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CSI unveils lofty goal

\$9 million donation campaign to kick off this fall

By Andrea Jackson
Staff writer

The philanthropic arm of the College of Southern Idaho has a lofty goal: to raise about three times more money within the next two years than it did during the past two.

The economic situation in the Magic Valley is just right for a big donation push, at least based on a consultant's recent assessment. CSI Foundation Executive Director Curtis Eaton confirmed.

The CSI Foundation, a non-profit organization, handles donations and investments and divvies up money for scholarships and other educational expenses.

CSI fundraisers hope more students will be able to get scholarships once the drive is done.

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Audit finds serious hazards from abandoned mines

By Erica Werner
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The government has endangered the public's health and safety by failing to clean up abandoned mines on federal land in the West, according to a scathing audit released Friday.

The interior Department's inspector general found dangerous levels of arsenic, lead and mercury, along with gaping cavities, at dilapidated hard-rock mining sites easily accessible to visitors and residents.

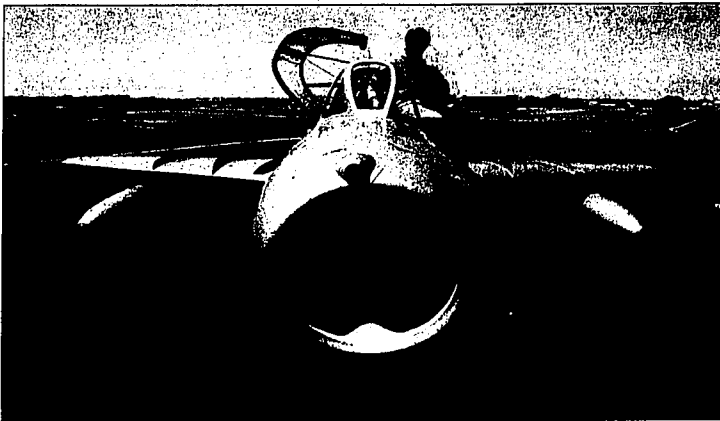
Bureau of Land Management supervisors told staff to ignore the problems, and employees who tried to report contaminated sites were threatened with retaliation, the audit said.

At least 12 people were killed in accidents at abandoned mine sites between 2004 and 2007, and "the potential for more deaths and injuries are ominous," it said.

The mines are mostly in California, Nevada and

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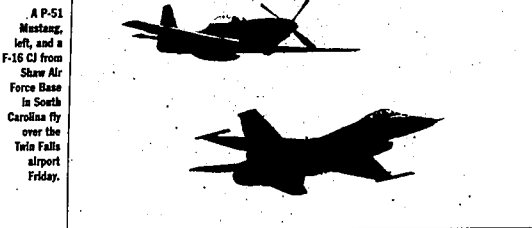
Airborne hunters



Pilot David 'Cajo' Macaluso works with his radio system on a MIG-15 Friday afternoon at Jostin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport in Twin Falls.

MiG team, others prepare for today's air show

By Nate Poppio
Staff writer



A P-51 Mustang, left, and a F-16 CJ from Shaw Air Force Base in South Carolina fly over the Twin Falls airport Friday.

U.S. Navy performance team — have caught most of the attention leading up to today's air show.

But for history buffs and young boys, the main event will come at about 2 p.m. today, when announcer Spike Minczski will tell a tale of troubled skies.

The story is historical fiction. The story is historical fiction. Minczski said on Friday. But the goal isn't to recreate an actual dogfight, pilot Peter Kline said. It's to put the aged planes out in the public eye, and show people what an encounter could have been like in the age of the Cold War.

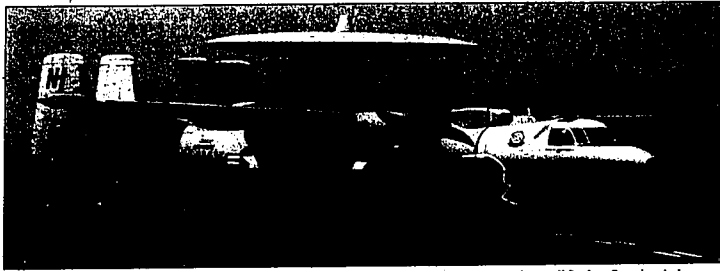
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Today's schedule:
Gates open at 9 a.m.
U.S. F-16 Jumper
Mig-15 Andrzejewski in her E-40
F-16CJ and C45 Flight
TBM Avenger & P-40 Flight
F-15 Flight
Mig-15/17 & F-16 Fury
S-100 Silver Skydivers
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18EG Jammers
U.S. Navy Blue Angels
F-15 Mustang Man Formation Flight

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Individual: \$20; senior (ages 62 and over) \$15; family Pass: \$60; military, with ID, free; children 6 and under, free.

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- Pilot Lee Lauderback talks about flying a World War II fighter plane, and firefighters talk about their part at the air show.
- Also, visit <http://www.migfuryfighters.com/> for more on the MIG Fury Fighters and their aircraft.



An E-2C Hawkeye 2000, an air surveillance craft with a large radar dome that is likely the most cumbersome plane on U.S. aircraft carriers, taxis upon arrival Friday for the Air Magic Valley Air Show.

Coming tomorrow in the Times-News



Flying high

Follow our coverage of the Air Magic Valley Air Show in Twin Falls.

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Finding love late

Attitudes toward older dating are becoming increasingly positive.

FAMILY LIFE



Booming business

The double whammy of air show and temple tours benefits area businesses.

BUSINESS



Sneak peek

A look at the Vandals as part of our nine-teams-in-ninedays series.

SPORTS

Times-News phone lines, voice mail still down

If you've tried to call the Times-News and couldn't get through, don't worry, you weren't being ignored.

A computer problem knocked out the paper's voice mail and phone routing lines Thursday. They won't be fixed until some time next week.

But the newspaper still welcomes your call. To reach a reporter or editor, call their direct line, which is published in the paper.

A list of individual and department numbers is on Page A2.

For calls to the classified department, call 735-3267; to the circulation department, call 735-3347.

Voice mail capabilities are down as well, so keep calling direct lines until you can find the party you wish to speak with.

The Times-News apologizes for the inconvenience, and thanks you for your patience.



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The 57th annual Miss Magic Valley Scholarship Program...

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Burley Lions Club 22nd annual Lions Spudman Triathlon...
Magic Valley Christian School Golf Day fundraiser...
Merchants' Market Save Our Sign fundraiser...

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Friends of Stricker, annual meeting...
Twins Falls City Park, 7:30 p.m., Kwik...
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FAMILY

Jerome Recreation District Fun Run, a 5K walk/run and 10K run...
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FESTIVALS AND FAIRS

Magic Valley Art Guild's Art in the Park...
Sawtooth Music Festival, featuring Thao with the Get Down Stay Down...
Twins Falls Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m....

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Bingo, men and women bingo players welcome...
Twins Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St., W., Twin Falls, cards: four for \$3, 734-5084.

HOME AND GARDEN

Mini-Cassia Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Gosson's Next Creative...
Twins Falls Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m....

MUSEUMS AND PARKS

Faultliner Planetarium "WSKY: Radio Station of the Stars/Live Sky Tour at 2 p.m.: "Greatest Wonders of the Universe" at 4 p.m.:"...
"Blown Away: The Wild World of Weather" at 7 p.m.; and "Pink Floyd: Dark Side of the Moon" at 8:15 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science...

SAFETY

A concealed weapons class, with instructors Dustin Boun and Joe Moore...
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CORRECTIONS

Date incorrect
The Miss Magic Valley Scholarship Project will be held at 7 p.m. tonight. The date of the event was incorrectly reported in an article in Friday's edition.
The Times-News regrets the error.

MORNING BRIEFING

LOUISIANA

First ships crawl up Mississippi after spill

NEW ORLEANS — Ships began crawling up the Mississippi River at New Orleans in a tightly controlled procession Friday, two days after a massive oil spill shut down a stretch of one of the nation's most critical commercial arteries.

The pecking order was based on Coast Guard determination of the economic importance of the ships' cargo and the pace was slowed by a scrubbing process to remove oil from each hull.

Mutation of wear and tear in cells, scientists studying worms have found that aging might be hard-wired, a sort of unintentional sabotage by genes gone wild. The study, published Thursday in the Journal Cell, found that metabolic processes important during development might still alter in life in ways that intentionally sabotage the worms, causing them to age and die.

CALIFORNIA

Study raises questions about how we age

Countering the prevailing theory that aging is the accumulation of damage...

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Saturday, July 26, the 200th day of 2008. There are 158 days left in the year. TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT: On July 26, 1908, U.S. Army General Chas. D. Long, a Creole, issued an order creating a force of special agents that was a forerunner of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.



Coast Guard personnel work to clean oil spill in the Mississippi River at the Port of New Orleans, Wednesday.
...that it would not have lost the baby to the hospital. If she had been able to find our mother, said Johnson's daughter, Darlene Lee, of Washington, D.C. Her father, Eric Johnson Sr., of McKeesport, said he had forgave the woman, saying he loved God in his heart.

SERBIA

Deadline for Karadzic to file appeal passes

BELGRADE — The deadline passed Friday for Radovan Karadzic to file a formal appeal against his handover to the war crimes court in The Hague, Netherlands, with the extradition. Karadzic faces 11 charges against him at the Hague tribunal, including genocide and conspiracy to commit genocide for allegedly murdering the 1995 slaughter of 8,000 Muslim men and boys in Srebrenica — Europe's worst massacre since World War II.

PENNSYLVANIA

Parents of slain woman forgive murder suspect

MCKEESPORT — The parents of a slain pregnant woman said Friday they have forgiven the suspect charged with killing their daughter and cutting her baby out of the womb. The parents of Nia Johnson, 19, spoke after a funeral for their daughter, whose body was found last week in the Wilkesburg home of Andrea Curry-Demus. "I forgive her for the simple

Lebanon released the Rev. Lawrence Martin Jenco, an American hostage held for nearly 19 months. Ten years ago, The White House said President Clinton's lawyers were working with prosecutor Kenneth Starr to avert Clinton's direct testimony to a grand jury about the Monica Lewinsky affair. (The president ended up testifying via closed-circuit television.) Five years ago: Backers of a drive to oust California Gov.

Gray Davis held a boisterous celebration at the state Capitol in Sacramento, more than two months before the Oct. 17 election. Cuba celebrated the 50th anniversary of the start of Fidel Castro's revolution against Fulgencio Batista. One year ago: The Senate passed the measure to intensify anti-terror efforts in the U.S. Wall Street suffered one of its worst losses of 2007, closing down more than 310 points.

HOROSCOPE BY JERALDINE SAUNDERS

IF JULY 26 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You will find that you have much to be grateful for in the year ahead. If you accept what is offered at face value and have faith in the universe to provide exactly what you need, then there will likely be permanent change for the better in some segment of your life. You have better business sense than usual in August, but by November you may be attracted to groups, charitable undertakings and sharing your bounty with the world at large.

