a Japanese-Korean mom—is soon to be the ex-wife of Def Jam co-founder Russell Simmons. In addition to hosting one of The Style Network's top shows, she's the creative director of Pat's Fashions and a mother of two. Kimora is now nuzzing actor Djimon Hounsou.



De Havilland in 1939: One of the last of an era

Q With Charlton Heston's death, I wonder: Who is the oldest major movie star with the longest career?—*Van Morrow, Sparksburg, S.C.*

A Luise Rainer and Gloria Stuart, both 98, are oldest—but Olivia de Havilland, 92, who made her first film in 1935, had a longer starring career. The two-time Oscar winner (1946's *To Each His Own* and 1949's *The Heiress*) says she's "not opposed to working" but hasn't accepted any roles since the '80s. De Havilland has lived in Paris since the 1950s. She was back in L.A. in April, however, and attended Heston's funeral.

Q Please tell me what British songbird Sarah Brightman is up to these days.—*Steve Kennedy, Vancouver, Wash.*

A Brightman, 47, made a film called *This! The Genetic Opera*, due out this fall. Directed by horror maven Darren Bousman (*Saw II, III, and IV*), it stars someone really scary: Paris Hilton.

Q Is Sandra Bullock working on any new films?—*S. Furlin, Knoxville, Tenn.*

A Bullock, 43, just finished *The Proposal*, a romantic comedy with Ryan Reynolds, 31. And she's especially proud of *All About Steve*, a comedy she produced and stars in that will be released next year. Incidentally, Sandy told us she won't be rebuilding her \$6.5 million Lake Austin home in Texas, deemed uninhabitable due to faulty construction. "We won a settlement against the builder," she tells us. "But, sadly, I had to tear down my dream house."



Bullock: Dream house became a nightmare

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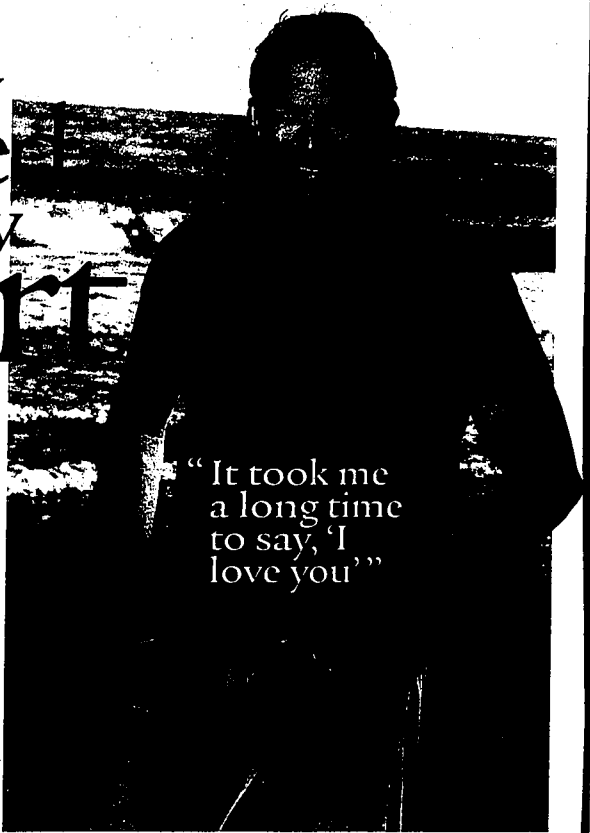
By Dotson Rader

I WANTED LOVE," KEVIN COSTNER, 53, tells me. "I just never thought that love would come to me a second time."

Costner and I are spending an afternoon together in the exquisite California beach-front house he shares with his wife, Christine Baumgartner, 33, and Cayden, their energetic 1-year-old son. It is the most thoroughly kid-proofed home I have ever seen. It takes Kevin and me 10 minutes to figure out how to undo the plastic baby lock on the guest toilet seat. Around the living room are piles of toys and kids' books. The place is like a giant playground.

"I don't think you should close off your life from your children," Kevin says, looking around. "And clearly, I don't." He laughs. "If Cayden were 5 years old, he could sit right here in the living room and listen to us talk. If he started interrupting, I'd say, 'No, that's not how talks go between people. We're talking, and if you want to ask a question, you wait and ask during the gaps.' I think you should include your children in everything you can, even if they are too young to absorb it all."

