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T.F. City Council tables Leland contract

Mayor cites 'unbalanced reporting' for action

By Jared S. Hopkins
Staff writer

Citing "unbalanced reporting" in the media without specifying details, the Twin Falls City Council on Monday tabled a vote to approve its share of a \$65,000 contract with a private consultant to continue reviews in map-

ping out an ambitious downtown revitalization project that could require millions in taxpayer money.

Under the new contract, the Portland-based Leland Consulting Group would continue to advise the city on how to pay for the redevelopment of four downtown blocks — and

ways to promote it to voters who would likely be asked to approve a bond measure.

Last week, Dave Leland, the firm's principal adviser, and Fran Florence, a local developer working with Leland, revealed to the *Times-News* conceptual drawings of the four-block project and early funding estimates that it could cost at least \$40 million plus \$8 to \$10 million in public funding.

But at Monday's meeting, Clow said earlier in the day he spoke with Leland, who suggested the vote be tabled. Clow made the motion and there was no discussion before the 7-0 vote.

"This request is being made to allow all parties concerned to assess the potential reporting that may jeopardize the project's feasibility and willingness of the

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Former officials settle Jerome Co. overtime pay issue

By Jared S. Hopkins
Staff writer

The three former Jerome County commissioners who paid themselves a combined total of nearly \$70,000 illegally in overtime have reached a settlement with the county, the current board said Monday.

Former county commissioner Veronica Lierman will pay back half of the \$51,857 she paid herself between 2001 and 2005 in a system she created as board chairwoman. John Eberetta, who received \$16,000, and Alvin Chojnacky, who received \$425, will also return half the amounts, said Jerome County Commissioner Charlie Howell.

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BIOCONTROL



Cara Pantone, 15, peers in to her bug catcher net Monday morning as Taylor Astle, 15, (right) tells Shelby Bozzuto, 16, what to write as the members of the Lincoln Bug Crew study an area next to U.S. Highway 93 south of Shoshone.

Group in Shoshone enlists insects to battle invasive plants

By Eric Larsen
Staff writer

SHOSHONE — An entomologist might disagree, but Shelby Bozzuto knows the most important part of an insect aspirator is not the clear plastic reservoir used to collect bugs, but the minute patch of mesh that keeps arthropods sucked out of their native habitat in the reservoir — and out of her windpipe.

"It still tastes nasty," she said of the weevil-flavored air bound for her lungs. Bozzuto, a 16-year-old Shoshone High School student, has been the aspiration behind the aspirator as a member of the Lincoln Bug Crew for the past four years.

With Bozzuto or one of the four other crewmembers on the straw-like end of an

INSIDE

Tiny bug threatens Calif. citrus industry.

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quick bank off the mesh guard, nothing but reservoir.

One more point scored in the battle against invasive plants in Lincoln County. One more seed head weevil ready for release, intent to chomp through the knapweed clusters threatening to choke out rangeland across the Intermountain West.

"We have seen it work," said Barbara Astle, program supervisor during the crew's five-year existence. "These guys have seen it work up at Shade Creek, where the leafy

aspirator, her tiny target's immediate flight plan is certain: Off the plant it calls home, up through a foot of surgical tubing, a quick bank off the mesh guard, nothing but reservoir.

Have a weed problem?

For more information about the Lincoln Bug Crew and biocontrol measures, contact Barbara Astle at 208-866-2258, Ext. 3.



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WATCH: Video of the Lincoln Bug Crew as they monitor an area south of Shoshone infested with diffuse knapweed and spotted knapweed.

spurge is horrendous.

"We've gone out to monitor and the next

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Oil companies' profits steered to investors

Money spent on exploration doesn't compare to what's spent on stocks

By John Porretto
Associated Press writer

HOUSTON — As giant oil companies like Exxon Mobil and ConocoPhillips get set to report what will probably be another round of eye-popping quarterly profits, just where is all that

money going? The companies insist they're trying to find new oil that might help bring down gas prices, but the money they spend on exploration is nothing compared with what they spend on stock buybacks and dividends.

It's good news for shareholders, including mutual funds and retirement plans for millions of Americans, but no help to drivers already making drastic cutbacks to offset the high cost of fuel.

The five biggest international oil companies played about 55 percent of the cash

"There's only so much money you can throw at (oil and gas exploration) without being ridiculous. I think they're doing what they can."

— Joseph Stanislav, a senior adviser to Deloitte LLP's Energy & Resources practice

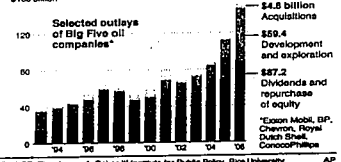
they made from their businesses into stock buybacks and dividends last year, up from 30 percent in 2000 and just 1 percent in 1993, according to Rice University's James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy.

The percentage they spend to find new deposits of fossil fuels has remained flat for years, in the mid-single digits.

The issue has become more sensitive as lawmakers and Americans frustrated by high gas prices have balked at

Crude reality is shares matter more

In recent years, the top oil companies have spent more on share buybacks and dividends than on development and exploration.



gaily reports of oil industry profits. ConocoPhillips is scheduled to kick off the latest round of Big Oil earnings reports Wednesday.

Oil prices are set on the open market, not by the oil industry. But that hasn't

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Belling has first-work day under car restrictions.

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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

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Magic Valley Toastmasters meeting and no-host lunch, with a focus on teaching and encouraging members in communication...

FESTIVALS AND FAIRS

Dakley Pioneer Days, Oakley arena, 862-3313 or 431-3292.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068. Blaine County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Hailley, 788-5500.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10 to 11 a.m., Living Waters Presbyterian Church, 821 E. Main St., Wendell, no cost, 737-5988. Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m., First Segregation Fire Station, Eden, no cost, 737-5988.

LIBRARY

Story Hour: Summer with Seuss, for preschoolers and primary grades, 8:30-10 to 10:30 a.m., Deco Community Library, front room, Larree's Custom Meat Outfit, Deco, 654-2122 or 654-9433.

MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium WSKY: Radio Station of the Stars/ Live Sky Tour, 2 p.m.: "Blown Away: The Wild World of Weather," 7 p.m.; and "Space Jammin'" at 8:15 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, 732-6655.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail at sbrowne@magvalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83403-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, July 22, the 204th day of 2008. There are 162 days left in the year. Today's Highlight: On July 22, 1933, American aviator Wiley Post completed the first solo flight around the world as he returned to New York's Floyd Bennett Field after traveling for 7 days, 18 1/2 hours. On this date: In 1587, an English colony fated to vanish under mysterious circumstances was established on Roanoke Island off North Carolina.

Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee. Ten years ago: The Senate Armed Services Committee rejected, on a 9-9 vote, Daryl Gribbs' bid to become Air Force secretary. Five years ago: Saddam Hussein's sons Odai and Qusai were killed when U.S. forces stormed a villa in Mosul, Iraq. Months after being prisoner-of-war ordeal, Pfc. Jessica Lynch returned home to a hero's welcome in Elizabeth, Va. One year ago: A bus carrying Polish Catholic pilgrims from a holy site in the French Alps plunged off a steep mountain road, killing 26 people. Padraig Harrington survived a dramatic finish in regulation and a tense putt for bogey on the final hole of a playoff to win the British Open. Cinematographer Laszlo Kovacs died in Beverly Hills, Calif., at age 74.

MORNING BRIEFING

... Say ... Steve Crump

Mormons on the march near Jarbidge

Mormon crickets are 3 inches long ... In swarms of a million — not uncommon in the Great Basin — they can literally blot out of the sun ... For most of the Magic Valley, the bugs (anabrus simplex, if you haven't been properly introduced) are little more than a curiosity, the stuff of Mormon legend ...

Share the news

If it's quirky, sad, funny, weird or poignant and it happens in south-central Idaho, it is worth about it. Contact me at 208-735-3223, or scrump@magvalley.com

... Have you seen a Mormon cricket's face? ... IS NEWLY APPOINTED Bert Brackett of Three Creek the southernmost Idahoan ever to serve in the state Senate? ... I think so ... Three Creek is located at 42,073.33 degrees north latitude, according to the geography Web site Lat-Long.com ...

WITH GAS at \$4 a gallon, Honza Rejmanek of Ketchum has the right idea about summer travel ... On July 12, the 33-year-old, Czech-born paraglider flew 108.5 miles from Bald Mountain to Lima, Mont., according to the Idaho Mountain Express of Ketchum ...

Rejmanek, a doctoral student at the University of California at Davis, was set to break the paragliding record — 126 miles — set 23 months ago by Nate Scales of Hailley ... He spent 7 1/2 hours in the air, landing near Lima, a ranching hamlet 15 miles across the Idaho line ...

Because it almost devastated the crops of Utah settlers in 1848, the Mormon cricket is often compared to the locust, an insect that has never really recovered from the bad press it earned in the book of Exodus ... But locusts are just ordinary grasshoppers — "locust" is actually the term for the insect's swarming phase ...

'A farmer drove by and gave me a ride into Lima, which is right on I-15,' Rejmanek told the Express ... 'I tried to hitchhike on the ramp but had no luck ... The operators of the gas station near the ramp invited me to stay with them at their house ... I hooked up my camera to their television and showed them the pictures of my flight ...'

Rejmanek started hitchhiking home at 7 a.m. on July 13 and was back in Ketchum before noon ...

Steve Crump is the Times-News opinion editor.

AROUND THE WORLD

IRAQ Obama gets withdrawal support from Iraqis

BAGHDAD — Face to face with Iraq's leaders, Barack Obama gained fresh support Monday for the idea of pulling all U.S. troops out of the war zone by 2010. But the Iraqis stopped short of actual timetables or endorsement of Obama's pledge to withdraw American troops within 16 months if he wins the presidency.

The Democratic presidential contender also got a military lifeline — a helicopter tour — from the top U.S. commander in the region, Gen. David Petraeus, and he met with a few of the nearly 150,000 U.S. troops now well into the war's sixth year.

In Washington, the White House expressed displeasure with recent public comments by Iraq's leaders that drew the withdrawal question and suggested they might have the U.S. election on their minds.



This photo provided by the U.S. Army shows Gen. David H. Petraeus giving Obama the situation in Iraq to Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., and other members of a U.S. Congressional delegation in Baghdad, Iraq, Monday. [See story at left].

WASHINGTON FDA finds salmonella strain in Mexican-grown jalapeno in Texas plant

Government inspectors finally have a big clue in the nationwide salmonella outbreak. They found the same bacteria in single Mexican-grown jalapeno pepper handled by a small Texas produce shipper.

But Monday's discovery doesn't solve the mystery: Authorities don't know where the pepper became tainted — on the farm, or in the plant in McAllen, Texas, or at some stop in between. Nor are they saying the tainted pepper exonerates tomatoes sold earlier in the spring that consumers used last week but haven't been told were the prime suspect.

PORTUGAL Portuguese AG closes case of missing British girl for lack of evidence

LISBON — Portugal's attorney general ordered police Monday to limit their investigation into the disappearance of British girl Madeleine McCann because detectives uncovered no evidence of a crime during their 14-month probe.

The case will remain closed unless new evidence emerges, Attorney-General Fernando Pinto Monteiro's office said in a statement Monday. He said the reason to charge any of the three people named as suspects: Madeleine's parents Kate and Gerry and local man Robert Murat, the statement said. All three denied involvement.

After the announcement, the McCanns said being named suspects in the case had damaged the search for Madeleine.

— The Associated Press

HOROSCOPE BY JERALDINE SAUNDERS

IF JULY 22 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY, in January you may be caught up in a romantic fantasy that could drain your energy or waste your resources. Keep the credit card in the drawer as overspending and extravagance may be highly tempting. You will be gambling on the future and could lose the bet. In February form life-connections with powerful people finish in regulation and a tense putt for bogey on the final hole of a playoff to win the British Open. Cinematographer Laszlo Kovacs died in Beverly Hills, Calif., at age 74.

shot in the arm through smart investments. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may have someone wrapped around your finger so tightly you could make ringlets. A compelling attraction, whether monetary or romantic, might make your heart sing. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Tonight you and a special someone could become tombed-in-around-again. Another, that's the time to let actions speak louder than words. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Invite someone to help you with work. Physical chemistry is likely to create an

intense reaction. To charm a loved one, just whisper a few seductive words in his or her ear. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You are sharper than usual with financial affairs and ooze sex appeal when faced with members of the opposite sex. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You might not be able to believe your good fortunes when a passing fancy turns out to have definite merit. You can trust that your passions are right on target. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A friendly, flirtatious exchange may cover the seeds of what can develop

into a deep and passionate romance. Take time to uncover new facts and don't be afraid to follow your fascinating fancies.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): It is thrilling to feel desirable. Work situations can put you in contact with people who may turn into more than just business buddies. The embers of love can burst into flame this evening.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): This turkey New Ideas might stimulate a deal, create common ground, or change your outlook. An unexpected conversation or phone call could lead to a new friendship.

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Monday's Zits comic did not run. The Times-News regrets the error.



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Bug crew

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 year we go back and it's like, 'Wow!' It just takes time, the biocontrol does."
 The Lincoln crew — along with similar ones in Blaine, Camas and Gering counties — works in conjunction with Southern Idaho Biological Control to provide a means of dealing with noxious weeds and invasive species other than costly and time-consuming measures including spraying herbicide, digging up acres of plants and controlled burns of infested areas.

The members of the current all-female crew work 16 hours a week out of the Shoshone U.S. Forest Service office they call home base, and are paid for what is essentially a free service to county landowners. The crew surveys land infested with plants ranging from spotted knapweed to leafy spurge, and collects and disperses bugs that prey on such plants.

Biocontrol isn't a quick fix — a mixture of root-boring and seed-head eating bugs may take years to eliminate a large patch of a targeted invasive species.

"It gets frustrating because sometimes the weed grows faster than the bugs can eat the plant," said 15-year-old Taylor Astle, a four-year veteran of the crew.

People looking for quicker fixes have caused biocontrol setbacks by spraying, though last year's fires dealt the crew a harder blow. The Red Bridge Fire that raged across

45,000 acres between Shoshone and Jerome burned the groups' Nestlé Bug insectary, destroying the habitat for a large group of useful bugs.

Insects now have to be re-harvested or bought at as much as \$1 or \$2 per head for future dispersals which usually consist of 100 to 200 bugs.

Most of the girls, including 14-year-old Kacie Hutchins of Shoshone and Dietrich import Shayla Porter, are just as interested in high school basketball as any biocontrol measure. Most hold other part-time summer jobs, splitting their time between work and being chased by the local boys who have traditionally shied away from the bug work.

"When we started working, we did have one guy on here," Barbara Astle said. "They worked circles around him."

Trudging through the high desert during the height of summer with a net, a shovel and surveying equipment isn't easy or glamorous. Still, given time, the work can be rewarding, second-year crewmember Cara Pantone, 15, said.

"It's fun and it makes you feel good when you see the bugs are doing their job and making some progress out there," she said. "You just want to go every day and see things look a little better."

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Council

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 private sector to invest an estimated \$40 to \$50 million into the four-block area and related Main Avenue projects." Clow said prior to the decision.

It's unclear why the contract was tabled. Councilman Trip Craig said the contract would not explain what "unbalanced reporting" included.

"The unbalanced reporting is skewing the developers," he said. When asked to specify, Clow said before he entered a closed meeting, "I don't have time to talk about it."

The new contract amends the roles of local developers Florence and Jeff Hepworth, who are described as stepping back from a role as members of Leland's "direct team" to work with Leland

and city officials as "developers and members of the Four Block LLC."

Hepworth and Florence will continue to work with Leland and the city to determine how best to spend taxpayer money on the development. Florence and Hepworth won't be paid but serve as private developers as they continue to complete a private, for-profit corporation to control the four-block project.

