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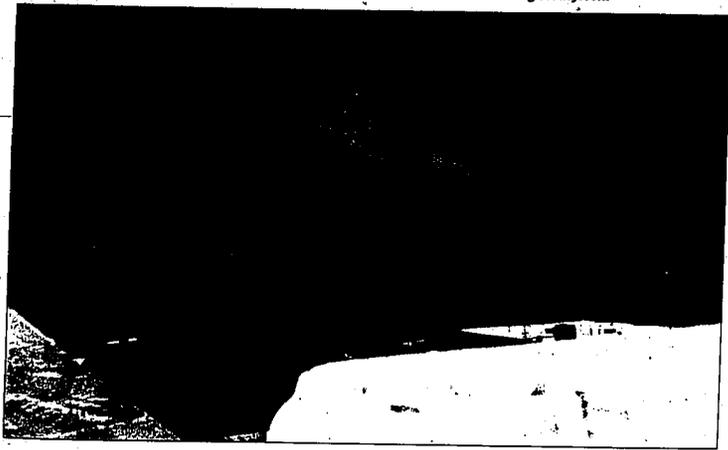
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Gretchen Doane, an administrative/executive officer with the Blue Angels, and Eric Silva, an air traffic controller at Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport, react as the Blue Angels fly by the control tower Thursday afternoon during a practice session.

A VIEW FROM ABOVE

Tower crew orchestrates Magic Valley air show

By Cassidy Friedman • Staff writer

Peering west through the window of the control tower, the bleach-blond U.S. Navy Blue Angels tower representative watched huge plumes of white smoke erupt upward as seven EA-18 aircraft blasted to life.

"Comm-cart, you own the air space," she said over the radio to a man standing next to what looked like a generator trailer alongside the Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport runway. The man dressed in a blue jumpsuit matching hers waved back.

But tower representative Gretchen Doane's assertion that the runway was clear to proceed upon wasn't quite true.

A combine wandered aimlessly on a nearby field — prohibited

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See a photo gallery and video of a look at the control tower and the Blue Angels practice at Magicvalley.com

Also, for a comprehensive guide to the air show, visit magicvalley.com/features/ticket/

space while the Angels are in motion. Out of nowhere, a guy on a yellow four-wheeler sped onto the tarmac, cutting off the man orchestrating the blur of seven Angels from the ground.

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INSIDE Bull youth is passionate about his planes. Magic Valley, C1.

Park development begins on silo land

Plans for T.F. silos still in flux

By Jared S. Hopkins
Staff writer

On Tuesday, Russ Tremayne was told excavation on the land next to the grain silos in downtown Twin Falls would start within a week.

Instead, Tremayne had to wait only two days — and relished the unexpected bulldozer that greeted him Thursday.

"Two hours ago it was like it was 50 years ago," he said

around 3 p.m. "I'm still in shock. I knew it was going to happen but for it to happen this quickly is a surprise."

Transforming the silo land into a pocket park officially began Thursday, bringing to fruition longtime plans over how — and if — the area should be developed.

"We've been talking about planning something for these years," said Tremayne, a College of Southern Idaho professor. "I don't think anyone thought we were ever going to pull it off."

Tremayne is a member of the nonprofit group Preservation Twin Falls Inc.

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Ken Stutzman operates a front loader Thursday afternoon while clearing an area around the silos in downtown Twin Falls.

Federal judge OKs emergency grazing program, with limits

By Gene Johnson
Associated Press writer

SEATTLE — Farmers and ranchers struggling against high grain prices got some help Thursday from a federal judge who cleared the way for an emergency federal program opening private conservation land to hay production and cattle grazing.

U.S. District Judge John C. Coughenour decided that while the U.S. Department of Agriculture did not conduct an appropriate environmental review before opening 24 million acres of

private conservation land around the country to hay and grazing, it would be unfair to farmers and ranchers to stop the program because many were counting on using that land.

The land at issue is enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program, a \$2 billion-a-year federal program which pays farmers not to plant crops in order to return fields to native vegetation.

Jack Field, executive vice president of the Washington Cattlemen's Association,

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Admission rule changed for Jerome County Fair

No one will be allowed in gates after 11 p.m.

By Andrea Jackson
Staff Writer

"No one will be allowed into the Jerome County Fair past 11 p.m., after a teenager was stabbed in the leg at last year's event."

"No good news comes after 11 (p.m.) I think," said Jerome County Fair

Manager Kathleen Diederich.

The carnival is open until midnight, but the admission rule was changed this year as a security precaution.

"Last year, there were no problems until the last night and it was very late," said Diederich.

Last year's stabbing happened about 40 minutes before 11 p.m. during a 40-

Fair Time

person brawl that saw two juveniles were arrested, according to Times-News reports.

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Obama addresses huge, adoring crowd in Berlin

By David Ego and David Rising
Associated Press writers

BERLIN — If only they could vote. Before the largest crowd of his campaign, 4,000 miles from the U.S., Democratic presidential contender Barack Obama on Thursday summoned Europeans and Americans together to "defeat terror and dry up the well of extremism that supports it" as surely as they conquered communism a generation ago.

Obama said he was speaking as a citizen, not as a president, but the evening was awash in politics as the first-term U.S. senator sought to burnish his international credentials for the fall campaign at home. His remarks before a crowd estimated at more than 200,000 inevitably invited comparison to historic speeches in the same city by Presidents Kennedy and Reagan.

Now a presidential candidate him-

self, Obama borrowed rhetoric from his own appeals to campaign audiences this year in the likes of Berlin, N.H., as he spoke in one of the great cities of Europe.

"People of Berlin, people of the world, this is our moment. This is our time," he declared.

"The walls between old allies on either side of the Atlantic cannot stand," Obama said, speaking not far from where the Berlin Wall once divided the city.

"The walls between the countries with the most and those with the least cannot stand. The walls between races and tribes, natives and immigrants, Christians and Muslims and Jews cannot stand," he said.

Obama's speech was the centerpiece of a fast-paced tour through Europe designed to reassure skeptical voters in the U.S. about his ability to

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Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., waves after speaking at the Victory Column in Berlin, Thursday.

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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

The Culepepper & Marshheiser Combined Circus, hosted by Wendell Lions Club, 5 and 7:30 p.m., east side of Wendell...

The Wah-Hoo Review, featuring the Wild West Players with singing, dancing and comedy. Audience involvement includes western-style barbecue...

Historic Opera Theatre dinner show, "In Memoriam," a comedy murder mystery, 6:30 p.m. reservations-only dinner and 7:45 p.m. show...

Idaho International Dance and Music Festival Gala performance, 7 p.m., King Fire Arts Center, Burley, tickets: \$5 to \$12.50...

"Seussical the Musical" presented by Oakley Valley Arts Council, 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., Howell's Opera House, 118 N. Blaine Ave., Oakley, \$8, 677-2787.

Michael Farris Center for "Moses 101" presented by Company of Fools, 8 p.m., Liberty Theatre, 110 N. Main St., Halley, tickets: \$25 for adults...

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

The Friends of the Burley Public Library book sale, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Burley Public Library, 1300 Miller, open to the public, 878-7708.

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

GOVERNMENT

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

HEALTH AND RECOVERY

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

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

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

Al-Anon/Alateen family groups, to help friends and families of alcoholics, hotlines 1-866-592-3198.

MUSEUMS AND PARKS

Faulkner Planetarium "Planet Patrol: Solar System Stake Out" at 2 p.m., "Blow Away: The Wild World of Weather" at 7 p.m., at Altamontus Rocket, at 8:45 p.m., Heritage Center for Arts and Science...

Free Star Party for all ages, sponsored by Centennial Observatory at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science and Magic Valley Astronomical Society...

Sawtooth Forum and Lecture Series, P. Gary Eller: Historically-based Songs of the Salmon River Region, 3 p.m., at Stanley museum and 8:30 p.m., campfire at the Lake Amphitheater...

REUNIONS

Twin Falls High School class of 1963 45th reunion, 537-6958 or 733-8629.

To list an event, submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail at sbrowne@magicvalley.com...

WIDENING BRIEFING

Come hungry to Oakley, leave happy

The Clarks of Oakley were — still are — a big Mormon family accustomed to having a lot of friends and neighbors over for dinner...

In 1963, Clark fired up a barbecue in Oakley's park and began doling out lunch to all and sundry...

The 45th annual Dead Pit Barbecue, prepared by third-, fourth- and fifth-generation Clark family members with help from members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints...

The 6-foot-by-4-foot concrete barbecue pit — originally dug by Clark himself — is filled with hardwood 18 inches deep to cook the meat for about 18 hours...

The seasoned roasts, each weighing 20 to 30 pounds, are first put into plastic bags, wrapped in four thicknesses of white butcher paper and then wrapped tightly in muslin...

The pit is covered to prevent the fire from blazing and when the meat is done, it's removed quickly...

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If it had burned... "Hurry and look," Lake told the Times-News in 1992, "and if it's no good, we'll just ride over the ridge before they get here..."

"Nobody's ridden away yet... Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children."

Pioneer Days commemorates the arrival of Mormon pioneers in Utah in 1847, but it's equally a celebration of the 132-year history of Oakley the Magic Valley's second-oldest city...

Today's events include a Dutch oven cookoff starting at 10 a.m. and the annual rodeo beginning at 8 p.m. at the rodeo arena...

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AROUND THE WORLD

ALASKA

Grizzly bear attacks woman near lodge

ANCHORAGE — A 21-year-old woman was injured at the edge for the summer was attacked by a grizzly bear about 25 yards outside a building.

Abby Sisk of Ogden, Utah, was returning from a hike late Wednesday when the bear came out of the bushes near the gravel path where she was walking at the Kenal Princess Lodge in Cooper Landing.

The 6-foot-tall guest was screaming and looked outside, then ran to help Sisk and managed to scare the bear away. Alaska State Troopers spokeswoman Beth Ipsen said.

"I had her head in its jaws

and it dragged her a few feet," Ipsen said. She said Sisk had major cuts to her face and head.

Witnesses told troopers at the scene that the grizzly was a very large male weighing 400 to 500 pounds to 800 pounds.

A spokeswoman at Providence Alaska Medical Center in Anchorage said Sisk was listed in critical condition.

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HOROSCOPE BY JERALDINE SAUNDERS

IF JULY 25 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You have the profession, job or career pursuit that business or career pursuits through October...

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Stick to the trusted patterns that have always made you healthy, wealthy and wise...

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You will probably climb many boring ladders before you can slide down fun-filled slippery chutes...

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Spend time in wide, open spaces. Consider a hike through the woods...

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't get too far crossed. Because you are basking in self-confidence and optimism...

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): An optimistic outlook might lead you to a good overboard. You may have a

blind spot that prevents you from seeing wise counsel or warnings. Your guardian angel may have to work overtime.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take your chances. There might be a few grains of truth in a statement, but some facts might be stretched too far...

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The Love Boat may set sail without you. You may run like a demon to catch it before launch time...

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Life is like a roller coaster and contains a series of ups and downs. Because some of your may look up with surprise and frustration...

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BRAZIL

Boy bites pit bull to fend off attack, loses tooth

SÃO PAULO — An 11-year-old boy is in Brazil's media spotlight after sinking his teeth into the neck of a dog that attacked him.

Local newspapers reported on Thursday that Gabriel Almeida was playing in his uncle's backyard in the city of Belo Horizonte when a pit bull named Tita lunged at him and bit him in the left arm.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

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Brown, the first "test tube baby," was born in Oldham, England; she'd been conceived through the technique of in-vitro fertilization.

In 1994, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Jordan's King Hussein signed a declaration at the White House ending their countries' 46-year-old formal state of war.

In 2000, a New York-bound Concorde crashed outside Paris shortly after takeoff. Killing all 109 people on board and four people on the ground; it was the first-ever crash of the supersonic jet.

Ten years ago: Two government officials revealed that special prosecutor Kenneth Starr had subpoenaed President Clinton to testify before a federal grand jury about the Monica Lewinsky case.

Five years ago: President Bush ordered U.S. troops into position off the coast of Liberia to support the arrival of a West African peacekeeping force, as renewed violence in the capital brought despairing pleas for American help.

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"I have no idea who that guy was," Doane said, chuckling.

Thursdays before the weekend of an air show are always this way: predictably insane, Doane said. But once the Angels hit the sky it's all business. The chaos on the ground comes to a halt and everyone's eyes lock onto the Angels, who come ripping along at 400 knots from all directions, deathly close to the 110-foot tower's roof, flying both solo and in formation.

Just minutes earlier, at 3 p.m., the usual crew of air traffic controllers, who had been coordinating commercial and U.S. Air Force flights in the air space, closed down a five-mile radius and handed control of the skies above Twin Falls to the Navy's more than 60-member crew which began familiarizing itself with the terrain it will handle during the weekend's Air Magic Valley Air Show.

The training lasted about an hour.

Inside the control tower, all remained quiet with the exception of Doane's occasional, exchanges — "Comm-comm" — the half-dozen guys on the tarmac. Comm-car is dialed into a dedicated radio frequency with the pilots, which not even Doane can hear from the tower. Despite the exclusivity of the channel, Doane

admits anyone with enough time on their hands could probably locate the frequency and listen in.

It takes a whole of 30 seconds for the Federal Aviation administration to trade control of the air space to the Navy representatives. It's understood among them that there will be small incursions, such as the slow learning curve for the smattering of airport personnel that traveled obliviously Thursday through restricted areas of the tarmac.

Aside from closing down the air space up to 20,000 feet in elevation and in a five-mile radius, certain grounds extending 1,500 feet from the show center's 5,000-foot-long white line — are kept off limits because the aircraft dip to just feet above the ground.

It would take even less time for the Navy to hand control back to the three-man FAA crew in the tower if a true emergency arose.

"They're not certified at this airport," said Steve Storey, the tower's manager. "They're not legally authorized to handle that."

Typically, no one talks about potential catastrophe at the airport unless it's absolutely necessary.

Doane said, "We're not supposed to talk about stuff like that."

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Fair

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There have been three shootings in Jerome in about five weeks, though that's not causing police much concern regarding fair security.

Local law enforcement authorities said they aren't expecting violence at the fair, which kicks off Saturday and ends Aug. 2.

"There's no indicator

there's going to be or will be any problems," said Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver. Jerome Police Capt. Dean Larsen agreed. "We'll have officers down patrolling each night. We aren't expecting anything."

The admittance change could help quell potential late-night security issues, said Larsen.

Fights erupt every year at

the fair, Jerome County Undersheriff Jocelyn Nunnally told the *Times-News* last August. "We expect it."

On Thursday, Sheriff Weaver had a slightly different take, citing five or fewer fights in 10 years.

"In the past, there's been very minor problems, if any," Weaver said. Fair attendance is expected

to register in line with last year's 32,000-person turnout, said Diederich. "It'll probably be the best quality cowboys we've ever had."

The fair is free, though the rodeo costs \$7 for adults and \$5 for children and seniors.

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is limited to historic projects in town. He and the other members — Paul Smith, chairman of the city's Historic Preservation Commission, and Tom Gilbertson — said they're excited for action to finally happen.

Tremayne said the park will include interpretative panels of the downtown warehouse complex, picnic tables and native plants. The next steps include cleaning and repainting the 83-foot silos, and preserving the logo.

Tremayne said the property, which is immediately east of Shoshone Street South, could get visitors coming to Twin Falls from the south — similar to the tourism area near the Perrine Bridge. Tremayne said it'd be a perfect home for the Farmers' Market.

So far, the group has earned about \$30,000 for the project, contributed in thirds from the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, the Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency and private donations. Tremayne said the cost is actually more, and Dave Wright, owner of Kimberly Nurseries, which is planning the landscaping, is donating his time and resources. A \$5,000 state grant was ultimately rejected because the state would want control. Smith and Tremayne said.

"This is what urban renewal is all about," Tremayne said. "It's not just about new buildings and new businesses. It's about preserving the past."

Then again, most of the park is coming via donations, Tremayne said. Ken Stutzman's company did the excavating work. The Twin

Falls Canal Company is donating dirt for the park. Plans also come from several area nurseries.

While the park could be ready within three months, officials said plans for the six-silo structure aren't final. So far, the nonprofit agreed to put a cell phone tower in the adjoining building — officials say it won't be seen from the ground — and the 25 percent in shared profits help offset costs.

For years, ideas for using the silos have circulated. Recently talk has shifted to turning them into apartments, Smith said.

The URA considered destroying the silos — doing so was estimated at more than \$100,000 — but the nonprofit bought the silos in 2005 for \$10.

The silos, built in 1916, served as a flour mill grain elevator — and the mill was closed and demolished in 1969. The silos remained, and except for when Reed Grain and Bean Inc. used them for six years in the 1980s, they've remained vacant.

"It's a symbol of our agricultural past," Tremayne said. "This is a historical site."

Smith said the silos still face the possibility of being torn down unless a viable use for them is found.

"The idea is to make it into a modern use facility to benefit the community and business," said Smith. "They're going to be used. In my opinion if they aren't used by someone, they don't survive."

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EDITORIAL

Low wages are still a Magic Valley reality

Six thousand of your Magic Valley neighbors got a raise Thursday, although you might not have noticed much celebrating. The federal minimum wage increased to \$6.55 an hour, affecting mostly food-service workers, retail and office clerks, cleaners and day laborers.

That works out to \$262 for a 40-hour week, or \$13,624 a year. The federal poverty level for a one-person household is \$10,400.

But if that wage-earner happens to be a single parent supporting three children, his or her new annual income falls \$7,576 under the poverty line.

Tough to make a living on that kind of money? You bet. And there is a greater percentage of minimum wage employees in south-central Idaho than almost any other region of the state.

One Magic Valley worker out of 11 earns \$6.55 or less. In the Boise area, it's one in 20. Statewide, it's one in 16.

It's hardly news to anyone who has tracked the south-central Idaho labor market for any length of time. At least since the mid-1980s, we've been long on low-paying retail jobs and shy on better-compensated manufacturing employment.

For years, that worked to the advantage of the local economy: It's been a buyer's labor market.

No more. Folks who run restaurants and stores are crying for qualified workers, and turnover in service industries is high.

Those who remain in that sector, by and large, do so because they lack the education and training for better-paying employment. Many can't afford to get it, so they remain in dead-end employment. It's a vicious cycle.

Six thousand minimum-wage employees in a regional labor market of 74,000 is a lot by Idaho standards. It slows the local economy and represents a potentially dangerous vulnerability.

That's because healthy economies are diverse economies, better able to withstand major shocks such as the collapse of agriculture prices or the closure of a major employer.

And minimum-wage workers, by a large, can't afford health insurance, placing a greater burden on the taxpayers through high medical incidence costs and increased demand for social services.

The people who manage economic development in the Magic Valley long ago recognized the need to reduce the percentage of minimum-wage jobs by attracting light manufacturing and other value-added industries.

That's one reason why the College of Southern Idaho has developed into such flexible institution for job-skills training.

In a couple of years at CSI, single moms waiting tables can — with a little financial aid and a lot of hard work — transform themselves into registered nurses commanding good salaries.

But there's still more to be done to shrink the size of the local minimum-wage ghetto. Additional financial aid for education is critical, as is affordable child-care.

More vocational training in high school and a widely available dual-credit education system could help minimize the time young adults have to spend in low-paying jobs.

And attracting companies such as Dell, Jayco, Seastrom and Solo Cup that are willing to invest significantly in developing the Magic Valley workforce is critical.

Too many Magic Valley residents can't make ends meet, and that's a drag on the rest of the economy.

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Between the extremes on gun violence

The Supreme Court decision last month overturning the District of Columbia's handgun ban, though controversial, has ended a long-standing political logjam. As a local law enforcement official, I hope this decision will allow a working coalition to transcend partisan disagreements and support strategies proven to reduce gun violence.