Somebody close could be irritated by the least little annoyance or seem overly sensitive to common events. TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Guard your reputation. Your loss of being in the public eye might not go over well with loved ones. Gemini (May 21-June 20): Ride on the information highway. You are keen on getting the latest headline news in order to be "in the know," but because you are in a rush you might not be accurate about the nitty-gritty details.

to see you nevertheless. Other people are being objective; you are prone to subjectivity. Try to see someone else's point of view without losing sight of your own. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Accuracy and truthfulness are not always the same thing. A new hookup met under these celestial conditions may not be for the long haul. Scurry clear of impulse shopping or sudden whims. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): If you are unpredictable, someone may not be loyal. An unstable relationship could fall by the wayside this weekend over a tiny difference. You can't lose something you never had. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Get the facts straight from the horse's mouth. Don't be shy about sharing unusual ideas, but remain receptive to the opinions of others. Be tolerant and keep the lines of communication wide open.

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Twin Falls air show pilot Lee...
Twin Falls firefighters discuss their role at the air show.

A camera crew focused on Iraki vet Andrew Powell and how a veteran program helped with handicap access.

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Rules of the cable and rail system of the old Kease Wonder Co. mine, that had a flourishing gold and silver mine in Death Valley in the early years of the 20th Century, are seen overlooking Death Valley, Calif., in April 2006.

Mine

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The California Department of Conservation estimates there are about 47,000 abandoned mines in California. Other surveys have estimated about 500,000 such sites nationwide, where gold, silver, copper, lead and other minerals were mined, often decades ago.

Environmentalists have estimated cleanup costs as high as \$72 billion. But the Inspector general's audit noted that simple precautions could be taken, such as fencing and warning signs. So far, the audit indicates, the Bureau of Land Management has hardly been up to the job. "BLM's abandoned mines program has long been undermined, neglected and marginalized by poor management practices and insufficient staffing and resources," said the report.

In response, BLM issued a statement defending its abandoned mine program as "highly effective." The statement did not address specific circumstances raised in the audit.

"The BLM has an active program in place to identify and address (abandoned mine land) hazards on its lands," said spokesman Matt Spangler. "The agency worked closely with the IG audit team over the last year in examining the abandoned mine site challenges that it faces. The BLM accepts the IG's recommendations and will work diligently to implement them."

BLM is part of the Interior Department and administers 258 million acres of public land primarily in 12 Western states. The majority of abandoned mine sites within Interior Department jurisdiction are on BLM land.

Last year, 13-year-old Rikki Howard died and her younger sister was injured after they accidentally drove their all-terrain vehicle into an open 125-foot mine shaft near BLM's Windy Point Recreation Area in Kingman, Ariz.

The mine shaft is on a small piece of private property surrounded by BLM land. Only after the accident, BLM provided a fence and warning signs for the site. Yet

when auditors visited the area, they found two other deep mine shafts nearby, one unfenced and one only partially fenced, and with no warning signs.

One BLM official told auditors that fencing a site could lead to BLM liability, because it was an acknowledgment that BLM knew about the site. An employee was told not to identify abandoned mine sites because it got in the way of other duties. Several employees reported management threats against their careers for missing abandoned mine issues.

"The findings of this audit paint a picture of compelling urgency, which should trigger a quick call to action by both the department and Congress," the audit concluded.

Congressional action may not be fast to come. For years lawmakers have tried but failed to rewrite the General Mining Law of 1872, which was meant to settle the West by letting prospectors stake claims and mine gold, silver and other minerals for free. The law contains negligible cleanup requirements but has survived essentially unchanged through today.

Last year the House passed a reform bill to create an abandoned mine cleanup fund and force mining companies to pay royalties, like coal and other extraction industries already do. But efforts have stalled in the Senate.

The main obstacle is Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., a gold miner's son who has long protected the gold-mining industry in his state.

Reid has said he opposes the House bill, and though legislation has been introduced in the Senate by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., it has not advanced.

"Sen. Reid has been an advocate for responsible mining law reform and will continue to be," Reid's spokesman, Jon Summers, said Friday.

House Natural Resources Committee Chairman Nick Rahall, D-W.Va., said the audit "underscores the need to pass meaningful reform of the law before additional tragedies occur."

CSI

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The aim of the campaign is for one in three students to obtain scholarship assistance. Instead of the current one in five. Most scholarships go to full-time students, Eaton said.

Of the \$9 million goal, the plan is for \$6 million to fund 150 to 300 more scholarships than the current average of about 900 offered. The remaining \$3 million would be split in half between agriculture programs at CSI and a new Idaho Higher Education Center.

The new center would be located in the Aspen build-

ing and include the four-year institutions present on the CSI campus.

The foundation's net assets have apparently risen during the past three fiscal years. Meanwhile, public support dipped by more than \$200,000 between 2005 and 2006 to about \$1.05 million. Eaton said un-audited numbers for 2007 show the most recent year's donations totaled about \$1.3 million.

An annual ball to raise money for the foundation raked in about 7 percent of total donations for the most recent fiscal year, according

to numbers provided by Eaton. The gala provided \$97,000 in donation money, or about \$16,000 more than the year before.

The foundation's net assets have grown by about \$2 million every fiscal year between the 2005 and 2007 and most recently registered at about \$26 million, according to the Internal Revenue Service and numbers provided by Eaton.

Rising assets are mostly

due to strong investment earnings. Eaton said, adding the \$9 million fundraising goal could be adjusted as the campaign kicks off in late September or early October. "What we have now is sort of an estimated dollar amount that we think makes sense," he said.

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It's quickly apparent it's the role the pilots and crew of the MIG Fury Fighters — marketed in its third year as the world's only three-jet warbird dogfight — take seriously. The planes belong to Navy flight surgeon Dr. Richard Sugden of Driggs, part of a collection of 17 fighter jets and other military aircraft.

"It's an addiction," Sugden joked. "It's not a hobby."

Many Americans may recognize the Soviet MIG-15 and its larger cousin, the MIG-17, from their appearances in the Korean and Vietnam wars. Less familiar is the Fury, used by the Navy before the Douglas A-4 Skyhawk. This particular one is the last flying in the world, according to materials provided by the team.

The team's attention to history is evident in the jets'

paint schemes. Both MIGs share the markings of the Polish unit they came from, Minczewski said, while the Fury is done up in the colors of the Fleet Air Gannet Unit at NAS Ft. Centro, Calif., the gunnery training ground for all F-15 pilots.

All three planes are valuable machines, Kline said. But they're also not as slick as the FA-18s flown by the Blue Angels, meaning a fraying at sea level as the Angels often do, and at Twin Falls' perch 3,700 feet above that.

"It's a difficult show site," Mannix said. Like the MIG team, they all seem to cherish a job that allows them to fly planes all summer.

"Beats working for a living," Minczewski said. Nate Poppino may be reached at 208-735-3237 or npoppino@magicvalley.com.

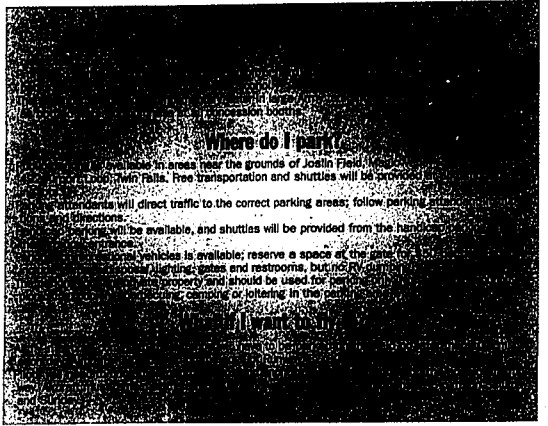
2000, the air surveillance craft that with its massive radar dome is likely the most cumbersome plane on U.S. aircraft carriers. Two generations of fighter craft, a P-51 Mustang and an F-16 Fighting Falcon, flexed their wings side-by-side for part of the afternoon.

And at a Blue Angels media event, Navy Capt. Kevin Mannix talked about the differences between flying at sea level as the Angels often do, and at Twin Falls' perch 3,700 feet above that.

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Should the votes of dead people be counted?

By Deborah Hastings
Associated Press writer

If you vote by mail, but die before Election Day, does your vote count? It depends on where you live.

Oregon counts ballots no matter what happens to the voter. So does Florida. But in South Dakota, if you die before the election, so does your vote.

Increasingly popular mail-in ballots mean voters can now choose candidates up to 60 days before an election, raising new questions about an age-old phenomenon normally associated with chicanery in places like Chicago: What should be done with the ballots of the recently dead?

Laws in at least a dozen states are evenly split between tallying and dumping the votes. No one keeps records on how often such deaths occur.

Yet in this year's contentious campaign, the right of every American to a counted ballot has become a rallying cry—even if the voter dies before the tallying starts.

Take the case of Florence Steen, an ailing 88-year-old grandmother born before women had the right to vote. One of her last wishes was to vote for Hillary Rodham Clinton. She wanted to be part of history, said her daughter Kathy Krause.

Steen was confined to a hospice bed in Rapid City, S.D., when she was brought to an absentee ballot weeks before the June 3 primary. She studied it a long time, then marked her choice with such determination her daughter feared she would poke through the paper.

Steen died on Mother's Day. With a heavy heart, her daughter took the ballot and dropped it in a mailbox. But Krause the ballot had to be tossed because state law declared a voter must be alive on Election Day.

So Krause passed that word to the Clinton campaign. And Clinton drew great applause when she told the story in her concession speech four days after the South Dakota primary.

"It's just a goofy law, and it

needs to be changed," said Krause, who plans to lobby state legislators to reverse that statute just as soon as her grief ceases.

What about the soldiers in Iraq? What if they vote and they're killed in action, God forbid? Should we take away their vote because they died for their country?

There are no military standards governing voting by soldiers. Rather, their mailed-in ballots are counted at the individual election districts where they are registered to vote. But like civilian votes, no one keeps track of whether the ballots of soldiers are thrown out because they died after casting them.

"No one can tell you that," said Susan Dzieduszycka-Sulnat, head of the Overseas Voting Foundation in Munich. "Every single election jurisdiction can do it the way it wants. And there are more than 7,000 of them."

Thirty-one states allow some form of early voting.

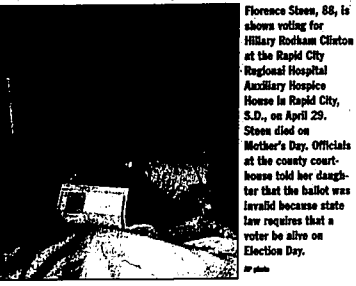
Ballots cast by the dead are usually the focus of fraud allegations, as happened in Washington's extremely tight 2004 gubernatorial race, decided by a margin of 129 votes out of 3 million cast. More than a dozen ballots were linked to dead people.

But some advocates say legitimate, mail-in votes from people who die before Election Day should be counted, particularly in rural elections where news can hang on a handful of votes.

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Florence Steen, 88, is shown voting for Hillary Rodham Clinton at the Rapid City Regional Hospital Auxiliary Hospice House in Rapid City, S.D., on April 29. Steen died on Mother's Day. Officials at the county courthouse told her daughter that the ballot was invalid because state law requires that a voter be alive on Election Day.

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Duncan defense wants video shown in open court

By Rebecca Boone
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Defense lawyers for convicted child killer Joseph Edward Duncan III have asked a judge to ensure that if a video showing Duncan torturing a child he later killed is shown to jurors, it is shown in open court.