The four-block project is a mixed-use development with about 243,000 square-feet of offices, retail and housing from Second Avenue South to Fourth Avenue South and Shoshone Street South to Idaho Street. It would include a city hall, which early designs show as a 15,000 square-foot, three-level structure on the corner of Shoshone Street South and

Second Avenue South. But last week, state Rep. Phil Hart, R-Idaho, the Legislature's leading critic of urban renewal projects, called the arrangement a conflict of interest. The city's own attorney, Fritz Wonderlich, said that it currently needs legal muscle, but might not "pass the smell test."

The Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency approved the contact last week.

A call to Leland's cell phone Monday night was not immediately returned.

In the past two years, the city has spent nearly \$500,000 in pursuing redevelopment of the city's downtown, with about half of it going to consultants. The city has also budgeted \$150,000 for "downtown renewal" for next year's budget.

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Kevin Cassidy, the attorney representing Elorrieta, who is an attorney, had said in April Elorrieta agreed to pay back half.

The decision to approve the deal was unanimous, Howell said. He said he was relieved to put an end to the lengthy legal battle. He had originally opposed recovering the money, citing a friendship with Lierman posed a conflict of interest.

"I'm glad it's over and said and done with," Howell said.

He deferred further details, including an exact payment schedule, to Fritz Haemmerle, the private attorney representing the county.

The former officials were sued last September by the current commissioners, who sought more than \$75,000 — the pay plus interest and inflation.

Commissioner Diann Obenauer said she would have preferred a stricter settlement but it still held the officials accountable.

"I would've liked to have had a full accounting of what they paid themselves in overtime, but our attorney advised us we need to just go with the flow," she said. "We sent a message to all public

"I'm glad it's over and said and done with."

— Jerome County Commissioner Charlie Howell

servants — that they are not above the law."
 The settlement brings to a close a long and winding political saga that lasted more than two years. Last year, the commissioners originally voted 2-1 against pursuing the matter. They reluctantly agreed after they were told by the Idaho Association of Counties they had no legal excuse not to.

The state attorney general's office found in 2006 that although the three were paid for work-related reasons, the pay system was devised illegally because elected officials cannot be paid more than the base salary set when the county budget is approved.

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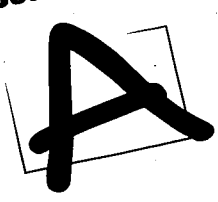
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Schools

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Last week, district staff gave numbers showing the new school may be \$9 million over budget. Facilities Manager Dale Thornsberry said about \$47 million was allocated just to build the school. The cost was estimated at \$37.6 million in 2006.

On Monday, officials said they're running \$4.7 million over budget for the new school and other projects including 17 that have not yet been put out for bid.

Also Monday, officials said projected costs shouldn't factor into actual costs. "It is not an accurate measure of costs to simply take a projected cost from the beginning of a project and subtract it from the present and actual costs," said Thornsberry.

Meanwhile, school construction is within budget in Kimberly and Jerome.

In Kimberly, \$10.25 million is budgeted for a new intermediate school and improvements to other schools and a street. The project, which broke ground July 12, is running on time and within

budget, Starr Corporation President Michael Arrington said Monday.

The Kimberly work is being done under a type of contract called design-build, where Starr handles everything from architecture to construction management, and assumes control of the budget and risk. "If it goes over budget and it's met the contractual obligations then yes, it's our (Starr Corporation's) problem," Arrington said, adding the contract protects the taxpayer.

The Twin Falls School District, however, has a con-

struction management contract. "Under construction management control the owner (school district) takes the risk of the overall project budget," said Arrington. Twin Falls School District officials decided to enter a construction management contract after researching other school districts and design firms, according to an e-mail from the school district.

Starr Corporation also recently served as construction managers in Jerome and helped build two schools there under the type of con-

tract used by Twin Falls. The schools were done on time and closely within budget, officials said.

The Jerome School District is now embarking on another project to construct administration office space. They're going to use Starr Corporation with a design-build contract, just as the Kimberly School District did. "We think we have more control with the end product with design-build," said Jim Cobble, Jerome School District superintendent. "We have some security with any overrides."

Jerome's newest administration space project is much smaller than the new school projects were, said Cobble, noting that a construction management contract also worked well.

The Idaho State Department of Education doesn't track new school construction budgets, or the types of contracts school districts use, said Melissa McGrath, SDE spokeswoman.

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Oil

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stopped public protests, a series of congressional grillings for top oil executives, and a failed attempt by lawmakers to slap Big Oil with a windfall profits tax.

In the first three months of this year, Exxon Mobil Corp., the world's biggest publicly traded oil company, shelved out \$8.8 billion on stock buybacks alone, compared with \$5.5 billion on exploration and other capital projects.

ConocoPhillips has already told investors that its stock buybacks for April to June of this year will come to about \$2.5 billion — nine times what it spent on exploration.

Stock buybacks are common throughout corporate America, not just for Big Oil. They shrink the amount of stock on the open market, essentially increasing its value and giving individual shareholders a bigger stake in the company.

But some critics say Big Oil focuses too much on boosting stock prices, in an industry that sometimes ties executive pay to stock price.

And in focusing on buybacks and dividends over exploring for new oil, some critics say, oil companies jeopardize its already dwindling share of world supply.

"If you're not spending your money finding and developing new oil, then there's no new oil," said Amy Myers Jaffe, an energy expert at Rice University who's studied spending patterns of the major oil companies.

Investor-owned companies like Exxon Mobil and Chevron hold less than 10 percent of global oil and gas reserves, way down from past decades. And finding new oil has become harder and more expensive.

State-run oil companies, like those in Saudi Arabia and Venezuela, control about 80 percent of oil reserves — and at today's prices, it's not surprising they're keeping a tight grip on the board and saying, "We, I can do one or the other or the other." The balance sheets are flush with cash.

No one questions that Big Oil is rolling in cash. The cash the biggest oil companies bring in from running their businesses, or operating cash flow, is four times what it was in the early 1990s.

"It becomes a management decision," said Howard Silverblatt, a senior index analyst at Standard & Poor's. "It's not like they're going to the board and saying, 'We, I can do one or the other or the other.' The balance sheets are flush with cash."

So what's Big Oil to do? The companies say they are doing what they can to find more fossil fuels around the world, but the easy oil is gone. Exploring these days may mean expensive projects in thousands of feet of water in the Gulf of Mexico or costly ventures pulling petroleum from Canada's vast oil-sands deposits.

Exxon, ConocoPhillips and ConocoPhillips Co. just said they'd spend \$7 billion to nearly double the amount of crude flowing through a pipeline from Canada's tar sands to the U.S. Gulf Coast.

And analysts point out that because there's no guarantee oil prices will stay in the stratosphere, oil companies should approach exploration projects with caution.

"There's only so much money you can throw at it without being ridiculous," said Joseph Stanslaw, a senior adviser to Deloitte LLP's Energy & Resources practice. "I think they're doing what they can."

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Gillispie education credentials questioned

Energy CEO graduated from non-degree MIT program

By Blair Koch
Correspondent

When Catherine Brown asked a few questions during the June 16 meeting in Glenns Ferry about the proposed Idaho Energy Complex's 1,600-megawatt nuclear power plant, the

Mountain Home resident wanted a few more details about the facility, and its new potential site in southern Elmore County. At the last minute, Brown asked another question, about IEC Chief Executive Officer Don Gillispie's education.

"You said you graduated from MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)?" Brown asked. "Mmm, humm. Graduate school," Gillispie replied. Brown thanked Gillispie and took her seat. The meeting's moderator, Jim Tibbs, got a few audience chuckles by saying, "Sounds like a teacher." Brown told the *Times-News* that she and others closely watching the nuclear project weren't convinced about

Gillispie's education credentials. The truth, it seems, lies somewhere in the middle — Gillispie attended a MIT graduate program, albeit one that didn't award him a degree to hang on his wall. Donald L. Gillispie (a 1991 alumnus of the MIT Sloan School of Management Senior Executive Program, said Patricia Favreau, assistant director of media relations for MIT's Sloan School of Management. It's a non-

degree program for professionals, she said, meaning Gillispie wouldn't have received a graduate-level degree from the institution. Company officials haven't seemed eager to address the question. Angie Hayes, an investor relations representative with IEC, stated today that Gillispie graduated from the Sloan School in e-mails to Ralph Friedemann of Jerome, who also attended the June meeting. But IEC Spokesman Martin Johnson

later told the *Times-News* that the company would not be offering further information or comment on the matter. Adding to the confusion was the fact that Gillispie's biographies on two IEC Web sites do not specify any of his educational background.

Staff writer Nate Poppino contributed to this report. Blair Koch may be contacted at 208-316-2607 or blairkoc@magval.com.

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Police search for home invaders

Staff report

Three unknown men invaded a home early Monday morning in Filer, robbed three women at gunpoint and bound their hands and feet, according to a press release Monday from the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office.

Authorities are releasing few details. Names of the women, who were held up just after midnight, aren't being disclosed. Nor is the exact address where the incident occurred. Names of the three suspects are unknown, the press release shows.

The information is not being released because detectives want to protect whatever leads they have, said Lori Nebeker, spokeswoman for the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office.

The women didn't know the men, and the home was forcefully entered, Nebeker confirmed.

The three unknown men took an undisclosed amount of cash along with other items from the home and fled in a small sedan, the press release shows.

Police have made no arrests and have not issued any arrest warrants in the case, Nebeker confirmed.

Two of the females are stepisters and the third was a friend, Nebeker said. Authorities have not released physical descriptions of the three men.

More information should be released today, Nebeker said.

Authorities want anyone with information to call: 208-735-1911, or 208-736-4188.

REFLECTED IN RAIN



Construction equipment on the site of the old Kimberly High School building that was torn down last month is reflected in rain drops Monday afternoon during a rain shower. Tuesday's forecast has a 20 percent chance of rain and temperatures in the high 80s. For more, go to magicalvalley.com and click the 'weather' icon.

A whooping bad time

Health district asks public to keep whooping cough vaccinations up to date

By Nate Poppino
Staff writer

Local health officials are asking people to check up on their vaccination records after a case of pertussis, better known as whooping cough, was found in Minidoka County last week.

The disease, caused by bacteria, was discovered in a 1-year-old child on Wednesday after company stayed at the child's home, Cheryl Becker, South Central Public Health District epidemiologist manager, said on Monday.

It's the first case of pertussis reported in the district since May 2007. But officials aren't worried about an outbreak, Becker said — they just want to encourage children, teens and adults to get vaccinated against the disease.

"Because there's always potential (to get sick), we want to make sure people are watching for symptoms and looking at immunization

records," Becker said. Whooping cough is endemic to south-central Idaho, she said. That means it's always around, even though it may not show itself very often. Many times, carriers are adults who mistake the symptoms for something else, she said.

"They may cough 'til they vomit, or maybe they can't catch their breath, but they believe it's just something else," Becker said. And those adults, she said, may infect younger children, especially if the latter haven't been kept up to date on their vaccinations. Counting the adult vaccine that became available a couple of years ago, health officials recommend a total of six pertussis vaccinations starting at 2 months old and stretching out into adulthood. The disease is often included with tetanus and diphtheria in vaccines.

The adult vaccine hasn't quite caught on yet, Becker said. But offi-

cials are trying to make new parents and others who deal with small children aware of it, since newborns can actually, though rarely, die from the disease, she said.

"That's where protecting the adult population really pays off, so that we can protect those young infants," she said.

The health district is following up on others who might have been exposed to the disease in the Minidoka area. But Becker stressed the need for the general public to check their immunizations, especially during the summer travel season. She compared it to measles. Several outbreaks of which are underway in England and other countries.

"It's just something that we need to remind people," she said.

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CSI Board snuffs out smoking on campus

Board unanimously decides to make school smoke-free

By Andrea Jackson
Staff writer

Students and visitors to the College of Southern Idaho can't pack heat on campus, and come Aug. 25 they won't be able to smoke either.

The CSI Board of Trustees unanimously decided Monday night that smoking won't be allowed anywhere on campus inside or out. If visitors want to smoke, they need to cross the street. Smoking won't be allowed even on the campus's perimeter sidewalks.

A handful of students led the recent effort to make CSI smoke-free. They said smokers are good people with a bad habit and public health is their main concern. They also said they issued an online survey, which 950 people filled out: 67 percent of the respondents said campus smoking is problematic.

"A non-smoker has the right to breathe clean air," said CSI student Casey Warner.

Students also told the board of trustees the college is emerging as a leader in health, science, education, and they stressed the new policy will promote that role.

According to the American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation, only Boise State University and Brigham Young University-Idaho have campus-wide smoke-free policies.

A few survey respondents said they wouldn't return to CSI if they couldn't smoke on campus, the students said.

The board of trustees wants a plan of action within

Please see **SMOKE**, Page A7

Colleagues at Canyon View praise departing Southwick

By Cassidy Friedman
Staff writer

Directing the psychiatric branch of a Twin Falls hospital was just like running any business, said Bill Southwick.

That might seem odd given that Southwick's 11 years were consumed by victims from averted, suicide jumps on the Perrine Bridge, delusional schizophrenics, and resistant police in-custodies lashing out in violence.

It was also not uncommon to spot the director of Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services at midnight, back at the facility, working with a patient after his shift, shorthanded and unable to cope on his own, called him up at his home.

Despite what he says about running his department like a business, Southwick's reasons for returning to the facility those late nights were personal. He'd made a promise to his staff.

"My promise to the staff was that I would not leave them short."

Southwick said. "They would always have the resources necessary."

When Southwick, now 41, took a job earlier this month as chief nursing officer at Salt Lake Regional Medical Center after the Utah hospital scouted him out, he received the farewell of a friend who will be missed — perhaps even more than a goodbye fit for a top administrator.

"Bill was very involved," said Dr. Cory Alexander, a local psychiatrist since the mid-'90s. "I remember being on call — it's been years — I remember coming in there to see the patient in the middle of the night and Bill was there. He was very accessible and available."

Southwick's associates say he was a nurse first, an administrator second, which separated him from the typical administrator.

The great challenge he faced is that rural Idaho — as with other rural areas in the U.S. — mental illness is still mired in stigma. More metropolitan areas seem more aware of the seriousness and treatment options

for mental illnesses, he said.

Support under the surface, mental illness can lead to suicide as naturally as cancer can lead to death, he said. He made it the goal of his tenure to "get the word out" to the community.

He gave speeches to community groups on subjects including stress management and improving communication. He launched a project with Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.

He hoped to convey his message to the "tough and tough" farmer who fears asking for help. Suicide is much more commonly attributed to mental illnesses than the public realizes, he said, noting one in five women and one-eighth of men at some point in their life will suffer from a mental illness.

Because of Southwick's commit-

ment to his job, working for him felt more like joining a partnership than working in subordination to an employer, said Billie Henry, Canyon View's office manager.

"Working for him was wonderful," Henry said. "He is the most patient, compassionate man I have ever met in my whole life."

Those virtues made him seem more nurse than administrator, and it was his nursing training that taught him how to work so well with people, Alexander said.

"He's very laid back, very personable," she said. "He was the kind of person you would feel like opening up to. He was a good listener. You felt like you were talking to a nurse."

The hospital has appointed a co-management team to succeed Southwick, which pairs Janie Humphrey with Dr. Rick Yvartan, a medical director, Southwick said.

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Police say four-plex not arson

Staff report

A fire last week that destroyed rented apartments in a Twin Falls four-plex did not involve arson, said Twin Falls Police Capt. Matt Hicks on Monday.

It's possible the fire was started by an unattended cigarette on a porch of apartment No. 3 at 384 Mudrona St., Hicks said.

But Hicks said it's virtually impossible to confirm that theory based on the level of fire damage. He said the cause of the fire will be ruled as undetermined.

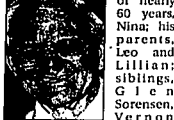
More than 10 people were displaced from their homes.

Wayne 'Bud' Dimick Sorensen

SHOSHONE — Wayne 'Bud' Dimick Sorensen, 85, of Shoshone, passed away at his home Sunday, July 20, 2008.