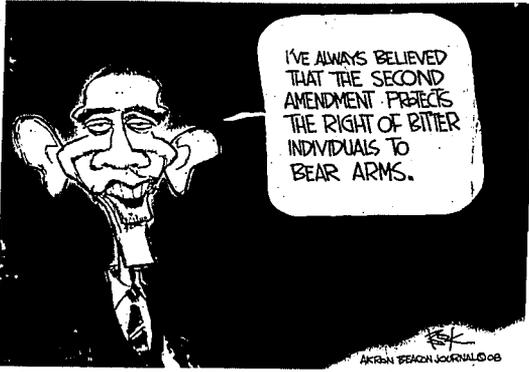


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The ruling left almost entirely intact the gun restrictions in Maryland and most other jurisdictions. Still permitted are: licensing requirements, bans on concealed weapons, prohibitions on felons and the mentally ill possessing handguns, bans on carrying handguns in "sensitive places such as schools and government buildings" and conditions on the commercial sale of firearms.

It's time to move forward. We must develop more rational policies to reduce gun violence. We need comprehensive and coordinated strategies that rely on intervention and prevention programs — especially those targeting at-risk youths in high-crime areas.

Unfortunately, Democrats and Republicans alike have long benefited from making this a partisan issue. Many Republicans, along with rights groups such as the National Rifle Association, have energized their constituencies by claiming that their opponents were "trying to take away our guns." Gun ownership was a reliable wedge issue that Republicans used to win swing voters and that gun rights groups use to raise millions of dollars to support their advocacy efforts. Over time, the fear of gun confiscation grew so great that some groups ended up in extreme positions, such as opposing bans on "cop killer"



bullets or on plastic guns that are invisible to metal detectors. To those groups, no restriction on gun ownership was reasonable: We simply need police, prosecutors and judges to stop "coddling" criminals and give them longer prison sentences, they argued.

Yet the liberal coalition developed its own extremes. Democrats and others were frequently unwilling to recognize any right to gun ownership and motivated their constituents, especially those in urban areas with high crime rates, by claiming that the NRA would flood our streets with weapons that would wreak havoc. To some, it seemed that no civilian should ever own a gun and that the government should ban gun ownership or impose as many restrictions as possible on it. It didn't matter that an owner had never committed a crime or demonstrated mental or emotional instability. Some groups have also opposed longer prison terms for gun-related crimes, even though tough sentencing of violent offenders has been a critical component of crime reduction.

To local law enforcement leaders, neither extreme will stop the violence. And the

consequences are staggering: Homicide has been a leading cause of death for young African American men for nearly two decades. Increasingly, the motive for the killing is trivial, and I have heard them all: He cut ahead of me in line; he wouldn't give me a cigarette; he looked at my woman.

Gun bans alone won't stop senseless violence. And encouraging people to buy and carry weapons results in more gunfire — and raises the likelihood that innocent bystanders will be hurt. I hope the ruling in District of Columbia v. Heller forces this debate to the middle. Boston, New York, Cincinnati and other cities have dramatically reduced gun violence through a combination of tough gun laws, longer prison terms for violators, reasonable restrictions on gun ownership, and intervention and prevention programs that target at-risk youths.

But states and localities could use more federal help. The government should: • Restore federal funding for local crime-fighting programs. This would enable localities to hire more police officers and supply them with needed technology.

• Close the gun show loophole, ban "dangerous and unusual" firearms such as assault weapons, require microstamping identifiers on fired cartridges, and allow local law officials to access federal gun-trace data used to track illegal gun dealers.

• Fully fund the new Second Chance Act, which would help ex-offenders with the employment and education assistance they need to become productive citizens. Also, provide more funds for school and community programs proven to reduce youth violence.

• Increase federal prosecutions of gun cases, especially in states that lack or do not impose stiff sentences for gun offenders. By assuring law-abiding citizens' right to own guns but leaving intact most restrictions on owning and carrying guns, the court may have taken away the red meat for extremists on both sides. Perhaps now the federal government can strengthen its political partnership with localities and states to stop gun violence.

Glenn Ivey is state's attorney for Prince George's County, Md. He wrote this commentary for The Washington Post.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Temple picketers have no regard for fellow man

Thank you, *Times-News* for your editorial, "Respect for faith" on July 22.

What a pity the members of the Lighthouse Christian Fellowship have so little faith and no regard to fellow man that they picket the new Mormon temple.

Yes, it is a disgrace to our community!

I felt it a privilege to be given a tour of this beautiful temple ... Imagine, Twin Falls being closed for one of 128 temples in the world.

Our tour guide was kind and very informative. It is a beautiful structure that will serve our community well.

I am a Roman Catholic and grateful that I may attend St. Edwards Catholic Church. Many of my friends are Mormon. I have learned from them and have much respect and love for these friends. I hope I have planted a few good seeds in their hearts.

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Perhaps we should ask our "Heavenly Father" to forgive those picketing, "for they know not what they do."

Many we all treat one another with peace, joy and love!

FLORENCE OSTERKAMP
Twin Falls

Lighthouse works hard to warn of Mormonism

In response to your editorial on July 22, I applaud Lighthouse and the other churches that are selflessly spending their time to warn members of the cult of Mormonism of the dangers they face. To see a blind per-

son walking near a cliff and not warn them would be a sin. Modern science, archaeology and, most importantly, the Bible prove the Book of Mormon to be false. God sent his Holy Spirit to live inside true believers so the need for a temple is a thing of the past.

I would ask all Mormons to seek the truth for themselves and not accept everything their leaders tell them.

GARALD NIELSEN
Kimberly

It's too little too late for downtown businesses

I came to Twin Falls in

1977 and have seen a lot of changes in businesses. A lot of the changes have been downtown businesses closing or moving to other locations. The downtowners closed early and on Sundays and drove the shoppers to other areas to shop for what they needed. The downtowners held their prices high and served themselves instead of the customer for years.

Now that they have lost most of their business to malls and stores that stay open late and have good prices, they want to spend millions to try to get the customer back. "Too little too late"; they should have done this 20 years ago. Try promoting with those millions with good low prices and a good reason for the shopper to come downtown. Fight fire with fire. ROY DIXON
Twin Falls

(Editor's note: Roy Dixon managed the Twin Falls Payless Drug store from 1977 to 1991.)

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS

By Gary Trudeau

By Bruce Tinsley

Foreign policy advantage slipping away from McCain

It made no sense when Barack Obama left the country on his nine-day overseas tour for some of my fellow columnists to describe it as a high-risk venture.

Foreign leaders, who can read the polls as well as any one, would go out of their way not to embarrass a man who may, six months from now, be president of the United States.

Obama prepares thoroughly for the big occasions. He is almost always well-briefed, and he is traveling in sharp company—with his wife, Michelle, and Chuck Hagel—so you know he would be thoroughly ready for these meetings. The chance of a major screw-up was minimal.

And, as millions of Americans who watched the primary campaign learned, Obama is invariably articulate and well-spoken. There would be no verbal gaffes. So where was the risk? It existed mainly in the minds of some journalists and, perhaps, in the musings of Obama staffers who wanted to wipe the board.

Acknowledging all that, it is still the case that Obama has pulled it off in great style and thereby enhanced his credentials for the Oval Office.

What he could not have



DAVID BRODER

guaranteed was the role that luck played in the surrounding events and the cast of supporting players. When, on the first day of the trip, he stepped onto the basketball court at the air base in Kuwait and sent his first three-point shot cleanly through the basket, you know the gods had decided to favor him.

He could not have known in advance that on the very day he left Chicago, President Bush would suddenly reverse six years of policy and send a high-ranking State Department official off to a meeting with Iranian and European nuclear negotiators.

He could not have guessed that Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, eager to promise his constituents that the American occupation would not be endless, would persuade Bush to declare agreement to "a time horizon" for U.S. troops leaving.

And he could not have

assumed that a Maliki spokesman, briefing reporters on the meeting with Obama, would volunteer the comment that "the end of 2010 is the appropriate time for the withdrawal" of U.S. troops.

Suddenly, long-standing Obama policies—direct talks with Iran and a 16-month timetable for withdrawal—seemed to be ratified by events.

So it was a confident and contented Obama who faced reporters in Jordan Tuesday in his first news conference of the trip. He handled the expected question about his meeting with Gen. David Petraeus by saying he perfectly understood the U.S. commander's opposition to any timetable that would limit his options, but that as commander in chief, he, Obama, would weigh Iraq's needs against those in Afghanistan—and also the domestic economy.

It was a skillful answer, not rejecting Petraeus' views but asserting Obama's own larger responsibility. On the other hand, his saying there was no way to know what would have happened in Iraq if the United States had followed his advice to start the withdrawal of troops two years ago and oppose the "surge"

seemed disingenuous. Obama still has trouble admitting when he is wrong.

But his troubles are minimal compared to John McCain's, who looks like the odd-man-out in the ongoing foreign policy debate. Having given steadfast support to the policies of both Maliki and George Bush, he has a legitimate complaint: They owed him more consideration in the way they announced the shifts they were suddenly going to make. As it is, McCain appears isolated from trends in both Baghdad and Washington.

McCain's frustration at the turn of events is something he cannot conceal. The domestic economy was always going to be a problem for him—even before gasoline hit \$4 a gallon. But he had a credible position to argue on national security issues, and a record that was consistent and in some respects presidential.

But now the ground has shifted—and his opponent was right where he needed to be to capture the advantage. July has been a cruel month for McCain.

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Brussels sprouts, Belgian waffles and American beer

Assuming that toothless U.S. regulators will rubber-stamp the deal, Belgium-based beer conglomerate InBev will soon be taking over America's largest brewer, St. Louis-based Anheuser-Busch.

As a public service, I will sift through the deal's most pressing concerns in question-and-answer format.

Q. With Anheuser-Busch in the hands of the Belgians, with Miller owned by South Africans, and with the red-blooded, flag-waving, homophobic Coors family being now half-owned by (gasp) Canadians—will Americans still have access to bad beer?

A. Not to worry. Americans will enjoy continued access to thin, watery brew, even during the delicate InBev-Busch consolidation period, when bootlicking Busch executives try to figure out which of Belgium's three national languages—

Dutch, French, or Walloon—they should bother learning. It is important to note that InBev already makes plenty of bad beer on its own. Stella Artois, originally brewed for the Belgian national dish, french fries, is the Distiller of Belgium. Here is an eye-handled Stella review from the website rate-beer.com: "Ugh, how plain... Generic aromas and flavors of light malt, weak hops, and a hint of yeast if you manage to get some that isn't skunky). The palate is the same as Coke's. Don't buy it. Please."

Q. The Belgians have said they will dump "noncore" assets of the new company to pay off debt. Could the plodding, overbred Clydesdales be heading for the glue factory?



ALEX BEAM

A. It's more likely the interlopers will dump A-B's "fun" parks, including notorious mammalian prison camps such as Sea World. Why would Anheuser abandon its trademark, slow-paced "image" advertising in which August Busch IV stares into the camera and assists the viewer—something I wouldn't know. Whenever his face comes on the TV, I head for the kitchen to yank an Anchor Steam pilsener out of the refrigerator. With billions of kegs of U.S. beer now under foreign control, should Congress and the Bush administration consider filling the Strategic Beer Reserve?

A. Unless Americans learn to conserve our precious beer resources, for instance by drinking tasteless, low-octane "light" swill, the SBR—empty since Prohibition—may have to be reactivated. In the past, Chicagoans have been receptive to the idea of draining Lake Michigan and refilling it with healthy American bock.

Q. What about other national security implications? Before they accepted InBev's massive payoff, the Anheuser directors asked the specter of Americans drinking... Cuban beer.

A. As long as right-wing loons control South Florida

electoral politics, the prospect of seeing Bucanero at your local Bertucci's is about as remote as Hugo Chavez throwing out the first ball at the World Series.

Q. Before the deal was struck, President-presumptive Barack Obama declared that "it would be a shame if Bud Is foreign owned. I think we should be able to find an American company that is interested in purchasing Anheuser-Busch. In fact, Anheuser-Busch feels that it's necessary to sell." Is it possible that Obama was making a vacuum, pondering proclamation in the crucial swing state of Missouri?

A. President-presumptive Obama is a new kind of politician who practices an entirely new brand of politics. It is unthinkable that he would toss off a witless sound bite for a quick headline or for short-term political gain.

Q. Did you watch CNBC's mindless advertorial

"American Originals: Budweiser" last week? Was that some kind of joke? Were they not aware that Budweiser was being brewed in Central Europe in the 18th century, roughly a hundred years before the piratical Adolphus Busch stole the name?

A. "Czech Originals: Budweiser" doesn't sound like a ratings hit in the making. Outside of Prague, that is.

Q. In writing a column about beer, it wouldn't be like you not to take a cheap shot at the Boston Beer Co.'s flagship Sam Adams brand, even though its founder and brewmaster Jim Koch has been unfailingly gracious in the face of your previous attacks.

A. I'm glad there is still an American-owned company making bad beer. But Jim can't do it by himself.

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AMERICANS: Why does the written description of nearly every Shoshone Falls postcard state: "Shoshone Falls, 212 feet. Higher than Niagara"? Niagara who? One more thing; why do people flock to Lake Erie's waste-end to get married. If you drove to Niagara to get married, you would probably change your mind somewhere in Ohio.

Then again, maybe this is one of the acid tests couples should subject themselves to. Idaho style is better: "G'down to the Falls and tie the knot", and brace yourselves for the surpris matrimonial bliss has in store for you that will arrive naturally. And the in-laws?

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AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL CLASS A AREA C TOURNAMENT

Kimberly battles, falls into elimination bracket

By David Bashore
Staff writer

KIMBERLY — Gary Krumm is the first to admit that his Kimberly Astros baseball team doesn't have the greatest pitching inside.

But it'll have to be up to the test nonetheless, with the season on the line to boot.

After knocking off the Idaho Falls Rangers 5-1 in Thursday's opening game of the American Legion Baseball Class A Area C tournament, No. 5-seeded Kimberly fell 10-8 to No. 4 Bear Lake later in the day.

Despite pounding out 13 runs in two games, the loss relegated the Astros to the consolation bracket, where they'll have to win four

games in two days.

"I can't really fault the kids. They battled," Krumm said of the defeat. "But we left a lot of runners on early, and people forget about that (and only remember the end). We had the bases loaded in the first, no outs, and only scored one run. We needed to score more."

The road ahead for Kimberly now amounts to an arms race to try and grab the third and final seed to the state tournament.

Astros ace Blake Lawson did his part, pitching 5 1-3 innings of one-hit ball in win over Idaho Falls, allowing just an unearned run and walking one batter. A.J. Schroeder picked up the save, recording strikeouts for three of the five outs he logged.

Mindful of the pitching regulations — pitchers are limited to just four appearances and 12 innings in the entire tournament — Krumm removed Lawson to keep his ace as fresh as possible for the remainder of the tournament.

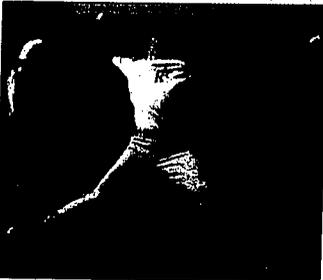
Scoring five runs in the bottom of the fifth made the decision a little easier.

"I want to pitch every game I can, but that's totally up to the coaches if they want to bring someone else in," said Lawson, expressing his faith in the Astros' pitching staff. "Today I felt good, and the defense made some great plays behind me. It wasn't all me for sure."

Nic Jayo's sliding backhanded

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Kimberly pitcher Blake Lawson delivers during the Astros' 5-1 win over Idaho Falls in Kimberly on Thursday morning, in the opening game of the Class A Area C American Legion Baseball tournament.



Staff photo by MICHAEL BERRY

Bust out the whoopin' stick!

Bobcats reach semis

By Ryan Howe
Staff writer

Kace Redder and Marcus Hoskins each pitched a gem Thursday and Burley snapped a four-year district tournament drought with a pair of wins on the first day of the Class A Area C Tournament Friday.

Redder struck out four, including two in the seventh inning to beat Walkercreek 5-2. Redder only walked one, allowed one earned run and relied on his teammates to make plays in the field.

The Bobcats then defeated Wood River 5-1 with Hoskins on the mound. The right-hander allowed no earned runs and just two hits, while striking out seven and walking two. Hoskins faced more than three batters in only two of the innings.

"I had a lot of confidence in my D," Hoskins said. "They were solid behind me and after we got a little lead, I just threw fastballs and trusted them to put the ball in play."

The current Bobcat roster is new to the district tournament game, and for Hoskins and catcher Steven Beck — four-year players in their final year — Friday's wins were extra special for the team. Burley won a district game was 2004, when it finished second at state.

"Hopefully we can keep it

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Buhl's Casey Murray, left, tags Twin Falls Brogan Barrett out at second base during the fourth inning of their game Thursday in Twin Falls. Buhl won 11-5 in eight innings to reach the American Legion Baseball Class A Area C tournament semifinals.

Tribe uses 30-run outburst to rampage into semis

By John Derr
Staff writer

Buhl definitely brought its offensive firepower to Bill Ingram Field for the district tournament.

The Tribe combined for 30 runs on Thursday, picking up a pair of victories in the first day of the American Legion Baseball Class A Area C tournament to advance to the semifinals.

Down early against Twin Falls, Buhl rallied to tie it in the seventh then blasted away for six runs in the eighth for the 11-5 victory. In the first game of the day the Tribe routed Bonneville 19-3

in five innings.

Buhl tallied a total of eight doubles, a triple and a pair of home runs. Cader Owen led the way, going 6-for-9 with four RBIs and five runs scored. He had two singles, two doubles, a triple and a home run.

"I have been in a slump, but (Buhl assistant coach Perry Hamilton) has been working with me and it has paid off," said Owen. "It was a big win. Our confidence is high."

J.D. Lickenby who earned the decisive eighth-inning grand slam in the win over the Cowboys. Twin Falls was one out

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The full results and schedule for the Class A Area C tournament, as well as the schedule for today's start of the Class AA tournament at Skip Walker Field

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from moving on, but Buhl wasn't going to let it happen.

With two outs in the top of the seventh the Tribe got an RBI single by designated hitter Nick Hamilton to tie the game. After the Cowboys went down in order to send to extra innings Buhl took off. A walk, a single and an

error loaded the bases with no outs. Lickenby, the clean up hitter, did his job and cleared them by smashing one over the left-field wall.

"Coach told us to get something to hit and I did," Lickenby said of his only hit of the game. "This was huge. Coach told us to not give up and just chip away until we got a big inning."

A pair of hit batters and a two-run single by Markus Lively made it a six run lead and left little chance for a comeback by the Cowboys.

"Twin Falls played small ball early to grab the lead, Jared Jordan walked while T.J. Ellis reached on an error. Heath

Stewart's bunt single loaded the bases. Zack VanLoe came up with the big hit, a two-run shot to center. Passed balls accounted for the other two runs as the Cowboys led 4-1 after one.

Victory came after a slow start, giving up four runs in the first inning.

"I was leaving the ball across the plate and gave them too many chances," said Golge Owen. "I tried to keep it on the corners and was able to shut them down."

Buhl tied it as Matt Hamilton doubled and

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WAC MEDIA CONFERENCES

Hope and confidence abounds

At this point in the 2008 college football season all the teams are even, nationally and in the Western Athletic Conference. None of the teams have accumulated wins or losses. That leaves the players and teams enthralled in feelings of hope and confidence.

The hope stems from many sources. Some of the teams and players are excited by the exploits of the season past, the growth and maturation of the athletes and programs. Others are simply hopeful that this year will be better than the last.

This is a time of year when everyone has a chance, even the "bottom half" of the conference — a term which I have heard repeatedly in the last two days in Salt Lake City.

I am not afraid to mention the team to which that moniker refers: Idaho, Utah State, San Jose State, New Mexico State and Louisiana State.

Of these five teams, Idaho and Utah State have the greatest chances to overcome. With three combined wins from a year ago, these two teams are mixed in the rebuilding process. But even they inspire hope in the listener.

I think specifically of Keo Shiloh, an Idaho safety who is just incredibly relieved to finally get off the coaching



DUSTIN LAPRAY

carousel in Moscow.