The defense team made the request in a motion filed Friday, siding with media organizations that have argued for greater openness in Duncan's death penalty proceedings.

Duncan, a convicted pedophile from Tacoma, Wash., pleaded guilty in December to 10 federal charges related to his 2005 kidnapping of two young siblings, Dylan and Shasta Groene, and the murder of Dylan. The children were snatched from their Coeur d'Alene home after Duncan fatally bludgeoned the children's mother, Brenda Groene, their 13-year-old

brother Slade, and the mother's fiancé, Mark McKenzie.

Three of the federal charges carry a potential death penalty, and it will be up to Duncan's penalty phase jurors to decide whether he gets the death penalty or life in prison without parole. He earlier pleaded guilty to state charges in the deaths at the home; sentencing for those crimes is not at issue here.

On Thursday, U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge ruled that Duncan is mentally competent to face the death penalty hearing.

On Monday, Lodge plans a hearing to determine if Duncan should be allowed to represent himself. But for now his lawyers — Mark Larranaga, Thomas Monaghan and Judy Clark — are still working on his behalf. Everyone involved in the case

has been placed under a gag order by the judge.

Dozens of documents in the case have been filed under seal — roughly 173 according to the defense team's count. Some of the documents have been sealed because they deal with medical or personal records of Duncan or his only surviving victim, Shasta Groene, and others have been sealed because prosecutors fear they

could damage the Groene family's right to privacy, according to court documents.

But in their motion on Friday, Duncan's lawyers asked that some of the most shocking evidence be made public — a video depicting the "sadistic sexual torture" of young Dylan Groene in a remote cabin. Showing the video to a jury in a closed courtroom would violate First

Amendment free speech rights as well as Duncan's Sixth Amendment right to a public trial, the lawyers said. In the motion, the attorneys referred to Shasta and Dylan Groene by their initials.

Duncan's lawyers also asked that a handful of court documents be unsealed, but said the psychological evaluations done on Duncan should remain sealed at least for the moment.

Summer's first sockeye returns to central Idaho

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — The first end-of-summer sockeye salmon of the season arrived Friday in central Idaho, where state hatchery workers on the Salmon River caught it in a trap and are now saving it to be trucked to another site for spawning.

The fish's arrival was announced by salmon advocacy group Idaho Rivers United. Efforts to reach officials with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, which runs the Sawtooth hatchery near Stanley, were unsuccessful. Last year, just four sockeye made the 900-mile swim from the Pacific Ocean to traps near Redfish, Alturas and Pettit lakes. The Snake River sockeye that return to the region have been protected under the federal Endangered Species Act since 1991.

While the B14 sockeye that have so far crossed Lower Granite Dam on the Snake River in Eastern Washington bode well for a stronger 2008 return, Idaho Rivers United said final numbers that reach central Idaho will still fall well short of the 2,000 naturally spawning fish targeted in federal fish recovery plans. Amanda Peacher, salmon program coordinator for the group, said more must be done to ensure long-term salmon survival.

"This year's returns potentially give sockeye a new chance and create an opportunity to take action to restore the 'red fish' of Redfish Lake," Peacher said. "But we must build on the improved run with real solutions that will prevent sockeye from going down the drain again."

Idaho Rivers United had demanded the removal of four dams on the lower Snake River, including Lower Granite.

Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter and others have rejected breaching, saying the dams provide electricity and bolster shipping for the region's industry and agriculture from inland port cities of Lewiston, Idaho, and Clarkston, Wash.

Sockeye used to return to central Idaho in numbers as high as 35,000, but have dwindled in recent years. After 257 sockeye returned in 2000 to Sawtooth hatchery or a separate trap on Redfish Lake Creek, the numbers have fallen to single digits for the last five years.

Fish caught in the traps will eventually be trucked to the state fish hatchery in Eagle, Idaho, just west of Boise. Every year, biologists fish big blue tubs full of adult sockeye weighing up to 10 pounds into Redfish Lake as part of the state's effort to help the endangered fish recover.

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Buhl School Board opens floor to the public

CHEERS: To Chairman Jim Barker and the other members of the Buhl School Board for listening to the folks they represent.

Monday night the trustees allowed public comment before deciding whether or not to change the 2008-09 school year calendar. A routine matter, but a big change.

Under the previous School Board, comments at meetings were limited to people who had signed up previously to speak.

"We were told that if we allowed open comment we would succumb to mob rule, but I don't think that is a classic car isn't a classic unless it's restored; otherwise, it's just an old relic. You don't hear anybody oohing and ahing about Historic Downtown. Unless they're oohing about all the eyesores. It's incredible that Twin is one of the only counties in the nation that is decreasing in property value. With over 300,000 cars coming across that bridge daily, but most folks don't need much further than the canyon side. And it's hitched out there.

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RICHARD LOGAN
Twin Falls

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Revitalizing downtown is an important step for Twin Falls

To build or not to build? It's hardly a question, but it might be the answer. Or that is, that is the whole (four-brick L.L.C.) might be worth pondering a little more.

This whole "Historic Downtown" name isn't fooling anyone. It's like a classic car isn't a classic unless it's restored; otherwise, it's just an old relic. You don't hear anybody oohing and ahing about Historic Downtown. Unless they're oohing about all the eyesores. It's incredible that Twin is one of the only counties in the nation that is decreasing in property value. With over 300,000 cars coming across that bridge daily, but most folks don't need much further than the canyon side. And it's hitched out there.

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Civilian Conservation Corps has roots in Magic Valley area

Relating with two brothers from the town area the story about the CCC Camps, Civilian Conservation Corps.

I had two terms, one western Montana, one Feather Falls, Calif. Coming from the plains in eastern Montana, my stay was in the winter months; the days it snowed really made my day. Watching big snowflakes coming to a peak on a snow post. Eastern Montana most often snowed in blizzards and winds and piled in drifts or down in a draw. Took an IQ test and was asked if I could harness a horse. Yes! I joined and worked teams of big,

Clemens lost his job in part because of public dissatisfaction with the way the board restricted public comment. No more, Barker says.

"We are going to be a patron-driven school district."

That's an example for other Magic Valley school boards to follow.

JERES: Tom Hanks may be the funny Stewart of his generation, but the actor and his wife Rita Wilson sure aren't making friends in the Wood River Valley these days.

Fifth District Judge Robert Elgee said this week he has no power to stop guards employed by Hanks from carrying guns while accompanying inspectors hired by a Ketchum contractor with whom the couple has a long-running legal dispute. Hanks and Wilson have accused Storey Construction of shoddy workmanship in building a \$10 million house and three cottages at their sprawling compound north of Ketchum in 2002.



In 2004, an arbitrator ruled in favor of Storey and awarded the company \$1.85 million in unpaid contract balance, interest and legal fees.

In November, Hanks and Wilson filed a second arbitration request, alleging discovery of "latent" construction defects. Elgee rejected it last month, ruling that the dispute had already been decided in 2004.

Earlier this month, the couple appealed the judge's latest ruling to the Idaho Supreme Court. The contractor's Ketchum lawyer, Miles Stanislav, says Storey's inspectors are intimidated by the security guards packing heat.

"Tom Hanks' instructions to his security personnel to carry a gun and two clips of ammunition when Storey insists is totally unsafe, idiotic and outrageous," Stanislav told the Idaho Mountain Express. "This is real life with real bullets, not Hollywood where the guns shoot blanks."

With a few exceptions, Hollywood glitterati who live in Blaine County manage to respect the locals. That's a tradition Hanks and Wilson should honor.

CHEERS: To Russ Tremayne, Paul Smith, Tom Gilbertson and their non-profit group Preservation Twin Falls Inc. for their efforts to save a Twin Falls landmark.

On Thursday, excavation began on a pocket in front of the six 92-year-old grain silos near the corner of Shoshone Street South and Minidoka Avenue.

The park will include interpretative panels of the downtown war-torn house district, picnic tables and native plants. The next steps

include cleaning and repainting the 83-foot silos.

The group has raised about \$30,000 for the project, mostly from the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, the Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency and private donations. In addition, Dave Wright, owner of Kimberly Nurseries, is donating his time and resources for the landscaping.

Ken Sutzman's company did the excavating work. The Twin Falls Canal Company is donating dirt for the park. Plants will come from several area nurseries.

While the park could be ready within three months, plans for the silos aren't final. So far, the nonprofit is agreed to put a cell phone tower in an adjoining building, so the 25 percent in shared profits should help offset costs.

"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."

Obama's ego is crowding out his message for voters

Just like the Obama girl, Obama has a crush on Obama.

Barack Obama always was a larger-than-life candidate with a healthy ego. Now he's turning it into the A-Rod of politics. It's all about him.

He's giving his opponent something other than issues to attack him on: narcissism.

A narcissist's opinion hall isn't the good thing for the presumptive Democratic nominee. He plans to deliver his acceptance speech in the 7,000 seat stadium where the Denver Broncos play. Before a vote is cast, he's embarking on a foreign policy tour that will use cheering Europeans — and America's top news anchors — as extras in his campaign. What do you expect from a candidate who already auditioned a quasi-presidential seal with the Latin inscription, "Vero possumus" — "Yes, we can?"

Obama finds criticism of his wife "infuriating" and doesn't want either of them to be the target of satire. Tell that to the Clintons, the Bushes, father and son. There's no such thing as a humble politician. But when Obama looks into the mirror, he doesn't just see a president; he sees JFK.

In 1960, John F. Kennedy accepted his party's nomination with an outdoor speech at the Los Angeles Coliseum. But he waited until he was elected before going to Germany to declare "Ich bin ein Berliner."

The fashionistas have affinity noted Michelle Obama's ability for channeling Jackie. And it's hard to tell the Obama daughters "Access Hollywood" interview and not think about Caroline and John F. Kennedy Jr. back in the days of Camelot.

So far, dad is only promising to get the kids a dog, not a pony named Macaroni.

Republican John McCain has the opposite challenge. As a candidate, he's shrinking, thanks to a



series of 2008, staples, and generally uninspiring speeches.

But McCain has one thing going for him: the appearance of modesty.

Part of it is physical. McCain is stiff and awkward, the result of age and injuries from his years as a prisoner of war. That, too, is a contrast to Obama's sleek physique, the consequence of youth and a George W. Bush-like passion for working out.

But with McCain, there's also the sense of a man who made mistakes in life and acknowledges them. McCain's humility comes through in his book, "Faith of my Fathers," which he wrote at age 63, after completing a career in the US Navy and moving onto politics. Obama wrote the more self-reverential "Dreams from My Father," after he was elected president of the *Harvard Law Review*.

The McCain campaign is beginning to jump on the ego issue. "I don't know that people in Missouri are going to like seeing tens of thousands of Europeans screaming for 'The One,'" a McCain aide quipped in response to Obama's upcoming visit abroad.

The conservative radio host Rush Limbaugh regularly ridicules "The Messiah also known as Obama." And "The Audacity of Obama" is turning into a ready-made take-off on a title of the Democrat's second book, "The Audacity of

I hope."