Wayne was born Feb. 6, 1923, in Montpelier, Vt. to Leo T. and Lillian M. Dimick Sorensen. He was the second child in a family of nine. Wayne married Nina Ferguson on May 22, 1943, in Richfield. They worked side-by-side on a farm north of Shoshone for more than 30 years, with many fishing trips to Magic Reservoir and dancing after the chores were done. Bud loved his farm, cattle, horses, camping, hunting, fishing, playing cards, his family and friends and dancing. Wayne is survived by his children, Karen (Rogers) Law of Mountain Home, Galen (Judy) Sorensen of Blue Eye, Mo., Milton (Louisa) Sorensen of Gooding and Deane (Richard) Webb of Boise; 12 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; one brother, Gordon Sorensen; and one sister, Alice Webb, both of Shoshone; and a dear

friend and companion, Ann Gregory Wayne was preceded in death by his daughter, Susan in 1961; his loving wife of nearly 65 years, Nina; his parents, Leo and Lillian; siblings, Gordon and Lillian Sorensen, Vernon Sorensen, Shirley Larsen, Sherman Sorensen, Eileen Morris and Christine Alger.



Bud's family would like to thank the nurses from Idaho Health and Hospice, Mel, Gail, Pam and Jennifer, for their care, support and encouragement for the last two months, and his many dear friends that called and stopped by. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 26, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Shoshone. Interment will follow at the Shoshone Cemetery. A viewing will be held for family and friends from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, July 25, at Demaray's Shoshone Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of Demaray Funeral Service.

Doris 'Scotty' McFadden Willis

Doris 'Scotty' McFadden Willis, 79, passed away Friday, July 18, 2008, at her home.



She was born Scotty on Feb. 16, 1928, the fourth child of Les and Alma McFadden in Tacoma, Wash. Doris attended various schools in Tacoma, including Lincoln High School. She was known as Scott or Scotty through her school and college days. She entered Washington State College in the fall of 1947 and there she met and married Les Willis. The marriage ceremony was held in the home of Virginia French in Tacoma, Wash. As an independent woman, Doris had the word 'house' struck from the marriage vows. Wedding announcements advised that the couple would be 'at home' at 501 Oak in Pullman. The irony was that 501 Oak was a real dump and few would be willing to admit 'that they would be at home there (the apartments were attached to the Green Lantern dance hall 501 had been a barber shop store front with a large full window and many students walking to and from the campus to the downtown movies would drop in to find refuge from the harsh winters of '48-'49 and '49-'50).

Doris was early committed to turning her houses into 'houses'. The first item of furniture the couple purchased was a sewing machine. While living in Pullman, Doris worked as a secretary in the office of the dean of economists. Later in Walla Walla, she was offered a position at the Ready Kiltovatt electric utility on the condition that she gave up her pony tail hairdo. She wouldn't cut her hair, and they wouldn't hire her. Doris then went to work in the prosecuting attorney's office. She walked 17 blocks to work every day until two weeks before her first son, Dan, was born. Walking was an important element in her life and, until just a few years ago, she was walking three miles a day several days a week in every location that the family lived. Doris urged that the family grocery store, pizza parlor, Dairy Queen, nursery school or whatever.

While living the nomadic

life of corporation employees, Doris went on to make homes in Walla Walla, Bremerton, Eugene, Lewiston, Medford, Salem, Anchorage, Kirkland and Twin Falls. During the late '70s and early '80s, it became popular in our culture to dis-parage homemaking as an occupation. Doris expressed dismay that her efforts seemed to be out of step with the women's movement. She became a fine cook, a skilled seamstress and a tasteful decorator of homes. She often made her own suits and clothing for her two boys. She held open houses for store staffs (with guest lists of 75) and often catered parties for her bands Jim played in (the hostess mode suited her very well).

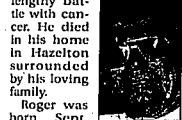
After the boys were out of the house, Doris and a lady (Kay Sherburn) took a slot at the hors d'oeuvres catering business; they stayed in business until Kay moved away. Doris was a member of the Magic Valley Symphony for many years. As an offshoot of that association, she spent several years as a member of the house band and a lady publicist was a volunteer position in those days. She assisted in selling advertising, writing the copy and assembling the program book for the upcoming year's performances. The publicist also helps coordinate press material for the guest artists. She is survived by her husband, Jim Willis of Twin Falls; sons, David Willis of Eugene, Ore., Don (Tina) Willis; two granddaughters, Katie and Sara Willis, all who live in the Puget Sound area; brother, Ralph (Alida) McFadden of Lewiston; and her nephew, Virginia French of Tacoma, Wash.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions be given to Carmo's Kids, an organization that helps aspiring young musicians with their musical skills, www.carmoskids.com or send contributions to Carmo's Kids, Magic Valley Symphony, Box 1805, Twin Falls, ID 83303-1805

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 26, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Roger ValJean Nielsen

HAZELTON — Roger ValJean Nielsen, 75, of Hazelton, passed away Sunday, July 20, 2008, after a lengthy battle with cancer. He died in his home in Hazelton surrounded by his loving family.



Roger was born Sept. 15, 1932 in Battle Creek, Iowa, to Theodore J. and Martha (Lemberg) Nielsen. He was raised on a farm and graduated from Battle Creek High School in 1950. He married Nilva Ann Hinrichs on June 24, 1951, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ida Grove, Iowa. For several years, Roger worked the family farm, where the couple's three children, David, Douglas and Valerie were born. The family resettled in Covina, Calif., after a drought forced them to leave the Iowa farm. Roger started as a clerk and was later promoted to supervisor at ThriftyMart Supermarket. During their years in California, Roger and Ann were avid square dancers.

In 1973, Roger and Ann purchased 40 acres in Hazelton, where the couple has lived for the past 35 years. Roger worked for Keystone Seed (later purchased by Sun Seeds). When a fire closed the Sun Seeds plant, Roger became a manager at Moore Warehouse in Hansen, where he worked

until he retired. Roger spent his leisure time golfing and was a member of the Idaho Couples Golf Association. He and Ann also traveled extensively taking sea Caribbean Cruises with dear friends Don and Marilyn McBride, as well as traversing Alaska and Canada on a six-week trip in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. They also enjoyed many winter months with friends Jim Yumu, Ariz.

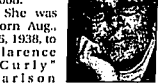
Roger was preceded in death by his parents, Ted and Martha Nielsen; sister, Shirley Reitz; and brother-in-law, Irv Reitz. Roger is survived by his wife, Ann Nielsen of Hazelton; sons, David (Jennie) Nielsen of Boise, Douglas (Laurie) Nielsen of Atascadero, Calif.; daughter, Valerie (Phil) Conklin of Henderson, Nev.; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren, with one on the way; and his beloved dog, Yo-Yo.

Roger was a loving husband, father, uncle, grandfather and great-grandfather. He will be greatly missed by family and friends. In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorial contributions be made to St. Luke's Home Care and Hospice or The American Cancer Society.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 23, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 22, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Jeanette Moline

GOODING — Jeanette Moline, 69, of Gooding, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family on Thursday, July 19, 2008.



She was born Aug. 26, 1938, to Carl and Mary (Curly) Carlson and Virginia Price Carlson, their third child. Jeanette, her brother, Dick, and sister, Beverly, were raised and schooled in Gooding. She graduated from Gooding High School and attended beauty school in Boise. She later earned her cosmetology license after passing the state board exam from the Idaho State Beauty College in Pocatello. She returned to Gooding and married her husband, Robert Moline on Aug. 11, 1959, in Mountain Home.

Jeanette and Bob raised their family — son Rob and daughters, Robin, Kerl and Becky — in Gooding. She was very active in her children's lives, serving on the PTA and being room mom for each of her children until they were out of junior high. She was active in Brownies, Camp Fire Girls, and Little League sports. Wherever her children were, she was there supporting them and their efforts. Her career included working at Green Acres Terrace for five years, where she was the activities director and much more to the residents. She had a way of bringing fun and laughter to many people. She then worked at the Gooding County Leader office, and was dental assistant for 15 years to her dear friend, Dr. H.L. Ostenson, DDS, before she retired.

Jeanette and Bob enjoyed their grandchildren, antiquing, auctions, fishing, hunting and going to Jackpot. She was an avid reader and loved gardening. Her yard was always a beautiful showcase of flowers. She was especially proud of the remodel and new addition to their home two years ago. After retirement, she was an active participant in the Over 60's and Getting Fit program through CSI. She also earned an instructor's certificate but was unable to fulfill her dream of teaching because of her falling health. Jeanette was a teacher at the hospital auxiliary, a gift shop, and enjoyed working for this cause. Bob and Jeanette were avid Utah Jazz fans, and shared a lot of quality time cheering for their favorite team.

Most important to Jeanette was her family. She was a special mother to kids in the neighborhood while she was

raising her own, and could be found on a summer day playing baseball with the kids out in the side lot. She was proud of her children and their accomplishments and became a guiding light for them while they were raising their own families. Her grandchildren were very close to her, and she supported their interests in sports, church activities and quietly made each one feel her love, support and acceptance. She was a member of the church and became a guiding light for them while they were raising their own families. Her grandchildren were very close to her, and she supported their interests in sports, church activities and quietly made each one feel her love, support and acceptance. She was a member of the church and became a guiding light for them while they were raising their own families. Her grandchildren were very close to her, and she supported their interests in sports, church activities and quietly made each one feel her love, support and acceptance. She was a member of the church and became a guiding light for them while they were raising their own families.

Jeanette was a proud and dignified lady who touched a lot of people throughout her life. She believed that life was wherever she was; she was a firm believer in God and his teachings and gave her children their freedom to explore their own beliefs. She truly inspired everyone who knew her. She fought a long, hard battle with cancer and will be missed by all.

The family would like to thank the staff and nurses of MSTI in Twin Falls, Dr. Charles Smith, Becky, Linsey and Dagny, for their love and support; the staff of Hospice Visions, especially Amy, and the nurses who helped the family through her remaining hours, and all of our friends and neighbors who supported us. Jeanette joined her father, mother and sister in heaven. She is survived by her husband, Robert Moline of Gooding; her brother, Dick and sister-in-law, Caron Carlson of Bothell, Wash.; brother-in-law, Fred Parks of Tonneo, Utah; her son, Rob; daughter-in-law, Penny Moline; and granddaughters, Caitlin and Jordan of Salt Lake City, Utah; daughter Robin; son-in-law, Dan Lyons; and grandchildren, D.J. and Tara of Boise; daughter, Kerl; son-in-law, Kim Merritt; grandson, Curt of Hillsdale; and granddaughter, Sarah Hutton (Brett) of Twin Falls; daughter, Becky; and son-in-law, Rich Rigdon; grandchildren, Rick and Nicole of Twin Falls, Idaho.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 25, at Gooding First Christian Church with Rev. Andy Morris officiating. Interment will be held at Elmwood Cemetery following the service. Arrangements are under the direction of Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family wishes donations to be made to: Hospice Visions Inc., 209 Shop Ave. W., Twin Falls, ID 83301, or the Gooding Hospital Auxiliary.

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Dale K. Low

Dale K. Low, age 78, died Saturday, July 19, 2008, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, after a short battle with cancer. His family straggled Dale at his time of passing.

Dale was born Oct. 27, 1929, in Gooding, to C.D. and Elva (Ohlinger) Low. He graduated from Gooding High School in 1948. In 1950, he married Liven May in Gooding, then moved to Shoshone to farm with his father. Dale and his father together started Low's Ready-Mix Concrete in 1953. Dale and Laven moved to the Treasure Valley in 1993 to be close to their sons and to retire.

Survivors are his wife, Laven; his three sons, Cal D. Low (Susie), Del Low (Briana)

and Clint Low (Melody); his sisters, Audrey Husyer (Harold) of Shoshone and Carole Halsted of Phoenix, Ariz. He is also survived by a special fishing cousin, Kenneth Ohlinger, of Gooding, who is married to Wanda Ohlinger, Laven's sister. Dale has nine grandkids and 13 great-grandkids that are all special to him.

There will be a viewing for family and friends from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, July 23, at Summers Funeral Home, 3629 E. Ustick Road in Meridian. A graveside service will follow at 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 23, at the Star Cemetery in Star. Arrangements are by Summers Funeral Homes, Ustick Chapel in Meridian.

DEATH NOTICES

Corrine Edgar

BILLINGS, Mont. — Corrine (Connie) Edgar, 86, of Billings, Mont., and formerly of Kimberly, died Sunday, July 20, 2008, at a hospital in Billings, Mont.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, July 23, at St. Bernard's Parish Chapel, Billings, Mont. Arrangements are under the direction of the Cremation or Funeral Gallery in Billings, Mont.

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

Roselee S. Reagan

FAIRFIELD — Roselee S. Reagan, 75, of Fairfield, died Monday, July 21, 2008, at her home.

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

Dennis L. Schmidt

Dennis L. Schmidt, 60, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, July 20, 2008, of natural causes while traveling near Ketchum. Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Roma Aspasia

WENDELL — Roma Dee Aspasia, 73, of Wendell, died Sunday, July 20, 2008, at Wildwood Assisted Living Center in Wendell.

Arrangements will be announced by Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

V. Nadine Winn

JEROME — Vernia Nadine Winn, 84, of Jerome, died Monday, July 21, 2008, in Twin Falls.

A memorial service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Thursday, July 24, at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome.

Leo White Hawk

Leo White Hawk, 87, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, July 19, 2008, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 3 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magicvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place a message in an individual online guestbook, go to www.magicvalley.com and click on "Obituaries."

SERVICES

Ethel Mary (Timmons) Balance of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Grace Community Church, 100 N. Meridian in Rupert (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Frank B. Burton of Gooding, Mass of Christian burial at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Gooding Methodist Church; rosary at 7 p.m. today at Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding chapel; visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Ellwin Rogers of Gooding, funeral at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Gooding LDS Chapel, 1228 Main St.; visitation from noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the church (Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel).

The Rev. Andrew Herbert Holderrerd of Castletford, memorial service at 10 a.m. Thursday at Twin Falls Church of the Brethren, 461 Fluer Ave. W. (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls)

Man dies at the wheel near Galena Summit

Staff report

A Twin Falls man died while at the wheel of a one-vehicle accident Sunday afternoon on State Highway 75.

According to a press release issued by the Blaine County Sheriff's Office, Dennis L. Schmidt, 60, of Twin Falls, failed to negotiate a curve while traveling southbound on Highway 75 at mile post 160, approximately two miles to the north of Galena Summit.

Authorities believe Schmidt may have had a medical issue, possibly a heart attack, causing him to

straighten at the corner and go up an embankment. The vehicle came to a rest against some trees.

Deputies responded around 2:44 p.m. to the crash, which involved Schmidt's 2002 gray F-350 pickup towing a boat.

Schmidt was pulled from the truck and given CPR until Ketchum Fire paramedics arrived. Schmidt was pronounced dead at the scene. Riding with him was his wife Susan Ruy Schmidt, 54, who was uninjured. Both the car and passenger were wearing seatbelts at the time of the accident.

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month for the new policy.

Students offered some ideas Monday for enforcement. They said peer pressure would be the best way to uphold the policy. They also said campus security officers could issue \$100 fines for first offenses.

The smoke-free student leaders said they think the fine should be cut in half if it's paid within three days, or cut down to \$25 if the smoking culprit takes a free smoking cessation class through South Central Public Health District.

Ch. Dean of Students Graydon Stanley said he thinks only really belligerent campus visitors will resist not

smoking and possibly be fined.

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EDITORIAL

Without respect for faith, what do Idahoans have?