Kevin is as good as his word. His baby son was with him on the set of his new movie, *Swing Vote*, a sharp, funny, political comedy opening Aug. 1. And when Kevin and his country-rock band Modern West go on tour, as they soon will, his wife and son will join them as often as possible.



"It took me
a long time
to say, 'I
love you'"

This afternoon, Christine has taken Cayden on a playdate. Alone in the empty house, Kevin and I talk about love and its elusiveness.

"Falling in love is a really tricky thing," he says. "If you pretend you're in love when you're really not, it ends up bloody. When I met Christine, I wasn't prepared to be in love again. It took me a long time before I said 'I love you' to her, a long time."

Kevin and Christine have been married for four years. It is her first marriage, his second. His romantic caution, I suggest, is a surprising trait for one of the world's sexiest movie stars to claim. Think of him in *No Way Out* or *The Bodyguard*. His sex appeal is undeniable.

"C'mon," he replies. "I'm not playing the 'you're a sexy leading man' game with you. I'm telling you the truth. I was always interested in girls. I just didn't have luck with them. In high school, when I got my driver's license, girls looked at it and said, 'You're cute.' Well, baby ducks are cute, if you know what I mean. I put my driver's license away."

Kevin smiles, his face crinkling up boyishly, narrowing his pale blue eyes. He is 6 feet 1, fit, handsome, deeply tanned, his blond hair beginning to gray.

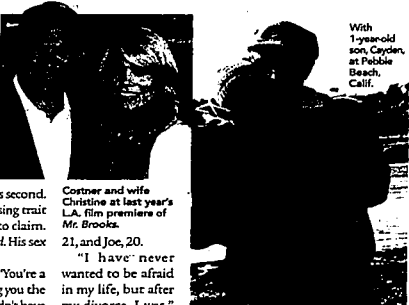
Amazingly, Costner had little experience with romance. His only girlfriend was Cindy Silva, a fellow student at Cal State, Fullerton. "Cindy was the only girl I had ever dated," he says. "I thought she was beautiful. I was honestly surprised that she liked me. I was shocked, actually."

They wed in 1978. Soon after, Kevin decided to become an actor. "I listened to my heart and realized that's who I am," he says. "That moment of discovery was the greatest moment in my life."

Untouchable, *Bull Durham*, and *Field of Dreams*—he directed and starred in *Dances With Wolves*. The film won two Oscars and brought Costner wealth and world renown. The inordinate success also brought unbearable tension to his marriage. In 1994, after 16 years and three children, the relationship collapsed.

"After my marriage ended, I never dated anyone consistently," he says. "I stayed single. When I wanted some company in my life, I was like the classic single guy—who do I love this week, who next week? I wouldn't even use the word 'love' with someone, because that makes things trickier."

In 1996, he had a brief, post-divorce relationship with Pittsburgh socialite Bridget Rooney. It produced a son, Liam, now 11. Kevin is close to Liam, as he is to the children of his first marriage—Anne, now 23, Lily,



Costner and wife Christine at last year's L.A. film premiere of *M. Brooks*.

21, and Joe, 20.

"I have never wanted to be afraid in my life, but after my divorce, I was," he confesses. "The pain of that experience had been so strong that I never wanted to go through it ever again."

"We're afraid of a lot of things in life," he continues. "It's part of the human condition. What do we fear? Love? Failure? Telling the truth about ourselves? I think we don't show people all we truly are because we're

"Was I going to lose this beautiful woman because I was afraid to say 'yes' to a child?"

afraid that if we actually know everything about us, they won't love us. I'm as guilty of that as anyone.

"For years, fear kept me from marrying Christine," he adds. "She wanted a child, and I had to come to terms with that."

Kevin first met Christine Baumgartner shortly after Cindy filed for divorce. He encountered her by chance on a golf course. "I'd rather stick needles in my eyes than go play golf," Kevin says, "but I had to learn how to play for the movie *Tin Cup*. There was this really pretty, sweet girl on the putting green. I see her. She is about 20 years old. I don't know what to do. I was a lost person. I go over. I just talk to her for half an hour. And then I don't see her again. It is several years until I see her at a restaurant down in Orange County. She comes up to me and asks, 'Do you remember me?' I say, 'I don't know.' And I watch her go away, just evaporate."

With 1-year-old son, Cayden, at Pebble Beach, Calif.