The downside for Obama is how much his ego stands to resound beyond the political right. Last January, the online *Slate* magazine debuted "The Obama Messiah Watch."

In February, a blogger for the left-embracing *Mother Jones* commented on his uneasiness over the candidate's messianic complex: "Does this post play unhelpfully into the pernicious and growing Obamaism-as-cult ... that we'll likely see repeated over and over by the right wing if Obama gets the nomination?" blogged Jonathan Stein.

It does. Sorry. But Obama's rhetoric makes an undeniable suggestion: that his election, not an eight-year administration that successfully implements his vision for America, would represent a moment in America of the grandest, most transformative kind. And that's a bit much.

When the Obama Girl video first surfaced, Obama told the Associated Press, "You do wish people would think about what impact their actions have on kids and families."

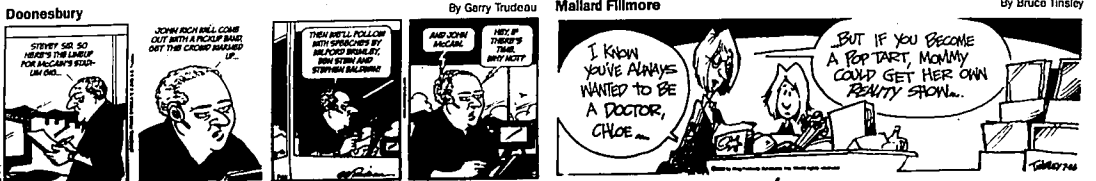
That's good advice. He should think more about the impact of his ego on voters.

A presidential candidate is supposed to get bigger on the national stage. That doesn't mean his head should, too.

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THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS

By Bruce Tinsley



Three Pennsylvania teenagers are charged in fatal beating of immigrant

By Michael Rubinkam
Associated Press writer

PORT CARBON, Pa. — Three white teens were charged Friday in what officials said was an epithet-filled fatal beating of an illegal Mexican immigrant in a small northeast Pennsylvania coal town.

Brandon J. Piekarsky, 16, and Colin J. Walsh, 17, were charged as adults with homicide and ethnic intimidation in the July 12 attack on Luis Ramirez.

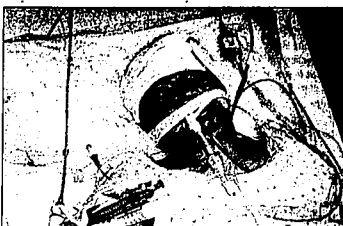
A third teen, Derrick M. Donechak, 18, was charged with aggravated assault, ethnic intimidation and other offenses. All are from Shenandoah, where the attack occurred.

Additional charges are expected in the case that has rolled Shenandoah, a small, economically depressed town where police have reported friction between whites and a growing Hispanic population. The suspects played football at Shenandoah Valley High School; Donechak, now enrolled at Bloomsburg University, was the quarterback last season.

"As a result of this crime, a young man has lost his life. Many other lives have been devastated, and the borough of Shenandoah has been filled with tensions between many ethnic groups," Schuylkill County District Attorney James Goodman said.

Now that the criminal charges have been filed, we must let this case be handled in the criminal justice system," he said.

According to a police affidavit, the defendants and



Luis Ramirez lies in his hospital bed hours before his death July 14 at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Pa. Ramirez, 25, an illegal immigrant from Mexico, died from injuries he received in an epithet-filled beating in Shenandoah, Pa.



Brandon Piekarsky, 16, of Shenandoah, Pa., arrives at District Magistrate David Platko's office in Port Carbon, Pa., for arraignment on the Ramirez homicide.

three 17-year-olds encountered Ramirez, 25, and a teenage girl in a park the night of July 12.

The youths goaded Ramirez and the girl, saying, "You should get out of this

neighborhood" and "Get your Mexican boyfriend out of here," documents said. After Ramirez and the girl began walking away, someone yelled an ethnic slur at him, court documents said. He responded, "What's your problem?"

A fight ensued, during which police said Walsh punched Ramirez in the face. The victim fell and hit his head on the street, leaving him unconscious, after which Piekarsky kicked him in the head, police said.

All three suspects used ethnic slurs during the fight, which ended with Ramirez in convulsions and foaming at the mouth, authorities said. Ramirez underwent surgery but died July 14 of head injuries.

Piekarsky and Walsh were being held without bail, while Donechak was held on \$75,000 bail.

Lawyers for Piekarsky and

Walsh said their clients are not guilty and that there was no evidence to support the homicide charges. They also said they would try to have the case removed to juvenile court.

Roger Laguna, Walsh's lawyer, said the police affidavit "pretty much describes chaos, and what you have then after the fact is somebody trying to sort through that and attribute certain acts to certain individuals."

He said that although slurs might have been used, the fight was not motivated by ethnicity.

"I think any time there's a fight and any time you have one ethnic group fighting another, there's going to be racial slurs," he said. "I've seen that since I was a kid on a playground 20 years ago, but they never called it ethnic intimidation until very recently."

Frederick Farrell, Piekarsky's lawyer, said he is "surprised and disappointed" that his client faces a homicide charge, attributing Ramirez's death to a "street fight that ended tragically."

Donechak declined to comment.

Ramirez, who entered the U.S. illegally about six years ago, worked in a factory and parked strawberries and cherries.

Crystal Dillman, the victims' 24-year-old fiancée, who is white and grew up in Shenandoah, has said Ramirez was often called derogatory names and told to return to his homeland. The couple had two children together, and Dillman also has a 2-year-old who thought of Ramirez as her father.

FDA: Avoid jalapenos from Mexico, not U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Only jalapeno peppers grown in Mexico are implicated in the nationwide salmonella outbreak, the government announced Friday in clearing the U.S. crop.

The Food and Drug Administration urged consumers to avoid raw Mexican jalapenos and the serrano peppers often confused with them, or dishes made with them such as fresh salsa.

But the big question is how those who love hot peppers would know where the chiles came from, especially in restaurant food.

"You're going to have to ask the person you're buying it from," said Dr. David Acheson, the FDA's food safety chief, who is advising restaurants and grocery stores to know their suppliers and pass that information to customers.

The big break in an outbreak that now has sickened nearly 1,300 people came on Monday when FDA announced it had found the same strain of salmonella responsible for the outbreak on a single Mexican-grown jalapeno in a south Texas produce warehouse.

Tomatoes had been the prime suspect for weeks. And while those now on the market are considered safe to eat, health officials still have exonerated them from causing illnesses when the outbreak began in April.

The pepper discovery threatened to paralyze that industry, too. Chile produc-

tion is a \$500 million crop in New Mexico alone, which produces most of the U.S. crop, state agriculture commissioners wrote the FDA on "Thursday."

Friday's move clearing U.S. peppers came because chilesters of illnesses around the country all seem to be tracing back to Mexican jalapenos, though not all sold through the McAllen, Texas, produce warehouse Acheson said.

"Domestically grown products are not tracing back at all to the outbreak," he said in an interview with The Associated Press. "On Monday, we didn't know exactly where they all were coming from. Today we're certain these are coming from Mexico."

FDA inspectors are on the farm that grew the only tainted pepper discovered so far, trying to determine where else it sent a harvest that began in April, Acheson said. The farm is large, but the question now is whether it harvested enough to be responsible for such a geographically large outbreak.

Mexican officials blasted the announcement as premature, saying the fact that no additional salmonella was found in the Texas warehouse doesn't eliminate that site as a suspect.

Both U.S. and Mexican tomato producers are still dealing with the impact of premature public information. "I said it's a disaster for the Mexican embassy in Washington."

Obama camp cites Pentagon in scrapping visit to wounded troops

PARIS (AP) — An aide to Sen. Barack Obama said Friday the Democratic presidential contender believed he could visit wounded troops at a military hospital in Germany in a campaign without having to scrap a plan after the Pentagon raised concerns.

The spokesman, Robert Gibbs, said the news several days ago cleared Obama's chartered campaign jet to land at Ramstein Air Base. It was only Wednesday night, two days before the planned visit, that Pentagon officials conveyed their views, he said, and Obama decided not to go.

Gibbs said Obama had decided several weeks ago he wanted to visit wounded troops in Germany. Asked whether either the senator or aides had considered that the trip might be viewed as political, he replied, "We had taken some of that into consideration but we believed that it could be done in a way that would not create, it would not be created or seen as a campaign stop."

But after hearing from the Pentagon, he said, "We decided, Senator Obama decided having made that decision he was far more willing to take the criticism from some political people or political opponents in a political atmosphere than to put our troops in the middle of our campaign back and forth."

Sen. John McCain's campaign spokesman Brian Iltis criticized the decision, saying, "Barack Obama is wrong. It is never 'appropriate' to visit our men and women in the military."

Gibbs brushed that aside, and said Obama would have faced criticism if the trip had taken place.

Obama neared the end of an unprecedented election-season trip to the Middle East and Europe financed by his campaign.

Talking to reporters en route from Berlin to Paris, Gibbs disclosed the campaign had been planning for weeks to fly from the German capital to Ramstein so the senator could meet with wounded members of the armed forces at a military hospital in Landstuhl.

He said that the senator was to have left most staff and likely all traveling reporters behind at the airport while he went to the hospital to avoid appearances of a campaign event.

At the Pentagon, spokesman Bryan Whitman said Obama was told he could go to Landstuhl, but the visit would have to conform to Defense Department guidelines that restrict political activity on military installations. That meant campaign staff would have been barred from accompanying him, he said.

At the same time, he said, "The Pentagon certainly did not tell the senator he could not visit Landstuhl."

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McCain slams 'audacity of hopelessness'

By Tom Ramon
Associated Press writer

DENVER — Republican presidential candidate John McCain, ridiculing Barack Obama for the "audacity of hopelessness" in his polices Iraq, said Friday that the entire Middle East could have plunged into war had U.S. troops been withdrawn as his rival advocated.

Speaking to an audience of Hispanic military veterans, McCain stepped up his criticism of Obama while the Illinois senator continued his headline-grabbing tour of the Middle East and Europe. The Arizona Republican contended that Obama's policies — he opposed sending more troops to Iraq in the "surge" that McCain supported — would have led to defeat there and in Afghanistan.

"We rejected the audacity of hopelessness, and we were right," McCain said, a play on the title of Obama's book "The Audacity of Hope."

McCain laid out a near-apocalyptic chain of events he said could have resulted had Obama managed to stop the troop buildup ordered by President Bush: U.S. forces



Republican presidential candidate, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., right, walks to a news conference with the Dalai Lama Friday in Aspen, Colo.

retreating under fire, the Iraqi army collapsing, civilian casualties increasing dramatically, al-Qaida killing cooperative Sunni sheiks and finding safe havens to train fighters and launch attacks on Americans, and civil war, genocide and wider conflict.

"Above all, America would have been humiliated and weakened," he said. "Terrorists would have seen our defeat as evidence America lacked the resolve to defeat them. As Iraq descended into chaos, other countries

in the Middle East would have come to the aid of their favored factions, and the entire region might have erupted in war."

Noting that the buildup was unpopular with most Americans, McCain said, "Sen. Obama told the American people what he

thought you wanted to hear. I told you the truth."