In a free society, there's a place and a time for nearly every form of expression. The sidewalk in front of a Mormon temple a month before the facility is dedicated is neither. For more than a week, members of Twin Falls' Lighthouse Christian Fellowship have stood outside the new Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints temple on Eastland Drive, directing passers-by to a Web site that questions Mormon beliefs and motives. They and, we're sorry to say, other Twin Falls Protestant, Pentecostal and evangelical congregations plan to stake out the entrance to the building for the next month, handling out tracts questioning the LDS theology. Are they within their rights? Absolutely. Are they doing the right thing? No. By its nature, faith is closed to compromise. But religious tolerance — a cornerstone of the Bill of Rights — requires the opposite. That paradox is the soul of the American experience. A citizen's opinion that his neighbors are going to hell is constitutionally protected. But his or her attempts to impede others' free exercise of faith are not. We Idahoans pride ourselves on being a free confederation of people with differing views of the world. All we ask is respect. Respect for each others' traditions. Respect for others' perspectives of right and wrong. Most of all, respect for their integrity. Picketing and leafleting at the temple falls each of those standards. It's hard to conceive of Mormons staging a public spectacle to embarrass people of another faith. Their religious liberty was won too hard to disrespect anybody else's sense of the sacred. The Lighthouse Christian protestors may make what they will of LDS beliefs. But as Americans, they're obliged to show a decent regard for their neighbors' spiritual quest.

Our view: Members of Lighthouse Christian Fellowship do the wider Twin Falls community disservice by picketing and leafleting the new Mormon temple. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

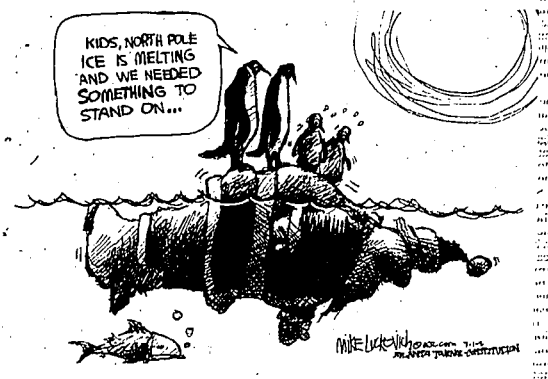
Gingrich seeks a third way on climate change

Newt Gingrich grew up wanting to be a zoo director, and realized his wish in a way by becoming the first-in-40-years GOP speaker of a fractious U.S. House of Representatives. Self-described these days as a "Theodore Roosevelt Republican," Gingrich has taken a contentious plague-on-both-your-parties stand in debate over how to put the brakes on global warming.



JOEL CONNELLY

The ex-toupee speaker derides leading green groups as "statists," apostles of big, intrusive government and "prophecs of shortage." "It is not possible for high civilization to exist with dramatic reduction in energy (use)," he said in an interview. At the same time, as a "prudent conservative," Gingrich wants to limit carbon emissions, and is frustrated that Republicans are missing the "wonderful opportunity" to offer marketplace solutions to climate change. He singles out Rep. Dave Reichert, R-Wash., as one GOP politician who gets it. "My party has been timid, and remarkably lacking in serious solutions to the problems," Gingrich said. It's not hard to see why. The Bush administration's rigorously enforced inaction, the censoring of scientists, and statements by Congress' covenanter have done great damage to the path of Theodore Roosevelt. "Bull pucky has replaced Bull Moose." Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., minko Republican on the Senate Environment Committee, described global warming as "the greatest hoax ever perpetrated on the American people." The Environmental Protection Agency, under unrelenting administration pressure, rejected regulation



of greenhouse gases because of alleged danger to the economy. Rejecting the counsel of EPA scientists, and counterparts from past GOP administrations, gutless EPA boss Stephen Johnson refused to enact strict fuel efficiency standards for new cars. Gingrich is "an incompetent" — his term — rather than a regulator. Still, he is frustrated. "Trying to move a political party is a lot more difficult task than I imagined," he said. In his view, fleshed out in his book "Contract with the Earth," "incentive-oriented, market-based" programs should be put on the table as an alternative to "the ideological commitment to bigger government." The vast number of environmentally conscious Americans have accepted statism by default because we have not had a robust, free-enterprise environmental solution," Gingrich argued Tuesday. "What manner of solution? The devil is in the details, and maybe some of his proposals." As well, with the polar ice cap melting — and U.S. intelligence studies projecting global warming as a

threat to national security — the time may be at hand for mandatory action. It's great that 1 million energy-saving Toyota Priuses have hit the road since 2000. But 53 million cars and light trucks were sold around the world last year. "Had California's standards been made national instead of being fought tooth and nail by Bush, we'd have five times as many hybrids by now and General Motors might not be flirring with bankruptcy," Denis Hayes, president of the Bullitt Foundation (and Earth Day founder) wrote in a recent e-mail. James Hansen, NASA's chief climate scientist, in 1988 became the first expert to tell Congress about the prospects and potential perils of global warming. "Now, as then, frank assessment of scientific data yields conclusions that are shocking to the body politic," Hansen said in recent testimony. "Now, as then, I can assert that these conclusions have a certainty exceeding 99 percent. The difference is that now we have used up all the slack in the system." Gingrich feels Hansen is far too sweeping in his assertions and assumptions.

"Hansen is attacking industry. I don't hear him proposing solutions other than pain." The former speaker derides nanny state solutions. "If we could have a breakthrough on clean coal — and share the technology with China and India — emissions savings from one coal plant would surpass the carbon output of all beach fires on the West Coast, multiplied by the thousands." Gingrich is for building nuclear power plants, and for tax credits to spur wind and solar development, and tax credits for manufacturing hybrid cars. He discourages on how sod roofs "use up carbon. It is an old technology, but an efficient technology." Incentives and markets must play a role in curbing America's carbon footprint. Americans display vast ingenuity when challenged: Petty commands often get people's backs up. "Remember, in World War II we did everything and everything at once," Gingrich said. "And we won." Joel Connelly is a columnist for the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Immigrants come for a chance at a better life

Remember how most of our ancestors came to America as immigrants. Do you know why they came? They came seeking freedom and the opportunity for a better life in America. Sometimes it provided the means to improve their life in the homeland. They spent years to make their dreams a reality. With an enormous capacity for hard work, they forged the hope of life itself. Somehow they managed to struggle through whatever frugality it took to accomplish their dreams. Whatever lay ahead, good or bad, America was where they had to make their life. After World War I, the old country no longer held a home for them. The words on the Statue of Liberty plaque proudly invited the world to come, and they came by the millions. "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these,

the homeless, tempest-tossed to me. I lift my lamp beside the golden door."

Breadwinners often came first to earn the money for other members of the family to also come. Even the older children often went to work to help earn the fares for their mothers and younger children. May we never forget what made our country great and realize that is what still attracts people to this great land of ours, even if we must reclaim it. The people of the world still yearn to care for their families, to better themselves, to work and to be happy. Government programs are not the answer, but opportunity and respect are. Let's rediscover America, the land of the truly free and give hope back to its people. LOYD T. BAKEWELL Twin Falls

Virtual schools are the best option for some

In failing to recognize the benefits of virtual public charter school options throughout Idaho and the

complex, yet closely monitored way they are funded, the Times-News has, again, gotten it wrong.

As parents, the distorted facts in the "Virtual money-makers" story on the state's virtual public school options is upsetting. Our daughters are enrolled in the Idaho Virtual Academy and, between them, have been for more than five years. We rely on this education option because we're not interested in placing our children in the hands of administrators and teachers whose hands are tied in so many areas, which include class size, discipline problems, unnecessary budget expenditures and the slow pace of learning progression. We have found the ability to speed up in certain areas of learning and slow down in others quite rewarding and necessary depending on each child. Our children have the opportunity to take a full science class each year from first grade on. In our ever-evolving world, the more science and math a student can take the better. We also chose Idaho

Virtual Academy because it can and does spend 85 percent of its budget directly on each child's learning curriculum and teacher.

Traditional public schools contract out for textbooks and learning materials and IDVA should be able to enlist outside resources without criticism. Our daughters are thriving with the K12 curriculum used by IDVA and are true examples of its commitment to quality and innovative learning.

Both of our girls have different learning needs, which made us open to this unique form of education. Please don't attack our virtual schools just because they are different. Clearly, there is a need and demand for this type of learning as demonstrated by the thousands of kids enrolled in virtual schools across the state. JOSH FULLMER TRACHELLE FULLER Jerome

Mortuary was at fault for delay of veteran's funeral I am writing in response to

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the letter from the family of the veteran that felt they were not properly cared for by the military honors team at their loved one's funeral. In this time of advanced technical support, it would appear that a simple phone call from White Mortuary could have prevented the entire problem. Funerals can run over. However, when the military honors team consists mainly of elderly, crippled veterans who were left standing in the sun and heat for a prolonged period of time, one wonders why no one at the mortuary made a simple phone call to apprise the veterans of the situation. My mother Lt. Col. (Ret.) Roland Gardner has worked tirelessly to provide appropriate military rites for veterans in Twin Falls and the surrounding area for the past 25

years. This is the first time something like this has ever happened. All the team members with him were elderly and poor health. None of them refused to come out, as they never refuse to come out in heat, rain or snow. Perhaps the lady might want to look to the source of the problem, the mortuary, instead of thoughtlessly bashing a group of dedicated service people. Having seen the article while on vacation in Twin Falls, it made me feel that not only was there a terrible lack of communication involved but also that it is time for some of the younger, stronger veterans to take up the challenge of assisting with funerals and other events for the veterans groups of the area. KRISTIN JOYNER AVENTON, N.C.

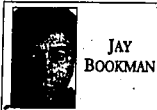
THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS

Cartoon section with multiple panels. Titles include 'Doodlesbury' by Garry Trudeau, 'Mallard Fillmore' by Bruce Tinsley, and 'According to the New York Times, A Pew Research Center study found that Rush Limbaugh listeners have more news knowledge than NPR listeners...'. Another panel says 'I've drafted a proper sincere apology which every person at every cocktail party I've ever been to, now owes me.'

The Iraqis want Americans to go home

The elected leader of Iraq, Prime Minister Nouri al Maliki, is demanding a timetable for the eventual withdrawal of U.S. troops from his country. In the holy city of Najaf, Grand Ayatollah Ali Sistani, the religious leader of Iraq's Shi'ite majority, signaled to his followers this week that it was time to negotiate an end to the "illegal" U.S. occupation.

"We will not accept any memorandum of understanding of understanding that would specify dates to withdraw foreign forces from Iraq," Iraqi national security adviser Mowaffak al-Rubai said after meeting with Sistani.



JAY BOOKMAN

to consider any sort of timetable, including that we will withdraw our troops as conditions allow, not as a schedule dictates.

In the past, that position has made military sense, but no longer. At some point in the process, things improve enough that setting a schedule for withdrawal becomes the next logical step. The Iraqis apparently believe that point has come. They believe that the conditions in their country have now improved enough to start taking in real terms of just when the Americans are going to leave.

They aren't talking about an immediate withdrawal, but they do seem to want a guaranteed withdrawal. And as a sovereign country, that is their decision, not ours.

So why is the White House balking at a chance to leave Iraq and claim victory?

Well, one of the administration's primary goals in invading Iraq — in fact, perhaps its single most important objective — was to establish Iraq as a friendly, long-term host of American military bases. From those bases, in the heart of the Arab world, they hoped to dominate the oil-rich Middle East for decades to come. And if that was your goal from the beginning, the calculus of victory gets pretty simple:

Winning means staying; leaving means losing.

A timetable for withdrawal is a timetable for defeat, at least as the Bush administration has defined defeat and victory in its heart of hearts.

The belief that the Iraqis would tolerate or even welcome a long-term U.S. presence was never realistic; it was just another of our many prewar miscalculations. From the beginning, the Iraqis have had other ideas.

Some Iraqis did welcome our invasion as a way to rid themselves of Saddam Hussein. Others fought us from the beginning and continue to fight us. But Iraqis of every political leaning and religious sect were in agreement that we would not be allowed to stay. The expectation of occupation has only

hardened that sentiment.

We have been in Iraq for more than five years now, and unfortunately, it's still too early to leave. Despite the growing confidence of Maliki and others, neither the Iraqi military nor its government is anywhere near ready to operate on its own.

However, the time is right, for both Iraq and the United States, to start talking seriously about the timing of our exit.

When we do finally leave Iraq, perhaps in two or three years, we will have no guarantee that Iraq will remain peaceful or that it will preserve the bare structure of democracy. Such a guarantee is simply not attainable. We can't be there to baby-sit, and the sad truth is that affairs in Iraq may very well default back to ugly, where they'd been for a very long time before we got there.

But that is not our responsibility. That's the message they're trying to send, a message we have no choice but to heed.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Don't blame Democrats

In response to Tony Meyer's letter of July 7: Blaming Democrats for the high price of fuel is an imaginative concept, especially when we have had conservative administrations, with the exception of the Clinton years, since the Reagan administration. Just exactly what have the Republicans accomplished during recent years to avert our present problems? Yes, Democrats can be blamed for allowing our reckless foreign policy. Who caused a doubling of our national debt to \$10 trillion and a depreciation of our currency, which in fact is a contributing factor causing rising fuel prices.

As for the subsidizing of ethanol it is amazing that Democrats could be the only sponsors considering that most of the farms in the United States are red. Without a doubt, ethanol isn't the whole answer, since it would require 71 percent of all farm ground to replace the gasoline we use.

It was suggested that Democrats and environmental wackos have stopped domestic energy exploration. The governor of California and, until recently, the governor of Florida must be closet Democrats. The major oil companies have known about the oil shale deposits in Montana, Wyoming and Utah. Reserves which are immense. Canada is presently benefiting from harvesting crude oil from oil shale deposits in Alberta. It is a fact that Canada is a major supplier of energy for the United States.

Charging ahead with a global warming agenda might very possibly be in everyone's interest. Even the present administration has accepted the overwhelming evidence. Most credible scientists view the evidence as conclusive. Those who argue against climate change are basing their arguments not on science but on ideology.

Living in denial will certainly result in disaster. Intelligent citizens want change. Continuing with the present xenophobic ideology will not solve the currently problems of our great country.

ROBERT HOLM
Rupert

United States is wastin' away in leasureville

There's a different kind of discrimination spreading throughout the United States. Despite all the popular rhetoric about family values, an increasing number of Americans are choosing to live in age-segregated communities, "leisurevilles," where at least one household member must be 55 or older and enjoy living without children. No one under 18 may live there — ever.



ANDREW BLECHMAN

According to conservative industry estimates, more than 12 million Americans in the next decade or so will live in communities that forbid young families. This represents a drastic overhaul in our societal living arrangements.

Age-segregated communities were created half a century ago in the Arizona desert by developers looking for a marketing niche. The first was Youngtown, a modest affair built by Ben Schleifer, an idealistic Russian Jewish immigrant who wanted to construct a kibbutz-like community where older citizens could afford to live gracefully. Del Webb who drew from his experience with planned communities — the Japanese detention camps he built during World War II — liked the idea and built the much larger and fancier Sun City right next door. Experts on aging assumed that seniors would resist moving away from their families and that those who did so would wither from loneliness and depression.

The experts were wrong, and the two developments were very successful. Age segregation has never been more popular. And by 2015, those age 50 and older will represent 45 percent of the U.S. population.

In a dimming housing market, "active adult" communities (most residents are in their 50s and 60s) remain the industry's sweet spot. Hundreds of communities

tion only reinforces negative stereotypes, leads to a willful forgetting of commonalities and encourages our less charitable instincts.

In Youngtown, for example, a couple was fined \$100 a day for sheltering their grandson from a physically abusive stepfather. And in Sun City, residents defeated 17 school bond measures in 12 years (before de-annexing from the school district) because they had little interest in educating another generation of children. Meanwhile, students in the neighboring communities were forced to go to school in staggered shifts.

Now desegregated, Youngtown has regained its vibrancy, but Sun City is at risk of becoming a necropolis as its generational strife turns inward, with older residents resisting efforts by younger retirees to reinvest in the community. Although Youngtown was forced to desegregate because of faulty bylaws, age discrimination is not only legal, it's protected by the federal Fair Housing Act.

Isn't it time we ask ourselves as a nation if we really

want to be encouraging communities where birth certificates are scrutinized at points of entry, and where young visitors are reduced to human contraband?