He talked a lot about the bonds made between his teammates in the face of failure in the win column. Even this Vandal team, despite its trials and errors, has a preseason confidence, maybe not a solid confidence grounded in the back-thought that they could win the league, but that they may at least play better.

Confidence is a thing not easily ingested. Seriously, it's hard to swallow hope and confidence when you only won one game in 2007. But it's there, in the look in the eyes of Weldon Brown, a defensive back from La Tech. There is growth there, and change and a hope that can never be underestimated in this game.

I do not doubt that some of these players know in their heart of hearts

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Top to bottom, the WAC's on the rise

By Dustin Lapray
Correspondent



SALT LAKE CITY — Two consecutive Bowl Championship Series appearances (one win) and suddenly the Western Athletic Conference dares to declare itself the cream of the mid-major crop.

The only other mid-major team to reach such heights was the Utah team under Urban Meyer that ousted Pittsburgh in 2005.

Now that Boise State and Hawaii have been BCS bowling as well, the rest of the WAC football teams are thinking it is their turn now.

"The WAC is definitely back with notoriety and credibility," conference commissioner Carl Benson said. "The WAC is well grounded. It is established, and our membership is continuing to deliver and perform at a high level."

The league is going through a mid-crisis at age 47. Half of its teams are perennial bowl contenders and the other half... well, they're definitely not.

Only Hawaii, Boise State and

Fresno State finished last season with winning records — Nevada lost in the Humanitarian Bowl after finishing the regular season with a 6-6 record.

"We definitely have to get better in the bottom half of the league," Benson said. "The conference is ranked by all nine members. It has an effect on the teams in the top half as far as BCS rankings. As teams join the WAC, they get better from a recruiting standpoint and (from) the national coverage."

The league has a television deal that puts it on ESPN just about every Friday night. But remember that a few of these teams have been in the league for more than a decade, and 20 years ago most of them were FCS schools.

"It's safe to say that those who doubted whether or not the WAC could survive, thrive are looking at us today and saying that the WAC has done all that," Benson said.

Each of the teams in the WAC seems to think it can improve, maybe not to BCS level, but at least to respectable ones. Even Utah State is climbing out of the pit it was put in when the team was an independent. The Aggies have been in the WAC since 2005.

Utah State, Boise State and Hawaii have — or will have, in the case of the Warriors — vast improvements to their facilities, to allow more fans to attend the games, and to make the lives of the athletes and coaches easier.

Louisiana Tech head coach Derek Dooley is heading the guard in Ruston. His term at LSU bolsters his team's esteem. Half the coaches in the league are either in their first or second season. That kind of turnover is going to take time to repair.

Almost every coach who speaks this week at the WAC Media Conference said that this year's team is the best they've had. You can chalk that up to pre-season banter, or you can choose to believe that some of this craved parity may actually come to

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SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

American League		National League	
Team	W-L	Team	W-L
Los Angeles	59-42	St. Louis	57-48
San Diego	54-48	San Francisco	56-50
Seattle	53-49	Arizona	52-54
Minnesota	51-51	Colorado	51-55
Chicago	49-53	San Diego	49-57
Washington	48-54	Los Angeles	48-58
Philadelphia	47-55	San Francisco	47-59
Detroit	46-56	Arizona	46-60
Boston	45-57	Colorado	45-61
Atlanta	44-58	San Diego	44-62
St. Louis	43-59	Los Angeles	43-63
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San Francisco	0-196	San Diego	0-200

GAME PLAN

LOCAL

AMERICAN LEAGUE BASEBALL
AT RENO
 Class A Area C Tournament
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TV SCHEDULE

AUTO RACING
 3 p.m.
SPEED - NASCAR, Craftsman Truck Series, pole qualifying for Dover Stock (Sat) 200, at Indianapolis (same-day tape)

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ESPN - Men's national teams, U.S. vs. Canada, at Los Angeles

ESPN2 - Middleweights, Raymond Jay (37-40), at James McGill, Jr. (18-10), at Venetia, N.Y.

CYCLING
ESPNU - Tour de France, stage 19, Renne to Montlucan, France

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Delgado hit restores Mets to first place in N.L. East

NEW YORK — Carlos Delgado hit a tiebreaking, two-run double in the eighth inning to help the New York Mets take sole possession of first place in the N.L. East with a 3-1 win over the Philadelphia Phillies on Thursday.

Oliver Perez struck out 12 in 7 2/3 innings, and Billy Wagner got three outs for his second save in as many days. The Mets had two of three in the series after blowing a three-run lead in the ninth inning of the opener. They are alone on top for the first time since April 19.

New York improved to 9-4 against the Phillies this year, after going 6-12 against them last season and losing the final eight meetings.

Eric Brunlett had three hits for the Phillies.

Wagner, who earned his 26th save, missed the opener with a sore left shoulder.

Delgado doubled off J.C. Romero (4-3) with two outs in the eighth after David Wright was intentionally walked.

BREWERS 4, CARDINALS 3

ST. LOUIS — Ryan Braun had four hits for a second straight game, including a two-run homer in the ninth, and Milwaukee beat St. Louis 4-3 on Thursday night. Its eighth straight victory.

The Brewers rallied from a 3-1 deficit to sweep a series in St. Louis for the first time since 1993.

Braun, who had four hits in Wednesday's 3-0 victory, has reached safely in his last nine plate appearances.

His home run off Ryan Franklin (3-4) gave the Brewers a 4-3 lead and was his 26th of the season. It allowed the Brewers to set a franchise record with a home run in their 20th consecutive game.

Eric Gagne (3-2) picked up the win with one scoreless inning of relief. Solomon Torres recorded his 19th save by striking out the side in the ninth.

GIANTS 1, NATIONALS 0

SAN FRANCISCO — Matt Cain pitched a four-hitter and Dave Roberts singled home a run in the eighth for San Francisco, which earned its first three-game home sweep of the season.

Cain (6-8) retired his first 11 batters and didn't issue a walk for the first time this year. He struck out four to boost his season total to 130.

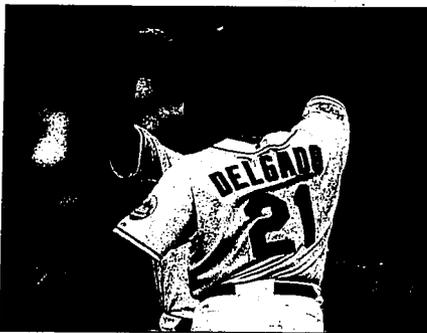
Cain's other shutout came May 21, 2006, at Oakland. This was the Giants' seventh shutout this year and the 13th time Washington has been blanked, a major league high.

With his fourth career complete game, Cain became the first San Francisco pitcher to throw a shutout since Noah Lowry on Aug. 21, 2006, against Arizona.

PIRATES 5, PADRES 1

PITTSBURGH — Yoslan Herrera pitched six shutout innings for his first major league win, and Pittsburgh got back-to-back homers from Jason Bay and Xavier Nady.

Nate McLouth homered and had



New York Mets third baseman David Wright, left, and first baseman Carlos Delgado celebrate after the Mets beat the Phillies 3-1 on Thursday in New York.

three RBIs for the Pirates, who have won four straight. They stopped a six-game skid against the Padres, who have lost nine of 10 overall.

San Diego owns the worst record in the major leagues at 38-65.

CUBS 6, MARLINS 3

CHICAGO — Carlos Zambrano pitched seven solid innings and Chicago snapped a 10-game losing streak to Florida.

After a 2-4 road trip, the Cubs got

home runs from Henry Blanco and Ronny Cedeno and a two-run double from Aramis Ramirez to improve to 38-12 at Wrigley Field.

Hinley Ramirez homered for the Marlins, who have lost three of four overall and lost to the Cubs for the first time since April 25, 2006.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BLUE JAYS, ORIOLES 1

BLUE JAYS 7, ORIOLES 1

BALTIMORE — Roy Halladay

scattered seven hits over seven innings Thursday following the completion of a suspended game.

Halladay (2-7) allowed one run, struck out six and walked one. The right-hander took over the major-league lead in innings pitched (159-1-3) and lowered his ERA to 2.82.

Halladay improved to 18-4 lifetime against the Orioles, who fell a season-worst five games under .500 (48-53).

Adam Lind and Marco Scutaro both had three hits for the Blue Jays, who won three of four from Baltimore after losing their previous seven series on the road.

The suspended game was halted by rain in the sixth inning Wednesday night after A.J. Burnett (11-9) allowed one run in five innings. Three relievers allowed two hits over the final four innings.

ROYALS 4, RAYS 2

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Gil Meche pitched seven scoreless innings after a shaky start and John Buck drove in two runs, helping Kansas City hold off Tampa Bay to extend the AL East leaders' road losing streak to seven games.

Meche (8-9) had a miserable first inning, needing 26 minutes and 31 pitches to get out of it. But he did it without giving up a run. The right-hander gave up five hits and walked one, beating an AL East team for the first time in seven starts this season.

Joakim Soria anchored a run in the ninth before earning his 27th save.

— The Associated Press

Rod Smith hangs 'em up

INGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — Broncos receiver Rod Smith broke out a pair of dark, designer shades and his two Super Bowl rings for the occasion, wearing one on each hand.

The rings were a reminder of what once was, the shades to hide the tears.

Smith stepped into a room full of family, friends and teammates Thursday and announced his NFL career was done.

He tried to tell a joke to start things off, but his usual wisecracks failed him. Instead, he pulled a tissue from his pocket and dabbed at his eyes.

Saying farewell wasn't easy.

"I gave them everything I had," Smith said as he choked up while announcing his retirement.

For that, Broncos president and CEO Pat Bowlen was truly appreciative, calling Smith the best Broncos player not named John Elway that he's ever had play for him.

"If I ever get anybody like you, I'm going to be very fortunate," Bowlen said.

Smith, 38, had been on the reserve/retired list since February and has had two hip operations in the past year and a half. It's the franchise's career leader in every major receiving category.

"Rod is the only person I've ever been around on a consistent basis, day in and day out, that never cared about his stats," Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said. "All Rod talked about was winning."

His numbers were nice, though. Smith holds franchise records for career receptions (849), yards receiving (11,309), touchdown catches (69), touchdowns (71) and 100-yard games (31).

The former Missouri Southern star also leads unaffiliated players in every major receiving category.

As for his immediate future, that's easy — yard work.

Lots of it. That will be followed by spending time with his kids and finishing up a few real estate ventures.



Denver Broncos wide receiver Rod Smith poses a question as he talks about his retirement from the team after 14 seasons, during a news conference at the team's headquarters in Denver on Thursday.

The Broncos would welcome Smith's return to the team as a coach.

Either that or as a mentor for the young receivers, a role he's already serving with Brandon Marshall, accompanying him to a meeting with NFL commissioner Roger Goodell recently to discuss Marshall's string of off-field legal troubles.

"I would like him to be involved in some capacity," Shanahan said. "Right now, I think it's a little bit too soon for him, but we would always have a spot if he wants to come back in some capacity, and I hope he does."

Smith knew his career was finished the day after the Broncos beat Minnesota 22-19 in overtime to close out the season.

It was his body that made the decision for him. The left hip just wouldn't allow him to put in the work that he's revered for his entire career.

"The same thing that got me into the league is the same thing that got me out of the league, which is grinding, going to work every day, putting in work," he said.

"Could I possibly play football? Possibly. Do I want to get myself in that kind of shape? It's hard, man. I can't see me playing football this way being better for my body in the long run. I'm happy with (the decision). Honestly, I know I'm crying so it doesn't seem like I'm happy. Trust me, I'm very happy."

After all, he's got loads of memories. His favorites include Terrell Davis rushing for 2,008 yards in 1998 and Elway throwing his 300th touchdown pass. He felt like he played a role in both, blocking downfield for Davis and hauling in his fair share of Elway's darts.

He also has a picture hanging in his basement of

himself, Elway and Ed McCaffrey jumping around like kids after clinching a 14-12 win over the Green Bay Packers in the 1998 Super Bowl.

"That's why you play sports — so the 12-year-old comes out in you," he said. "No one can take those memories away from you."

Shanahan knew there was something special about Smith shortly after the coach's arrival in 1995. He was watching film, and this practice squad player kept catching the first-team defense.

"You keep looking and saying, 'Why can't they cover this guy?'" Shanahan said. "Then you say, 'Toily cool. I've got myself a football player.'"

Smith was promoted from the practice squad that season.

His first career catch went for a 43-yard game-winning touchdown as he out-jumped Washington's Darrell Green for the ball as time expired.

"It was really a preview. You're always able to get a player like Rod Smith when you start out as a young coach, you really don't know how lucky you are," Shanahan said. "I am just so proud to have a guy like this."

So, should Smith be in the Hall of Fame? "You're darn right he should," Shanahan said. "Broncos assistant coach and good friend Keith Burns supported that argument."

"If it's numbers they go off of, I'm a shoe-in," Burns said. "If it's looking at the person, he's a shoe-in. So, where does he not qualify to be in the Hall of Fame?"

Favre sentiment muted at Packers shareholders meeting

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — There were plenty of No. 4 jerseys in the stands and a smattering of jeers for general manager Ted Thompson at Thursday's morning annual meeting of Green Bay Packers shareholders at Lambeau Field.

But given the chance to air the grievances directly to the team's leadership, shareholders didn't turn the meeting into one big bring-back-Brett Favre rally.

Instead, most of the 9,375 people who attended the meeting pleasantly applauded Thompson and team president and CEO Mark Murphy, then gave a sustained standing ovation to head coach Mike McCarthy.

The reaction seemed to indicate that many of the fans who own a tiny stake in the team they love are backing the front office in its standoff with Favre. The three-time MVP asked to be released from his contract when his 11th-hour desire to unretire was met with lukewarm enthusiasm from the Packers, who committed to moving forward after Favre retired in March.

"Quite a few people look at the situation and say, 'Boy, that's really a tough one,'" Murphy said, speaking with reporters after the meeting. "You know, you've got an iconic player (who) has meant so much to the team. But with all the circum-

Favre's jersey retirement might be delayed

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — With Brett Favre's retirement up in the air, it goes without saying that the Green Bay Packers might have to put off one of its prettiest traditions: Favre's jersey retirement.

The Packers had scheduled a ceremony to retire Favre's jersey in conjunction with the Sept. 8 season opener against Minnesota at Lambeau Field.

But with Favre now considering playing again in 2009 and locked in a standoff with Packers management about his future in football, Packers president and CEO Mark Murphy acknowledged Thursday that the ceremony might have to be postponed.

"We have not made a decision yet on whether to cancel it," Murphy said, after the Packers' annual shareholders meeting at Lambeau. "But we want to make sure we're going to have to make a decision pretty quickly."

"We're going to have to make a decision pretty quickly," Murphy said. "Regardless of whether it's this year, I'll be somewhere in the future, we'll wait and see, but I think it's still enough up in the air that we want to wait and see how things play out."

The team's 112,000-plus shareholders are expected to gather at Lambeau once a year to receive football and financial reports from the team's leaders. Murphy, a former NFL player who took over for longtime Packers

top executive Bob Harlan in January addressed the Favre situation in his opening remarks.

"We are all in unison, and are very supportive of the way Ted and Mike have handled this situation," Murphy told the crowd, drawing applause along with a boo of two.

"Brett has obviously meant so much to the Packers and the NFL," Murphy continued. "He will always be remembered as one of the finest players ever to play this game. We want to be fair to Brett, but we also must act in the best interest of the Packers."

Disgruntled Boldin feels lied to, says he won't re-sign with Cardinals

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — A major storm hit the Arizona training camp one day before practice begins, when standout wide receiver Anquan Boldin lashed out at the Cardinals organization for falling to follow through on what he said was a promise for a new contract.

He said he had told his agent Drew Rosenhaus to end negotiations and that he would not re-sign with the team.

"Right now I don't want a deal," he said Thursday after the players went through a running drill. "You may think I'm funny or saying that just to say it, but for me, I'm tired of it. I washed my hands of the whole situation."

Boldin, a two-time Pro Bowl player and a team captain last season, said that he was promised a new contract before this season.

He has three years left on the four-year, \$22.75 million

contract extension he signed after the 2005 season and keeps him under contract through 2010. He's making an average of \$4 million a year.

Arizona's other standout receiver, Larry Fitzgerald, signed a four-year \$30 million deal after last season, with \$30 million guaranteed.

"It's not even about Larry's deal," Boldin said. "Larry earned everything he got. Honestly, he played his butt off. He deserved it."

Boldin, considered the heart and soul of the Arizona offense for his rugged, intense play, was asked if he felt the Cardinals had lied to him.

"Pretty much," he said. "I'm real disappointed that it came to this point." Boldin said, "but for the last five, going on six, years I've given everything I had to this organization. I dedicated myself and went far beyond what I'm supposed to do on

the field."

Couch Ken Whisenand said he understands Boldin's frustration but still hopes a deal can be worked out. The Cardinals have little room left under this year's salary cap.

Rosenhaus and Arizona general manager Rod Graves met Wednesday night, but the sides were not close to an agreement, Boldin said.

"We are sensitive to the fact that he wants a new contract," Whisenand said. "We tried to address it. The first chance we get we're going to continue to try to do that. Hopefully we'll go forward and everything will go smoothly."

Boldin denied reports that his agent had asked the Cardinals to trade him, but when he was asked if he would prefer a trade now, he said, "Honestly, I don't know right now. I can't answer that."

Burghardt wins low-key 18th stage; Sastre braces for time trial

SAINT-ETIENNE, France (AP) — No "Crazy" attacks, conserve energy and hope for the best in the time trial: Tour de France leader Carlos Sastre is tipping his strategy as the race creeps toward its finish in Paris on Sunday.

The Spanish veteran didn't see the chance he was looking for to expand his lead against his top rivals in Thursday's 18th stage out of the Alps, which Germany's Marcus Burghardt won by heading a two-man breakaway.

With a flat ride on tap for Friday, the final showdown in cycling's premiere event comes in Saturday's Stage 20 — a 32.9-mile race from Geclilly to Saint-Amant-Mondragon.

Sastre insists that he doesn't want to think about that stage just yet, but time trial ace Cadel Evans of Australia and Russia's Denis Menchov — who are among those nipping at his heels — are clearly on his mind.

"At the Tour, you have to be wise and place your attacks well," said the 33-year-old Team CSC leader. "It's true that today was hard, but not enough to put Menchov or Evans in difficulty."

"There was no reason to lead a crazy attack," said Sastre, who has finished in the top 10 at the Tour five times.

"Now, it's better to rest

well for Saturday and keep my energy for the time trial."

Sastre leads his CSC teammate Frank Schleck of Luxembourg by 1 minute, 24 seconds, and Austria's Bernhard Kohl is third, 1:33 behind. Evans is fourth, 1:34 back, and Menchov trails by 2:39 in fifth.

Of those, Evans, the 31-year-old Silence Lotto leader and Tour runner-up last year, appears to be the best-placed to take the yellow jersey off Sastre in time for Sunday's finale of the three-week race on the Champs-Élysées.

The title hopefuls were content to let Burghardt, a 25-year-old Team Columbia rider, and Carlos Barredo of Spain speed ahead during Thursday's 122.1-mile ride from Bourg-d'Oisans to Saint-Etienne.

Barredo came into the stage more than 2 hours behind Sastre, and Burghardt was more than three hours back.

The two riders often attacked each other in the last 6 miles, and at times chased.

The German raised his fists in the air and clapped after he won a sprint against Barredo, who banged his handlebars in frustration.

They finished in 4 hours, 30 minutes, 21 seconds for the ride through minor mountains.

"I'm really happy to win a



The pack with Carlos Sastre of Spain, wearing the overall leader's yellow jersey, Frank Schleck of Luxembourg, and Christian Vandeveld of the U.S., first three from left, are seen during the 18th stage of the Tour de France cycling race between Bourg-d'Oisans and Saint-Etienne, France, Thursday.

stage in my second Tour appearance," Burghardt said. "He tried to always stay behind me, and attack from behind. But I was always very focused, and he couldn't get away."