Obama has called for a withdrawal over 16 months. McCain again criticized him for advocating "a politically expedient timetable" and for voting against funding for troops. McCain had raised eyebrows earlier this week by charging that Obama "would rather lose a war in order to win a political campaign."

With one exception, Obama has voted for every spending bill for troops at war. In 2007, Bush vetoed a bill that provided funding on condition of troop withdrawals, and Obama joined 13 other senators who opposed the measure that took its place.

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'Last Lecture' professor dies

Pausch gave speech on achieving dreams

By Ramit Pishnick-Mastri
Associated Press writer

PITTSBURGH — Randy Pausch said obstacles serve a purpose: They "give us a chance to show how badly we want something." Confronted with incurable cancer, he devised a last lecture that became an Internet sensation, a best-selling book and a celebration of a life spent achieving his dreams.

Ten months after giving the lecture, Pausch died Friday at his home in Chesapeake, Va., said Jeffrey Zaslow, the Wall Street Journal writer who co-wrote Pausch's book "The Last Lecture." Pausch was 47.

Pausch was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in September 2006. A year later he gave his popular 76-minute speech titled "Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams."

A professor of computer science, human-computer interaction and design, Pausch was recognized as a pioneer of virtual reality research and became known on campus for his flamboyance and humor. He worked as a teacher and mentor.

In April, the book "The Last Lecture" was published and leaped to the top of the nonfiction best-seller lists,



Randy Pausch, a former University of Virginia professor, gives his final lecture on time management in a packed house at Old Cabell Hall Auditorium on the Charlottesville, Va., campus in November 2007.

where it remained this week. The book deal was reported to be worth more than \$6 million.

Pausch said he dictated the book to Zaslow by cell phone, and Zaslow recalled Friday that he was "strong and funny" during their collaboration.

"It was the most fun 53 days of my life because it was like a performance," Zaslow told The Associated Press.

"It was like getting 53 extra lectures," he said.

He recalled that Pausch became emotional when they worked on the last chapter, though, because that to him was the "end of the lecture," the book, his life.

The speech last fall was part of a series Carnegie Mellon previously called "The Last Lecture," where professors were asked to think about what matters to them most and give a hypothetical final talk.

Only in Pausch's case, the

popular professor really was facing death — and he talked about what his childhood dreams had taught him about life.

"It's not about how to achieve your dreams. It's about how to lead your life," Pausch told the audience. "If you lead your life the right way, the karma will take care of itself, the dreams will come to you."

Pausch's lecture began with him standing before a screen beaming down chilling CT images of the tumors in his liver under the title "The Elephant in the Room." He said he had recently been told he had no more than six months of good health left.

"I'm in really good shape. In fact, I am in better shape than most of you," Pausch said, dropping to the floor to do push-ups.

His childhood dreams included writing an article in the World Book encyclopedia ("I guess you can tell the nerd's early"), winning

big stuffed animals at the amusement park, being Captain Kirk of "Star Trek," and playing in the NFL.

He did write for World Book, on virtual reality; talked his way into a flight on the NASA "vomit comet" plane that simulates the effect of weightlessness; and stuffed a herd of jumbo stuffed animals. He met William Shatner, who played Kirk on "Star Trek."

He recalled applying to be a Disney Imagineer, and getting back "the damn nicest go-to-hell letters I've ever gotten." But the rejection didn't discourage him and he wound up, indeed, doing design work for Disney.

"The brick walls are not there to keep us out, the brick walls are there to give us a chance to show how badly we want something," he said. "Because the brick walls are there to stop the people who don't want it badly enough. They're there to stop the OTHER people."

Police arrest suspect in Phoenix community college shooting

PHOENIX (AP) — A former student shot three people Thursday in a computer room at a Phoenix community college, injuring one of them critically, authorities said. The gunman fled but a suspect was arrested nearby. The shooting at South Mountain Community College was part of a running dispute between the suspect and one of the victims, said Sgt. Andy Hill, a spokesman for the Phoenix Police Department.

"This was not a random shooter going around the campus shooting," Hill said, noting that two of the injured people were struck by stray bullets.

The suspect was identified as Rodney Smith, who police said was a former student at the college. Details on when he attended the school were not immediately available. Smith, 22, was still being interviewed by police late Thursday, and it was not known if he had a lawyer yet.

He was arrested at a home a few miles away within a half-hour of the first 911 call about the shooting, police spokesman Teuben Gonzales said.

Also arrested at the home were Smith's parents and three other people on charges of interfering with an investigation and failure to obey a police officer after they crossed police tape and demanded to go back inside. Gonzales said. Yessenia Lara, an 18-year-

old student who witnessed the shooting, said the gunman was one of two men who had been fighting in the computer building.

"I saw someone get punched and then I heard three shots after that. Everybody basically ducked, and the shooter got away," Lara said, adding that the victims were yelling in pain.

A 19-year-old man was in critical condition at Maricopa Medical Center, while a 20-year-old woman was upgraded from critical to stable condition Thursday night and a 17-year-old boy was in stable condition, hospital officials said.

The woman was shot in the hip, while the man and boy suffered leg wounds, officials said. Their identities were not released.

College spokesman Robert Pryce said the school was in lockdown for about an hour. About 20 to 30 people were in the computer lab during the shooting and as many as 300 people were on campus, he said.

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California is first state to ban restaurants from using trans fats

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — California on Friday became the first state to ban trans fats from restaurant food, following several cities and major fast-food chains in erasing the notorious artery-clogger from menus.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed legislation that will ban restaurants and other retail food establishments from using oil, margarine and shortening containing trans fats.

In a statement, Schwarzenegger noted that consuming trans fat is linked to coronary heart disease.

"Today we are taking a strong step toward creating a healthier future for California," he said.

Violations could result in fines of \$25 to \$1,000. Food items sold in their manufacturers' sealed packaging would be exempt.

New York City, Philadelphia, Seattle, Baltimore and Montgomery County, Md., have ordinances banning trans fats, but California is the first state to adopt such a law covering restaurants, said Army Winterfeld, a health policy analyst for the National Conference of State Legislatures.

California and Oregon already had laws banning trans fats in meals served at schools, she added.

The legislation signed by Schwarzenegger will take

effect Jan. 1, 2010, for oil, shortening and margarine used in spreads or for frying. Restaurants could continue using trans fats to deep-fry french fries and in cake batter until Jan. 1, 2011.

Trans fats occur naturally in small amounts in meat and dairy products. Most trans fats are created when vegetable oil is treated with hydrogen to create baked and fried foods with a longer shelf life.

Stephen Joseph, a Tiburon attorney who was a consultant to New York City in developing its ban, said trans fat is a larger health risk than saturated fat because it reduces so-called good cholesterol.

A 2006 review of trans fat studies by the New England Journal of Medicine concluded there was a strong connection between consumption of trans fats and heart disease. Studies also have linked trans fats to diabetes, obesity, infertility in women and some types of cancer.

"Trans fats are like cigarettes, with no safe level of consumption," when it finally takes effect, "will be a tremendous benefit."

The California Restaurant Association opposed the bill. Spokesman Daniel Conway said the federal Food and

Drug Administration should than individual states rather be developing regulations on trans fat use.

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5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Recent activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls County includes the following:

City of Twin Falls DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS

Carlos A. Martinez, 25, Twin Falls; one count driving without privileges; \$90.50 fine, \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 90 days jail, 80 suspended, credit for one day served, nine days house arrest; driving privileges suspended 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol; one count driving without privileges dismissed.

John J. Rebolledo, 46, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 80 suspended, credit for one day served, nine days house arrest; driving privileges suspended 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

Matthew W. Frantz, 48, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 80 suspended, credit for one day served, nine days house arrest; driving privileges suspended 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

Lee R. Garrison, 59, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, second offense; \$1,000 fine, \$500 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 365 days jail, 275 suspended, credit for time served; driving privileges suspended 365 days; 24 months probation; no alcohol.

Jon F. Tolloth, 48, Jerome; driving under the influence; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 90 days jail, 80 suspended, credit for two days served, eight days house arrest; driving privileges suspended 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

MISDEMEANOR SENTENCINGS
Richard D. Hoffman, 21, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 88 suspended, two days work detail; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation.

Jim E. Naedler, 37, Twin Falls; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$100 fine; \$75 public defender fee.
Darrin K. Peterson, 26, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 80 suspended, credit for two days served, eight days house arrest; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation.

Sean Paul Bolivar, 37, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; costs waived; 30 days jail, credit for two days served, one day work detail; 12 months probation; no alcohol; one count possession of drug paraphernalia dismissed.

Brandon J. Olmstead, 22, Twin Falls; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; costs waived; 47 days jail, credit for time served.
Doreen L. Gell, 55, Burli; battery; amended to disturbing the peace/disorderly conduct; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 30 days jail, 30 suspended; six months probation; no contact with victim.

Kristy D. Kattelitsch, 19, Mendon; one count possession of a controlled substance; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$85.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 89 suspended, one day work detail; 12 months probation.

Charles E. Nelson, 26, Twin Falls; reckless driving; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 89 suspended, one day work detail; 12 months probation.

Steven L. House, 18, Twin Falls; carry a concealed weapon without a license; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 88 suspended, credit for one day served, one day work detail; 12 months probation.

property/vandalism, defecation, damage by graffiti; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 90 suspended, credit for one day served, 12 months probation; two hours community service; three counts property/vandalism, defecation, damage by graffiti dismissed.

Twin Falls County DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS

Kody D. Felton, 30, Jerome; felony driving under the influence, amended to misdemeanor; \$1,000 fine, \$550 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 365 days jail, 338 suspended, credit for time served; driving privileges suspended 365 days; 18 months probation; no alcohol.

Lyle M. O'Dell, 23, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 90 days jail, 88 suspended, credit for two days served, eight days house arrest; driving privileges suspended 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

Walter B. Gastelum-Plynn, 17, Burley; driving under the influence; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 80 suspended, credit for one day served, nine days house arrest; driving privileges suspended 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

MISDEMEANOR SENTENCINGS
Anthony S. Perret, 41, Twin Falls; one count attempted strangulation; amended to battery and one count battery; \$75.50 suspended; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 90 days jail, credit for time served; one count driving without privileges; 30 days jail, 30 suspended; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation.

Timothy R. Wigley, 51, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 88 suspended, credit for one day served, nine days house arrest; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation.

Jason R. Dike, 32, Jerome; one count failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$200 fine, \$200 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 90 days jail, 88 suspended, credit for one day served, one day work detail; 12 months probation; one count possession of a controlled substance; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 88 suspended, credit for one day served, one day work detail; 12 months probation; concurrent; no alcohol.

Cameron L. Woolcott, 35, Twin Falls; one count injury to a child; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 120 days jail, 118 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation; no alcohol; \$30 court compliance costs; one count battery dismissed.

Scott A. Olson, 35, Burli; domestic battery; amended to malicious injury to property; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 90 days jail, 88 suspended, credit for time served; one day work detail; 12 months probation; no alcohol; no contact with victim.

Dina M. Dean, 45, Fler; reckless driving; \$500 fine, \$75.50 costs; \$5,858.22 proposed restitution.
Catherine S. 24, Twin Falls; provide false information to an officer; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 90 days jail, 88 suspended, credit for time served; one day work detail; 12 months probation.