Congress should either raise the entry age for these communities by moving actually approaching old or put an end to age segregation altogether. Meanwhile, re-engaging with the younger generations could result in a far happier outcome for all of us.

Andrew D. Blechman is the author of "Leisureville: Retirement Utopias" He wrote this commentary for the Los Angeles Times.

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Further cut in U.S. forces in Iraq likely

By Robert Burns
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — Iraq's security has improved so much, even as U.S. troop levels have dropped, that President Bush seems likely to order thousands more soldiers home by year's end. That was not the widespread view only three months ago when Bush announced there would be a temporary halt to troop reductions once the last of five "surge" brigades left Iraq this month. Many believed the country would remain too fragile to justify thinning American combat lines before 2009.

However, two weeks of observing U.S. and Iraqi troops in and around Baghdad, coupled with Associated Press interviews with commanders and planners, suggest a likelihood that Bush will move to reduce the U.S. force by perhaps another combat brigade, or roughly 3,000-4,000 soldiers, toward the end of the year. More cuts seem possible next year, but the scale and timing will depend on who replaces Bush in the White House.

It now looks as though Bush has more reasons to resume the drawdown than to leave the entire decision to his successor. Not all the reasons are good news: The situation has deteriorated in Afghanistan, and commanders there say they need a substantial infusion of combat power and military trainers to curb the insurgency.

Politically, the Iraqi government is asserting a wish for a speed-up in U.S. troop withdrawals. On Monday the chief spokesman for Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki said the government hopes the U.S. withdraws its combat troops by 2010.

U.S. domestic political pressures to get out of

Iraq are building, too. Democratic presidential contender Barack Obama, who met with al-Maliki in Baghdad on Monday, says he would get all combat forces out within 16 months of taking office. Republican John McCain is opposed to setting any timeline for withdrawals, and says troops will come home as security improves. That's what the White House says, too.

Extra reductions this year might be made by simply pulling personnel to replace a combat brigade that is finishing its 15-month tour in Iraq this fall. The departing brigade would be replaced by a unit nearby, spreading it thinner as has been done in numerous instances over the past year. Fresh reductions this fall would entail some risk of losing momentum toward a stable Iraq.

The Iraqi army, though increasingly competent, is still weak in some areas, and the Iraqi police are a much bigger question mark. Shrinking the U.S. force further would go against the ingrained inclination of its commanders, who tend to be cautious, in part out of fear of sacrificing gains achieved at the cost of many American lives.

Despite talk from al-Maliki of ending the dominant U.S. role in his country, interviews with a number of his generals suggest that they are in no rush to see the Americans leave.

Still, Lt. Gen. Wajih Hammed, the commander of all Iraq army forces in western Baghdad, said it would be "a natural outcome" for all foreign forces to eventually leave Iraq. "I have no issue with that — next year and beyond," he said — when asked if he favored U.S. reductions this fall.

Crash of B-52 bomber off Guam kills at least 2

By James Song
Associated Press writer

HONOLULU — An Air Force B-52 bomber crashed off Guam on Monday morning, killing at least two air crew members, the military said.

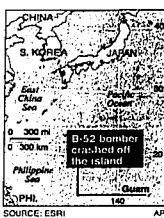
Six vessels, three helicopters, two F-15 fighter jets and a B-52 bomber were involved in the search, which had covered about 70 square miles of the Pacific, said Coast Guard spokesman Lt. Elizabeth Buerklin.

"We have an active search

that's going to go on throughout the night," she said. The Navy, Coast Guard, Air Force and local fire and police departments were involved.

Maj. Stuart Upton, a Pentagon spokesman, said the aircraft was unarmed. The B-52 bomber was on route from Guam's Andersen Air Force Base to conduct a flyover in a parade on another part of the island when it crashed around 3:45 a.m. Monday about 30 miles northwest of Apra Harbor, the Air Force said.

The Liberation Day parade celebrates the day the U.S. military arrived on



Guam to retake control of the island from Japan. The Air Force said a board of officers will investigate the accident.

The accident is the second for the Air Force this year on Guam, a U.S. territory 3,700 miles southwest of Hawaii. In February, a B-2 crashed at Andersen shortly after takeoff in the first-ever crash of a stealth bomber. Both pilots ejected safely. The military estimated the cost of the loss of the aircraft at \$1.4 billion.

The plane that crashed Monday was based at Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana and deployed to Guam as part of the Department of Defense's continuous bomber presence mission in the Pacific.

Beijing has first workday under car restrictions

By Anita Chang
Associated Press writer

BEIJING — Traffic flowed a little smoother. Busy avenues had fewer cars. By nightfall, even the hazy sky had mostly cleared.

So went the first workday under a government-imposed plan to reduce Beijing's foul air pollution before the start of next month's Olympics.

Millions of commuters turned to subways, buses and car pools as the strict program sought to take half of Beijing's 3.3 million cars off the road.

In parts of the city, traffic was visibly lighter than on other workdays.

"There were much fewer vehicles on the airport expressway, and I could drive much faster," said civil servant Lin Kai, shaving with an electric razor while sitting in his parked car.

He said he bought a new bicycle because of the restrictions and would try to pedal to work a few times a week despite the summer heat and the hour-long ride.

The two-month operation that began Sunday bans cars with odd-numbered license



Commuters crowd a subway train in Beijing Monday. Many commuters switched to the subway on Monday, the first workday for restrictions on car use under a bold plan to clear the Olympic city of its notorious smog-choked skies.

plates one day, even-numbered the next. The ambitious attempt to send "blue sky days" by the time 10,500 athletes and 500,000 visitors arrive for the Aug. 8-24 Olympics includes construction cutbacks and factory closures.

Those caught driving on days they should not will be fined \$14, a stiff penalty even for Beijing. It wasn't known how many tickets were issued; phones rang unanswered all day at the police

Olympic venues, according to the state-run Beijing Times newspaper.

So far, "the air in the city is good, the density of pollutants has fallen," the report said, citing the bureau. But it will take at least 20 days for results to be conclusive. Deputy director Du Shaoshong was cited as saying.

Foreign experts said the plan could still go wrong because unpredictable winds might blow pollution from other provinces into Beijing, or a lack of wind — common in August — could allow local pollution to build up.

"For about 20 years, they have gotten rid of coal-burning in the city but in the surrounding provinces, coal-burning has increased. So there are some things outside of the purview of the blue sky plan," said Jennifer Turner, director of the China Environment Forum at the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington. "There could be pollutants from outside the city blowing in."

Turner said new subways and a rapid transit system may help reduce car use in the long term, along with the increase in gas prices.

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Locals doing well after Day 2 at national HS rodeo

Filer's Tubbs nets third in saddle-bronc session

Staff report

Day 2 of the 2008 National High School Finals Rodeo is in the books in Farmington, N.M., and the local entrants are once again acquitting themselves well. Alyssa Koch of Filer had a bil-

tering 2,532-second run in the breakaway roping event Monday evening, but was hit with a 10-second penalty for breaking the barrier. Richfield's Chelsey Jones scored high in girls cutting with a 210.

Kimberly tie-down roper Cody Wardworth and Gooding breakaway roper Cheyanna Robinson both no-timed.

Kimberly rider Megan Crist finished ninth in the Monday morning pole bending session with a time of 20.979 seconds, while Oakley's Brady Manning finished 15th in boys cutting with a 189.

In the first rodeo performance late Sunday, Crist had a time of 11.837 seconds in goat tying to finish in the 12th position.

Filer's Bailey Tubbs re-rode his saddle bronc — he performed Sunday but re-rides were offered Monday — and scored a 65, good enough for third in the session. Gooding's Kash Wilson did not record a score on his ride in the bareback riding event.

Action resumes this morning at 9 a.m. with the first go-round concluding Wednesday morning. The second go-round begins on Wednesday evening, and con-

tinues until Saturday morning. Six sessions constitute each go-round, so the riders that have already gone will enjoy a couple of days off.

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National High School Finals Rodeo

The first go-round at the NHRSA in Farmington, N.M., continues through Wednesday morning's session. The second go-round begins with Wednesday's evening session and concludes with Saturday morning's session. The top scores over two go-rounds will advance to the championship round Saturday night at 7 p.m. For more information visit the National High School Rodeo Association's Web site at <http://www.nhsra.com>.

Kazmir, Rays relievers shut down slumping A's

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Scott Kazmir and two relievers combined on a two-hitter, and Tampa Bay beat struggling Oakland 4-0 on Monday night.

Rookie Evan Longoria homered for the third consecutive game and drove in two runs, helping the AL East leaders win for the third time in four days following a losing streak.

The A's have lost six straight, scoring nine runs during the slide. Kazmir pitched a scoreless 15th inning on one day's rest to get the win in last Tuesday's All-Star game. The Rays gave him an extra day to get ready for his first start since July 13.

The Rays were limited to Ryan Sweeney's one-out single in the first and Jack Cust's two-out single in the fourth. Kazmir walked four and struck out nine in seven innings.

YANKEES 12, TWINS 4
NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez had a two-run homer and RBI single to help New York to its eighth straight home win. Robinson Cano and Derek Jeter homered for the Yankees, who have won four straight over the Twins.

Alexi Casilla had three hits for the Twins, but the second

baseball's throwing error led to three unearned runs in New York's four-run second. Minnesota dropped to 3-17 at Yankee Stadium since the start of the 2002 season. The Twins have lost six straight series in the Bronx.

ORIOLES 8, BLUE JAYS 3
BALTIMORE — Adam Jones homered in the third, then got a key infield single in the third-run fifth for Baltimore.

Jones hit a two-run homer and scored twice. He has reached base safely in 20 straight games, going 29-for-78 (.372) with 15 RBIs. Ramon Hernandez homered for the Orioles, who climbed out of last place in the AL East ahead of Toronto.

RANGERS 6, WHITE SOX 1
CHICAGO — Josh Hamilton hit a three-run homer and Hank Block added a two-run shot to power Texas.

Hamilton hit his 22nd homer in the third off Javier Vazquez, as the White Sox lost their third straight, all at home.

Block added his fourth homer in the eighth and Texas (52-48) tied its season-best mark at four games over .500. The Rangers took two of three from the White Sox before the All-Star break.

TIGERS 19, ROYALS 4
KANSAS CITY — Miguel Cabrera had five hits and six RBIs and Matt Joyce added four hits and five RBIs for Detroit.

Joyce hit a three-run homer in the third and had two singles in the Tigers' 10-run eighth, which also included a three-run homer by Gary Sheffield. Cabrera singled and doubled and drove in two runs in the eighth when the Tigers sent 15 men to the plate.

NATIONAL LEAGUE BREWERS 6, CARDINALS 3, 10 INNINGS

ST. LOUIS — Bill Hall homered leading off the top of the 10th after the Brewers squandered a ninth-inning lead.

Milwaukee is 4-0 on its seven-game trip and a National League-best 25-19 since May 20. The win moved the Brewers percentage points ahead of St. Louis for second place in the NL Central behind Chicago.

Solomon Torres (5-2), who gave up the tying run in the ninth, also pitched the 10th.

BRaves 4, Marlins 0
MIAMI — Rookie Jorge Campillo pitched seven innings and two relievers completed a two-hitter for Atlanta. Campillo (5-4) allowed

both hits, walked one and lowered his ERA to 2.33. Will Ohman and Mike Gonzalez each pitched one perfect inning. Mark Teixeira and Mark Kotsay both had two hits, drove in a run and scored once.

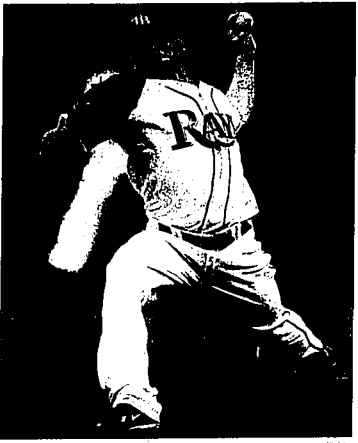
Padres 6, Reds 4
CINCINNATI — Kevin Koussamoff's two-run double completed San Diego's ninth-inning comeback off closer Francisco Cordero, and the Padres snapped their six-game losing streak.

Ken Griffey Jr. hit his 606th home run Monday night that allowed Cincinnati to take a 4-3 lead into the ninth. Cordero (4-3) then gave up a lead for the second time in his last three appearances.

Pirates 9, Astros 3
HOUSTON — Freddy Sanchez hit a three-run, inside-the-park homer to cap a seven-run ninth inning and the Pittsburgh Pirates snapped a five-game skid with a 9-3 win over the Houston Astros on Monday night.

Jason Bay and Adam Latoche also homered in the inning off Houston closer Jose Valverde, who came in with the Astros leading 3-2.

Diamondbacks 2, Cubs 0
PHOENIX — Randy Johnson improved to 13-0 in



Tampa Bay Rays pitcher Scott Kazmir studies during Monday's win over the Oakland A's in Tampa.

14 career starts against the Chicago Cubs on Monday night, outdueling Rich Harden in the Arizona Diamondbacks' 2-0 victory. Johnson (7-7), winning his

third straight after six straight losses, allowed two hits, struck out four and walked one in seven innings for his 231st victory. — The Associated Press

Shockey's trade to Saints finally goes through

NEW ORLEANS — Jeremy Shockey was traded to the Saints for two draft picks Monday, giving New Orleans a disgruntled star tight end who watched from the sideline while injured as the New York Giants surged to the Super Bowl title.

The Giants will get second and fifth-round picks in the 2009 draft. The deal must be approved by the league and is contingent on passing a physical.

Shockey, a four-time Pro Bowl selection who spent six seasons with the Giants, broke his leg against the Washington Redskins on Dec. 16. He is known for his offensive ability more than his blocking, and was unhappy before the injury. "He was asked to block in addition to catch. Once hurt, he didn't like the fact that much was made of the Giants winning with rookie Kevin Boss in his place.

Shockey had 371 catches for 4,228 yards and 27 touchdowns with the Giants. He was drafted out of Miami with the 14th overall pick in the 2002 draft and became the Rookie of the Year.

The Saints have been seeking a tight end who is more of a downfield threat than starter Eric Johnson, who caught 48 passes for 378 yards last year.

REPORT: BEARS, URLACHER AGREE TO DEAL
LAKE FOREST, Ill. — The Chicago

Bears and linebacker Brian Urlacher agreed to a contract extension through the 2012 season, according to published reports.

The Chicago Tribune and Chicago Sun-Times reported that the extension is worth \$11 million, including a \$6 million signing bonus. The Bears declined to confirm the deal.

Urlacher, entering his final season, signed a three-year, \$57 million contract in 2003 that would have expired after 2011.

PATS SIGN 2 DRAFT PICKS, 2 FREE AGENTS
FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The New England Patriots signed free agent tackle Anthony Clement on Monday, along with a wide receiver and two of their draft picks.

The team signed linebacker Shawn Crable and quarterback Kevin O'Connell, two players drafted in the third round this year. Also getting a contract was wide receiver Chris Dunlap, who was released by the Patriots last Sept. 1 after signing as a rookie free agent out of Georgia Tech on May 14.

JOHNSON TO BE IN CAMP DESPITE ANKLE
CINCINNATI — Receiver Chad

Johnson said he'll report on time for the Cincinnati Bengals' training camp next weekend, but his surgically repaired ankle will probably prevent him from fully participating.

Johnson also said in a phone interview Monday that he wants to move on from his failed attempt to maneuver a trade. He had threatened to sit out the season if he wasn't dealt, but the Bengals refused to trade him, turning down an offer from Washington before the draft in April.

The Pro Bowl receiver tried repairing his relationship with Bengals fans during a stop in Cincinnati, according to Press, part of a promotion for an NFL video that will be released Tuesday. It's unsure how fans will receive him at the outset.

ARIZONA INKS SECOND-ROUND PICK
TEMPE, Ariz. — The Arizona Cardinals signed second-round pick Calais Campbell on Monday, leaving first-round selection Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie as their only unsigned draft choice heading into training camp.