Not wanting to lose her, Kevin called Christine's phone number through a friend and called her the next day. "I invited her to the set of *Thirteen Days*," he says. "She stayed the whole day, had dinner with me, and then came back to my house. My children were there. I'd been with her 11 hours. Until that day, I had been really successful about not falling in love. I wasn't anymore."

They dated on and off for six years.

"Christine wanted a child, but I was afraid I couldn't be an effective father," he explains. "She said, 'I'm about children. If you want to be with me if you want to get married, you should know that's part of my makeup.' So here I was, confronted with real love again. I heard it. I knew it was love."

"One day," he continues, "I woke up and thought, 'Am I going to lose a beautiful woman who is willing to be with me to my very last breath because I am afraid to say yes to a child?' That's all it took. I decided that I was not going to miss out on love. Sometimes you learn that the thing you're most afraid of in life is the thing that will save your life."

In the early evening, before I leave Kevin's house, Christine and Cayden return home. Kevin hugs and kisses them, and introduces them to me. We talk a bit, I thank them and leave. As I am going out of the driveway, I stop the car a moment to look back at them in the doorway, waving good-bye. Kevin is standing happily beside his wife, his little boy saddled on his arm. **B**



Dances With Wolves 1990



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Above: Costner won the Best Director and Best Picture Oscars for his epic frontier adventure. Below: In his new film, he plays a lovable loser caught up in an election drama.

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A CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT THAT MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE COURT

THIS NOTICE IS ONLY A SUMMARY.
THE FULL SETTLEMENT NOTICE MAY BE OBTAINED AS SPECIFIED BELOW

Important Information:

- To make a claim under the Settlement, call (877) 777-8135
- Claims must be made no later than December 31, 2008

What is this case about? Plaintiffs Bobby Fay Grammer and Sheryl Lacey filed this class-action lawsuit against Sunbeam Products, Inc. ("Sunbeam") alleging that certain Sunbeam electrically heated bedding products manufactured between 1991 and May 2000 were not as safe as they should have been because they did not contain a safety circuit available on later models. Sunbeam has denied the Plaintiffs' allegations and denies any wrongdoing or liability. The settlement reached by the parties is a compromise of disputed claims.

Is the Settlement final? The Circuit Court for Miller County, Arkansas approved the Settlement on May 15, 2008 and the Settlement became final on June 17, 2008. Class members may now make claims under the Settlement. To make a claim, call (877) 777-8135.

Who is included in the Settlement? You may be a member of the Class if you purchased a certain type of Sunbeam electrically-heated bedding product, referred to as "C100 bedding products," that were manufactured between 1991 and May 2000. These bedding products contain a positive temperature co-efficient heating element, a triode-safety circuit, and were wired in the low electromagnetic field configuration. C100 bedding products generally can be identified by the following UL Style Code: HT-1, S2, RW52, S3, RW53, S4, S4S, S4SQ, RW54SQ, S2SK, S4SK, RW54SK, MP52, MP54, MP54S, MP54SQ, MP52SK, MP54SK.

The Class does not include persons making claims for personal injury or property damage as a result of electrically-heated bedding products.

What are the benefits? To eligible and participating Class members, Sunbeam will pay \$10 for each C100 bedding product manufactured prior to July 31, 1997 and owned by

a Class member, and \$15 for each C100 bedding product manufactured on or after July 31, 1997 and owned by Class member. To receive payment, Class members must provide proof that their C100 bedding products have been disabled and that they have purchased a new Sunbeam bedding product. Sunbeam is also providing an Extended Warranty on all C100 bedding products.

How do I make a claim? To receive a cash payment from Sunbeam, you must disable your C100 bedding product for which a payment is sought by removing the terminal block. You must also provide Proof of Purchase of a new Sunbeam electrically heated bedding product for each C100 bedding product for which payment is sought. Proof of Purchase means a store receipt or credit card receipt that identifies the item purchased and date of purchase. Additional information on how to make a claim can be found in the full Settlement Notice.

To make a claim for a cash payment, contact Sunbeam at 1-877-777-8135 to request a pre-paid shipper and return form. The deadline for making claims is December 31, 2008.

What if I don't make a claim? If you do not make a claim by December 31, 2008, you are still bound by the final order and judgment of the Court.

FOR A COPY OF THE FULL SETTLEMENT NOTICE

Call toll free (800) 915-8621 or write:

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Jumbo SHRIMP

Shrimp tails make good handles at a picnic!