Ashley K. Thomson, 20, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; \$1,000 fine, \$700 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 180 days jail, 175 suspended, driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation.
Karl K. Herbst, 51, Twin Falls; one count driving without privileges; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 84 suspended, credit for four days served, two days work detail; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation; one count open container; 40 days jail, credit for time served.

MISDEMEANOR DISMISSALS
Richard S. Stromberg, 39, Burli; injury to a child, battery; dismissed by prosecutor.

FELONY SENTENCINGS

Anthony S. Perret, 47, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver; eight years penitentiary; four years determinate; four years indeterminate; \$1,000 fine, \$1,000 suspended; \$97.50 costs; \$500 public defender fee; \$880.88 restitution.

Mindy L. Roberts, 23, Burli; issuing a check without funds; three years penitentiary; three years determinate; suspended; two years probation; \$150 suspended; \$97.50 costs; \$100 public defender fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; 75 hours community service; \$187.77 restitution.

Jeremy L. Gumm, 18, Twin Falls; grand theft; five years penitentiary; two years determinate; three years indeterminate; suspended; three years probation; \$1,000 fine, \$1,000 suspended; \$97.50 costs; \$100 public defender fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; 100 hours community service; apologize to victim; shall not have access to a credit access to an employer; \$10,826.55 restitution.

FELONY DISMISSALS
Robert J. Rackham, 24, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; dismissed by prosecutor.

Miss Magic Valley crowned tonight

The 57th annual Miss Magic Valley Scholarship Program will be held at 7 p.m. at the Roper Auditorium at Twin Falls High School.

This year's Miss Magic Valley hopefuls are Clerrisa Adams, Tori Crumrine, Elizabeth Dodds, Deirdre Edmunds, Samantha Howard, Megan Parrish, Rosalinda Ramirez, Jessica Starley and Jamie Thomas.

Lotus foundation hosts Vietnam presentation

The Lotus Humanitarian Aid Foundation announced that Lotus vice president Dick Hunter will present an illustrated overview of Lotus programs, accomplishments and projects underway in Vietnam at 4 p.m. Sunday at the American Legion Hall, 220 Cottonwood St., in Ketchum.

TFHS class of 1983 holds reunion

The Twin Falls High School Class of 1983 will hold its 25th class reunion Aug. 1-2. Friday, Aug. 1, will include golfing at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course and a meet-and-greet at 7 p.m. at the course's club house with participants paying their own costs.

HONORING ROTARY PRESIDENT



Barley Rotary president Norm Rayburn presents a plaque to Larry Melholland in appreciation for his service as past president. Rotary International is the world's first service club organization. Its more than 1.2 million members volunteer their time and talent to further the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self."

Twin Falls woman celebrates 95th birthday

Dorothy Nenzel of Twin Falls celebrated her 95th birthday recently at a family gathering at her home. In attendance were one granddaughter, two grandchildren and spouses, three children and spouses, one niece and one stepdaughter.

Nenzel was born July 16, 1913, in Gimlet, Idaho. She drove the Alcan Highway in 1963 with a bird, dog and TV to move to Anchorage, Alaska. In 1973, while residing in Alaska, she earned her float plane license at the age of 60.

She managed and owned the Magic Lake Resort (West Side) from 1973 to 1982. She took up golf at the age of 70 and plays bridge at the senior center every Monday and various other places during the week. She has resided in Twin Falls since 1982.

Children include Kenneth Poulson (deceased), Dorothy Johnson Fetzer (widow) of Idaho, Charles (Carol) Poulson of Oregon and Wanda (Bob) Pace of Idaho. She has nine grandchildren (two deceased), 17 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

NEW CSI FOUNDATION PRESIDENT



Charlie Creason (left) immediate past president of the College of Southern Idaho Foundation, passed the gavel and welcomed new foundation president, Tom Askenbrenner (right) at a recent meeting held for board members. Anyone wanting more information on the CSI Foundation: 208-732-6249.

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

JULY 24 ARRAIGNMENTS
Jessie Joe Hood, 28, Twin Falls; domestic battery; pretrial Aug. 12; public defender appointed; released on own recognizance.
Shalimar Black Thompson, 29, Twin Falls; private counsel obtained; pretrial Aug. 12; released on own recognizance.
Charles Andrew Beer, 18, Fler; grand theft, two counts of felony; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing Aug. 1; summons, no bond indicated.

Advertisement for Century Stadium 5 & Burley Theatre in Burley. Features listings for Dark Knight, The X-Files, Mamma Mia, Hancock, Journey to the Center of the Earth, and Prince Caspian.

Qantas jet lands with gaping hole in fuselage

By Paul Alexander
Associated Press writer

MANILA, Philippines — The 346 passengers were craning at 29,000 feet Friday when an explosive bang shook the Qantas jumbo jet. The plane descended rapidly. Oxygen masks dropped from the ceiling as debris flew through the cabin from a hole that had suddenly appeared in the floor.

It wasn't until they were safely on the ground after an emergency landing that they realized how lucky they had been: A hole the size of a small car had been ripped into the Boeing 747-400's metal skin and penetrated the fuselage.

The eerie scene aboard Flight QF 30, captured on a passenger's cell phone videocamera, showed a tense pilot punctuated only by the cries as passengers sat with oxygen masks on their faces. The jerky footage showed a woman holding tightly to the seat in front of her as rapidly approaching land appeared through a window. Loud applause and relieved laughter went up as the plane touched down.

There were no injuries and only a few cases of nausea,

airline officials said. An official of the U.S. Transportation Security Administration said initial reports indicated no link to terrorism.

Investigators appeared to be focusing on a structural problem.

"From the pictures that we've seen out of Manila during the course of the day, it would seem that one of the panels to the outer skin of the aircraft has literally come away from the rest of the fuselage," Chris Yates, an aviation expert at Inland Aviation, told The Associated Press.

"As a consequence of this, the aircraft experienced rapid decompression," he said.

While it is not uncommon for metal panels to be lost from aircraft in flight, he said: "It's relatively rare that when a bit falls off the airplane it causes the sort of instance that we saw in relation to Qantas. In other words that it causes the aircraft cabin to depressurize."

Yates said investigators will examine closely the fracture points that showed up on the skin of the aircraft to determine whether metal fatigue or manufacturing defect caused the panel to peel away.

The passengers, on a flight



Pilot Capt. John Francis Bartels looks at a hole near the right wing of his Qantas Airways Boeing 747-400 after it made an emergency landing Friday in Manila, Philippines.

from London to Melbourne, had just been served a meal after a stopover in Hong Kong when they described hearing a loud bang, then their ears popping as air rushed out the hole. The pilots put the plane into a quick descent to 10,000 feet, where the atmosphere is still thin but breathable.

The Manila airport authority, quoting pilot John Francis Bartels, said the plane suffered an "explosive decompression."

"One hour into the flight there was a big bang, then the plane started going down," passenger Marina Scaffidi, 39, from Melbourne, told The Associated Press by phone from the airport. "There was wind swirling around the plane and some condensation."

She said a hole extended from the cargo hold into the passenger cabin.

Informed passengers they were diverting to Manila. TV screens on the backs of seats allowed them to track their route to the Philippine capital.

"No one was very hysterical," she said.

June Kane of Melbourne agreed, telling Australian radio: "It was absolutely terrifying, but I have to say every one was very calm."

Amazingly calm, in fact. Video footage showed people looking almost as if nothing was wrong as they glanced from side to side, their nearly untouched meals still in front of them. The cabin crew continued to work, smiling as they walked down the aisles to reassure nervous passengers.

After the plane touched down safely amid applause, one of the pilots could be heard saying over the intercom: "Fire vehicles and emergency vehicles are going to take a look at us."

What they found was a stunning sight. A 9-foot-wide hole gaped at the joint where the front of the right wing attaches to the plane. Luggage from the cargo hold strained against the webbing used to keep it from shifting during a flight.

Israeli newspaper's decision to publish Obama prayer sealed

By Richard Brodwin
Los Angeles Times

JERUSALEM — Barack Obama's visit to the Western Wall was a public event, the handwritten prayer the presidential candidate left there was meant to be private.

But as soon as he doffed the requisite skullcap and left, a snoop pulled a folded piece of paper from a crevice in the ancient wall and offered it to the mass-circulation Maariv. The newspaper's decision to publish it Friday, under the headline "Obama's prayer provoked a storm of criticism in Israel over an intrusion into his relationship with God."

"Lord — Protect my family and me, the unsigned note said. "Forgive me my sins and help me guard against pride and despair. Give me the wisdom to do what is right and just. And make me an instrument of your will."

Obama spokeswoman Jen Psaki, traveling with the candidate in London, declined to confirm or deny the note was the senator's. The Associated Press reported, however, that the handwriting in the photograph published by Maariv appeared to match Obama's inscription Wednesday in the Holy Sepulchre at the Western Wall, Israel's holiest site.

The note was written on stationery of the King David Hotel, where Obama stayed

during his visit this week.

Rabbinowitz, the rabbi who manages Judaism's holiest site, was furious.

"The notes placed between the stones of the Western Wall are between a person and his maker," he told Army Radio. "It is forbidden to read them or make any use of them."

The publication, he added, "damages the Western Wall and damages the deep, personal part of every one of us that we keep to ourselves."

More than 100 readers linked back to Maariv's Web site, most of them to lecture the newspaper about ethics. Some noted that millennium-old Jewish religious law specifically forbids spying on private matters.

One reader wondered how much money the letter would fetch on eBay.

"Chutzpah!" exclaimed a Maariv reader who identified herself as Hani.

"Shame on you," wrote Hezi Leder. "This is the lowest you have sunk so far."

Maariv's brief report said the prayer was produced by a student at an Orthodox Jewish seminary. It did not identify him or say whether he had been paid.

The newspaper's chief rival, Yedioth Aharnot, claimed that it too had been offered the note and had declined to publish it out of respect for Obama's privacy.

Military says U.S. troops killed Iraqi editor's son

By Kim Gabel
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — The U.S. military said Friday that bullets fired by American soldiers killed the 14-year-old son of the chief editor of a U.S.-sponsored newspaper during a gunbattle this week in the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk.

The military said Arkan Ali Tahiri was hit when soldiers came under heavy gunfire from a passing taxi and shot back. The boy was riding in the cab and the driver was later taken into custody, the statement said.

The father said his son was

not involved with extremist groups and didn't know how to use weapons. He said the boy had hired the cab to bring a set of keys to the newspaper.

American and Iraqi security forces have been cracking down on insurgents in the northern cities of Kirkuk and Mosul and in the restive Diyala province north of Baghdad, where violence has been slower to decline than elsewhere in Iraq.

According to the U.S. statement, American troops were trying to recover a disabled vehicle in Kirkuk on Wednesday when multiple shots were fired at them

from the taxi. One soldier was wounded, it said.

"The soldiers returned fire, killing a young Iraqi man in the taxi," the military said, adding that Iraqi police later detained the driver.