Campbell, a defensive end out of Miami, signed a four-year deal. Terms weren't disclosed. — The Associated Press



Hamblin, McNeley win at IGA Clear Lake event

Twin Falls golfer Jordan Hamblin carried the low round of an Idaho Golf Association juniors tournament Monday, shooting 68 at Clear Lake Country Club in Buhl, just ahead of Twin Falls teammate Derek McDowell, who shot 72.

Hannah McNeley, another Twin Falls product, shot 81 to win the girls 16-and-up round. Sara Federico, Arika Jones and Allison Federico trailed just behind.

IGA Juniors tournament
At Clear Lake Country Club, Buhl
Age 13-15: Sara Federico, Arika Jones, Allison Federico, Jordan Hamblin, Derek McDowell, Twin Falls, 94.
Age 16-18: Hannah McNeley, Twin Falls, 81. Sara Jones, Arika Jones, Allison Federico, Twin Falls, 94.

Wambach calm ahead of recovery from injury

Injured U.S. soccer star Abby Wambach hopes to return in time for the debut of the new Women's Professional Soccer league in the spring.

The national team's leader soccer said she knew the moment she collided with a defender last Wednesday that her leg was broken and she'd miss the Olympics.

"I looked down and my knee was pointing up and my foot was pointing in a little bit different direction," Wambach said

Monday on a conference call. She underwent surgery Thursday to have a titanium rod inserted in her lower leg after fracturing the tibia and fibula.

Wambach, who attended her first physical therapy session Monday, is optimistic she'll be playing again in about six months.

It was the first major injury of Wambach's career, her first invasive surgery and her first trip in an ambulance. Her replacement in the game, Natashia Kai, scored the winning goal in a 1-0 win over Brazil.

learned to deal with the first day he took the job.

"When I became head coach, some members of the BYU administration came in to suggest themes for our program," he said. "I had a valuable lesson there, that if you're not clear about what you want, others will tell you what they want. I think they saw a young and naive head coach and thought they had a chance to shape the direction of the program."

"The third day when they

came back, I had our program's principles for them — faith, tradition and honor. Once I shared those with them, they said, 'Those will make you a target.' My point was, 'When has someone stood for something boldly and not been a target?'"

The bulls-eye rests squarely on BYU in the MWC this season.

Daily Herald sports editor Darrell Dickson was reached at ddickson@heraldnet.com.

All eyes on Favre as NFL camps open

By Mark Maske
The Washington Post

NFL teams begin reporting to training camps this week, but it might take until next week for the league's leading summertime story line to begin to come to a conclusion. That's when the Green Bay Packers are scheduled to report to their camp in De Pere, Wis., and find out whether quarterback Brett Favre will show up or remain at home in Mississippi in disgust over his Packers salary.

The Packers are to report to St. Norbert College next Sunday and practice the next day. They had planned, following Favre's tearful retirement announcement in March, for that to be the beginning of a smooth transition to Aaron Rodgers as their starting quarterback. Favre instead has been at odds with team management in recent weeks after informing the Packers he wants to come out of retirement, and virtually everyone connected to the situation has been in limbo while the league looks on.

General Manager Ted Thompson and Coach Mike McCarthy have said Favre can come back, but have suggested he would have to do so as Rodgers' backup. Favre has indicated he has no interest in that and has asked to be released. The Packers have reacted, apparently fearing Favre might sign with a quarterback-needy division rival such as the Minnesota Vikings or Chicago Bears. The Packers even accused the Vikings of illegal tampering.

with Favre. It's possible Favre could be traded, with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Carolina Panthers being mentioned as leading possibilities.

If Favre wants to play, the Packers can't stop him. Under league rules, they either would have to put him back on their roster and pay him his \$12 million salary, or trade or release him. But Favre could choose to remain in retirement if the Packers stick to their plan to have him serve as Rodgers' underdog, or trade him to a team for which he doesn't want to play.

Even if he does not show up at training camp, Favre will be the main topic of discussion. He said during a televised interview last week that he probably would resist the temptation to show up simply to force the Packers' hand.

"It's tempting because everyone is saying, 'Call their bluff,' or whatever," Favre told Fox News. "I think it's going to be a circus in itself already whether I go there or whatever. And I like my teammates. I had a lot of fun with them. I had talked to numerous guys throughout this whole ordeal. I wish them the best. I really do. I hold nothing against those guys. We had a lot of fun together. It was an amazing year last year. I don't want to make it any worse than it is. I mean, I've always been a Packer and always will be a Packer. Will I play somewhere else? Remains to be seen. But I don't want to go back there just to stick it to them."

Tour

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Jonathan Vaughters. The American team claims to be at the vanguard in the fight against doping.

"That's sort of the foundation of the team," Vaughters said. "I don't necessarily like the fact that you have to overly state that in cycling, but it seems you really have to ground that issue before you can get anyone to listen to you about anything else."

Behind Vande Velde, Sastre is in sixth position, 49 seconds behind Schleck.

water and not lose too much and it could be good."

Next month, Vande Velde will compete for the United States at the Beijing Olympics. And he has already started to think about 2009.

"I'm not going to change a thing for next year's Tour," he said. "But my confidence has changed tenfold."

Associated Press writer Jerome Pugmire contributed to this report.

Mountain

Continued from page B1
to focus on the details of his day and work as hard as you can to master those things," he said. "We do that without considering opponents or others' point of view. We work on just that and all the other following that. Youth and success have led to failure many times after having that success."

The Cougars have been mentioned in national news around the country as a team that has an opportuni-

ty to earn a BCS bowl berth. Can BYU do that without going undefeated?

"History says no," Mendenhall said. "Utah, Boise State, Hawaii, they say no. Until someone does it, I have to stay with that and plan accordingly."

"But rather than focus on that, we'll focus on how good we are each day. If we don't play well at home and don't win the conference, none of that matters."

Expectations are something Mendenhall has



SCOREBOARD

AUTO RACING

NASCAR Sprint Cup Leaders

Through July 13

| Rank | Driver | Points |
|------|-----------------|--------|
| 1 | Kevin Harvick | 2,382 |
| 2 | Jeff Burton | 2,009 |
| 3 | Matt Kenseth | 1,982 |
| 4 | Greg Biffel | 1,978 |
| 5 | Clayton Kershaw | 1,976 |
| 6 | Mark Martin | 1,975 |
| 7 | David Reardon | 1,975 |
| 8 | Scott Wimmer | 1,975 |
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American League

Through July 21

| Team | W | L | Pct. |
|--------------|----|----|------|
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GAME PLAN

TV SCHEDULE

7:30 p.m.

WGN - Cook County, Ill. at Arizona
WBNS BASKETBALL
5 p.m.

ESPN2 - Los Angeles at Detroit

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

WESTERN LEAGUE

Through July 21

| Team | W | L | Pct. |
|----------------|----|----|------|
| San Diego | 32 | 11 | .744 |
| San Antonio | 27 | 16 | .625 |
| El Paso | 26 | 17 | .605 |
| Las Vegas | 25 | 18 | .581 |
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| Phoenix | 23 | 20 | .533 |
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FOOTBALL

PGA TOUR FedExCup Leaders

Through July 21

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PGA TOUR - Signed John Hahn...

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Autopsy inconclusive for swimmer who died during triathlon

NEW YORK — An autopsy failed to determine what caused the death of a 32-year-old Argentine athlete during the swimming leg of the New York City Triathlon on Sunday.

The city medical examiner's office said it may more tests are needed for Esteban Neria, who died Sunday morning during the 1,500-meter swim. Swimming is the first leg of an event that includes a 40-kilometer bike ride and 10-kilometer run.

The medical examiner's office said it needs to conduct tissue and toxicology tests. A final report should come in two weeks.

Several of the 3,000 competitors swimming in the Hudson River complained of jellyfish stings, which can cause allergic reactions and in rare cases can be fatal.

after hurting her knee. She said that an MRI exam afterward revealed an inflamed joint.

NBA

Nets acquire Dooling from Magic

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The New Jersey Nets acquired guard Keyon Dooling from the Orlando Magic in a sign and trade deal on Monday.

In exchange for Dooling, the Nets gave the Magic cash and the trade exception they got in the deal that sent Jason Kidd to the Dallas Mavericks.

Dooling averaged 8.1 points, 1.4 rebounds and 1.8 assists in 72 games for Orlando last season.

WTA Tour East West Bank Classic

AT THE TURNOUT

At the turn of the year, the WTA Tour East West Bank Classic was held in the city of Twin Falls. The tournament was held at the Twin Falls Country Club. The winner of the tournament was the late Mrs. J. W. Hahn.

T.F. holds soccer sign-ups

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Parks and Recreation is offering registration for fall soccer camps for boys and girls in five age groups. The camps will be held at the city's youth center. The fee for each camp is \$10. Fall soccer is for boys and girls in grades K-7. Volunteer coaches are needed.

Register at the parks and recreation office (136 Maxwell Ave.) or at <http://www.tffid.org>. Call 736-2265 with any questions.

MVCS holds benefit scramble

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Christian School will hold its 34th Annual Benefit Golf Scramble for Saturday at Canyon Springs Golf Course. Registration is at 7:15 a.m., followed by an 8 a.m. shotgun start. Entry fee for the four-person, best-ball scramble is \$75.

Contact Ken or Stacy Bour at 324-7147 or MVCS at 324-4200 for more information.

Hagerman holds Magic Sports Camp

HAGERMAN — Hagerman Christian Center is holding the annual Magic Sports Camp from Wednesday through Saturday at Hagerman Park.

The camp will run from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. each day and is for youth in grades 4-8.

Contact Sally Hoek at 837-4040 for more information.

— Compiled from staff and wire reports

TENNIS

Injured Serena to play on

CARSON, Calif. — Serena Williams plans to keep playing through a left knee injury despite advice from a doctor and her father that she rest with less than three weeks before the Beijing Olympics.

She figures her injured knee "will be old news" by the time the Olympic tennis competition begins Aug. 10.

Williams withdrew from Saturday's semifinals of the Bank of the West Classic at Stanford

MLB

Famed writer Holtzman dies

CHICAGO — Jerome Holtzman, a longtime baseball writer who made the Hall of Fame, passed the saves rule and later became Major League Baseball's official historian, has died. He was 82.

Holtzman died Saturday in Evanston, Ill.

"As a baseball writer, columnist and historian for more than 50 years, Jerome Holtzman was a beloved figure and made an indelible impact on the game," Commissioner Bud Selig said Monday in a statement.

IRF Run planned

JEROME — The Jerome Recreation District Fun Run will be Saturday. The run starts at 8 a.m. at the IRD, and registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. The course runs along most of the bike path and ends back at the IRD. A free breakfast is offered for participants.

The cost before July 20 is \$15 per individual or \$45 per family of four. A \$5 late fee is added after July 20. A kids half-mile run is offered for \$5.

SPORTS SHORTS

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INSIDE: Good at words? Try the Jumble, C4

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FUEL REPORT

Good news for drivers and equipment operators in south-central Idaho: Fuel prices receded last week from record highs. The average price for a gallon of regular-grade gasoline in the region declined about 2 cents. The average price in Twin Falls was about \$4.23 per gallon as of Monday. Jerome and Burley reported an average price of about \$4.15 per gallon. Regional prices remained about 12 cents higher than the national average. The average price for a gallon of diesel declined about 3 cents per gallon in south-central Idaho to \$4.79. Retail prices may decline even more in the coming days, according to analysts, as gas station operators catch up to last week's four-day oil sell-off, which left crude more than \$18 below the trading record of \$147.27 it hit on July 11.

Gas prices

- Twin Falls: Maverik Country Store, 120 6th Ave. West.: \$4.14
- Jerome: Flying J, 5350 U.S. Highway 93: \$4.20
- Burley: Maverik Country Store, 1209 E. Main St.: \$4.12

Diesel prices

- Twin Falls: Fil Mart Phillips 66, 1612 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.: \$4.70
- Jerome: Flying J, 5350 U.S. Highway 93: \$4.66
- Burley: Love's Country Store, 260 Centennial Dr., Heber: \$4.68

• Prices quotes by Mapquest.com as of Monday afternoon. Subject to change at any time.

COMMODITY PRICES

Dairy

| Block | Close | Change |
|--------------------------|---------|--------|
| Average price | \$1.954 | +0.047 |
| Barrel | | |
| Average price | \$1.918 | +0.070 |
| Butter | | |
| Average price | \$1.536 | +0.002 |
| Whey protein concentrate | | |
| Average price | \$0.773 | -0.012 |
| Class III milk | | |
| Average price | \$22.25 | — |

Feed

| Block | Close | Change |
|-------------------------|----------------------|--------|
| Corn (Per 100 pounds) | | |
| Dairy Feed Supply | \$11.25 | — |
| Land O'Lakes | \$13.00 | — |
| Rangen | \$10.60 | — |
| Barley (Per 100 pounds) | | |
| Rangen | \$9.50 | — |
| Ogden | N/A | N/A |
| Pocatello | \$9.00 | — |
| Burley | N/A | N/A |
| Hay (Mid/Ton) | | |
| Alfalfa(Supreme) | Low \$240 High \$240 | |
| Alfalfa(Good) | Low \$195 High \$195 | |
| Alfalfa(Fair) | Low \$180 High \$190 | |
| Average price | \$15.92 | — |

Small grain

| Soft white wheat | Ask | N/A |
|----------------------|--------|-----|
| Rangen | | |
| Wendell Elevator Co. | \$9.00 | |
| Ogden | \$7.95 | |
| Pocatello | \$7.15 | |
| Burley | \$7.00 | |

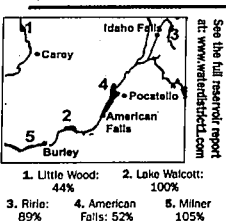
Dry beans (per 100)

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| Rangen | | |
| Pinto | \$33.00 | |
| Small Red | \$40.00 | |
| Pink | \$32.00 | |
| Serrano | | |
| Pinto | \$34.00 | |
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More commodities on C2

RESERVOIR LEVELS



U.S. sugar supplies tighten

Changes could benefit sugar producers in the long run

By Scott Kraus
Correspondent

BOISE — The recent 500,000-ton increase in the amount of sugar that U.S. companies can sell in America will have little immediate

impact on Amalgamated Sugar Co., said President and CEO Vic Iaro.

The federal government determines the amount of domestic sugar that will be sold, called overall allotment quantities, to ensure

adequate profits from the market under the U.S. sugar program.

But with the logistics involved in moving sugar to market, it's unlikely to have much impact on Amalgamated before the end of the 2008 federal fiscal year on Sept. 30, he said.

But the change will eliminate blocked stocks from U.S. companies. "Blocked" stocks are sugar supplies that companies must store because selling them would exceed their allotted sales

amounts. Having less sugar in storage should help prices.

"It's certainly takes some of the pressure off the market," Iaro said. Meanwhile, supplies are limited, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

So while allotted sales of raw sugar rose by 500,000 tons, it will likely only increase the supply by 100,000 to 200,000 tons at the end of fiscal year.

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Putting potatoes



New planting method may hold promise

By Cindy Snyder
Correspondent

KIMBERLY — For hundreds of years, potatoes have been planted in raised rows. Why? It's tradition based on growing conditions found in Europe.

Potatoes are native to the Andes, but when Spanish explorers took the plant back to Europe the continent's annual 30 to 45 inches of precipitation gave the tuber wet feet. Potatoes only need 10 to 24 inches of water to make a crop.

Planting in raised rows allows the water to drain away from the plant and then leave the field via the furrows created between the rows. It's an ingenious solution for a high rainfall region. But how practical is it for southern Idaho where water comes from irrigation systems — not clouds?

John Taberna is hoping a grant from the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service will help convince farmers to try a different method of plant-

"You put nitrogen on with water. If the water runs off, there goes the nitrogen with it."