18 jumbo-size shrimp (about 2 1/4 pounds), peeled and deveined along the curve of the back, tails left on

- 4 Tbsp fish sauce (an Asian condiment)
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 Tbsp sugar
- 2 Tbsp finely grated lemon zest

1. Rinse shrimp in cold water, drain, and pat dry.

2. Combine the fish sauce, olive oil, sugar, and grated lemon zest in a bowl. Add the shrimp; coat well. Let rest, covered, in the refrigerator for 2 hours, tossing twice.

3. Cover a rimmed baking sheet with foil. Arrange half the shrimp on the sheet, leaving a little space between each. Broil 3 inches from the heat source until just cooked, 3 minutes per side. Repeat with the rest of the shrimp. Then cool to room temperature. Pack up in a portable container and enjoy!

Serves 6. Per serving: 170 calories, 4g carbs, 28g protein, 5g fat, 250mg cholesterol.

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Each squeezed lemon yields about 1/6 cup of juice.

- 4 cups fresh lemon juice (about 24 lemons), strained
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- 1 cup sugar
- Ice, for serving
- 3 lemons, thinly sliced, for serving

Pour the strained lemon juice into a large container. Add water and sugar, then stir until

the sugar dissolves. Pack in an insulated drink cooler or Thermos. Serve the lemonade in glasses over ice garnished with a lemon slice. Makes 3 quarts without ice.

Serves 12. Per serving: 80 calories, 24g carbs, no protein, fat, or cholesterol.

Vegetable RIBBONS

Find mung bean sprouts in Asian grocery stores and supermarkets.

- 1 hothouse cucumber, peeled and cut into strips 3 inches long and 1/4 inch wide
- 2 celery ribs, cut into strips 3 inches long and 1/4 inch wide
- 2 carrots, peeled and cut into strips 3 inches long and 1/4 inch wide
- 2 red bell peppers, cored, seeded, and cut into strips 3 inches long and 1/4 inch wide
- 1 Tbsp Asian sesame oil
- 1 cup mung bean sprouts
- 2/3 cup drained bamboo shoots

1. Lightly steam the cucumber, celery, carrot, and bell-pepper strips in a vegetable steamer until just cooked, about 3 minutes. Remove to a bowl. Pat dry.
2. Place the vegetables in a bowl and toss them with the sesame oil. Add the mung bean sprouts and the bamboo shoots. Season with salt. May be refrigerated for up to 3 hours before serving. Serve at room temperature.

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As the Beijing Olympics draw near, problems in China fill the news. But there's another side.

China: A Love Story

By Simon
Winchester



MORE THAN 200 years ago, Napoleon Bonaparte reportedly said that China is like a sleeping dog: Do not wake her, for when she wakes, the world will tremble.

These days there can be no mistake: China is at long last waking from centuries of slumber. And what is our response? We tremble at what we see, or we condemn it. The shoddily built schools. The riots in Tibet. The recalled toys. The fog of pollution. The reports of human-rights abuses.

China is getting terrible press these days, and understandably so. Yet I have been an admirer of China and the Chinese since

I started going there in the cold, gray days of the late 1970s, when Mao was still in power. I have in particular admired the ability of the people to persevere in the face of adversity. Fifteen or so years ago, I met a young woman deep in China's western desert, and her story distills for me all that is good about the land they still call the Middle Kingdom.

It began with a train. I lived in Hong Kong, and my friend George and I were going to Siberia. We thought it would be fun to travel by train. Its route crossed one of the most inhospitable deserts in the world—a hot, vast place whose name, Taklamakan,

means “you go in and you can’t get out.”

A few miles into our journey, the sand began, then all we could see were dunes. Two hours in, the train abruptly stopped. There was nothing: no city, no buildings, very few people. We were to wait here for half an hour, said the guard, so I went to chat with the engineer. Shortly into our talk, from somewhere close behind me, came a female voice.

“Good afternoon,” she said, with the faintest of accents. “Do you by any chance speak English?”

I whirled around to see a young Chinese woman—tall, pretty, smartly dressed, smiling. Yes, I said.

She glanced at her watch. “Good,” she said. “This train will be here for 23 more minutes. Do you know anything about Anthony Trollope?”