The boy's father, Ali Tahiri, who is chief editor of the U.S.-sponsored Voices of Villages newspaper, said he had asked his son to bring the keys to his office.

He insisted his son was not armed and said he didn't believe the taxi driver was either.

"My son was only 14 years old," he told The Associated Press. "He is neither a terrorist, nor a gun carrier. He did-

n't even know how to use a pistol. The only thing he knew how to use was the computer."

Tensions have been rising in Kirkuk as minority Kurds step up efforts to incorporate the diverse city into their semi-autonomous territory in northern Iraq despite objections from Arab and Turkmen factions.

In violence Friday, a bomb left in a plastic bag exploded on a minibus in the Shiite holy city of Karbala, wounding nine people, including a woman, police said, missing security concerns as authorities prepare for a Shiite pilgrimage next month.

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Bull's Marco Arvel slides safely back to first base during the Tribe's Class A district tournament game against Burley Friday in Twin Falls. The Tribe won 8-7 to reach today's championship contest.

Buhl blasts way to state

Tribe edges Burley to reach Class A district title game

By John Derr
Staff writer

The stakes were huge. The winner was bound for state, while the loser would have to win a pair of games Saturday to advance.

The game lived up to the stakes. With the same firepower it displayed on Thursday and the ability to rally late, the Bull Tribe defeated Burley 8-7 in the semifinals of the Class A Area C American Legion Baseball tournament Friday.

Buhl will face Bear Lake in the title game at 3:30 p.m., today at Bill Ingram Field in Twin Falls.

The Bobcats' trek begins at Kimberly High School with a 10

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a.m. game against Upper Valley. A victory there, puts Burley in the 1 p.m., third-place game in Twin Falls.

The teams put on a good show for the fans, combining for four home runs — three by Buhl — and 22 hits.

Matt Hamilton had the big bat for the Tribe. The incoming sophomore smashed a pair of home runs and came up with the game-winning hit, a two-run double in the bottom of the seventh.

"I just had a good swing today and the ball was carrying," said Hamilton, who went 3-for-5 with

four RBIs and two runs scored. Buhl had the early lead as Brad Twiss sent one over the fence in left after J.D. Leckenby laced a triple to tie the game.

Burley battled back to take the lead in the fifth. Kane Redder singled while Alfonso Sanchez reached on a walk. Marcus Hoskins, the clean-up hitter, brought both home with a shot to left center for a 5-2 lead.

But the Tribe continued to chip away despite committing four fielding errors and a couple mental miscues. Buhl also faced a series of pitching changes as three Bobcats took the mound in the final three innings.

Hamilton hit his first solo shot in

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Twin Falls Cowboys designated hitter Brodie Hall, right, attempts to cut run the throw of Minico first baseman Cody Winmill (2) as Casey Christensen (23) awaits the throws during the their game with Minico Friday night at Skip Walker Field.



Cowboys reach AA final

Three-run eighth lifts Twin Falls past Minico

By David Bashore
Staff writer

The regular season doesn't matter anymore. The only thing that does is how you perform this weekend.

Twin Falls designated hitter Brodie Hall served as that adage's proof Friday night, delivering a clutch bases-loaded single between a pair of hit batters as part of a three-run eighth inning that lifted the Cowboys to a 6-3 win over Minico in the American Legion Baseball Class AA Area C semifinals at Skip Walker Field.

With runners on second and third and the game tied, Zeb Sneed was intentionally walked to load

the bases and bring Conner Watkins to the plate. Watkins was grazed on the elbow by a pitch to score one run, then Hall lashed a ball just inside the right-field line to give the Cowboys a precious two-run advantage. It was a big hit at a big time for Hall, who has struggled at the plate for a significant chunk of the American Legion Baseball season.

"I was just happy that we got the lead, because I knew if we did that then our pitching would take us the rest of the way," Hall said. "I think (the slump) was a reality check for me. In baseball you're going to have slumps and you'll just have to roll with the punches."

Twin Falls head coach Tim

Stadelmeir paid tribute to the eighth-inning efforts of Watkins, Hall and center fielder Braden Box — the second hit batsmen of the inning.

"In that position, it's any way that we can get on ... it's about what we can do to help the team win. Conner was unselfish and took one, and I'm proud of him for that," Stadelmeir said. "Brodie's been struggling a little bit, but we've had confidence that he'll turn it around. He's been working hard at it and he came through big for us tonight."

Second baseman Michael Williams scored the first two runs of the game for Twin Falls, after lashing a pair of doubles. Even his outs were hit hard, as along with a strikeout he hit a rocket into center field that was caught, and

smashed a ball right to third base for a fielder's choice.

Minico coach Ben Frank was pleased with his team's effort and intensely, particularly after having to play a quarterfinal game earlier in the day. He conceded that the Spartans were simply beaten by a better team on the night.

"You can't control the result, but you can control the process," Frank said. "As far as process goes, the kids did everything we asked of them. They battled, and we didn't coast the entire game. Twin just beat us, we didn't beat ourselves."

With the win Twin Falls advances to today's 7 p.m., championship game against Pocatello. Because the Rebels qualify for the Class AA state tournament as

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Favre must file letter to show for Pack camp

By Chris Jenkins
Associated Press writer

MILWAUKEE — If Brett Favre plans to show for the Green Bay Packers' training camp, he'll need permission from the NFL. And as of Friday evening, he had not petitioned the league for reinstatement.

NFL spokesman Randall Liu said the league did not receive a letter from Favre on Friday. The step is considered a formality, but an important one: Favre can't return until commissioner Roger Goodell receives and approves the request.

The NFL Network reported earlier Friday that Favre told Packers general manager Ted Thompson he plans to report to training camp and could file his reinstatement letter as early as Friday, a move perhaps designed to force the team to quickly trade the three-time MVP.

Speculation on a potential new home for Favre has centered on Tampa Bay, but the New York Jets also emerged as a potential trade partner for the Packers. Jets quarterback Chad Pennington said Friday that general manager Mike Tannenbaum told him the team has talked to the Packers about Favre.

It didn't sound like Tannenbaum assured Pennington that the Jets aren't interested.

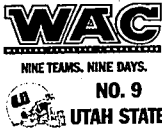
"Bottom line, an organization has to take a look at every player available in this league. Period," Pennington said. "A general manager and a head coach is going to do everything they can do to make their team as good as they can make it. That's their job."

Tannenbaum would not confirm conversations with the Packers.

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Utah State fields a full squad for first time under Guy

By Dustin Lzapay
Correspondent



2007 record: 2-10 (2-6 WAC)
Bowling record (all times): 1-4
Returning starters: 25 (5 Offensive, 9 defensive, kicker)
Non-conference games: UNLV, Oregon, Utah, Brigham Young
Head coach: Brent Guy (6-29, 5-19 WAC)
Joined WAC: July 1, 2005
Founded: 1888

"We had to sign high school players and when you sign them you have to play

them," Guy said. "It would have been easy to go sign seven or eight JC guys. But we had to sign high school guys or we would have never made it. We were able to move more guys around this year and arrange our football team."

He said he moved a skinny tackle to tight end, a linebacker to safety, a safety to corner, a defensive lineman to linebacker and even a linebacker to tailback this spring.

Guy's teams have consistently ranked among the most freshmen played in the nation the last three years, but that number has tapered each year.

Senior Derek Hokea is one of the players Guy first signed. He has been a starter since he joined the team. In-

WAC previews

This is the first in a series of nine team previews on Western Athletic Conference football squads. The previews will run from worst to first, as projected the WAC media.

Tuesday: Utah State
Wednesday: Idaho
Monday: New Mexico State
Tuesday: San Jose State
Wednesday: Louisiana Tech
Thursday: Hawaii
Friday: Nevada
Saturday, Aug. 2: Fresno State
Sunday, Aug. 3: Boise State

The 6-foot-9, 315-pound tackle is in graduate school, studying family and human development. He is stocked about his team's full roster.

"It feels good, finally having some depth, having some

other people who can step up if someone gets injured, and also push the person in front of them to get better, and get better themselves trying to fight for the job," Hoke said.

Hoke admitted that he is not a vocal leader, but leads by example. He said the last three years have been hard, sometimes playing without a backup.

"It's definitely stressful, and frustrating," Hoke said. "It was a really trying time. I think we went through a lot of things that are unique to our team. We're just trying to find some normalcy and to get into a position where we feel comfortable and confident. It was a really tough time, but it motivated a lot of the people who stayed and fought through it, who are a lot stronger and became

leaders of our team."

Jake Hutton, the senior linebacker with 102 tackles last season, agrees.

"If it gives you more of a chance to play your own game and not worry about what everyone else is doing, because you know they have your back," said the muscular Hutton.

Along with the numbers, the quality has improved as well. And while it hasn't shown in the win-loss column, a team is being built here.

"There used to be years when I wouldn't have a conversation with the guy I am playing with," Hutton said.

"Now I am really good friends with everyone that I am playing with and it really changes

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SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE All-Time Record

AMERICAN LEAGUE Today's Results

NATIONAL LEAGUE Today's Results

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GAME PLAN

LOCAL AMERICAN LEAGUE BASEBALL ... ANA H S 6 A M ... TUESDAY ...

TV SCHEDULE ... ESPN2 - NASCAR, Sprint Cup, pole qualifying for Allstate 400, at Indianapolis ...

ESP2 - NASCAR, Nationwide Series, final practice for Kroger 300, at Indianapolis ...

ESP2 - NHRA, qualifying for From AutoLife National ...

ESP2 - ATP Rogers Cup, semifinal (same-day type) ...

ESP2 - N.Y. Yankees at Boston ...

ESP2 - WTA Tour, East West Bank Classic, semifinal ...

ESP2 - PGA Tour, Canadian Open, third round ...

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TENNIS

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Pitcher charged with assault after minor league brawl in Ohio

DAYTON, Ohio — A minor league pitcher accused of throwing a ball that hit a fan during a bench-clearing brawl was charged with felonious assault.

Peoria Chiefs pitcher Julio Castillo was arrested Thursday following the fight with the Single-A Dayton Dragons, authorities said Friday. Umpires ejected 15 players and the team's managers following the 10-minute brawl.

Video from the game shows Castillo angrily throwing a ball, but doesn't show where the ball landed.

The fan, who remains unidentified, was treated at Miami Valley Hospital and released with a hospital spokeswoman Nancy Thickett. She didn't know the extent of the fan's injuries.

Things got heated on Wednesday, when three Peoria batters were hit in a game between the Dragons (affiliated with the Cincinnati Reds) and the Chiefs (affiliated with the Chicago Cubs).

Nady and Marte were covered by several teams, and New York paraded with top outfield prospect Jose Tabata and three other minor league executives met at the club's facility in Tampa, Fla.

Nady is batting .330 with 13 home runs and 57 RBIs in 86 games. Marte is 1-4 with a 3-47 ERA and 47 strikeouts in 46-2-3 innings.

BASEBALL Wade sharp as U.S. routs Canada

LAS VEGAS — With LeBron James out, Dwyane Wade proved he is definitely back. Wade stepped into the starting lineup and scored 20 points in his first action in more than four months, and the United States beat Canada 120-65 on Friday night in the opener of its exhibition schedule.