Sastre and his main rivals in the title hunt finished 6:50 behind.

Italian rider Damiano Cunego crashed during the stage, resuming racing a long way behind the main

pack after sitting on a place on the Tour podium, finished along with five teammates who escorted him and was 20:12 behind Burghardt.

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released a vehicle driven by Schleck's father along the course route.

They were conducting one of many regular, random searches for doping products at the Tour but only turned up normal medicines, a French state prosecutor said.

As in 2006 and 2007, the Tour has been plagued by doping this year.

Three riders, including Italian star Riccardo Riccio, were kicked out of the race for testing positive for the banned blood booster EPO, and Riccio's entire Saunier Duval team pulled out after his test result was announced.

Saunder Duval, a heating products firm, announced Thursday it was ending its sponsorship of the team.

Schleck's Danish-backed CSC team touts itself as being one of the strictest anti-doping regimens in cycling — a sport that, more than many, has made a ruthless crusade of rooting out drug cheats.

"They can take anything, I have no worries about this, said Schleck's younger brother and CSC teammate Andy, of the customs search.

Andy Schleck is 12th overall — 10:04 behind Sastre.

This morning's 19th stage takes riders through the French plains along 162.9 miles from Roanne to Montcunio.

MVS racers have chance to be caught in the Chase

By Linda Brittain
Correspondent

For the Budweiser Super Stocks and the Magic Valley Pipe Thunder Stocks drivers, the season they have worked so hard trying to gain positions in the standings has come to a close. Beginning tonight at Magic Valley Speedway, it is time for them to either defend their position, or take the opportunity to get in a few more shots at the 2008 championship.

The points have been reset for the five remaining races and now the gaps have been narrowed between the top 10 drivers as the season begins to wind down.

The good news is that for those who were farther back in the standings, they will have a renewed chance at a track title. The bad news is for those who led, it is time to prove all over just how they got there in the first place.

Thunder Stocks driver Steve Edens has seen his point margin in the division reduced to just five over regular season runner-up in the series — Stacey Jensen. However, it's Rob Roche who has made the biggest move in the standings going into the chase, now poised in third. Roche has moved to within 15 points of Edens.

With a few good races, Roche

Along with the Budweiser Super Stocks and the M.V. Pipe Thunder Stocks drivers sparring in the first round in the chase for the championship, the Jr. Stingers and Intermountain Pro Trucks drivers are on the schedule to continue their quest for a series title. In addition, kids 8 to 12 years old are invited to compete in a bike race at intermission this evening. The first 100 kids through the gate with their bikes will receive a free helmet and knee pads to wear for the race. Kids are encouraged to arrive early to be fitted for the helmet. Gates open at 5 p.m., qualifying begins at 7:30 and green flag racing for the special Friday evening edition of action begins at 8.

Point Standings

Pepsi Premier: 1. Rob Vest 1200, 2. Shelby Stroebel 1295, 3. Rick Fowle 1290, 4. Jonathon Gomez 1285, 5. Starke Fisher 1280, 6. Kris McKeen 1275, 7. Mike Greco 1270, 8. Dan Peterson 1265, 9. Cliff Chester 1260, 10. Louis Lopez 1229.
Budweiser Super Stocks: 1. Jonathon Gomez 1200, 2. Kris McKeen 1195, 3. John Hoodendoom 1190, 4. Willie Dalton 1185, 5. Jerry McKeen 1162, 6. Norm Hatko 1144.
M.V. Pipe Thunder Stocks: 1. Josh Pitt 1200, 2. Jeff Guich 1195, Brent Abbott 1190, Kevin Grubbs 1185, 5. Jason Abbott 1180.
M.V. Pipe Thunder Stocks: 1. Steve Edens 1200, 2. Stacey Jensen 1195, 3. Rob Roche 1185, 4. Stale Hemm 1180, 5. Jim Shirley 1177, 6. Rod Rudd 1170, 7. Rick Gooding 1165, 8. Spencer Meyer 1149, 9. Calvin Reynold 1129, 10. Craig Nuthak 1121.
Jr. Stingers: 1. Steve Edens, Jr. 691, 2. Anthony Meyer 630, 3. Lane Albright 563, 4. Ty Garbay 412, 5. Jason Quail 398.
Intermountain Pro Trucks: 1. Kenny Vanderham 454, 2. Beau Newhouse 408, 3. Johnny Pierre 393, 4. Ty Sharp 361, Scott Lutner 350.

could very well gain even more ground in the dash to the championship.

"From this point on consistency is going to be it," Roche said. "My hats off to Edens and Jensen — they have finished up in the top almost every night. For me, I almost have to capitalize on someone else's misfortune to get into it. I think Edens is going to be the guy to beat though. Jim Shirley and Craig Nuthak will be tough, too."

Jonathon Gomez's lead in the Budweiser Super Stocks division has been reduced to five over his closest rival in the series, Kris McKeen. Both drivers also compete in the Pepsi Premier division

and John Hoodendoom, who is just behind the leaders in the Super Stocks standings, will be looking for a way to break their concentration as he has his best shot to knock them off their pedestal beginning this evening.

However, McKeen is confident he can keep up the pace, although he'd just as soon be out in front going into tonight's events.

"I'd rather be in the lead. That way you have a little more breathing room," McKeen said. "The five points certainly would have really helped us. But I still think we have the car to beat. It should turn out to be an interesting chase."



Magic Valley Pipe Thunder Stocks drivers Rod Rudd (60), Rob Roche (64) and Rick Gooding are among the contenders in the chase for the championship beginning tonight at MVS.

Hope

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that a championship is out of reach, but they yearn for it as all athletes do. They yearn for the chance to stand upon a national stage and deliver on the hope feeding their hearts. But there is a big difference between these two abstracts, hope and confidence. Hope is the longing for success, the inner sanctum of expectations where you are allowed to dream of what could be, what may be if all aspects of a team are displayed.

Confidence is more difficult to earn. It, like the desert grasses of southern Idaho, needs to be properly nourished to grow. Think of this week's underdog as a win in the WAC. What did it do to the communities? It cooled the heat, beat down the dust and gave fresh life to the grass in the valley.

Thus, confidence grows in a man with a win. More and more success forces confidence to grow uncontrolled in the most trying of circumstances, so much so sometimes the team and the teams want to reach beyond

their means, like the grassland stretching to the sun.

Confidence is fed by hope and success. Hope is not enough. The success must come along with it or the confidence to do great things withers in August, or September.

Maybe it has one last burst in the November nights. The consistency of success, the harangue of hope, nurses confidence in nature and in man.

Right now, across the nation, hope is building for student athletes. A month, two months from now, they will be able to discern whether success has combined with hope to create common confidence within these WAC teams, or whether success has failed to balance the hope, whether confidence collapses under failure.

But for now, it is inspiring to see these things in the eyes of young men. It gives me hope. It bolsters my confidence, that although they may not all succeed, there is solace found in the fact that they believe.

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fruition. Boise State dominated the league for five years, but lost the title to Hawaii last season. The rest of the teams now attempt to emulate that feat.

The teams directly benefit in monetary terms, grabbing a piece of the BCS pie that last two seasons. This also opened doors to recruiting and fundraising.

Tommy, the head coach at San Jose State, said that he is picking up both college transfers who disliked playing at bigger school, and junior college guys who are excited to play in the WAC.

It is doubtful that all these team will flush with winning records, frankly because many of them play brutal non-conference schedules (Hawaii at Florida, but New Mexico State and San Jose State play Nebraska).

So there's the question posed: Is the league impressive? The entire league? Can recent stragglers Idaho and Utah State ride the coattails of their rivals?

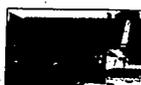
Maybe, but someday, they're going to have to buy coats of their own.

WAC gets its rules straight

The Western Athletic Conference released its Rules Committee Action for 2008 Wednesday in Salt Lake City at the WAC Media Conference. Some of the rules are intended to make the game safer for the players and others focus specifically on officiating. In 2010 it will be mandatory for the referee to wear a microphone. It's hard for the referee to explain a ruling to fans if they can't hear him.

- A prohibition, stemming from the New England Patriots' "SpyGate" debacle, makes it against the rules to record (video or audio) opponent's signals during a football game.
- Also in suit with a recent NFL rule, the WAC has outlawed the "horse-collar" tackle. It states, "All players are prohibited from grabbing the inside back collar of the shoulder pads or jersey, or the inside collar of the side of the shoulder pads of jersey, and immediately pulling the runner down. This does not apply to a runner who is inside the tackle box or is a quarterback who is in the pocket."
- A 40-second play clock was instituted. The play clock begins immediately after an official signals a dead ball. The referee will sound his whistle with 25 seconds left on the clock to signal the game to start again for play. If the play clock is stopped for any reason (i.e., penalty, charged team timeout, media timeout, injury timeout, measurement, change of possession, after a kick down, score, start of each period, start of a series in an "extra period," instant replay review or other administrative stoppage) the play clock will begin at 25-seconds.
- When the clock is stopped it will be started at a signal from a referee now for a fumble or backward lateral out of bounds unless it occurs in the last two minutes of the game (it will then start on the snap unless it is fumbled forward or returned).
- No player shall initiate contact and target an opponent with the crown (top) of his helmet. Defenseless players may also not be hit above the shoulders. If helmet-to-helmet hits or hits on defenseless players are made it will be a 15-yard penalty from the dead ball spot (exception: if committed by an offensive player the team will be penalized from the spot of the foul behind the line of scrimmage, a safety if committed in the end zone). Flagrant offenders may be disqualified (ejected from the game).
- Field goals can now be reviewed.
- The review official can now correct egregious errors.
- A play in which a ball carrier is judged "down by contact" then fumbles is now reviewable.
- If a head coach's challenge is successful, he retains the challenge.
- A point of emphasis will be made to keep people off the sidelines who are not directly working for the team or the media. Simply put, if you aren't working, you should not be on the field.
- A point of emphasis will be made to ensure that all players properly wear their pads in the manner in which they were designed.

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Child death investigations rare in Twin Falls

Autopsy of 2-month-old conducted Thursday, no arrests

By Andrea Jackson
Staff writer

Twin Falls Police continued Thursday to investigate whether the Wednesday death of a 2-month-old was criminal.

The case is their second death investigation since 2007 involving someone 2 years old or younger, Twin Falls Capt. Matt Hicks con-

firmed. Police Thursday released few details about the most recent baby death.

They said the baby, Zachary Louis Donahedian, underwent an autopsy Thursday in Boise. There have been no associated charges or arrests.

Police said the child was unresponsive when they arrived Wednesday morning to an apart-

ment at 1354 Washington St. Authorities were called to the home because the child wasn't breathing.

Hicks wouldn't say who was at the house when police arrived, and autopsy results aren't yet.

The child's family couldn't be reached on Thursday, but Hicks said they've been cooperating with the investigation.

Efforts to reach Twin Falls County

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Coroner Dennis Chambers on Thursday were unsuccessful.

The last baby death Twin Falls Police investigated ended in criminal charges. Elizabeth Miller, a caretaker for the 2-year-old boy who died, Ashlyn Roger Lynn, was convicted of second-degree murder.

Twenty-five infants died between 2004 and 2006 in Twin Falls County. Four of those deaths were caused by Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, 13 from other natural health reasons, and the rest were caused by something else. Homicide isn't specified in the most recent 2006 vital statistics report from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.

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Chinese, Mexican folk dancers charm local kids



Seven-year-old Kendra Fowler learns some moves from a student of the Universidad Juarez Estado de Durango de Mexico, Thursday morning during a traditional Mexican dance demonstration at the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley in Twin Falls.

Dancers perform in Twin Falls, Burley events

By David Cooper
Staff writer

Wallflowers were not allowed at the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley Thursday morning — not when dance instructors came from as far away as the Orient and the mountains of Mexico.

Chinese and Mexican dance teams participating in the Idaho International Dance and Music Festival charmed even the most timid youngsters with traditional

Durango polkas and pastel-colored Chinese dresses, as part of the club's Youth Culture Day.

Around 150 kids from Twin Falls and Buhl Boys and Girls Clubs gathered to see the teams prance to routines in preparation of performances later Thursday night at the King Fine Arts Center in Burley. The festival continues tonight at 7 in Burley.

For Geng Shaomeng, one of eight dancers from Hebei University in Tianjin, China, what-

ever language was lost in translation was clearly understood on the dance floor.

"It's different, because you know the children are so little, they can't understand me clearly and we can't introduce us clearly to them," she said. "But we (can) perform."

The performance was the hook for most kids in attendance. Inside the club's gymnasium, children watched as members of the Universidad Juarez Estado de Durango dance team swirled away

to traditional western polkas of Durango and Chihuahua. Eventually the dancers welcomed any and all kids wanting to test their steps on the floor.

For some kids, dancing at all, much less with an international flavor, could best be described as a rarity.

"I don't do it that much — I don't get that much space," mused Cody Fowler, 9.

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Love as limitless as the sky

Buhl youth passionate about planes

By Cassidy Friedman
Staff writer

All it took was watching the crop duster spray a neighbor's field.

Although he couldn't touch it and to this day he's never been inside a plane, Jacob Kaster, 9, found watching that plane from his yard near Buhl eternally mesmerizing. And thus launched a country boy's passion.

"He's a gadget kid," his mother, Marcia Kaster said. "He's very smart. He likes the mechanics of stuff."

Jacob never talks much. He just watches and learns, then usually sits down and builds an object to emulate whatever's grabbed his attention.

A bit over a year ago, with Jacob's fixation firmly set on planes, he asked his parents to buy him a thick book on historical planes.

He quickly picked a favorite from among its pages: the SR-71 Blackbird — a black plane with a red stripe he calls "the fastest plane in the world."

Last weekend, Jacob's grandfather, Jerry Kaster, 64, a military veteran, bought two



Kaster

tickets to see the U.S. Navy Blue Angels and asked Jacob to come.

Saturday, a little boy's private fantasies of war planes will be tipped off a page and plastered across the hazy blue summer skies above him at the Air Magic Valley Air Show at Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport.

"He's going to be so excited," Marcia said, "putting airplanes in his book pictures."

Jacob is still fretting out where the line runs between his dreams and the weekend's hard metal, jet fumes and screaming-loud reality.

"He asked his mom, 'Can I touch them?'"

"Yes," she answered.

"Can I get inside them?" he asked probably.

"No."

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Minidoka School District sets date for bond election

By Damon Hunzaker
Staff writer

Amid all of the discussion about Cassia County's Aug. 28 school-bond election, Minidoka County is readying for a vote on a similar, albeit far less expensive, proposition.

At Monday night's Minidoka School Board meeting, members accepted a resolution that set the election for Aug. 28.

"The Minidoka School District has a Patron Advisory Committee, and in 2006, the committee said they were kind of tired of putting money into old buildings," Chairman Brian Duncan said. "We looked into it and determined that the bond wouldn't be that much more than the supplemental levy."

The county passed a \$14.5 million bond two years ago but later discovered it need an additional \$4.8 million in order to complete the projects — new elementary schools in both Heyburn and Aquecla, as well as a new multi-purpose building for Paul Elementary.

Construction has already begun at each facility — so, unlike Cassia County, Minidoka district voters have been aware of the plans for at least two years and are merely determining whether or not

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Washington woman injured in one-vehicle I-86 rollover

Marie Muller, 32, of Seattle, sustained a head injury in a single-vehicle rollover Thursday on westbound Interstate 86, milepost 2 near the Utah-Idaho border.

At approximately 12:54 p.m., Muller lost control of her 2008 Kia, an Idaho State Police press release shows. Muller overcorrected, causing her vehicle to roll once.

The ISP release said Muller was wearing her seatbelt. She was transported to Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley before being flown by air ambulance to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Muller was cited for inattentive driving. The crash is being investigated by ISP Cpl. Larry Torix with assistance from the Cassia County Sheriff's office. Additional on-scene assistance was provided by Immigration Customs and Enforcement officers.

Septic truck spills near Ketchum

A septic truck with a broken valve leaked less than two gallons of its cargo Thursday along Idaho Highway 75 about a quarter mile north of Ketchum, said Ketchum Fire Capt. Tom Ancona.

The septic fluid evaporated within 15 minutes off of the hot road, Ancona said.

"We thought about street sweepers," Ancona said. "But it was better to let the sun naturally cleanse it."

The septic truck was immediately on to its dump site, Ancona said, adding the situation didn't present a health hazard.

Ketchum Police dispatch confirmed the spill, but would not provide any further information Thursday night.

Camas Chamber

welcomes wagon train

The Oregon-California Trails Association Wagon Train will arrive in Fairfield Saturday for a weekend rest.

The public is invited to mingle with participants at a breakfast sponsored by the Camas Chamber of Commerce on Sunday from 8 to 10 a.m. Pancakes, bacon, sausage, eggs, coffee and juice will be served on the lawn between the Legacy Hall and the Historical Museum on Camas Avenue.

The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. The wagon train, which set out from Montpelier July 9, is following portions of the Oregon Trail and ending at the historic site of Astoria, central Idaho. Its destination is OCTA's national convention at the Nampa Civic Center Aug. 4 to 9.

For more information visit <http://www.octa-trails.org>.

Forest Service seeks comment on camping, vehicle changes

The U.S. Forest Service's Fairfield Ranger District is looking for comment on proposed changes in the way people camp and use motor vehicles along the South Fork Boise/Big Smokey Creek area.

The area in question runs between Featherville and the Trappers Inn about 20 miles north of Fairfield. The changes are intended to help the district deal with compacted soil and loss of vegetation from concentrated camping and day use, according to a press release.

The corridor offers opportunities for camping, hiking, fishing, hunting and motorcycle, AT and horseback riding.

Various alternatives under consideration include setting camping sites back a minimum distance from the river's edge, designating camping sites for use, installing fire rings, improving site access, reclaiming some user-created routes and installing new vault toilets.

For more information, including a briefing paper: 208-764-3202. Written comments can be sent to: Ann Frost, Fairfield Ranger District, P.O. Box 189, Fairfield, Idaho 83327. Comments are requested by Sept. 5.

— From staff reports

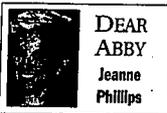
Sister can't knit together family torn by its history

DEAR ABBY: My half-brother, "Jace," and I had a complicated childhood. My father had an explosive temper and a disdain for children in general. He was abusive, and our mentally ill mother was absent during his rages. I had my share of abuse, but it was nothing compared to how Jace was treated. His biological father lived in another state and rarely made contact, and my father never formally adopted him. It left Jace with profound feelings of abandonment.

My parents are finally divorced now. Afterward, Dad's behavior toward me changed dramatically. He's no longer abusive and is even fun to be around. However, he still maintains a palpable distance from Jace.

Jace is an exceptional person with an outgoing personality and a zest for life. He has two beautiful children and one more on the way. Dad has seen the oldest only once, and that was after I begged him for months to visit. He came, and I and up overtook him, and I ended up overcompensating by spoiling Jace's kids with gifts, even though I live far away.

I know I can't make Dad be a part of Jace's life, but he still only father Jace has ever known. Is there any way to



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

open Dad's eyes? If not, how can I fill the gap?

SADDENED SISTER IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR SISTER: Regardless of how your father's attitude toward you has changed, he will never get my vote for Father of the Year. That he took out his frustrations on you and your brother is despicable. He never accepted Jace, and from the time he married your mother considered her son to be excess baggage—nothing more.

You cannot force open the eyes of someone whose heart is closed, so quit trying.

Fortunately, your brother seems to be emotionally resilient. It appears he has gone on with his life. He is married and is building a new life, which may help him deal the abuse he suffered as a young man. However, if he cannot let go of his feelings of abandonment, he should consult a licensed psychologist to put his past to rest.

Zennith Ivan Taylor

ALMO — Zennith Ivan Taylor, age 86, of Poacello and formerly of Almo, passed away Wednesday, July 23, 2008.