It was hardly the question I was expecting, in a Chinese desert, and voiced by this delightful-looking woman. But I did know Trollope: His novels about Victorian life and politics had once been a favorite.

Yes, I said, I think I do.

“Excellent,” she said. “In that case”—and she consulted her wrist again—

Right: The author on the Great Wall. Below: “Laura,” who showed him a new China.



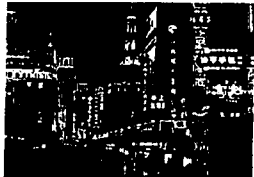
“for 22 minutes, can we please discuss his work?”

However stunned I might have been, there was something about her manner that compelled me to do as she asked. So, struggling with my memories of his books, I told her what I knew, she nodding and smiling all the while. Until, suddenly, a whistle blew. “Quick,” she said, pushing me back on board, “your train is going. You must get on.”

But no, I spluttered, as if waking from a reverie: Who are you? I asked. And then I said some pretty foolish things. You are wonderful. I must see you again. Don’t leave. Just tell me who you are.

“Don’t be so silly,” she said. “I’m no one.” The train was moving now, and I tossed a business card out of the window. I saw her scrabbling in the sand for it. Then the train lurched around a bend—and she was gone. The desert took over. It was as if she never existed. She was a chimera, a ghost.

“Amazing people, the Chinese,” grunted George as I told him the story. I dreamed of her for the rest of the day and night. But then we crossed into Kazakhstan and spent the next two months in Siberia, and she became just a half-continued



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If you had a credit card, loan or credit account, you could get benefits from a class action settlement.

Para una notificación en Español, llamar o visitar nuestro website.

A settlement worth at least \$75 million has been reached with Trans Union LLC and Acxiom Corporation ("Defendants") in a class action lawsuit that claims the Defendants violated state laws and the Fair Credit Reporting Act ("FCRA") when they sold lists containing personal and financial consumer information to third parties for marketing purposes. The settlement does not mean the Defendants violated any laws or did anything wrong. The Defendants deny any claims of wrongdoing in this case.

The United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois will have a hearing to decide whether to give final approval to the settlement, so that benefits can be issued. Those included in the class action, together called a "Class," may object to the settlement or ask to speak at the hearing. Eligible Class members may also sign up for credit monitoring or other benefits from the settlement. For more information, including a detailed notice, go to www.ListClassAction.com or call, toll-free, 1-866-416-3470.

WHO'S INCLUDED?

The Court decided that the Class includes all consumers who had an open credit account or an open line of credit from a credit grantor (including, for instance automobile loans, bank credit cards, department store credit cards, other retail store credit cards, finance company loans, mortgage loans, and student loans) located in the United States anytime from January 1, 1987 to May 28, 2008.

WHAT DOES THE SETTLEMENT PROVIDE?

The settlement will: (1) establish a \$75 million Settlement Fund; (2) give Class members the option of selecting six or nine months of credit monitoring services; (3) donate \$150,000 to non-profit organizations; (4) pay for settlements or judgments for damage claims related to lawsuits brought individually by Class members against the Defendants; (5) pay class counsel's attorneys' fees and their expenses; (6) pay the costs of notice and administering the settlement; and (7) distribute any money remaining (after deducting the costs for everything listed above) in the Settlement Fund to Class members who register for a payment or to non-profit organizations.

The six months of credit monitoring services (which retails for \$59.75) include: (1) the ability to lock your credit report to third parties, such as lenders or other companies, will not be able to access your credit report without your consent (unless allowed by law); (2) unlimited daily access to your Trans Union credit report and credit scores; and (3) credit monitoring with a 24-hour email credit notification service. The nine months of enhanced credit monitoring services (which retails for \$115.50) includes all the services listed above, plus a suite of insurance scores and a mortgage simulator service. If you get the enhanced credit monitoring you will not be able to get a payment from the settlement or start an individual lawsuit. More details on all of the settlement benefits are available in the Settlement Agreement

which can be obtained at www.ListClassAction.com or by calling, toll-free, 1-866-416-3470.

HOW DO YOU ASK FOR BENEFITS?

To receive credit monitoring from the settlement you must go to www.ListClassAction.com and register by September 24, 2008. If you register, you will have six months after the Court grants final approval to the settlement and all appeals are resolved to activate your credit monitoring benefit. You may also register at the website or by mail until September 24, 2008, to receive a possible cash payment.