— Brad King, agricultural engineer with the USDA-Agricultural Research Service

ing potatoes. His company, Western Ag Research, has modified potato planters to plant in a grid — a bed — rather than rows. The only furrows in the field are found where the wheel tracks are.

Planting in rows creates steep side hills that are subject to erosion. Using the bed technology eliminates those steep hills and creates a "flatter" field. The flatter the field, the less water that both drains from the field or evaporates from the field. If more water is available in the soil to grow the crop, farmers should be able to reduce the amount of irrigation water applied to the field.

"Our ultimate goal is to get equal or better yields with 10 to 15 percent less water," the Blackfoot area

consultant says. Since 2003, he has planted about 8,000 acres using the bed technology. He has collaborated with Brad King, an agricultural engineer with the USDA-Agricultural Research Service in Kimberly, to evaluate the technology.

They have four years of data from farm fields and two years of replicated data from the ARS research farm at Kimberly. That research indicates that applying 85 percent of the normal irrigation rate in bed planted fields out yield fields planted to traditional rows and also irrigated at the 85 percent rate.

But farmers have to change their irrigation management and scheduling to get the full benefits of the potato bed tech-

nology. "The learning curve is steep," Taberna said. He has found that about 70 percent of fields meet the goal of equal or better yields with less water, but 30 percent have equal or poorer yields.

King has a research plot evaluating three different potato varieties planted in three different row spacings and at three different plant populations at the Kimberly location this year. The beds are 12-foot wide to match four standard rows so that the trials can be harvested with regular equipment.

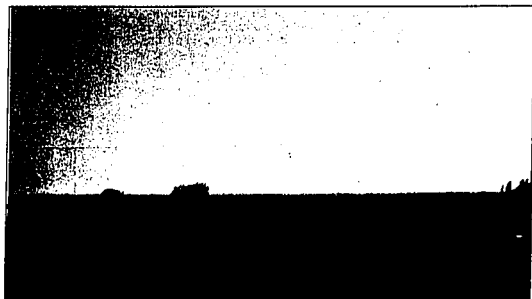
A significant increase in nitrogen efficiency has been observed, King said during a field day held at the USDA-ARS laboratory in Kimberly in July.

That makes sense if bed planting increases water use efficiency.

"You put nitrogen on with water. If the water runs off, there goes the nitrogen with it," he said.

Bed planting may also allow growers to reduce plant populations without

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A potato field south of Kimberly is shown in this photograph taken Monday afternoon. Researchers hope to study the benefits of a "bed" style potato crop, which could reduce soil erosion caused by irrigation.

Photo by MICHAEL THOMPSON

AGRIBUSINESS BRIEFS

MAGIC VALLEY

ISDA seeks comment on CAFO siting rules

The Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) is seeking public comment on proposed scoring and reporting changes to implement Confined Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) siting team rules. The purpose of the CAFO siting team is to provide "suitability determinations" on proposed livestock operations based on environmental risk.

The CAFO Site Advisory Team consists of ISDA, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, and Idaho Department of Water Resources.

ISDA and the CAFO Site Advisory Team members are proposing to change the siting scoring and reporting process.

The proposed score sheets and mitigation list are available at the following link: <http://www.agri.idaho.gov/Categories/Environmental/CAFO/Siting/p-ublic-comment.php>

Submit written comments via email to: cafsiting@agri.idaho.gov.

NATION

New Potato Expo combines seminars

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — Potato Expo 2008 — a new conference and tradeshow — will bring together the potato industry Jan. 7 through 9 in San Antonio. Expo 2008 was created in response to the industry's call to consolidate the Seed Seminar, Fresh Potato Industry Outlook Summit and Chip Seminar.

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Citrus panic

Tiny bug threatens California industry

By Tracy Coon
Associated Press writer

FRESNO, Calif. — Border agents have stepped up searches and hundreds of traps have been placed on the California-Mexico line in an aggressive campaign to stop a tiny bug from bringing in a disease farmers say could wipe out the \$1.3 billion citrus industry here.

Already, Asian citrus psyllid has hurt citrus production in parts of China and infested millions of dead and dying trees in Florida and Brazil. Growers say the bug has the potential to be more damaging than the Mediterranean fruit fly because entire groves — not just fruit

— are at risk. "This is not one more thing, this might be the last thing," said Al Stehly, who manages 200 acres of oranges near Valley Center in San Diego County.

The tiny psyllid are the only transmitters of the disease, officially known by its Chinese name, Huanglongbing, or "yellow dragon disease" for its visual effect on leaves. In the U.S., growers call it "citrus greening" disease because fruit fails to ripen.

Psyllids feed on the liquid inside citrus leaves, and once a psyllid eats from an infected

The Asian citrus psyllid is seen in this University of Florida photo provided by the University of California, Davis.



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Table of mutual fund performance data including columns for Name, Last Chg, and %Chg. Lists various funds like American Funds, Fidelity, and others.

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Table of grain prices for various types of grains, including corn, wheat, and barley.

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Cheese prices for various types of cheese, including cheddar and mozzarella.

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Potato prices for various grades and types of potatoes.

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MARKET SUMMARY

Summary table of market performance including indices like NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ, and S&P 500.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Explanatory text for the Market Report, detailing how to interpret the data and understand market movements.

Citrus

Continued from page C1. Citrus trees carry the bacteria for citrus greening disease.

Recent news that the bug was found within four blocks of the San Diego County line sent orange juice futures up and spread panic through the industry.

trapped so far in Tijuana have given no indication those bugs carry the bacteria. Still, officials are being vigilant.

ers," said Steve Ley of the California Department of Agriculture. "Should the pest cross the border, and there's little reason to believe that it won't, we'll be able to detect it as fast as we can."

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Sugar

Continued from page C1. The USDA said sugar supplies have tightened due to the deadly February explosion at a sugar refinery near Savannah, Ga.

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A man pushes a shopping cart down a produce aisle at a Maumelle, Ark., Wal-Mart Supercenter store. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. unveiled a new Web site nudging their efforts to provide locally grown produce at its stores across the nation. The Bentonville-based retailer says the effort also helps cut down on mileage delivering the goods to stores.

Wal-Mart highlights locally grown program

By Justin Juzepavicius
Associated Press writer

TULSA, Okla. — Wal-Mart, the nation's largest retailer, has pledged to buy more produce from local farmers as it kicked off a campaign to highlight the fruits and vegetables grown in Oklahoma and sold in its stores.

The Arkansas-based company's "Locally Grown" program looks to keep prices down for shoppers, support local economies and slice shipping and fuel costs. Wal-Mart plans to add signs in its stores to point out locally grown produce, and says its partnership with local farmers has grown 50 percent over the past two years.

Even without the added fanfare, shoppers already can purchase locally grown foods in neighborhood Wal-Marts. Some examples from Oklahoma include corn from Bixby, blackberries from Yale and mushrooms from Miami, said Angela Stoner, the company's senior public affairs manager.

The campaign was launched Wednesday at a Wal-Mart Supercenter on the city's south side, where Tulsa Mayor Kathy Taylor and state officials spoke in front of a display of peaches grown in nearby Porter. The orchard sells its peaches in more than two dozen Wal-Mart stores.

Taylor said buying locally helps the environment because of the reduced production costs, such as packaging. "Buying green saves you green," said Taylor, clutching her own bag of peaches in a plastic Wal-Mart bag.

Buying local also adds to a consumer's peace of mind, especially after the recent salmonella outbreak in the U.S. that affected more than 1,000

people, officials said. "It allows the consumer to have confidence in what they're buying," said Steve Thompson, the associate commissioner of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry.

Nationally, Wal-Mart works with hundreds of growers to provide produce sold in its stores, and already buys more than 70 percent of its produce from U.S.-based suppliers, according to the company.

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Potato

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sacrificing yield. "It's not a huge difference, it's subtle," King said.

"But the trend is going in the right direction," Taberna received a federal Conservation Innovation Grant in 2007 to help farmers both evaluate bed technology on their own farms and learn how to put that technology to work. He asks farmers to use the bed technology on 40 to 120 acres on their farms. That's large enough of on-farm trial to showcase the technology without jeopardizing the farm.

The grant also allows him to continue working with the ARS to gather the scientific data needed to bring the technology to more wide scale use.

King points out that bed technology has been around for generations and has been talked about quite a bit over the last 20 years. "But it's recently really caught on," he added.

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- Motor Route \$1500 - \$1600
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- Main St.

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- Pomerelle Dr.
- Goelena Dr.
- Tomorrow Loop
- Poshmerol Dr.

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- Carriage Ln.
- Eastgate Dr.
- Sagebrush Dr.
- 4th Ave. E.

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- Meadows Dr.
- Guincy St.
- University Dr.

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- Stoneybrook Cir.
- Waterfall Ct.
- Goelena Dr.

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- Mt. View Dr.
- Concordia Way
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- Sunrise Blvd. N.

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- Morningside
- Spring Lane
- Maple Ave.

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EASY #61
 Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for today's puzzle on page C10.

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TWIN FALLS 4 bdrm, 2 bath country home. No indoor pets no smoking. \$850 mo. 315-4442 or 731-9214

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"In art the best is good enough." - Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Today's deal from the 2007 Summer Nationals in Nashville demonstrated that it is always nice to reach three no-trump after your opponents have opened a strong no-trump. Of course, it is even nicer if you make your contract! And if you can rub it in by making an overtrick via a squeeze, you will make your opponents feel truly hopeless.

Use Picus, playing with Gladys Collier, won the two-session Senior Pairs aided by this deal. Picus could deduce her partner's general hand type after two rounds of bidding and knew she was facing extra values because of North's free bid of three clubs. She took a slight gamble when she bid no-trump. She hoped to run the clubs, knowing that any club finesse was likely to succeed. After three rounds of diamonds, Picus won in hand and peeled off the clubs via the finesse.

In the four-card ending, dummy held the spade queen and the heart A-K-Q. Picus retained the spade king and the three hearts to the jack. But what was West to keep?

West knew from the discards that his partner had nothing in hearts and so was forced to retain all three of his hearts, coming down to the bare spade ace. Now declarer cashed the heart ace and exited with the spade to West, who was endplayed, forced to lead a heart around to the jack.

North 07-22-A
A Q 3
K 8 7
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A Q J 8 5 3
West
A J 6
K Q 10 4
K Q 10 4 2
K 7
East
10 9 8 5 2
6 3 2
J 9 7
A 8 5 3
10 6 2
South
K 7 4
J 9 5
A 8 5 3
10 6 2

Vulnerable: Neither Dealer: East

The bidding: South West North East
Pass 1 NT Dbl. 2 Pass
Pass 2 Pass
NT 2 All pass
One-suit only
**Transfer

Opening lead: Diamond king

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:
K 7 4
J 9 5
A 8 5 3
10 6 2

South West North East
Pass 1 NT Dbl. 2 Pass
2 Pass 1 NT Dbl. 2 Pass
2 Pass 2 Pass

ANSWER: Your partner's auction shows a good hand with hearts (stronger than a direct bid of two hearts at this previous turn). With two working cards and excellent trump support, drive to four hearts.

For details of Bobby Wolff's autobiography, "The Lone Wolff," contact kay107@comcast.net. If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobby@wolffbridge.com

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COUNTRY ROADS

INSIDE: Good gardening gear, D3

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YOUR LANDSCAPE • YOUR LIVESTOCK • YOUR LIFESTYLE
TIMES-NEWS • FEATURES EDITOR VIRGINIA HUTCHINS; (208) 735-3242 VIRGINIA.HUTCHINS@LEE.NET

INSIDE: Comics, D2 | Keep yard and pet safe from each other, D3 | Color in the garden, D4

OPERATION GREEN THUMB

Mission:
Turn a gardening greenhorn into a pro.

Objective:
Find 10 of the Magic Valley's best gardeners and gather their wisdom.

Operative:
Times-News features reporter Melissa Davlin. Code name: Agent M.

Timeframe:
A single growing season.

Tactics:
Complete 10 assignments, finding an expert teacher for each.

- Plant early-season crops.
- Prune roses.
- Operate a drip irrigation system.
- Cultivate and weed.
- Deadhead flowers.

- Thin carrots.
- Trellis pole beans.
- Intervene against insects.
- Compost garden waste.
- Harvest and share the bounty.

Progress:
Davlin got a start on her mission in May and June, knocking off the first four assignments. This month, she survived just one assignment. Does she have what it takes to finish the season?

Heading off trouble

Objective:
Deadhead flowers

Target:
Carolyn Lancaster

Miss Davlin's field report: My flowers stopped blooming about a month ago. I watered them. I fertilized them. I weeded. I talked sweetly to them on my evening rounds, hoping to encourage growth and garden prosperity. But one thing I didn't do: Deadhead them religiously.

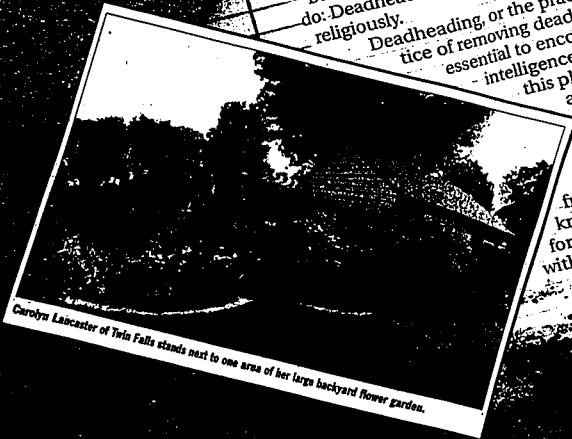
Deadheading, or the practice of removing dead blooms, is essential to encourage new growth, my intelligence reveals. And because I didn't know before this phase of my mission, almost all of my flowers are now done for the season. Most are dry and crinkly, too. It's not quite the garden I imagined when I started this mission in the spring.

So I recruited the help of Carolyn Lancaster, a friend of the family and someone I've wanted to know better. Lancaster has been gardening for forever, she said, so I figured she could help me with this gardening basic.

Please see DEADHEADING, Page D3



Carolyn Lancaster picks off dead flowers on one of her plants beside her Twin Falls home. By deadheading, Lancaster will encourage the plant to generate more blossoms.



Carolyn Lancaster of Twin Falls stands next to one area of her large backyard flower garden.

Two weeks left in summer photo contest

Staff report

Here in Country Roads, the Times-News showcases some of its readers' best photographs of rural topics. We don't offer prizes, but we publish our favorites along with our judges' comments.

In the current round, we're particularly interested in the stuff of summer — a fishing trip with Grandpa, perhaps,

or a funny image of country kids keeping cool. And just two weeks remain for you to capture the winning picture.

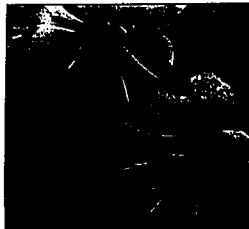
- Here's how to enter:
- Photos must be taken in Magic Valley, Mini-Cassia or the Wood River Valley.
 - Stick to recent photos, please. Nothing older than approximately one year.
 - For our ease of judging, submit prints (they can be

plain-paper printouts or standard photo prints). After we choose winners, we'll ask them to e-mail high-resolution digital versions for publication.

- Identify the people in your photograph, and where and when it was taken. And, of course, tell us who shot the photo. If you aren't the photographer, you must include the photographer's written

permission for publication in the Times-News.) If you like, include a few extra comments about the photo.

- Include your address, phone number and e-mail address.
- Mail entries to: Virginia Hutchins, Features Editor, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303.
- Deadline: We must receive your entries by Aug. 7.



Here's an image of spring 2008: Megan Faulstich's picture of the apricot blossoms in her family's Rickfield yard — the tree's first blossoms in the past five years. How will you chronicle southern Idaho's summer?