Zen was born Feb. 7, 1922, in Almo, in their family home. He was the youngest of eight children.

born to Herman H. Taylor and Sarah Ellen Durfee. He grew up in Almo, where he attended elementary school and graduated from Raft River High School with the Class of 1941. Zen was a veteran of World War II. He joined the United States Navy on Sept. 7, 1942. He served on the USS Whitehall aircraft carrier as a signalman. He was honorably discharged on Dec. 20, 1945.

He met his eternal mate, Doris Colleen Norton, prior to entering the Navy. They corresponded through letters and married a few weeks after his discharge. They were sealed in the Logan LDS Temple on Sept. 27, 1948. They have been married 63 years and are the parents of four children, Shana Lynn, Randall Blake and Michele.

Zen was a rancher in the Almo Valley. He also spent 10 years working part time for the Bureau of Land Management, surveying all over the state of Idaho. He enjoyed hunting and fishing with friends, his sons and grandchildren. He loved playing all sports as well as being a loyal supporter of

Raft River High School bands, BYU and the Utah jazz. Zen was a high priest in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served for 20 years in the Sunday School and for another 10 years in the Almo Branch. He served with his wife for 14 1/2 years as temple officiators at the Logan Temple.

He is survived by his wife, Colleen; his two daughters, Shana Lynn Friddle of Poacello and Michele Fennell Adams of Riverton, 14 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his father and mother, four brothers, Arthur, Elmer, Fred and Wilbur Taylor; two sisters, Bertha Kimber and Marge Bronson; as well as two sons, Randall N. Taylor and Blake Taylor; son-in-law, Steve Friddle; and a grandson, Jason Friddle.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, July 28, at the Almo LDS Church, with Bishop Kent R. Durfee officiating. Burial with military rites will follow at the Sunny Cedar Rest Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Sunday, July 27, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from noon until 12:45 p.m. Monday at the church.

James Wallace Lewis

James Wallace Lewis, 83, of Twin Falls, passed away Monday, July 21, 2008, at the Twin Falls Care Center.

James was born Jan. 10, 1925, the third of seven children of Ira and Stella Waters.

Lewis in Marshall, Mo. He grew up in Big Horn County in Wyoming. He met and married Emma Eyre on Nov. 9, 1944, in Billings, Mont. Together they had seven children, Dennis, Charles, James, Eugene, Barbara, Edwin and Sandra. Their marriage was solemnized in the Oakland LDS Temple on Sept. 18, 1965.

James enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in the European Theater, participating in Normandy, D-Day and Battle of the Bulge. James was in the anti-aircraft division and was a corporal. He was decorated by the Belgium government for his service at the Battle of the Bulge. James served in Civil Service for the Air Force during most of his life. He also worked at Folsom

Prison and C&H Sugar. James was a good musician playing guitar, fiddle, piano, banjo and the harmonica. He also loved bowling and still had a 186 average up until May 2008. He actually met his wife at a dance where his brothers and he were playing in a band. He is a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints 17th Ward in Twin Falls.

He is survived by his seven children, Dennis Lewis of Klamath Falls, Ore., Charles (Nancy) Lewis of Twin Falls, James (Barbara) Lewis of Sacramento, Calif., Eugene (Frances) Lewis of Twin Falls, Barbara (Brett) Lantz of Twin Falls, Edwin (Michelle) Lewis of Tracy, Calif., and Sandra (Doran) Glauz of Davis, Calif.; two grandsons, Thomas and David Lewis; 29 grandchildren; and 50 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Emma; two sisters; and four brothers.

A service will be held at Mount Vernon Memorial Park, 8201 Greenback Lane, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Arrangements are under the direction of Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Ada Marie Pope

RICHFIELD — Ada Marie Pope, 86, of Richfield, died Tuesday, July 22, 2008, at her home.

Ada Marie was born March 5, 1922, in Rupert, where she grew up and attended elementary school. She graduated from Rupert High School in 1940 and then attended Albion State Normal Teachers College in Albion for two years, graduating in 1942. She moved to Richfield for her first teaching experience and continued teaching there for 34 years in upper elementary grades. She obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree from Idaho State University during those same years. Ada Marie met Melvin K. Pope in 1942 and was engaged during World War II. At the end of the war upon Melvin's discharge from the Army, they were married Dec. 15, 1945. She especially enjoyed teaching, raising flowers, singing

and ballroom dancing. She was preceded in death by her parents, Olindo and Inez Paoli; her husband, Melvin Pope; brother, Lindo Paoli; and sister, Darlene Paoli. She is survived by her daughter, Marjorie Myers; son, Norlyn Pope; grandson, Adria Myers and wife, Felecia and great-granddaughter, Jordan.

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 26, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Richfield, with Father John Koelsch of the Catholic Church officiating. The burial will follow at the Richfield Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday at the home of Norlyn Pope, 203 West D. St., Shoshone. Arrangements are under the direction of Demaray Funeral Service Shoshone Chapel.

The family wishes to thank the caregivers to our mother over the last year. Those include Judy Perry, Anette Hansen, Felicia Rollyson Myers, Anette Moore, Linda and Larry Vancell, and Sharon McCullough.

DEATH NOTICES

Walter B. Atkinson

KIMBERLY — Walter Burt Atkinson, 73, of Kimberly, died Tuesday, July 22, 2008, at his home.

A graveside service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, July 26, at the Veterans Cemetery in Victor (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Patricia L. Floyd

Patricia L. Floyd, 83, of McMinnville, Ore., and formerly of Shoshone, died Monday, July 14, 2008, at her home.

A service will be held in Wednesday, July 23, in McMinnville, Ore. (Macy and Son Funeral Home in McMinnville, Ore.)

Stella M. Moline

BURLEY — Stella Mildred Moline, 87, of Centerville, Utah, and formerly of Burley, died Monday, July 21, 2008, at Intermountain Medical Center in Murray, Utah.

No formal service will be held (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

William Avery

William Avery, 81, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, July 23, 2008, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Park's Magic

SERVICES

Roma Dec Asplund of Wendell, funeral at 10 a.m. today at Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel, 629 3rd Ave. E. in Jerome.

Jeanette Moline of Gooding, memorial service at 10:30 a.m. today at the Gooding First Christian Church (Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel).

Gene Merrill Ranstrom of Boise, memorial service at 10:30 a.m. today at the Plantation Country Club, 6515 W. State St. in Boise (Bowman Funeral Parlor in Garden City).

Jim Koepnick of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Hansen-Payne Mortuary, 321 E. Main St. in Burley; visitation one hour before the service today at the mortuary.

Leo Ramsy White Hawk of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. today at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Robert L. Collins of Glens Ferry, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Veterans of

Valley Funeral Home.

Kittie N. Traugber

JEROME — Kittie Norris Traugber, 74, of Jerome, died Thursday, July 24, 2008, in Jerome.

Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Harold Grant

Harold Grant, 80, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, July 23, 2008, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Keith L. Niefenegger

HAGERMAN — Keith L. Niefenegger, 86, of Hagerman, died Wednesday, July 23, 2008, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Leland Tracy Sr.

RUPERT — Leland Tracy Sr., 72, of Rupert, died Thursday, July 24, 2008, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary Rupert, Chapel.

Larry Butler of Spokane, Wash., and formerly of Gooding, informal memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the home of Dale and Betty Butler in Gooding.

Alfred Delmar Masson of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert, 610 Sixth St.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before the funeral Saturday at the mortuary.

Doris "Scotty" McFadden Willis of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Wayne "Bud" Dimick Sorenson of Shoshone, funeral at 2 p.m. Saturday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Shoshone; visitation from 7 to 9 p.m. today at Demaray Funeral Service, Shoshone Chapel.

Jefferson pathologist dies

Los Angeles Times

Dr. Eugene Foster, the retired pathologist who orchestrated the DNA testing which showed that Thomas Jefferson fathered at least one of the slave Sally Hemings' children, died Monday at the University of Virginia Medical Center in Charlottesville, according to his son-in-law Brian Pusser. He was 81.

Historians had speculated for nearly two centuries that Jefferson's affair with the house slave had produced illegitimate offspring because of rumors at the time and because the children strongly resembled the nation's third president.

Some of the children also claimed they were Jefferson's descendants. But most experts had dismissed the speculation.

Foster was brought into the controversy by a friend, amateur historian Winifred Bennett. At a 1996 dinner with Foster, she speculated about the possibility of using DNA to trace the possible linkage.

One of those experts, however, told Foster about the then-new technique that used only the Y, or male, chromosome to trace ancestry. Unlike other chromosomes, the Y does not under-

go recombination during reproduction and is thus passed from father to son intact.

Foster contacted geneticist Christopher Tyler-Smith of the University of Oxford in England, who agreed to perform the necessary tests.

Foster and Bennett set down four male lineages to test: Jefferson's lineage, descended from his paternal grandfather because Jefferson himself had no direct male heirs; the lineages of Thomas Woodson and Eston Hemings Jefferson, Sally Hemings' oldest and youngest sons; and that of Jefferson's sister's sons who were widely thought to have fathered Hemings' children.

Hemings' other children left no surviving male heirs. They concluded the Y chromosome of a descendant of Eston Hemings Jefferson matched that of Jefferson's lineage perfectly. That of Woodson's descendants did not, and none of them matched the Carrs'.

Eugene Abram Foster was born in the Bronx on April 26, 1927, and graduated from the Brookly High School of Science in 1943. He attended college and medical school at Washington University in St. Louis, where he met his future wife, Jane Brown.

Pioneer in medical genetics dies at 86

TOWSON, Md. (AP) — Dr. Victor A. McKusick, a key architect of the Human Genome Project and a winner of the National Medal of Science, has died. He was 86. Officials at Johns Hopkins University, where McKusick was a professor of genetics, said he died Tuesday in Towson, Maryland — after complications from cancer.

McKusick, whose work explored the links between genetics and disease, won the top U.S. scientific prize in 2001.

Today we have lost a giant," said Johns Hopkins Medicine dean and chief executive officer Edward D. Miller. "He spent virtually all of his incredible career at Hopkins, but his influence and legacy reach around the world."

McKusick founded the Johns Hopkins Division of Medical Genetics in 1957 and in 1973 became chairman of its department of medical and physician-in-chief at The Johns Hopkins Hospital. Officials said he became pro-

founder of medical genetics in 1958 and remained active in that role until last year.

As a young man, McKusick planned to enter the ministry, but changed his mind after suffering from a severe Streptococcus infection that snuffed his hopes for his medical career in 1943. He attended Johns Hopkins as a medical student in 1943.

He devoted his career to medical genetics in the late 1950s, a few years after DNA was discovered.

In 1966, McKusick published the first edition of Mendelian Inheritance of Man, with 1,500 entries on inherited disorders. Now the publication has grown to more than 20,000 entries.

McKusick was one of the first to propose the human genome map in 1969 and helped establish the Human Genome Project. The sequence was completed in 2001. He also helped establish the Journal Genomics.

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Jeff Vadder
Twin Falls

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Nine contestants will compete in evening gown, talent, swimwear and onstage question to earn the right to represent the Magic Valley at the Miss Idaho Scholarship Pageant in 2009.

Contestants and their platforms include the following: **Clertisa Adams**, daughter of Rob and Jann Adams of Twin Falls, will be a senior at Twin Falls High School in the fall. Her platform is Operation Smile. She will present a vocal solo for her talent.

Tori Crumrine, daughter of Tomi and Galen Crumrine of Twin Falls, is a 2008 Twin Falls High School graduate and plans to attend the College of Southern Idaho in the fall. Her platform is environmental awareness. She will perform an artistic display for her talent.

Elizabeth Dodds, daughter of Jay and Sandy Dodds of Twin Falls, is a 2008 Twin Falls High School graduate who will attend the College of Southern Idaho in the fall and BYU-Idaho for the winter semester.

Her platform is promoting positive media in the lives of teenagers. She will present a vocal solo for her talent.

Delidre Edmunds, daughter of Ken and Jane Edmunds of Twin Falls, is a 2007 graduate of Twin Falls High School and currently attends BYU-Idaho. Her platform is voter education for young adults. She will present a self-choreographed tap dance for her talent.

Samantha Howard, daughter of Mona Cottrell and granddaughter of Faith Howard of Twin Falls, will be a senior at Twin Falls High School this fall. Her platform is Drug-Free America. She will present a vocal solo for her talent.

Megan Parrish, daughter of David and Debra Parrish of Jerome, is a 2007 graduate of Jerome High School and a 2008 graduate of the College of Southern Idaho. She currently attends BYU-Idaho. Her platform is GoGirlGo and she will present a vocal solo for her talent.

Rosalinda Ramirez, daughter of Jesus and Maria Ramirez of Jerome, is a 2007 Jerome High School graduate and currently attends the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. Her platform is mentoring younger kids and promoting the L.E.A.P. program. She will present a jazz/pop dance number for her talent.

Jessica Starley, daughter of Allen and Corinne Starley of Twin Falls, is a 2007 graduate of Filer High School and currently attends BYU-Idaho. Her platform is Blood Donor Awareness and she will present a monologue for her talent.

Jamie Thomas, daughter of Rick and Anna Marie Novacek of Kimberly, is a 2007 graduate of Kimberly High School and currently attends the University of Idaho. Her platform is Blood Donor Awareness and she will present a monologue for her talent.

The Magic Valley Eagles Cheerleading Stunt Group will perform, along with the current Miss Magic Valley, Timbrel Essma, and the reigning Miss Idaho, Elise Davis.

Tickets, \$10, are available at Everybody's Business in Twin Falls or at the door. Proceeds go toward scholarships. Roper Auditorium is at 1615 Flier Ave. E.



Lane Patrick, S. Hester as Goo Yee, a dance teacher with Hebel University in Tianjin, China, repeats an English phrase in Chinese Thursday morning at the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley in Twin Falls during a demonstration of international dances.

Dance

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Meanwhile, his 7-year-old sister Kendra went all out thanks to some encouragement from one of the Durango dancers.

"It was hard because I can't really do the steps until I could figure it out," she said.

Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Sam Fowler said the Youth Culture Day was organized by the club and South Idaho Tourism Director Debbie Dane, after the teams requested the chance to have a closer experience with kids in the area. Similar Youth Culture Day events were held at Burley High School on Thursday.

chance to interact with folks from another country, let alone another state," said Sam Fowler. "What's great for them is this really brings out the diversity side. They do come out because they're so curious."

During their 15-day tour, dancers spend five days in Burley and another week in Rexburg, where the festival is now in its 23rd year.

"They experimented in other venues outside of Rexburg, and Burley has been the most successful," said Dane. "I think it's just because the community has embraced it."

David Cooper may be reached at 208-735-3246.

"It's not often kids get a

Planes

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Jerry often takes Jacob and Jacob's little sister out to do fun things together. He's regaled his grandson with his own stories of diving tanks and firing tanks around. From the six years he served in the National Guard, Jacob said. Since Jerry described what he had planned for the two this weekend, it's been taking time for it to settle in for Jacob.

"He told me they're going to be doing some cool tricks," Jacob said. "It's going to be cool — I know that. I just imagine

it's going to be cool."

After his grandmother gave him a poster of a Blue Angel flying inverted above a second Blue Angel, Jacob's "eyes just went on fire," his grandmother, Pat Kaster said.

"He said, 'Oh, Grandma are they going to do that?'" Pat said.

Reading his heavy book about planes inside his camouflaged room — he picked up the decor from his father's hunting hobby — Jacob is fascinated by how planes work.

"They have cool guns and bombs and stuff, they have cool colors," he said. Flying in one of the planes would be "So, so cool."

Jerry, who Marcia said is a "great grandfather" to her children, has planned Saturday down to the smallest detail.

According to Pat, by Tuesday, he'd already purchased bottled water and picked a parking spot.

Cassidy Friedman may be reached at 208-735-3241.

Bond

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to finish.

The reasons for the school board's need of more money are both understandable and puzzling.

The understandable part is that, with gas prices topping \$4 per gallon, construction costs have increased 35 to 40 percent since the original bond passed and then reached an obstacle that delayed completion of the projects.

The puzzling obstacle, as Duncan explained, developed when Chevron Energy Solutions won the construction bid and attempted to bring its services to Idaho.

"We entered into an energy-conservation project with them, and they were looking to get into building construction," Duncan said. "We would have been one of the first projects in Idaho — but as we got into it, we realized they weren't licensed for a project of that size."

The district now has a contract with PETRA Incorporated, a construction company in Boise, but needs an additional \$4.4 million.

"We're forced to ask for more money to finish the project," Duncan said. "But these are hard numbers. These are good, solid numbers to ask the

voters to look at."

The district will provide further information at a Minidoka County Fair booth, and an open-house meeting will be held Aug. 14 in the Minidoka County School District Office.

"We'll have a tent set up outside so we're not squeezing people into a tight, little building," Duncan said.

Damon Hunziker may be reached at 208-420-4697 or dhunziker@magicvalley.com.

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VA shuts down Washington nursing home after review

Inspectors find range of problems at 80-year-old facility

By Shannon Dinkary
Associated Press writer

YAKIMA, Wash. — The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has shut down its 30-bed nursing home in Walla Walla after an outside review raised concerns about the quality of care, and an internal audit validated those concerns.

Just 10 nursing beds were occupied. The Long Term Care Institute was contracted by the VA nationally to review nursing homes around the country. The unannounced, though not unexpected, inspection at the Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial Veterans Affairs Medical Center on July 15 raised immediate concerns about the quality of care, and an internal audit validated those concerns.

Medical center director. "We had to do the right thing for patients, and if we can't provide care that's equal to or better than the private sector, we shouldn't be doing it. So we had to shut it down," Dietrich said.

Established in 1858 on an 84-acre campus at Fort Walla Walla, the Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial VA Medical Center serves an estimated 69,000 veterans in southeastern Washington, northeastern Oregon and

northern Idaho. The center has 66 beds for acute care, nursing, psychiatric and substance abuse treatment. Thirty beds are devoted to nursing. The medical center has been threatened with closure for several years as part of an overhaul of the VA's health care system, but local and state officials and lawmakers from all three states have fought to keep it open.

about patients' access to doors and stairwells at the end of long, blind corridors, as well as the aging building's sloping floors and narrow doors and hallways. Nursing staff who inserted catheter lines to administer medication also were tied up to professional competency, the review found. Concerns also were raised about administrative control of medication, particularly narcotics.

Idaho Supreme Court rebukes Pocatello tax district for advertising

POCATELLO (AP) — The Idaho Supreme Court has reversed a lower court ruling and told an eastern Idaho group that it's not allowed to use tax money just to advertise local public facilities in the region.

In a ruling that could have statewide ramifications, the high court Wednesday reversed a 2006 decision by 8th District Judge Peter D. McDermott.

torium district operates. The district gets money from the Idaho Tourism Commission and a 2 percent room tax collected on local motels and hotels, including a 148-room hotel operated by Ameritel in Pocatello.

The justices ruled that the Pocatello-Chubbuck Auditorium District must be engaged in construction and operation of public facilities, rather than just advertising them to potential tourists. The district has not built any facilities or made plans to do so.

communities. While the district's board has clearly acted with only the best intentions for the Pocatello and Chubbuck communities, the relevant statutes do not permit us to decide this case based on good intentions.

Voters approved the district in 1998, and it incorporated in 2002 to market the Pocatello-Chubbuck Lodging Association. "As far as bringing events and tourists to our area, I believe they've done a good job in doing that and probably fulfilled the mission we thought (the district) would do," said Chubbuck Mayor Steven England.

In 2005, Ameritel Inns Inc. challenged the way the audi-

torium district operates. The district gets money from the Idaho Tourism Commission and a 2 percent room tax collected on local motels and hotels, including a 148-room hotel operated by Ameritel in Pocatello.

"This decision is not a rebuke of the district's good faith efforts to improve the Pocatello and Chubbuck

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Judge: Duncan is mentally competent

By Rebecca Boone
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Convicted child-killer Joseph Edward Duncan III is mentally competent to face a death penalty hearing, a federal judge ruled Thursday.