YOUR OTHER RIGHTS.

Whether or not you seek any benefits being offered as part of this settlement, all Class members will be able to participate in a class action or join multiple plaintiffs in a single action. You may object to the settlement by August 22, 2008. The detailed notice explains how to object. Your options for benefits provided by the settlement are as follows:

- **File an individual lawsuit against Defendant(s) for claims related to target marketing and pre-screening:** You can also sign up for six months of credit monitoring.
- **Sign up for six months of credit monitoring services:** You can also register to receive a possible cash payment in the event of a cash distribution or file an individual lawsuit against the Defendants.
- **Sign up for nine months of enhanced credit monitoring services:** You will not receive any further benefits, including a cash payment, and you will not be able to file an individual lawsuit against the Defendants.
- **Register to receive a possible cash payment:** You can also sign up for six months of credit monitoring; however if you receive a cash payment, you cannot file an individual lawsuit against the Defendants.
- **Do Nothing:** You won't get any benefits. You will keep your right to sue the Defendants individually (see the detailed notice and Settlement Agreement for more information).

The Court will hold a hearing in this case on September 10, 2008, at Courtroom 1703, Everett McKinley Dirksen Building, 219 S. Dearborn St., Chicago, IL 60604, to consider whether to approve the settlement, and set a date to consider a request by Class Counsel for attorneys' fees of up to 25% of the Settlement Fund, and reimbursement of costs and expenses. Class Counsel will also request a payment of up to \$3,750 for each of the Class Representatives who helped the lawyers on behalf of the whole Class. Class members may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at their own cost, but they don't have to. For more information, call, toll-free, 1-866-416-3470 or go to the website shown below.

China: A Love Story | continued

remembered amazement. Until, that is, I returned to my apartment in Hong Kong. There, in an impeccable hand, was a letter from her.

Dear Mr. Winchester, it began. My name is Xing Yong Zhen. I am 34 years old, and I am the girl you met in Kyjstun. Maybe you remember me?

How could I forget?

I used to be a teacher. I am married to a Party official, and we have a son. Two years ago we were sent to live in this town in the desert. It is a horrible place—dirty, drab, and worst of all, no one speaks English. English is my first love. I felt my mind was going to die.

Every afternoon they built the railway line. Even though it is miles away, every Tuesday and Thursday I ride my bicycle across the desert and wait for the train to arrive. I knock on every window and ask: Do you speak English? Sometimes people say hello or a few words.

Today I saw a tall man. I asked him if he spoke English and you said yes. Did you know about Trollope, I asked, and you did. For half an hour—I just can't tell you what I feel. It was as though I was flying. And then she asked: Could we write to one another?

We became distant friends, though entirely platonically, it seems proper to say. I gave her an English name, Laura. We even met once, when she came to Xi'an.

Then, after five years, one of my letters came back to me: Address Unknown. I telephoned and got a terse recording: The number you called does not exist. She had become a chimera all over again.

It was only when I sat down to write this memory of Laura that I realized why, beyond the sentimental, she had come to seem so important. For me, she sums up what China has lately become. Laura reminds us that her country is no longer the closed, myopic place it was—arrogant in its superiority and separatist. She and millions like

her are of a generation that wants to know about us.

Over the years, I have made friends with other men and women I can only call "the new Chinese." There's Gordon Cui, a brilliant engineer from Shanghai whom 20 years ago I helped come to America to earn a Ph.D. and whom I rediscovered entirely by chance when he turned up delivering Chinese food to my apartment. I was astonished. But he had a good reason. He had gotten his degree and found a fine daytime job, but he now wanted to earn every dollar he could so that he could return to China. "My dream

The new Chinese want to be part of the future

has changed," he said. "I think the torch has been passed to China, and I want to go back there, to be part of this new future."

And Freda Yu, an interpreter who came with me in 1995 when I was traveling the Yangtze River: She is in Beijing, rising rapidly as a marketer. She recently said, "We Chinese look outward all the time, and the difference is amazing." She hopes that Westerners will learn her customs and language and will come to admire her people, too. With hundreds of thousands of visitors coming for the Olympics, her wishes may start to come true.

As for Laura herself—is she happy? Is she free? I don't know. Yet somehow, I feel from what I know of her remarkable personality, she will be okay. Just like China, her country. Yes, I reassure myself. She got through the bad times, and now, I feel more certain as the years go on, she will be just fine. **IB**

Simon Winchester is the author of 21 books, including the best-selling "The Professor and the Madman." His latest book is "The Man Who Loved China."