Photo courtesy of Megan Faulstich

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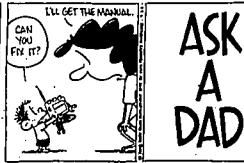
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Baby Blues



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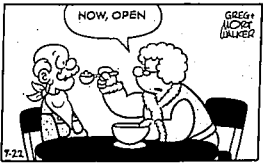
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Beetle Bailey



By Mort Walker



Blonde



By Dean Young & Stan Drake



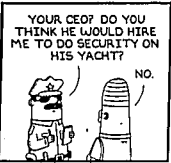
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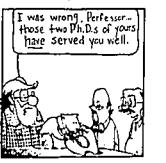
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For Better or For Worse



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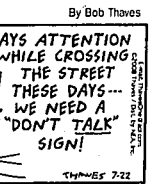
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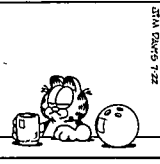
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Garfield



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Hagar the Horrible



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Hi and Lois



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Classic Peanuts



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Pearls Before Swine



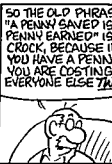
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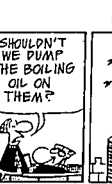
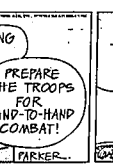
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Dennis the Menace



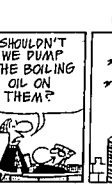
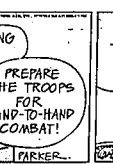
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IN YOUR GARDEN

Get a grip on good gardening gear

Keep your yard and pet safe from each other

By Joel M. Lerner
Special to The Washington Post

Good footwear, gloves, tools, irrigation and plant-enhancing materials can make gardening safer and more enjoyable. Here are some new products that my associates and I have tested recently.

Footwear

Proper foot gear is essential to safety when doing heavy work outdoors. Work boots should be comfortable all day and offer the protection of steel toes. The LawGrips Brutus waterproof boot has these qualities and more. It's a newly designed boot for landscape pros and homeowners that has all the features of quality footwear: **\$154.95.**

LawGrips also has redesigned its women's Nimbus garden clog, making it lighter and more comfortable. The clog offers the same Grip-N-Go outsole with a non-slip, self-cleaning lug sole based on a soccer-shoe design for maximum traction: **\$64.95.**

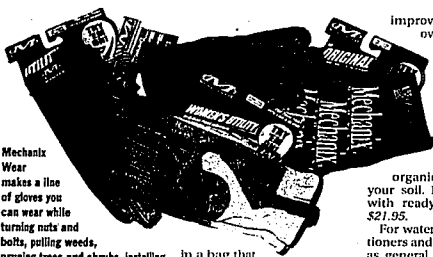
Gloves

There are gloves for every-day protection that will shield your hands without reducing your tactile ability when working with tools, especially operating switches on equipment. Mechanix Wear makes a line of gloves you can wear while turning nuts and bolts, pulling weeds, pruning trees and shrubs, installing plants and using hand tools.

The palms are made of synthetic leather, the top from stretch Spandex for ventilation, with Lycra panels between the fingers for maximum flexibility. These fabrics are tightly bonded and machine-washable. All-Purpose Utility, **\$14.99;** Women's Utility, **\$16.99;**



For light sweeping, the Toro Power Sweep blower works well.



improve soil drainage over several seasons. You should notice a difference in plant vigor within an application or two. Substances build up over time. Plant and soil activators are excellent organic additions to your soil. Price for a quart with ready-to-use sprayer: **\$21.95.**

For watering in soil conditioners and fertilizers, as well as general irrigation during summer heat, one of the simplest do-it-yourself irrigation systems I have seen is made by Toro. Its 1/4-inch Blue Stripe tubing Drip Valves starter kit is excellent. The kit comes with a hose, a selection of emitters, connectors and a faucet connector. It is versatile, simple to install, and practical for use on trees, shrubs and perennials. The starter kit is **\$9.99.**

Your plants can benefit greatly from wildlife repellents, used properly. Liquid Fence and Plantskydd are two we have tried. All herbivore repellents have common traits: They are based on exuding a scent or animal flavor; and they must have residual value. Many plants are salad bars for deer and rabbits. The longest residual value we could discern was about two to three months, without heavy rain.

Plant helpers

Soil preparation is one of the most important elements in plant health. A new product by Nature's Lawn & Garden, Aerify Plus, uses a combination of popular growth stimulants and a soil conditioner. Initially, use it every one to two months to boost plant growth and

up the whole garden to eradicate the unwanted vines. If the vines have rooted into the ground, take a flat-bladed shovel and cut the roots just below the soil surface. You should then be able to roll up the mat of vines and dispose of them.

Joel M. Lerner is author of "Anyone Can Landscape" (Ball 2001).

By Denise Flain
Newsday

How does your garden grow? If you have companion animals, probably not so well. Here are some tips to keep your hydrangeas unscathed — relatively, at least:

1. **Stay off the grass:** The list of remedies to prevent those telltale yellow "burnt" spots on otherwise emerald lawns is seemingly endless, including feeding your dog yucca extract or tomato juice. Less commonly heard, but maybe "more effective": Sprinkle sugar for any sweet liquid like soda or juice) on the spots: It apparently gives lawn microbes a boost to deal with the high nitrogen content in urine.

2. **Washed in the bud:** It's easier to prevent a habit from forming than to break one that's already ingrained. Don't let new additions to the household wander around the yard; take them on leash to the spot where you want them to eliminate, and continue until the habit is ingrained.

3. **Smelling like a rose?** If only it were so. Owners whose animals eliminate in their yards find that scooping often just isn't enough: The odors linger and make lounging in the vicinity — especially on a windy day — less than pleasurable.

4. **You are what you eat:** Minimizing your dog's, or output means less scooping for you. Dogs fed raw or homemade diets have substantially less stool because their diets contain no fillers or byproducts that can't be absorbed and used by the body.

5. **Go green:** While your animals can inflict horrible damage on your outdoor spaces, the opposite is true, too: Studies show a correlation between pesticide use and certain canine cancers. Live with a few weeds, and potentially live with your dog longer.

6. **Emergency maneuver:** If you do spot a squat, grab a hose and douse the area thoroughly to dilute the urine and, hopefully, forestall the spot.

7. **How many canine canes?** Don't discourage dogs from "grazing" on your all-natural lawn, unless they do it excessively or they are snacking on chemically treated green stuff.

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The following recipe has been circulating on dogs lists I have been on for years, and I know it works because I've tried it. The mouthwash breaks down bacteria and leaves a pleasant, if medicinal, smell; the dishwashing liquid ensures that it adheres to vertical surfaces. Best of all, it won't kill your plants...
2 cups amber-colored Listerine
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2 gallons water

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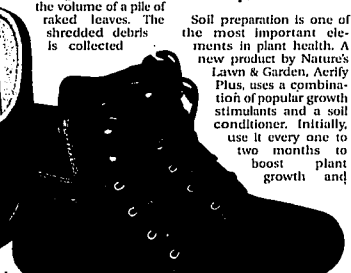
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LawGrips Brutus waterproof boot and Nimbus clogs. Work boots should be comfortable all day and offer the protection of steel toes.



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No herbicide selective enough to target just Virginia creeper

By Scott Aker
The Washington Post

Q. I have a garden of roses, lilies, peonies, etc. that is overrun by Virginia creeper. Due to the thorns on the roses, it has been impossible to dig out the

creeper. Is there a spray that would kill just the creeper, or should I plow up the whole garden?

A. There is no herbicide that is selective for Virginia creeper. Cut the roses back so that you can work in a more thornless environment.

The roses will soon grow back, and roses generally appreciate this kind of renewal every five to 10 years.

Lilies and peonies take a relatively long time to settle in and become large, robust clumps, so I would not plow

up the whole garden to eradicate the unwanted vines. If the vines have rooted into the ground, take a flat-bladed shovel and cut the roots just below the soil surface. You should then be able to roll up the mat of vines and dispose of them.

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Peonies need plenty of sun

By Joel M. Lerner
Special to The Washington Post

Q. I have a peony bush that has not bloomed for the past two years. What can I do?

A. Seemingly healthy peonies don't produce flowers for a variety of reasons:

- They need at least six to seven hours of sun daily to produce flowers.
- They might be planted too deeply, requiring the rhizomes (roots) to be lifted while dormant in the fall

and replanted, placing the buds (eyes) one to two inches below the soil surface.

• If the location is too shady, transplant it to a sunnier location when dormant. Young plants won't flower for a couple of years.

- Older peonies (eight to 10 years) can become too crowded and stop blooming. Divide them into smaller clumps, leaving four to six eyes on several rhizomes, each about six inches long.



Peonies need at least six hours of sun to flower.

Deadheading

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I had meant to visit her Twin Falls garden for months, and I'm glad I finally did. It's one of the most beautiful I've ever seen. Daisies, day lilies, bee balm, roses, hostas, plus a handful of other varieties completely unfamiliar to me. She introduced me to a new favorite: clematis, a vine with huge purple flowers. Hugs I scooped the scene a couple of weeks before, she said, I would have seen the vine at its peak, with solid purple crawling up the trellis. A small shed and gazebo sit in the corner of her garden. Lancaster's husband, Dean, built both of them, as

well as garden boxes that hang on the wooden fences. Personal touches from the couple run throughout the yard, like flowers potted in teapots and handbuilt planters among the foliage in the ground.

Though Lancaster maintains her garden beautifully, a few flowers still needed attention. She demonstrated with pertinence the way to deadhead most flowers: Cut the dead flower's stem to the main growth. The chore is so simple, but does so much to tidy up the plant's appearance and promote new growth.

"If you just leave (the dead flowers), they think the sea-

son's over," Lancaster said. And that wasn't do: your mission is to keep those flowers blooming till frost. Deadheading roses is a bit different. Cut the stem at the first branch that has at least five leaves. And make sure you cut at an angle so the water can run off, avoiding rot.

Online intelligence

Still not confident enough to whack away at your roses? Visit ehow.com and search for "deadhead" to view user-generated content on deadheading different varieties of flowers. The site is maintained by users, so articles can be written by anybody — whether they're experts or not. Still, the step-by-step tutorials are nice for absolute beginners and might even teach gardening veterans a thing or two.

Lancaster owns two clippers that she often uses to deadhead.

"I can't live without them," she said. "That's why I have two pairs. I'll put one somewhere and can't find it." Lancaster fussed about how untidy her garden looked because she hadn't deadheaded in a couple of

days. I wouldn't have noticed. I was too dazzled by the kaleidoscope of flowers. Lancaster sent me off with a few seeds and some advice: Get out the clippers and start deadheading. "You really need to get out and do it," Lancaster said. "Your whole yard depends on it."

That's something I'll keep in mind... next season. Mourning my dead flowers, this is Agent M, signing off.

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COLO IN THE GARDEN

By Joel M. Lamer
Special to The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Shades of blue can be a striking addition to your garden.

If you're considering such a color scheme, check out "Elegant Silvers: Striking Plants for Every Garden," by Jo Ann Gardner and Karen Bussolini (Timber Press, 2005), and "Color in Garden Design," by Sara Austin (Taunton, 1998), which both discuss blue as a foliage color.

Foliage color is quite different from the pigmentation of flowers. Blue foliage is close to gray — or, as it is often more elegantly called, silver.

Foliage color can be perceived differently by different people. Some view silvers as gray; others see blue. For example, Japanese painted fern appears blue to me where the gray and green meet on the variegated leaf. To others, it appears maroon. There are hundreds of bluish-silver-leaved annuals, perennials, shrubs and trees.

Blue foliage appears blue or silver for several reasons. In some cases, hairs on the surface of some plants give them a furry texture, reflecting light that makes foliage appear blue-gray or silver. Gardner and Bussolini separate silvery foliage into categories: "downy, waxy and variegated." Downy leaves have hairs that make them soft and catch the light to give the impression of silver. Waxy coatings can give a leaf a "glassy" cast, meaning a blue-green or blue-gray appearance.

Here is a sampling of plants whose foliage will offer a blue, gray or silver appearance:

Downy

Wormwood (*Artemisia*). Grown mostly for its fragrant, woolly silver-white foliage, its flowers are not particularly showy. Plant in sandy, well-drained soil in full sun. It is adaptable and will tolerate drought. Use in masses or borders.

Culinary sage (*Salvia officinalis*). It has ornamental blue foliage and violet-blue flowers, with a highly aromatic leaf often used for cooking. It's drought-tolerant in full or partial sun and performs best in well-drained soil. It attracts butterflies and hummingbirds and is good as a cut flower.

Lamb's ears (*Stachys byzantina*). It blooms in spring and sports woolly foliage that is soft to the touch and grows with a loose, mounded habit. It is drought-tolerant but prefers moist, well-drained soil. Remove flowers as they develop so they don't detract from the foliage.

Waxy

Colorado blue spruce (*Picea pungens* "Glauca"). This conifer's needles can be almost phosphorescent blue on a specimen-quality tree. A pyramidal evergreen with green to silver-blue foliage, it likes sun and moist, well-drained soil and is deer resistant. In 35 years, it grows to 60 feet tall by 25 feet wide. Prune dead branches as necessary.

Blue star juniper (*Juniperus squamata* "Blue Star"). This evergreen with sharp needles is low, compact and dense. Mature foliage is silver-blue, and new foliage is a rich blue. It's drought-tolerant and prefers full sun.

Elijah blue fescue (*Festuca glauca* "Elijah Blue"). A low-growing, porcupine-like, dome-shaped tufted grass with fine, silvery-blue foliage. Plant in dry to average, medium wet, well-drained soil in full sun. It tolerates light shade, drought and poor soils but not "wet feet." It works as a ground cover, border, rock garden and edging on in a container. Cut back in early spring to three to four inches to encourage new growth.

Lavender (*Lavandula angustifolia* "Hiddeot Blue"). Semi-evergreen foliage, deep

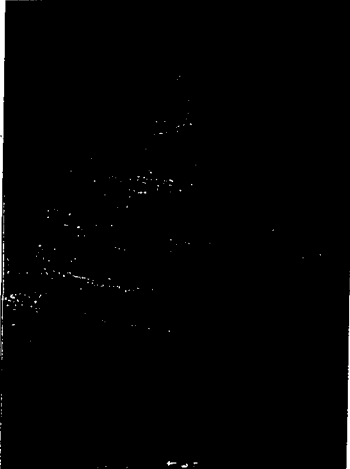


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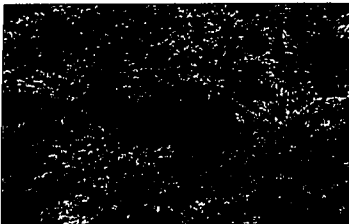
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blue flowers in summer. It's attractive for its fragrant, silvery-green, needle-like foliage and fragrant lavender flowers throughout summer. It attracts butterflies and likes a sunny location and excellent drainage. It is drought-tolerant. Grows 12 to 24 inches tall, including flower spikes.

Variegated

Shuttleworth ginger (*Asarum shuttleworthii*). An eye-catching, evergreen, shade-tolerant, low-growing ground cover with fragrant, mottled, heart-shaped leaves on plants four to nine inches high by eight inches wide. Plant in partial to full shade in average, medium wet,

well-drained acidic soil. Heat-tolerant. Will naturalize and is great as a native ground cover or in an edging. Spreads slowly.



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Japanese painted fern maintains the best coloring in light shade.

Pewter veil coral bells (*Heuchera americana* "Pewter Veil"). This perennial's leaves emerge pinkish-copper, then turn metallic silver with purplish blue undertones. It will grow one to two feet tall and 12 to 18 inches wide. Its creamy white flowers are excellent for cutting. Remove stems of faded flowers to encourage more blooms. Use in rock gardens, masses, edgings, borders and woodland gardens.

Japanese painted fern (*Adiantum nipponicum* "Pictum"). A deciduous perennial fern with silvery, blue-gray leaves growing on maroon stalks. The almost-metallic foliage appears painted and maintains the best coloring in light shade. Grows 18 inches and forms dense, pest-resistant colonies. Plant in neutral to slightly acidic humus-rich soil. Use in groupings, borders, rock gardens, or along ponds or streams.



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