Duncan faces the death penalty on three of 10 federal kidnappings related to the 2005 kidnapping of young Dylan and Shasta Greene, of Coeur d'Alene, and the slaying of Dylan. A hearing on whether Duncan should be allowed to represent himself during the sentencing hearing will be held Monday.

Earlier this year, Duncan had asked U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge to allow him to represent himself during the sentencing hearing, but his attorneys could not "ethically represent my ideologies."

On Thursday, Lodge ruled there was "no bona fide doubt about Mr. Duncan's competency."

Duncan is able to rationally consult with his lawyer and has a factual understanding of the proceedings against him, Lodge wrote, describing Duncan as "articulate, intelligent and knowledgeable of these proceedings."

"Although he may have expressed unusual views or ideas, Mr. Duncan has not displayed any irrational behavior to the court," Lodge wrote.

orders or defects, nor a history of psychosis and mood disorder, Lodge said.

An evaluator selected by the defense team, whose name was redacted from the ruling, found Duncan wasn't rationally able to understand the proceedings or assist in his defense, but Lodge said he found that opinion to be less credible than the bureau's official.

Duncan, a convicted pedophile from Tacoma, Wash., pleaded guilty in December to the federal charges related to the kidnapping of Shasta, then 8, and her brother Dylan, 9. The children were taken from their Coeur d'Alene home in May 2005 after Duncan fatally bludgeoned the children's mother, Brenda Greene, their 13-year-old brother Slade, and the mother's friend, Mark McKenzie.

Both children were sexually abused before Duncan shot and killed Dylan at a campsite in western Montana. Shasta was rescued on July 2, 2005, when a waitress spotted Duncan and the girl in a Coeur d'Alene restaurant.

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

Duncan earlier pleaded guilty in state court to murdering McKenzie and Slade and Brenda Greene before driving away with the two children. Sentencing on those state counts is not at issue here.

Tribal police seek federal charges against commissioner's spouse for alleged assault

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Coeur d'Alene tribal police have asked federal authorities to charge the wife of a northern Idaho county commissioner with felony assault on a police officer.

"We can't have our officer getting struck while they are on patrol on the reservation," Coeur d'Alene Police Chief Keith Hutchesson told The Spokesman-Review. "If they decide not to take it, we will go to the state."

Hutchesson met with FBI and officials in the U.S.

attorney's office in Coeur d'Alene on Wednesday. Tribal police say Eleanor Buell struck a tribal marine officer on Sunday who was patrolling the southern end of Lake Coeur d'Alene at the mouth of the St. Joe River.

Tribal police stopped Buell and her husband, Benewah County Commissioner Jack Buell, on Sunday, saying their boat was leaving a phone call from The Associated Press on Thursday.

Tribal police also reported

the two craft from banging together. He said he felt a strike on his left hand and looking up, saw Eleanor Buell poised to strike again.

"I told Mrs. Buell, 'Ma'am, don't hit me again or I'll take you to jail,'" Dressler wrote in a report. He said she also tried to pry his fingers off the boat.

Jack Buell did not return a phone call from The Associated Press on Thursday.

that when they approached the Buells, Jack Buell said, "Indians have no jurisdiction and can't pull white people over on the St. Joe River in Benewah County."

In a 2001 U.S. Supreme Court decision, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe won control over the southern third of Lake Coeur d'Alene. Waterfront property owners, including the Buells, since then have resisted efforts by the tribe to impose annual permits for docks or other encroachments.

Idaho team to study reuse of spent nuclear fuel

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The U.S. Department of Energy says a team from the Idaho National Laboratory has been selected to devise a process to generate energy while destroying plutonium and other radioactive material from spent nuclear fuel.

The department on Wednesday also chose a team from the Argonne National Laboratory in Illinois to share \$7.3 million to be used to develop a process called "Deep-Burn."

The two DOE laboratories will partner with other national laboratories, universities and industry to develop the process. "Deep-Burn (research and development) is valuable," Dennis Spurgeon, the department's assistant secretary of nuclear energy, said in a news

release. "It has the potential to greatly reduce the amount of long-lasting waste produced by the nation's next generation of nuclear power reactors. At the same time, this technology could greatly increase the amount of safe, economical, carbon-free electricity generated by advanced nuclear fuel."

The department said the research will help establish technological foundations to support the next generation of nuclear power reactors. Specifically, the research is aimed at supporting the "very high temperature, gas-cooled reactor."

These reactors will produce temperatures of about 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit, as opposed to the 575 degrees produced by most U.S. reactors now in use.

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Justice memo: 'Good faith' protects against torture charge

By Pamela Hess and Lara Jakes Jordan
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department in 2002 told the CIA that its interrogators would be safe from prosecution for violations of anti-torture laws if they believed in good faith that harsh techniques used to break the will of prisoners, including waterboarding, would not cause "prolonged mental harm."

heavily censored memo approved the CIA's harsh interrogation techniques method by method, but warned that if the circumstances changed, interrogators could be running afoul of anti-torture laws.

The Aug. 1, 2002 memo signed by then-Assistant Attorney General Jay Bybee was issued the same day they wrote a memo for then-White House Counsel Alberto Gonzales defining torture as only those "extreme acts" that cause

pain similar in intensity to that caused by death or organ failure. That memo was later rescinded by the Justice Department.

Waterboarding is a form of simulated drowning that critics call torture. CIA Director Michael Hayden banned waterboarding in 2006 but government officials have said it remains a possibility if approved by the attorney general, the CIA chief and the president.

Bush administration memos authorizing interro-

gation techniques have been leaked to the press and released under the Freedom of Information Act starting in 2004, when the Abu Ghraib prison abuse scandal revealed detainee mistreatment. Thursday's release adds to the growing record of the still secret practices launched after Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The new Bybee memo was obtained by the American Civil Liberties Union, along with two other previously unredacted documents deal-

ing with the CIA's interrogation program. The Bybee memo specifically approved proposed interrogation techniques that were devised for use against al-Qaida suspects who were resistant to traditional questioning methods.

The new documents indicate that senior Bush administration officials were aware of the controversial and potentially problematic use of certain interrogation methods, including waterboarding, and other factors.

In a second memo, dated Jan. 22, 2003, then-CIA Director George Tenet authorized CIA officers to interrogate a terror suspect using an "enhanced technique" and ordered a record to be kept of it as the interrogation was happening. It was not clear whether such a record would be taken via notes, videotape or audiotape, but it was to include the "nature and duration of each such technique employed, the identities of those present" and other factors.

Oklahoma City crane falls, killing elderly man watching construction

By Sean Murphy
Associated Press writer

OKLAHOMA CITY — Church members watching the steeple being raised on their new building looked on in horror Thursday as a crane holding the structure toppled, crushing a car and killing a 79-year-old man who had been watching from inside the vehicle, firefighters said.

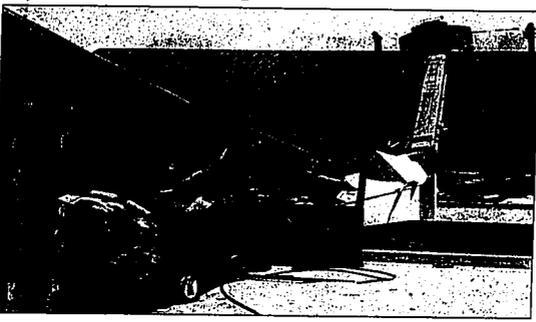
The man's 78-year-old wife, who was also in the car, was transported to a hospital in good condition, ambulance officials said.

A group of people had gathered in southwest Oklahoma City to watch the installation of the steeple when the crane collapsed in the parking lot, said Deputy Fire Chief Cecil Chy.

The state medical examiner's office identified the victim as Winfred Stafford of Oklahoma City. Grace Assembly of God Pastor Lee Hancock said he and his wife were longtime church members.

"Just great people," he said. "It's just a huge loss."

Hancock said he was taking photos from the back of the church when he realized



A car crushed by a crane is shown in Oklahoma City, Thursday. The crane was trying to erect a church steeple, the white object behind the car, when it collapsed Thursday morning, crushing a car and killing a 79-year-old man who was watching the construction, firefighters said.

something had gone wrong," he said. "The whole boom and the crane just flipped over. It was like a movie. It was like something unreal."

"I was just standing there in disbelief and panic."

The boom of the portable crane came to rest on the car, the smashed white steeple

still attached. The operator of the crane was not injured. The woman was in the back seat of the car and the man was in the front passenger seat, said Lara O'Leary, spokeswoman for the Emergency Medical Services Authority.

U.S. fentanyl deaths topped 1,000 over 2 years

By Mike Sipple
Associated Press writer

ATLANTA — More than 1,000 people died over two years from an illegal version of the painkiller, the law government reported Thursday in its first national tally of those deaths.

The spike of overdoses among addicts ended, health officials said, pointing to law enforcement's shutdown of a fentanyl operation in Mexico in 2006.

The wave of fentanyl overdoses first came to light in Chicago in 2005, and by 2006 more clusters were identified in Philadelphia, Detroit and other cities.

Thousands of deaths from the drug were gradually reported, often episodically in local newspapers. Thursday's report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention points to a cluster at 1,013 deaths from early April 2005 through late March 2007.

"This was really an epidemic," said Dr. Steven Marcus, the executive director of New Jersey's poison control center and a co-author of the new report.

Some deaths from illegal fentanyl still occur, but the worst of the outbreak seems to have ended after authorities shut down a fentanyl-making operation in Toluca, Mexico, in May 2006, said Dr. T. Stephen Jones, the study's lead author.

"It almost disappeared entirely. The shutting down of the Toluca facility was probably a major factor," said Jones, a consultant retired from the CDC. The new report is being published this week in a CDC "Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report."

patch. But it also is a powerful euphoric-inducing narcotic, 30 to 50 times more potent than heroin.

Illegally made versions of the drug are sold as a powder, often mixed with cocaine or heroin, and sometimes used as a heroin replacement. It's possible some heroin addicts are unaware fentanyl is part of their injection, some experts say.

Smaller outbreaks of fentanyl-associated deaths in addicts have been reported before, including the "China White" outbreak of the 1980s, famed for being so deadly that drug users dropped dead with needles still in their arms.

The latest outbreak was first noted in Chicago. Patients who recovered from overdoses said they had been given free heroin in orange and pink plastic bags by new drug dealers trying to attract more customers.

The Chicago cases are summarized in the July issue of Clinical Toxicology.

It wasn't until a cluster of overdoses seen in Camden, N.J., emergency rooms in April 2006 that federal officials were notified of the problem, by Marcus.

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Schoolgirls' math skills now measure up to boys'

By Libby Quaid
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Sixteen years after Barbie dolls were labeled "Math class is tough!" girls are proving that when it comes to math, they are just as tough as boys.

In the largest study of its kind, girls measured up to boys in every grade, from second through 11th. The research was released Thursday in the journal Science.

Parents and teachers persist in thinking boys are simply better at math, said Janet Hyde, the University of Wisconsin-Madison researcher who led the study. And girls who grow up believing it wind up avoiding harder math classes.

"It keeps girls and women out of a lot of careers, particularly high-prestige, lucrative careers in science and technology," Hyde said.

That's changing, though slowly. Women are now earning 48 percent of undergraduate college degrees in math; they still lag far behind in

physics and engineering. But in primary and secondary school, girls have caught up, with researchers attributing that advance to increasing numbers of girls taking advanced math classes such as calculus.

Hyde and her colleagues looked at annual math tests required by the No Child Left Behind education law in 2002. Ten states provided enough statistical informa-

tion to review test scores by gender, allowing researchers to compare the performances of more than 7 million children.

The researchers found no difference in the scores of boys versus girls — not even in high school. Studies 20 years ago showed girls and boys did equally well on math in elementary school, but girls fell behind in high school.

"Girls have now achieved gender parity in performance on standardized math tests," Hyde said.

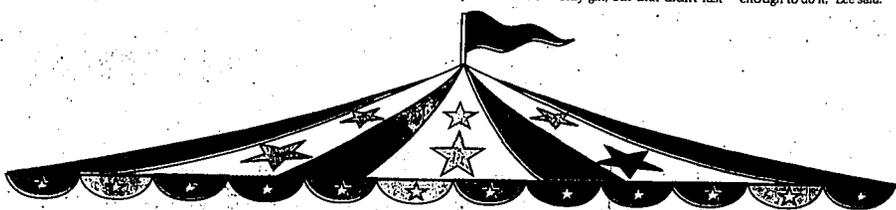
The stereotype that boys are better at math has been fueled, at least in part, by suggestions of biological differences in the way little boys and little girls learn. This idea is hotly disputed; Lawrence Summers, then the president of Harvard, was castigated in 2005 when he questioned the

"intrinsic aptitude" of women for top-level math and science.

For Lee a rising senior at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology in Alexandria, Va., says she always felt confident about math, but remembers how it felt to walk into a science class full of boys. "Maybe I was a little bit apprehensive about being the only girl, but that didn't last

for very long," said Lee, president of a school club that tries to get young girls interested in science and technology, along with engineering and math.

"I definitely do encourage other girls to pursue those interests and to not be scared to take those courses just because there are not very many girls or because they think they're not good enough to do it," Lee said.



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Giuliani's son sues Duke over golf team dismissal

By Estes Thompson
Associated Press writer

RALEIGH, N.C. — The son of former New York City mayor Rudy Giuliani is suing Duke University, claiming his golf coach manufactured accusations against him to justify kicking him off the team to whittle the squad.

Andrew Giuliani

Andrew Giuliani, a 22-year-old who will be a senior this fall, contends he had dreams of becoming a professional golfer and was dismissed without cause from the golf team in February without a chance to defend himself.

He said in a statement Thursday that he sued "to make sure this doesn't happen to anyone else at Duke." Duke spokesman Michael J. Schoenfeld said the university would "vigorously defend this lawsuit" and insisted on fairness for all participants in its sports programs.

Giuliani was dismissed because coach O.D. Vincent III wanted to cut the team from 13 players to about half its size, the lawsuit said. He claims a breach of contract because he was recruited by Duke's previous coaching staff.

"This has been heartbreaking," Giuliani's mother, Donna Finover, said in a statement. "We tried for many months to convince members of the Duke administration that this situation should be corrected and we are sad that we now had to turn to the court."

The coach said Giuliani "flipped his putter a few feet to his golf bag" and drove fast while leaving a golf course parking lot, according to the lawsuit. Giuliani also was accused of playing a team football game harder than the other players liked and of being disrespectful to a trainer.

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Don't ride alone, join a club

If you're someone you likes to ride your all-terrain vehicle or motorcycle alone, joining a riding club might not be for you. But then again, it might. According to some who are members of area riding clubs, there are more reasons to join than just to ride in groups.



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Being part of a club can be a boon, for instance, for those concerned about trail usage and restriction, says Theron Thomas, president of the Magic Valley Trail Machine Association, who is profiled in this month's "My First Ride." (See page D3.)

"If you're not a member of a club, you should be," he said. "If you're a recreationalist, you are losing opportunities. Be involved. Be active. Numbers matter in the political game, such as in the fight to keep trails open."

Some members of certain clubs, I've been told, don't even ride. They've joined because they want the club's voice behind them on issues.

There is no shortage of riding clubs in the Gem State. You name the club and there'll likely be one, or something similar to it, in Idaho. Besides the Magic Valley-area club mentioned above, there is the Magic Valley ATV Riders Association, Snake River Trail Machine Riders Association and the Magic Valley Rock Rats, a club for enthusiasts of the larger four-wheeler, — the 4X4.

If that's not enough, take a look at these clubs, located in other areas of the state:

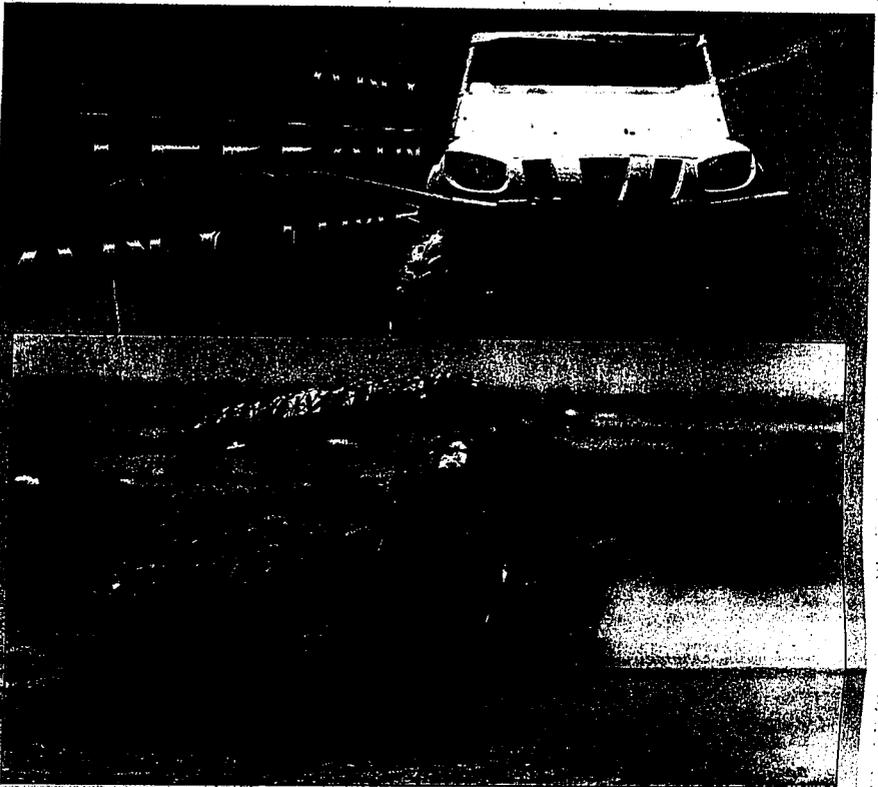
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- Idaho Off-Road 4X4 Club: <http://www.idaho4x4.com/>
- Axis ATV: <http://www.axisatv.com/>
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- Elk City Dust Devils: <http://www.elkcitydustdevils.com/>

And there's more, too many names in this column.

Besides the extra voice club membership gives, members say they are a great way to get to know other people and make long-lasting friendships.

For me, I like both — riding alone and riding with friends. One clears my head, but the other is more fun. Have I thought about joining a club? I don't know, I'm still thinking.

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Michael Jackson, of Burley, power slides his 2006 Yamaha Rhino through a cloud of sand and dirt while on a trail ride Sunday afternoon just south of Declo.

Burley family discovers new way to explore wilderness

By Dawson Hunsaker
Staff writer

"If Batman golfed, he would carry his clubs in a Yamaha Rhino or a Polaris RZR — two of the new utility vehicles that will probably develop a more apt moniker after a few years of popular use.

The utility vehicle — or UTV — has many members in its family tree. The Rhino and the RZR evolved from the slower, more utilitarian UTVs such as the Kawasaki Mule — which, like their four-legged namesake, are used by farmers and ranchers as often as outdoor adventurers.

Regardless of the model, they aren't cheap — about \$10,000 each — but the Lyne family, from Burley, uses both. They own two Kawasaki Mules and a Yamaha Rhino.

The Lynes spent last weekend at Diamondfield Jack Campground in the South Hills — three generations and three UTVs exploring roads and any wilderness trails that haven't been shut down by the Forest Service.

"We have ATVs, too, but we've been riding these for the past three months. We've also gone to Sublett and the City of

Rocks, but the road is just amenable to get there," Gordon Lyne said. "This place probably offers the most. We like it because the road is paved all the way up here, and there aren't as many people. The City of Rocks is usually packed."

UTV travel isn't about racing or jumping school buses. For the Lynes, it offers a way for the entire family to spend time together — regardless of age or physical condition.

"Kids can drive these, and it's not too dangerous. Plus, my dad had a couple of strokes, and it's just easier. He can't even get on an ATV anymore," Gordon Lyne said.