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EDUCATION

Are College Coaches Overpaid?

The average pay of major college football coaches now stands at more than \$1 million a year. Some of the highest-paid coaches—including Oklahoma's Bob Stoops, Alabama's Nick Saban, Florida's Urban Meyer, and Iowa's Kirk Ferentz—make in excess of \$3 million annually, including endorsement contracts. Even members of coaching staffs do well. Offensive and defensive coordinators for top teams make about \$200,000 each year.

Meanwhile, professors' pay is in a different league. The average yearly salary for an en-

gineering professor is \$107,134 (instructors earn about \$55,000), and the average math professor earns \$81,818.

Jennifer Kearns of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) defends coaches' high pay. She says that, unlike professors who have the protection of tenure, "coaches can be dismissed for lackluster records or the inappropriate behavior of 18- to 22-year-olds." Kearns adds that coaches' salaries are set by the marketplace and by "economic forces at each school." Athletic budgets at some universities can top \$50 million.

But a recent report of University of Florida coach Urban Meyer seemed more than \$3 million last year

by the NCAA suggests that college sports are, in fact, money-losing propositions. Among the 119 schools with top Division I football teams, only 19 had athletic departments that generated a profit in 2006.

Coaches can make 10 times more than professors

As college tuition and fees continue to rise, critics contend that many schools' athletic programs have gotten out of hand. Anne Neal, president of the American Council of Trustees and Alumni, says, "Some colleges seem more focused on beer and spectacle than on teaching and learning. The public, students, and tuition payers have a right to know how their money is being spent." Tell us what you think: Are college coaches overpaid? Vote at Parade.com/intel



YOUR MONEY What Grocery Store Waste Costs You

Food prices are rising, but your grocery bill might be lower if you weren't paying for an estimated \$20 billion worth of food that supermarkets throw away each year. Stores in the U.S. waste twice as much food annually as those in Europe, and a recent U.S. report found that total American food waste—including what we pitch from our refrigerators—is worth \$48 billion each year. One reason is that, since food travels 1500 miles on average to reach your plate, some of it spoils in transit. Also, Americans are used to huge displays of fresh food at the grocery store, so some produce is piled up for decoration rather than sold. But now supermarkets are trying

to cut waste—or at least find more environmentally friendly ways to handle it. Stop & Shop/Giant-Landover has reduced the number of items on display and asked suppliers to use smaller boxes, resulting in less waste. Supermarkets in Nashua, N.H., and Deerfield Beach, Fla., make compost out of spoiled produce, meat, and even flowers. Still, keeping food from the trash pile in the first place would be best. "We waste between a quarter and a half of all the food we produce," says Jonathan Bloom, a journalist who blogs about food waste. "If there's a silver lining to today's rising grocery prices, it may be that they force us to value our food more."

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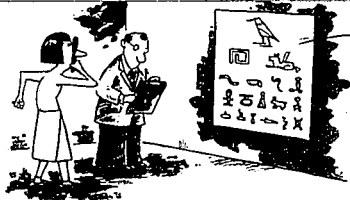
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Emma and her husband, actor Greg Wise (*Sense and Sensibility*), married a few years ago and have two children. "I finally made him an honest man," she told me. I asked about the kids. "Our daughter is 8, and it's very British to send the children off to boarding school—but over my dead body. She lives at home and goes to day school." They also have an adopted son from Rwanda. "He's 19 and studying political science," she said. Emma and I spoke by phone. She said it was warm and muggy there in North London, and she was worried about a new study that said the ice at the North Pole is melting. Emma's family lives what she calls "a dual life"—half the year in London, near my mother, and the other six months on the west coast of Scotland, at Argyll, on an old family croft. My mum is Scots, and my dad part Scots, and the rest a real mongrel. That's what I like about America—you're all a mix of things."

Personal

Born April 18, 1959
in London, England
Married to Kenneth Branagh (1989-P5)
and to Greg Wise
(2005), with two
children

Why You Know Her

She's in regular court for years of films such as *Howard's End*, *Sense and Sensibility*, *Remains of the Day*, and *The Harry Potter* movies.