It makes sense because, essentially, UTVs are miniature trucks. The Mule fits four adults comfortably. They can be shifted from two- to four-wheel drive. They have rollbars. They have steering wheels, rather than handlebars. They have gas and brake pedals, rather than throttles and levers. They have beds that can haul nearly 1,000 pounds of equipment. They can tow three-quarters of a ton. They're even equipped with horns and seat belts.

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Jackson takes his Rhino up a hill Sunday afternoon just south of Declo.



Jackson blazes down a trail in his Rhino.

Local riding club airs concerns about trail closures in Sawtooths

By Andrew Weeks
Staff writer

Apparently there's more to off-road riding clubs than riding. Members of Magic Valley ATV Riders and Magic Valley Trail Machine Association left their helmets at home recently and gathered for a barbecue and a few laughs at J&C Motorsports in Twin Falls.

When all was said and done, however, there was more to their meeting than camaraderie, hamburgers and jokes.

A point of discussion was the newly implemented travel plans issued earlier this month by the Sawtooth National Forest. The new maps were passed out by Minidoka District Ranger Scott Nanenga, who then addressed the crowd.

Among the topics of discussion was temporarily closing roads in least three Forest Service areas in the Thoroughbred Springs area of the Minidoka district.

The selected roads would be closed from Oct. 1 through Oct. 31, and allow hunters access to the roads without the noise of motorized vehicles, Nanenga said, noting that he didn't understand concerns

expressed by ATV riders about the temporary closures.

"We don't see any reason why the roads need to be closed," Stan Mat, president of the Magic Valley ATV Riders, later told the Times-News. "Most people who hunt (in the area) access the roads by motorized vehicle."

Nanenga said he'd like to see riding clubs in the Magic Valley submit

their own proposals by the end of August. If recommendations are not submitted by then, he said, he will likely proceed with closing the three currently suggested roads.

"We're trying get feedback from the different user groups," Nanenga said. "If they can come up with something that would fit better,

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Off-road group says Smokey Bear is unfair

By Matthew Daly
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — A group that advocates motorized recreation is asking the Forest Service to withdraw a public service ad featuring Smokey Bear. The group says the ad sends the wrong message that riders operating off-road vehicles in a legal manner can start forest fires.

In the ad, Smokey Bear tells two ATV riders not to start their vehicles in a national forest.

"ATVs give off sparks. You could start a wildfire," Smokey tells them. As the young men apologize and push their vehicles away, a narrator warns that nine out of 10 wildfires are caused by humans.

The BlueRibbon Coalition, an Idaho-based group that advocates for off-road vehicles, called the ad misleading and unfair.

On the Web

Forest Service:
<http://www.fs.fed.us/>
Smokey Bear ad:
<http://www.smokeybear.com/>
Blue Ribbon Coalition:
<http://www.shoretails.org/>

"Smokey Bear is inappropriately telling members of the motorized trail community that the best way for them to prevent wildfires is to just stay home," said Don Amador, the group's Western representative.

The group wrote letters urging the Forest Service and the Ad Council, which produced the 30-second spot, to withdraw the ad.

Joe Walsh, a spokesman for the Forest Service, said the agency was aware of the complaints and apologized for any confusion. The ads are under review, he said. Jim Bedwell, director of

recreation for the Forest Service, said the ad was not intended to say that all ATV use causes fires. "The intent was to say that fire prevention is always important, especially at a time of high fire danger, as was indicated in the ad," he said.

The Forest Service supports the responsible use of ATVs on public land and works closely with off-road enthusiasts, Bedwell said.

But Amador said the new ad — which began airing nationwide last month — implies that ATV riders could start forest fires merely by using their vehicles in a legal manner. ATV riders must use Forest Service-approved spark arresters when operating off-road on public lands.

Amador said his group supports the use of spark arresters — which restrict sparks from escaping an exhaust system — on public and private lands. The ad

should have focused on encouraging ATV riders to use proper exhaust systems and stay on designated routes, he said.

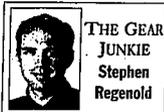
Amador called the ad particularly unfortunate at a time when the Forest Service and other land-use agencies are encouraging young people to set aside video games and other indoor activities and enjoy the great outdoors.

More than 11 million visitors rode off-road vehicles in national forests last year. While most used designated trails, others churched up forest floors blazing their own trails. Such use damages root systems and accelerates erosion, leaving lasting scars on the landscape.

Widespread abuse of forest trails has prompted a backlash among some hiking groups and other recreation activists. But Amador said it was unfair to punish all ATV riders for the actions of a few.

Look has 20/20 vision on clipless pedals

The year was 1984 when Look, a French company known for its ski gear, unveiled an innovation that would forever change the world of cycling.



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Stephen Regenold

The company's pédales automatiques — Francesean for what today are known as clipless pedals — featured a spring-loaded clamp that mated with a cleat bolted on the bottom of a bike shoe.

The resulting harmony of increased power and control granted from a connection to the bike — plus Look made it easy, easy, easy — utterly changed the way people rode. Soon, Tour de France winners were sporting clipless, and the rest is history.

Today, clipless pedals are a standard issue for almost all serious cyclists. But Look, despite its original contribution to the category, has long been overshadowed by Shimano, Crank Brothers and other pedal makers, especially in the mountain-biking realm.

But this year a new Look pedal line for mountain biking was touted to put the French company back out front. The Quartz Carbon line, which consists of three similar models, promised simplicity, performance and durability — a solid place to clip in your shoe and pedal on, no fuss included.

I tested the line's namesake Quartz Carbon, the middle-of-the-pack \$199 model. Made with a "compressed" carbon body plus thin steel axles, each pedal weighs a scant 4.4 ounces.

A proprietary design that incorporates ball bearings instead of a coil spring allowed the company (www.lookcycling.com) to create what are among the lightest mountain biking pedals on the market.

There's also a lot of space surrounding the shoe-cleating mud from clogging up the connection, a problem common with some clipless models.

Compared to most pedals, Quartz Carbons have

few features. You cannot adjust the tension of release. There are no visible springs or hex-heads to tighten. Personally, I prefer this simplicity of design, though others might demand more customization.

The company ships Quartz Carbon pedals with cleats that attach to any shoe made for mountain biking. Small plastic shims come in the kit, letting you customize cleat height to a knobby or smooth tread undercut.

After three months of hard pounding, my Quartz Carbons still spin great and clip in easy and firm. They stay that way over rocks and jumps, through mud and pedaling for miles on tough singletrack.

For emergency escapes, they unclip not as easily as my other primary pedals, Crank Brothers' Egg Beater Four TI model, a top-end pedal that sells north of \$400 a pair. The Looks also weigh another ounce or so more than those premium platforms.

But for their price, the Quartz Carbons are smooth performers. They clip solidly underneath and are so light as to be unnoticeable as a component on your bike.

Whether these "pédales automatiques" will bring some of the original Look luster back to the mountain biking game remains to be seen. But on my bike — feet spinning, eyes alert on the trail — the no-fuss Quartz Carbon clipless continue to do their job, mile upon mile, climb after climb.

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Members of the Saake River Trail Machine Riders Association gathered in early June near Big Cedar for a campout. About 28 machines in all showed up for the first day's ride; 20 on the second day.

Riding group growing with popularity of ATVs

By Andrew Weeks
Staff writer

If you go

The Saake River Trail Machine Riders Association meets at 7 p.m. every third Wednesday of the month at the Heyburn Police Department. For more information: Mike Ricondo, 208-436-0165.

with memberships.

Besides meeting every third Wednesday each month at the Heyburn Police Department, the group gathers for monthly — sometimes weekly — rides, some close to home, others farther away. Last weekend they gathered near Porcupine Springs, where the group members will ride in the Pomerelle area, Ricondo said.

"It's just a great way to meet a lot of nice families. It's a good group," said Julie Fairchild, who has been a member with her husband, Dallas, since 2005. "There are a lot of new members. A lot of women are joining, a lot of families."

The group, Fairchild said, tries to incorporate rides not just on Sundays but on Saturdays, too, so those who want to ride can still go to church on Sundays.

No matter where they ride or when — or how many ride together — safety is priority. "We have a rule to keep track of the person behind you," Ricondo said. Riders are encouraged to mount 6-foot tall flag poles onto their machines, so they are easier to keep track of in hilly terrain, and to use two-way radios. The group has also started wearing safety-green apparel so they can better be spotted in the outdoors.

"Basically, Ricondo said, "we try to keep an eye out for everyone else."

The group also encourages riders to wear safety apparel, know their machines, and ride to their skill level. Of course, some accidents do happen. But that's just the nature of the ride.

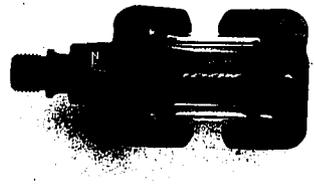
"Whenever you do some-

thing long enough, you're likely going to have some kind of minor accident," Ricondo said. He's frustrated, though, by those who say four-wheelers are the culprit of major accidents. "It's like anything else," he said. "It's not the machine that causes accidents but the people who use them."

Club members have not experienced any major accidents, at least none that Ricondo recalls, he said.

They have, however, experienced some setbacks — most recently the National Forest Service's new travel plans, which prohibit cross-country travel on Forest Service lands and which has closed some motorized trails. But, Ricondo said, he does not blame the local Forest Service and says it is irresponsible riders who have jeopardized trails for everyone else.

"If you don't want it ruined, wake up and be responsible," he said.



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ATV helmets should be DOT approved, riders say

By Andrew Weeks
Staff writer

When it comes down to it, wearing a helmet while riding an all-terrain vehicle or motorcycle is a choice left up to individual riders.

But that doesn't mean that one choice is not better than the other.

"If you ask members of local riders groups, most will tell you that there is a better choice — and that is to wear a helmet when you ride."

"You were born with a brain — protect it with what you can," says Theron

Thomas, president of the Magic Valley Trail Machine Association. Though he mainly rides motorcycles, he also sells ATVs and helmets at Action Cycles in Sleds in Twin Falls. "Helmets may be expensive, but your brain is priceless."

Riders should make sure their helmets — and helmets for their families — are at least DOT approved, he said. There also are Snell-approved helmets, which are higher-end helmets. And, of course, there are a variety of styles, from open-faced helmets to full- or partial-faced helmets. Goggles

(depending on the type of helmet you wear), boots and other protective apparel is also recommended.

"Helmets are not required in the club," says Stan Miller, president of Magic Valley ATV Riders. "But we certainly do recommend them." Recently, a club member was knocked unconscious after falling off her ATV. Her injuries could have been a lot more severe if she hadn't been wearing a helmet, Mal says. "Helmets and eye protection are the main thing. Sticks, bugs, rocks, they can all put an eye out."

Unfortunately, there's

likely a number of ATV riders who do not wear helmets — "probably because they're hot," says Jeff Sharp, owner of J&C Motorsports in Twin Falls. "I don't know what the deal is. They need to wear them, because your head is like a watermelon and all it takes (to damage it) is just one rock ..."

Helmets can range from about \$30 to \$500 or more, Sharp says.

But, he says, asking what is the best helmet for an individual rider "is like asking what kind of underwear is best. It's a personal preference."

Kart races at Rock Creek Race Track this weekend

Kick up some dirt this weekend at Rock Creek Race Track, which will host Kart races both Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday, practice starts at 3 p.m., time trials at 4 p.m., and

racing at 5 p.m. On Sunday, practice begins at 11 a.m., with racing at noon. Gate fee is \$8 (entry fees for racers are different).

Then, mark your calendars for Aug. 23-24, when the race track will host its next motocross race. For more information: Denis Sandrock, 208-423-4869.

My first ride

Spotlight

Theron Thomas

The Times-News recently asked Theron Thomas, president of the Magic Valley Trail Machine Association, some questions about his first ride, what he sees as some of today's challenges with trail riding and other off-road issues. Here's what he had to say:



Theron Thomas stands next to a Suzuki RMZ 250, one of the many models of dirt bikes he has used.

Times-News: When did you first learn to ride?

Theron Thomas: I started riding when I was about 2 and a half or 3 years old.

T-N: Why? What got you started riding so early?

Thomas: It is something that my family has always done. My dad grew up riding. My mom grew up riding. It is something we always did as a family. My older sister learned when she was probably about 3 or 4 years old. We started about the same time, or real close anyway. Today, I take my nephews riding quite a bit.

T-N: Have you taken any spills?

Thomas: You're not riding if you haven't ever crashed. I've broken three collar bones, a hand, a couple of fingers...

T-N: What kind of bike do you ride today?

Thomas: I ride a 2007 Kawasaki KX250. It's basically a two-stroke motocross bike that I converted to a trail bike.

T-N: Do a lot of other riders convert their machines?

Thomas: Yeah, a lot of dirt bikers do... Most trail riders will buy a motocross bike and convert it to an off-road bike. You need a spark arrester, for one, basically to eliminate sparks. It's a fire issue, a safety issue. Most people will put a larger capacity gas tank and some sort of hand guard. Those are the basics, though some people do a lot more, get a lot more elaborate with their bikes.

T-N: You're president of a riding club, right? How do you like that?

Thomas: I've been president (of the Magic Valley Trail Machine Association) since January or February of this year. I like it. It's a lot of work but it's for a good cause. It is something I've been involved with my entire life. Before I was born my mom was a secretary and my dad was on the board of directors, and (over the years) we continued to stay members. I think I started paying my own membership dues when I was about 17.

T-N: It sounds family-oriented.

Thomas: Yeah. It's kind of a family away from family type of deal. I could call anyone almost anytime and there'd be someone who'd be willing to go riding with me.

T-N: Do you ever ride alone?

Thomas: I always try to ride with at least one person, for safety's sake. There's been a couple times when I've taken off by myself and I later thought how nice it'd be to have someone out there with me — and to help if I got into trouble.

T-N: Where's a favorite place to ride?

Thomas: For mountain riding, I like the area north of Fairfield, in the Fairfield Ranger District, the Boise Ranger District and the Sawtooths. For desert riding I like Rabbit Creek, Paradise Valley, Shoe Flat (mine area), and the Danskin Mountain Range.

T-N: Why? Tell us about the areas.

Thomas: There's different terrain. I really like the desert, because the desert is always changing. Every year it is different. The runoff is different. For the mountains, I like tight trails. The Danskin area has probably the most family-friendly trails I have ever seen. I wouldn't hesitate to take my nephews on the trails there. There are difficult spots and really easy spots up there. It doesn't matter what your skill level is, there is a place to ride in that mountain range.

T-N: What are some challenges you see for today's trail rider?

Thomas: It is the fact that we are losing trails. Single track is slowly going away. There are more ATV riders, who are taking some of our

trails. I have a hard time with that, but at the same time I understand that they also need a place to ride. One of the biggest challenges is the new travel plans of the National Forest Service, trying to keep trails open.

T-N: Are you or your club doing anything to help?

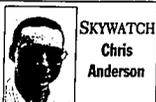
Thomas: We're working hand-in-hand with the Forest Service, giving them our input... We're doing work on the ground, mopping trails, getting the info back to the Forest Service. Of course, once it's in their hand, they do what they want to do. We do trail clearing, such as clearing trees from trails... Typically in a year's time we do cleanup in the Fairfield district and in the South Hills.

T-N: Do you see any other challenges for the off-road rider?

Thomas: It's a constant battle, one way or another. It was sound issues for a while, then there was pollution issues for a while, for a while there were concerns about trail impact issues. It's a constant battle... being a member of a club helps because you have someone to back you up.

Now is the time to find Sagittarius

Admittedly, most constellations' star patterns aren't obvious, requiring a practiced eye to recognize. But a few, like Sagittarius, jump right out at you.



Sky Calendar through Thursday:

Sagittarius is the southernmost constellation of the zodiac, so it never gets very high in the sky from Idaho, and doesn't spend very much time above the horizon. So if you're going to see it, you have to choose the time carefully.

Traditionally, Sagittarius is a centaur, with the torso and head of a man and the body of a horse. If you're thinking "how can a bunch of stars look like THAT?" you're right — it doesn't. Instead, Sagittarius contains a distinctive pattern of stars — an asterisk — that resembles a teapot.

Luckily, Sagittarius is currently easy to find. Jupiter, currently brighter than any star, sits to the upper left of the teapot, low in the southeast at 10 pm. The teapot spans about 13 degrees — a bit wider than your fist at arm's length. It's made of eight stars, with its handle on the left and its spout on the right. On a dark, moonless night the Milky Way's hazy glow resembles steam rising from its spout.

You can't see the whole centaur from Idaho. Sagittarius was first conceived by the ancient Mesopotamians in more

Plenets
One hour before sunrise:
No naked-eye planets visible.
One hour after sunset:
Saturn: W, extremely low
Mars: W, very low
Jupiter: SSE, low
Moon
Third quarter today, 12:42 pm.

southern climes, so there are stars that that never peek above our horizon. (In fact, the uppermost star of the handle, Nunki, is the only star in the sky that retains its ancient Babylonian name.) Sagittarius is also home to the center of the Milky Way galaxy. It's hidden by intervening dust, so you won't see anything that betrays its location, just a bit to the upper right of the tip of the teapot's spout. There, a giant black hole sits, surrounded by a crowd of stars, and around it every visible star in the sky (including the sun), slowly orbits.

Next week's Moon trivia.

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We'll take a look at it... I'm interested to see what they come up with.

An official proposal will be presented in September.

Members of the MVA/TVR, like other off-road clubs, are upset by trail restrictions set by the National Forest Service.

Naneng calls it a "philosophical issue."

"We're taking something away from them, we're closing roads. People are upset by that," he said.

Under the former Sawtooth National Forest travel plan, most of the Minidoka Ranger District and portions of the Fairfield and Ketchum districts were open to cross-

country travel, which often led to dense user-created, non-system roads and trails, according to the Forest Service. Many of these routes did not meet safety or design standards and/or were located in environmentally sensitive areas such as riparian areas and erosive soils.

"Every national forest is going to designated routes only," said Kim Pierson, botanist with the Sawtooth National Forest. The Fairfield, Ketchum and Minidoka districts, she said, each received their own site-specific designations. For instance, she said, Ketchum has more non-motorized designations, while the South Hills area has more motorized designations.

The travel maps are intended to be updated annually.



Mididoka District Ranger Scott Naneng, left, discusses trail issues while Stan Mai, president of Magic Valley ATV Riders, holds a map at a recent barbecue at J&C Motorsports in Twin Falls.

likely with minor changes. Pierson said. The Forest Service expects the next year to be one of educating the public, she said, but that doesn't mean that tickets won't be given if users abuse

the new rules.

"If the public is on a trail not on the map, they can be ticketed and fined," she said. "The new maps make it very clear to users where they should be and where they shouldn't be."

UTVs

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The sportier vehicles are new to the market in the last few years," said Rob Glodowski, owner of Action Cycles 'n Sleds in Twin Falls. "Most of the riders have been grouping in with the ATV riders. The traditional ones like the Kawasaki Mule are mainly used for hunting and farming. They only go about 25 mph, but the new sporty vehicles like the Kawasaki T-Rex and the Polaris RZV, which has a fuel-injected 900 twin engine, can go up to 60 mph. They have four-wheel independent suspension. They do real well in sand dunes."

The biggest difference from other outdoor vehicles is that you can sit next to someone else.

"Yeah, you can talk to each other," Gordon Lyne said.

His mother, LaPreal Lyne, shrugged off rolling one of the Mules.

"We rolled it, but we came out with just a few bruises and scratches. That was it," she said.

"On an ATV, you would at least have a mangled, broken arm," Gordon Lyne added.

you can hang off the rollbar to balance yourself out," Mike Lyne said. "You can't do that on an ATV."

"Well, you could put an ATV in the back of the Mule," Gordon Lyne said.

In addition to low-risk rollovers, UTVs can forgo up to four feet of water. Because they're well-sealed, and the intake valves are located high on the vehicles, very little dirt and water enters the engines.

When asked what he likes most about them, 6-year-old Corey Lyne was silent until recalling a creek.

"Going through the water," he said.

The Lynes were generous with their \$10,000 toys, offering the keys to the Times-News — first the Rhino, then a Mule.

The Rhino was fast — reaching 40 mph in about five seconds. It felt like driving a shrunken jeep powered by plutonium.

The Mule, heavy and slow, felt sturdy — good for sight-seeing and equipment-hauling but far less conducive to reckless fun, making it clear why none of the Lynes wore helmets. It would just feel weird and unnecessary — like wearing shoulder pads while mowing the lawn.

next year, because they're coming out with power steering," Gordon Lyne said.

His brother Mike Lyne pointed out that he added rearview mirrors to one of the

Mules but lamented the absence of blinkers.

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Stocks tumble after home sales fall

(AP) Wall Street abruptly ended an earnings-driven rally and closed sharply lower Thursday after a steeper-than-expected decline in existing home sales and worries about the financial sector chilled the market's recent optimism.

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Satellite radio firms to pay \$19.7M

Merger looks likely

By John Dunbar
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Approval of a merger of the nation's only two satellite radio companies was imminent Thursday after the pair agreed to pay \$19.7 million to settle charges they violated federal rules.

Sirius Satellite Radio Inc.'s proposed \$3.9 billion buyout of rival XM Satellite Radio Holdings Inc. has been before the Federal Communications Commission for 16 months.

The five-member commission is deadlocked at 2-2, but Republican Deborah Taylor Tate was expected to cast the deciding vote approving the deal once a consent decree outlining the enforcement

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Housing slump persists

Sales tumble in S. Idaho and rest of U.S.

Times-News staff and wire reports

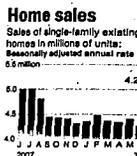
South-central Idaho was not immune to more bad news released Thursday about the housing market.

Sales of existing homes fell more sharply than expected in June as the housing industry continued to be bruised by the worst slump in more than two decades.

Sales of existing homes in Twin Falls County fell 37 percent, or about 50 fewer homes sold, in June compared to the previous year, according to the Intermountain Multiple Listing Service.

Surrounding counties such as Jerome and Cassia both reported about 30 percent declines in existing home sales.

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Bleeding cash

Ford looks to European lineup for help

By Tom Irtisier and Don Ann Durbin
Associated Press writers

DEARBORN, Mich. — Bleeding cash and with its very survival uncertain, Ford Motor Co., an icon of American automaking, will try to import some of its success from across the Atlantic.

Ford reported its worst-ever quarterly loss Thursday and announced plans to bring over six small, fuel-efficient cars it makes in Europe and start selling them in North America, where Ford is losing billions on its truck-heavy lineup.

The company burned through nearly \$11 billion of its cash stockpile in the past year and reported a second-quarter loss of \$8.7 billion.

Ford is trying to save itself by quickly morphing from a truck company into a car company. But the help from Europe won't arrive until 2010: It takes time to retool U.S. plants, and importing the cars directly is too costly. Industry watchers wonder whether Ford has enough cash to survive until then.

"You have the gap before the plan can be fully executed," said Jeff Schuster, executive director of global forecasting for J.D. Power and Associates. "You kind of have to weather the conditions, and you have to weather the fact that you're still the old company in transition."

Ford has successfully sold cars in Europe for years, and it made billions of dollars selling trucks to Americans. But U.S. drivers have recoiled this year from high gas prices and bolted for smaller cars.

Most of the European models will be built in North America. The Fiesta subcompact will be built in Mexico, the European Focus will be built in Kentucky and Michigan, and the Transit Connect small van will be imported from Turkey.

But analysts identify the other three. Ford wants to bet on the Kuga, a small crossover vehicle, and the C-Max small van, both of built on the same underpinnings as the European Focus.

Ford also could bring its Mondeo midsize car from Europe to replace



The Ford Transit Connect, shown here, is one of three European small vehicles Ford will bring to North America. Most will be built in North America, and some might be exported.

Ford's plans to retool truck plants at a glance

MICHIGAN TRUCK: Ford will continue to build Ford Expedition and Lincoln Navigator SUVs until the end of this year, then will be retooled to build the new European Focus compact or other small cars starting in 2010. Ford also is studying whether the plant could build bodies for the existing Focus to feed a nearby assembly plant.

LOUISVILLE, KY., ASSEMBLY: Now makes Ford Explorer and Mercury Mountaineer SUVs. Will be retooled to make vehicles on the European Focus frame in 2011.

KENTUCKY TRUCK, LOUISVILLE, KY.: Now makes Super Duty pickup trucks. Will add production of Expedition and Navigator from Michigan Truck early next year.

TWIN CITIES ASSEMBLY, ST. PAUL, MINN.: Makes Ranger small pickup. Was slated to close next year, but will remain open through 2011 due to demand for the Ranger, whose sales are down just 4 percent in the first half of this year versus 18 percent for the U.S. light truck market as a whole.

the Fusion and Mercury Milan.

Past efforts by U.S. automakers to bring in European cars have flopped, but Ford CEO Alan Mulally said the U.S. market was vastly different today, with gas at \$4 consumers cleaning showrooms out of small cars.

"They want the vehicles to be neat and have a lot of features," Mulally

told reporters and industry analysts Thursday on a conference call. "We have seen this and the success of this in Europe and around the world."

James E. Schragger, clinical professor of entrepreneurship and strategy at the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business, said Mulally has been talking about bringing over

European cars since he arrived at Ford in 2006 from Boeing Co.

"None of this was very hard to imagine, and I think he imagined it," Schragger said. He said Mulally prepared well by morganizing factories to arrange a \$23.4 billion credit line shortly after taking over the company.

Make sure you don't pass stress on to employees

Sales are down, customers are paying late and vendors are all raising their prices. That's a combination likely to raise stress levels for most small business owners — who in turn can pass on their anxiety and create a stressful atmosphere for employees.

Given the many problems in the economy that are

SMALL TALK
Joyce M. Rosenberg

affecting many small companies, it's probably impossible to avoid feeling uneasy about business. But an owner can take steps to be sure he or she isn't stressing out everyone else. Some go along with

being a good manager and leader, such as being more here's open communication between the boss and the staff. And some of it comes down to personal stress management — not letting the tensions of running a business in any kind of climate make life harder for everyone.

Being aware that you're

stressed and that you could be affecting employees negatively is perhaps the most important thing you can do.

"If we allow ourselves to live the stress that we're constantly under, it's going to get transmitted — it's counterproductive and it's unpleasant," said Betsy Rich, president of Strategic Video & Blue Horse Digital, video

production companies based in Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y.

She recalled what it was like working for bosses who created stress: "My business partner and I worked in the most God-awful place for many many years and swore when we left there that we would never have that kind of environment in any place that we worked."

You don't have to be screaming for everyone to know you're anxious — your face, your body language or tone of voice can give you away. The fact is, most people don't know how they're coming across to others, so staffers may pick up on your bad mood even if you think

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WASHINGTON — Commerce Department reports on new home sales for June.

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2008 NISSAN XTERRA SUV Functionally Adventurous!

RoadWorthy!
By Ken Chester, Jr.
Motor News Media Corporation

With a rugged exterior design and a long wheelbase, the second-generation Nissan Xterra SUV is the perfect vehicle for active lifestyles who are on a budget, but will not compromise functionality or performance.

For 2008, enhancements for the Xterra include a the Power Package (power windows, power locks, power mirrors, remote keyless entry and cruise control) that is now standard equipment; step rails, first aid kit and cargo net now included on S trim; bright machined finish on 16-inch Off-Road grade wheel; standard auto-dimming rearview mirror with outside temperature gauge and compass; newly available Bluetooth Hands-free Phone System; newly available Technology Package; new Red Alert exterior color; and new Sandstone interior color.

Available in X, S, Off-Road and SE trim levels, the compact Xterra SUV is offered in two- or four-wheel drive configurations powered by the VQ40DE 4.0L V6 engine. Torque is communicated through a five-speed automatic or six-speed manual transmission. The optional four-wheel drive system features 2WD/4H/4LO modes and an electrically controlled part-time transfer case.

The "on-demand" four-wheel drive models feature both standard Hill Descent Control and Hill Start Assist designed to provide maximum control in delicate low-speed off-road situations -- such as



a steep descent over rocky terrain. The Off Road 4x4 model includes an electronic locking rear differential and on models equipped with a manual gearbox, a clutch start/cancel mode.

Underway, the Xterra delivers a strong performance -- on or off road. The on-demand 4WD allows the driver considerable vehicle control in demanding situations. Like the Frontier pickup and Pathfinder SUV, the Xterra owes much to

Nissan's rugged fully boxed steel frame derived from the bank-vault-solid Titan pickup truck.

Using a modified version of the F-Alpha truck platform tailored to this application, the Xterra utilizes an independent double-wishbone front and rigid leaf spring rear suspension. Four-wheel disc brakes with anti-lock, electronic brake force distribution and brake assist work with power rack-and-pinion steering to keep the

Xterra under control in all but the worse conditions.

Inside the cabin, the 60/40 split folding stadium style rear seat is joined by an available fold-down front passenger seat, for increased cargo hauling capabilities. The center console was enlarged and the glove compartment is now a double deck design. There is also additional instrument panel storage.

The cargo area is highlighted by easy-to-clean luggage

area flooring and a total of 10 cargo area utility hooks -- six on the floor/sides and four on the ceiling and sides. An adjustable channel system in the cargo floor makes it easier to secure bike racks and other accessories or gear. There is also an available built-in first aid kit and space to securely carry up to one-gallon jugs. SE models feature a fold flat front passenger seat for extra cargo hauling functionality.

2008 Nissan Xterra SUV By The Numbers

Price:
The base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the 2008 Nissan Xterra SUV starts from \$21,240, for the X model and \$29,740 for the SE 4WD model.

Weight:
Overall length: 176.7 inches
Overall width: 70.9 inches
Overall height: 68.1 inches
Curb weight: 4,000 lbs.
GVW (Gross Vehicle Weight): 4,500 lbs.
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Capacity:
Cargo capacity: 1,500 lbs.
Towing capacity: 2,000 lbs.
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Standard Equipment:
ABS, air conditioning, alloy wheels, automatic transmission, cruise control, fog lights, hill descent control, power windows, power locks, power mirrors, remote keyless entry, security system, alarm system and engine immobilizer. SE adds first aid kit and front passenger seat.

Optional Equipment:
Blind spot monitoring, head curtain side-impact protection, fog lights, hill descent control, power windows, power locks, power mirrors, remote keyless entry, security system, alarm system and engine immobilizer. SE adds first aid kit and front passenger seat.

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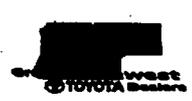


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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for today's puzzle on page E16.

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TOYOTA '05 Avion XLS-leather, leather, sun roof, CD-stock # SU002854D \$18,499. 7370. STOCK #2C255789

VOLKSWAGEN '04 Jetta, auto, air, PW, PL, cruise, \$11,655. Stock #A408095

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Perfect 1/2 ton or SUV towing capacity. Full bath, sofa slideout, front walk around bed. Loaded unit.

'08 ITASCA SUNOVA 26P MSRP 17,542
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'08 NEWMAR GRAND STAR 3510 MSRP 18,814
3 slideouts, maple hardwood cabinetry, bunkbeds for the kids, 4 TVs, travel with full family comfort, workhorse chassis.



'08 DUTCHMEN 31P WAS \$79,085 NOW \$67,785
Take the whole family upscale, overhead bunk, queen walk around bed, large shower, lots of cabinets, dinette, couch, room for everyone, bring the dog.

'08 HOLIDAY RAMBLER ENDEAVOR 36PDQ WAS \$248,563 NOW \$209,980
4 slides, in a 36 ft coach, all the quality drive and live in style.

'01 ITASCA MERIDIAN 34H WAS \$202,328 NOW \$165,929
Travel in style, Tus Air Central AC, double slide, sleep number bed, go anywhere loaded with Winnebago quality.

'08 NEWMAR COUNTRY STAR 3660 WAS \$241,607 NOW \$199,647
Best driving coach in the industry, Amish construction hardwood cabinets, triple slide, masterpiece full body paint, a true touch of class.



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2 slides, rounded cabinetry, flatscreen TV pack, all the comforts of home in a 26' Class A motorhome.

'08 ITASCA SUNSTAR WAS \$92,931 NOW \$84,865
2 slides, V10 Ford Power, Bunkhouse, take your whole family, more storage that you'll need in 32' Class A.

'08 NEWMAR CANYON STAR WAS \$123,839 NOW \$105,785
Fullwall Slideout, workhorse chassis, 2 TVs, Amish workmanship, home away from home in 32' Class A.

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2008 Holiday Rambler Endeavor 365BD clean double slide motor home, 4 door rear, 2 A/C, leveling jacks, back up camera, micro hard surface counter tops & 42" microwave. A quality coach & discounted price makes for a great combination.
#D1030 WAS \$74,995 NOW \$62,987

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Talk about storage. There is nothing that compares to an Alfa Seams Motorhome. This 2003 has overhead cabinets, tall 6ft plus headroom inside the slide-out. If you like high ceilings, this is your coach, 330 Cat Motor on a Freightliner raised rail chassis, oak cabinets, exterior slide trays, new tires, power awning, 3 TVs, basement A/C, satellite dish, jacks, back-up camera, awnings, light interior.
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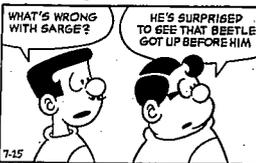


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By Mort Walker

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By Dean Young & Stan Drake



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By Scott Adams

The Elderberries

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Loan No. 473227 T.S. No. ID-06-164060-PJ On 11/21/2006, at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of TWIN FALLS, State of Idaho...

PUBLISH: July 25, August 1, 8 and 15, 2008

Notice of 30-Day Opportunity to Comment

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A petition to change the name of Elmer Earl Gayblon, born 8-20-23 in Twin Falls, ID, residing at 357 Casa Grande Ct., Twin Falls, ID...

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The Treppor Creek Sale is located within T15S, R18E, S20E, Boise Meridian. The Forest Service will receive sealed and oral bids in public at Supervisor's Office, Sawtooth National Forest, Twin Falls, ID...

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PROPOSED BUDGET - FISCAL YEAR 2009

Table with 2 columns: REVENUE, ESTIMATED REVENUE

TOTAL REVENUE AND UNEXPENDED FUNDS

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IN THE INTEREST OF: KATHLEEN FARNUM, Plaintiff, vs. Case No. CV-2008-666

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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Mike Agrison and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

DAMMA

UGGEA

LENKER

BRUBRE



ALTHOUGH SHE WAS STUCK UP, HER LOOKS MADE HIM

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surplus answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here: _____

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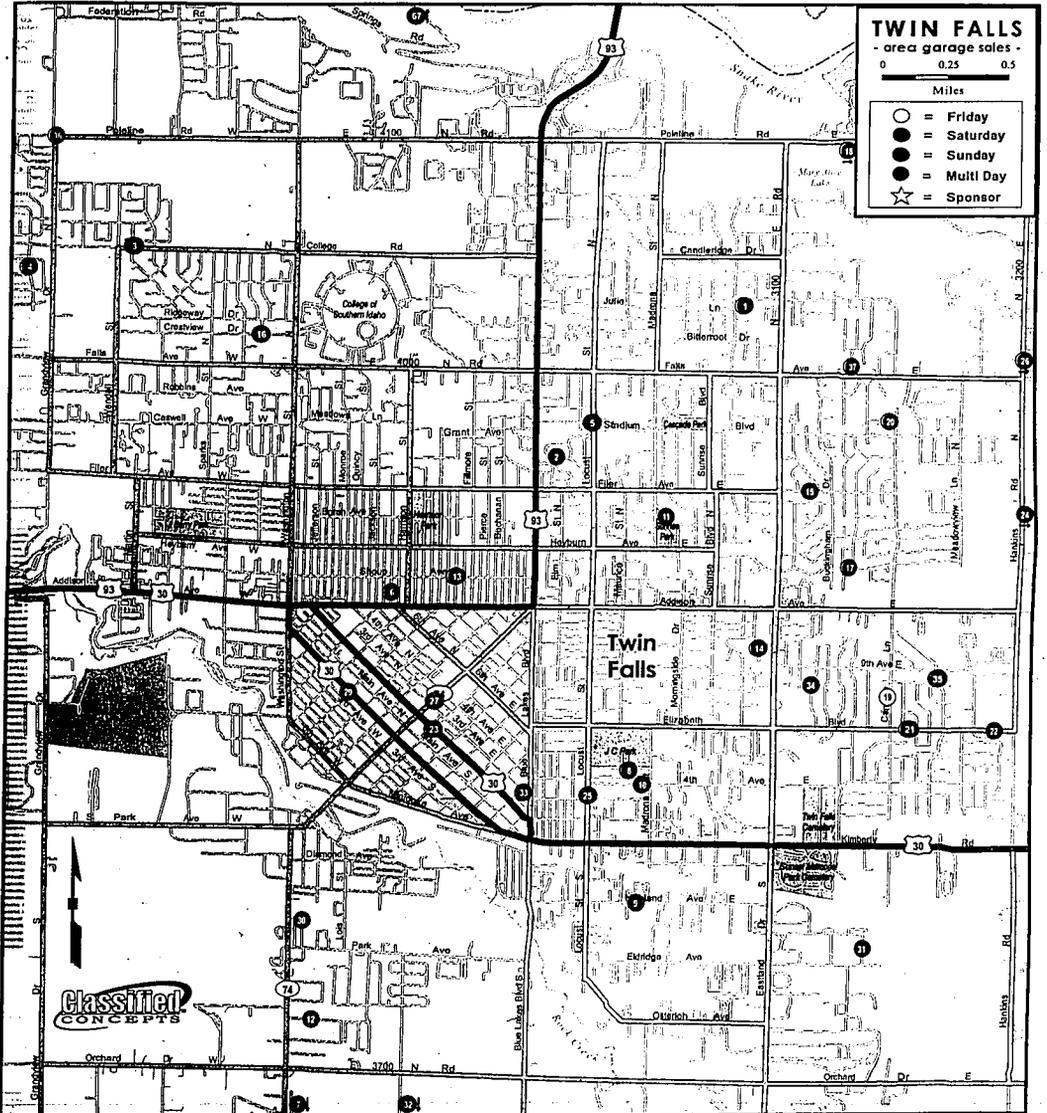
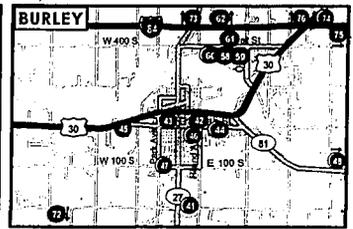
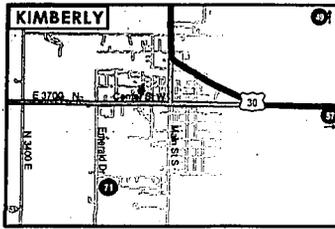
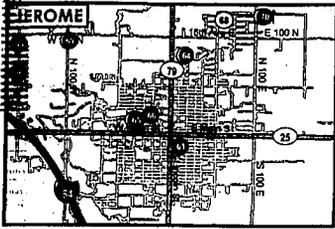
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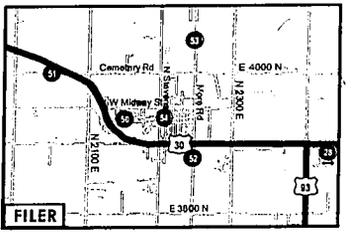
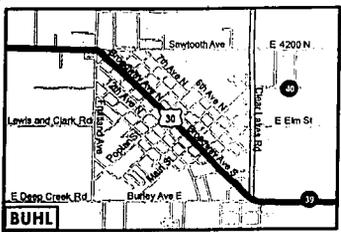
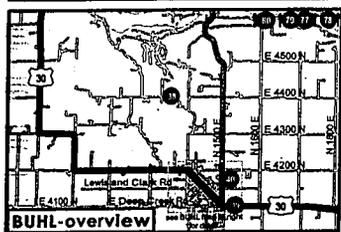


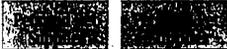
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