What You Don't Know

Emma is the only person to have won Oscars for acting twice. She lives in the big



In Step With®

Emma Thompson

By James Brady

GORGEOUS, BRAINY BRIT EMMA THOMPSON, a double Oscar-winner, returns in a big-screen version of Evelyn Waugh's *Brideshead Revisited*, perhaps the classiest popular TV series of our era. It's a lavish movie, filmed in Venice and Oxford. Thompson takes on the complex role of Lady Marchmain, the fiercely religious matriarch of a wealthy and aristocratic family with rebellious children—alcoholic Sebastian and night-dubbing debutante Lady Julia.

"She can't relate to her children on a human level," Thompson said.

I suggest to the lovely Emma, now in her 40s, that a few years back she might have played not the mother, but Julia. "No, that

was not me," she replied. "Even as a young woman, I was never the ultimate teenager." Maybe so, but Emma's done everything else, including great Shakespearean roles, usually working with her ex-husband, director and actor Kenneth Branagh.

Her top films include *Howard's End* (she won Best Actress), *Remains of the Day*, *In the Name of the Father*, and HBO's multi Emmy-winning *Angels in America*. Is Emma a fan of Evelyn Waugh and *Brideshead*? "I loved Waugh's other stuff when I was at school," the Cambridge grad told me, "but I never read *Brideshead* until I got this role, and now I love it."

In 1996, Thompson won her second Oscar, for writing the screenplay for *Sense and Sensibility*. Is she working on anything new? "I've got three projects right now," Emma said. "I'm a Luddite, and I write long-hand with an old fountain pen. I've been hired to write a new screenplay for *My Fair Lady*, based on the foreword and afterword of Shaw's *Pymonell*—different from the musical and not as sweet an ending."

As our interview came to an end, Emma and I agreed that the next time we talk, it will be in a pub over a traditional pint of bitter.

The Oscar-winning actress stars in a lavish new version of *Brideshead Revisited*

Ask Marilyn®

By Marilyn vos Savant



I bought my son a boomerang, but the instructions read like warnings. If tribesmen in Australia used them as weapons, how could the boomerangs hit a target and still return?

—Mark Kloss, Denver, Colo.

Longer, slightly curved, heavy wooden sticks were thrown hard and became rapidly spinning projectiles that were dangerous enough to maim or kill. They didn't return.

Returning boomerangs are used mainly for sport. They are shorter, thinner, more curved, and much lighter. But in the hands of amateurs, they can do plenty of harm.

Which is more effective: an oral lesson or a written one?

—Tim O'Connor, Tucson, Ariz.

Let's assume that the lessons are equivalent: They have the same content, they can be heard or read only once, and neither is interactive, etc. If so, the oral lesson should be more efficient because the brain doesn't need to work at decoding the written material.

In real life, however, the lessons will differ more. Listeners will benefit from the presence of an informed instructor, and readers will be able to set their own pace. Each lesson type has great advantages, depending on the student and the material.

My grandmother is teaching me how to can foods. She uses a pressure cooker. Why isn't boiling safe enough? Boiling kills all the bacteria.

—Karin Shoemaker, Wichita, Kan.

Boiling is safe for canning high-acid foods—such as jams, jellies and fruits—but not for low-acid foods, such as meats and vegetables. Boiling kills the bacteria responsible for botulism (a deadly poison), but bacteria can form spores that withstand the heat. These spores grow in low-acid foods even in the absence of air. When they grow, they produce the *botulinum* toxin. To destroy the spores, pressure cooking is

required. This process raises the temperature higher than boiling.

When it comes to certain foods, even boiling isn't enough for safe canning

I am a teacher, and my students had a question: Why do pencils come with nicely sharpened points, then never again sharpen evenly? We always have to pick off some of the wood.

—Michele Dau, Fresno, Calif.

Three possibilities: 1) You have poor-quality pencils; 2) you use a poor-quality sharpener; or 3) the

sharpener has gotten so much use that it has become misaligned or dull, and you need to replace it. I vote for No. 3 as the most likely!

Does coffee really stunt your growth?

—Natalie Gardino, Boston, Mass.

No, but young people still shouldn't drink it. Coffee has too much caffeine. Children by nature are bouncy, often can't concentrate or fall asleep, and sometimes get upset rummies. Caffeine intensifies all of this and affects children more than adults because of their smaller size.

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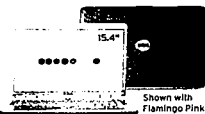
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