James, the NBA's leading scorer, missed the game because of a mildly sprained right ankle, but the Americans have plenty of offense without him. Carmelo Anthony and Michael Redd also finished with 20 points, and Kobe Bryant added 15.

Sports Shorts

Municipal Golf Course. Shot, which was witnessed by Matt Jordan, Scott Harley and David Nguyen, was made with a 7-iron.

Twin Falls — Twin Falls High School's Bruin Volleyball Camp will be held from 8 a.m. to noon on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Los Angeles — Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant will be held at 7 p.m. All officials and coaches must attend one of the meetings.

Jerome Fair holds Demolition Derby. JEROME — The Jerome County Fair's Demolition Derby will be held at 2:30 p.m. Friday.

Filer holds soccer, football sign-ups. FILER — Filer Community Recreation District will hold registration for coed soccer and flag football from 10 a.m. to noon, today and Saturday.

FOOTBALL

Arava Football Playoffs. All Games ... Arava Football Playoffs ...

PGA Tour Playoffs. All Games ... PGA Tour Playoffs ...

WTA Tour. All Games ... WTA Tour ...

ATP ROLAND GARROS. All Games ... ATP ROLAND GARROS ...

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Yankees get Nady, Marte from Pirates

BOSTON — The New York Yankees acquired outfielder Xavier Nady and infielder Dwanne Wade from the Pittsburgh Pirates on Friday night, bolstering their offense and bullpen ahead of next week's trade deadline.

MAGIC VALLEY Area golfers sink holes-in-one

TWIN FALLS — Shawn Barrow made a hole-in-one on the 166-yard No. 6 hole at Twin Falls

Football rules clinics planned

WIDE CREEK — A mandatory state volleyball clinic for all officials and coaches will be held July 31 at Burley Junior High School.

JRD Fun Run set for this morning

JEROME — The Jerome Recreation District Fun Run will be today. The run starts at 8 a.m. at the JRD, and late registration will begin at 7:30 a.m.

Stocks end higher following economic readings

(AP) Wall Street ended a volatile week with a moderate gain Friday after better-than-expected economic data placated a market pummeled a day earlier by concerns about housing and the financial sector.

Dow Jones Industrial	11,370.69	Nasdaq composite	2,310.53	Standard & Poor's 500	1,257.76	Russell 2000	710.34
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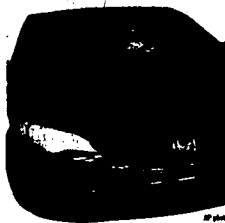
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Honda reports record first quarter profit



In this June 16 file photo, Honda Motor Co. President Takeo Fukui steers a Honda Civic. Clarity with Canadian actress Laura Harris in the co-drivers' seat during the ceremony marking the start of the first cell-vehicle's commercial production at a Honda plant in Takanaawa.

By Yuri Nagayama
Associated Press
writer

TOKYO — Honda Motor Co. reported record profit for a fiscal first quarter Friday as sales growth in new markets offset the damage from a stronger yen and soaring material costs. The results came a day after U.S. automaker Ford Motor Co. reported its worst quarterly loss ever. Honda, Japan's No. 2

automaker, earned a better-than-expected 179.6 billion yen (\$1.68 billion) in the April-June quarter, up 8.1 percent from the same period the previous year. Analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial had forecast 131.3 billion yen (\$1.2 billion) in quarterly profit. Sales for the quarter dipped 2.2 percent from a year ago to 2,967 trillion yen (\$26.70 billion), largely because the rising yen eroded the value of overseas earnings. If the yen's value had held at levels of a

year ago, sales would have jumped about 7 percent, Honda said. Riding on its reputation for making cars with good mileage, the Tokyo-based manufacturer of the Civic and Accord compacts has racked up solid results despite worries among the world's automakers about a U.S. slowdown and rising steel prices. Honda sold more vehicles worldwide than in any other fiscal first quarter at 962,000 vehicles, up 1.7 percent on year. Cost-cutting, the

decrease of auto discounts in North America and a lift from an equity-related income from Chinese affiliates added to a strong performance, according to Honda. Demand for Honda products is booming in Asia, Brazil and other new markets, making up for declines in vehicle sales in the U.S., Europe and Japan, it said. Honda was the only automaker to record better U.S. sales in June compared with a year ago, while others saw sales

plummet in the worst June for the industry in 17 years. Still, Honda lowered its vehicle sales forecast for the fiscal year through March 2009 to 4.08 million vehicles, less optimistic than its earlier prediction for 4.14 million vehicles. The lowered forecast marks a 3.9 percent jump from the previous year. The forecast downgrade is largely because of faltering auto sales in North America, where Honda, like other automakers, is Please see HONDA, Page C6

Commodities pull back Ag commodities mixed on weather concerns

By Stenerson Jacobs
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Copper prices tumbled to a five-week low Thursday on expectations that falling demand from China and a slowdown in the U.S. housing market will lead to a surplus of the metal.

Other commodities traded mixed, with crude oil rebounding slightly and gold, silver and soybeans falling. Corn and wheat futures rose. China, the world's biggest buyer of copper, has been importing less of the metal since the completion of most major construction projects heading into the Beijing summer Olympics. Copper imports in June fell 20 percent compared to May, China's custom's agency said this month. As a result, stockpiles of the metal have swelled in Shanghai and London, helping drive down prices.

"The lackluster Chinese demand has really been the 600-pound gorilla on the market's back of late," said Rob Kurzatowski futures analyst with OptionsXpress

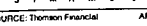
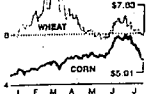
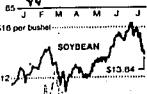
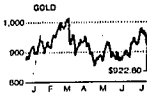
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Commodities slip

In the last week, there have been steep drops in the prices of energy, grains and precious metals.

Selected futures prices

\$1,100 per ounce



SOURCE: Thomson Financial AP

DESTINATION RETAILERS FEEL GAS PRICE PINCH

Good news for local retailers

By Ashley M. Heber
Associated Press writer

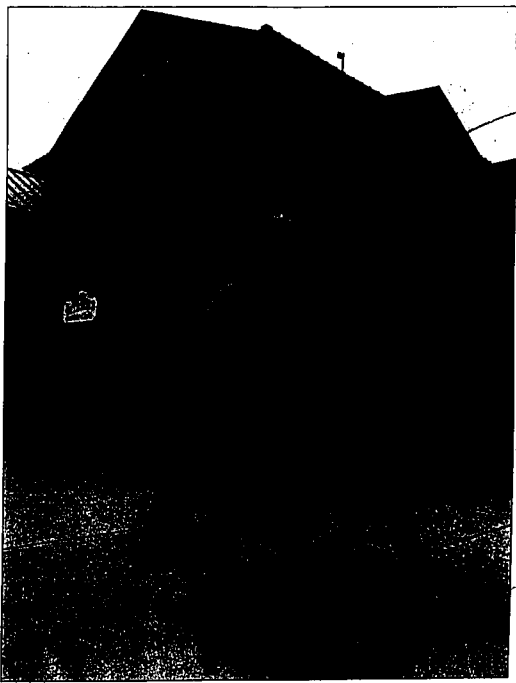
Consumer spending is down and gas prices are up. That's bad math for the scores of destination retailers across the country that want customers to fill up the tank for a gas-guzzling day of retail therapy.

So to cajole shoppers into stores, some of the nation's chains are changing marketing strategies, launching in-store classes and drumming up other special events aimed at getting road-tripping shoppers to pump up sales.

Customers at Bass Pro Shops drive an average of 100 miles to reach the company's 50 locations and many are known to drive up to 300 miles each way to spend time at the massive outdoor supercenters.

But with the average price of a gallon of regular gas above \$4, getting even the most devoted customer to make the trip is becoming increasingly difficult. That's why the Springfield, Mo.-based chain is launching a slate of events this weekend, offering outdoor skills workshops, s'mores-making, scavenger hunts and foam shooting competitions for shoppers.

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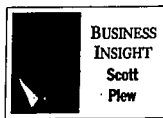


John and Margot Wallace of San Diego shop at Cabela's, located alongside Interstate 80 east, of Omaha, Neb. Consumer spending is down and gas prices are up. That's bad math for the scores of destination retailers across the country that want customers to fill up the tank for a gas-guzzling day of retail therapy.

Depreciation changes could change your bottom dollar

One of the most basic principles in accounting is to match income to expenses. It helps to develop an accurate picture of your business's profitability and to deduct an expense in the same year as the income it produces. That's why investments in equipment or other business assets that generate

income for many years are generally depreciated gradually over their useful lives. To encourage business investment, however, the tax code provides opportunities for companies to deduct the cost of the depreciable assets more quickly or even "expense" them, and that could provide substantial tax savings.



The following are tips for making the most of these

opportunities in 2008:

Section 179

You've probably heard about Section 179 in conversation perhaps but don't quite know what it means to you. Most business equipment and other depreciable personal property are eligible for the expensing elec-

tion under Internal Revenue Code Section 179. This provision allows you to deduct immediately the entire cost of up to \$250,000 (\$128,000 in 2007) in qualifying assets placed in service in calendar year 2008 or your business's fiscal year that begins in 2008.

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STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Con Agra	21.62	▼ .26	Dell Inc.	23.47	▲ .05	Idacorp	29.78	▲ .10
Lithia Mo.	4.09	▲ .08	Micron	4.97	▲ .06	Supervalu	25.17	▲ .61

Monday in business

WASHINGTON — Treasury bill auction.

NORTHFIELD, Ill. — Kraft Foods Inc. releases second-quarter financial results.

SPRINGDALE, Ark. — Tyson Foods Inc. releases third-quarter financial results.

COMMODITIES

For more see page C6

Live cattle	97.82	▼ .73	Sept. oil	123.26	▼ 2.23
July gold	926.60	▼ 4.6	July silver	17.32	▼ .08

MUTUAL FUNDS

Table of mutual fund performance including columns for Name, Last Chg, %Chg, and various fund names like American Funds, Fidelity, and Vanguard.

COMMODITIES REPORT

Table of commodity prices including sections for CLOSING FUTURES, BEANS, and GRAINS, listing various agricultural and industrial goods.

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NYSE

Table of NYSE stock market activity including Most Active, Gainers, and Losers.

MARKET SUMMARY

Table of market summary including INDEXES, STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST, and DIARY.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Market Report explanation text: Market: Stocks are listed alphabetically by the company's full name... Fund Name: Name of mutual fund and family...

Retail

Continued from page C5. Bass Pro Shops spokesman Larry Whiteley says foot traffic in stores is falling, but the company hopes this week-end's events give customers more than just one reason to make the drive.

Pull

Continued from page C5. In Chicago, "Most buildings for the Olympics have been finished for some time, and the continuing slowdown in the U.S. housing market is starting to spill over to Europe, according to the bearish sentiment."

Honda

Continued from page C5. adjusting production away from trucks to smaller fuel-efficient cars. This is more attractive to buyers as gas prices go up.

Insight

Continued from page C5. The amount you can expense in phased out on a dollar for dollar basis, however, when you spend more than \$800,000 in qualifying property during the year. (This amount is up from \$510,000 in 2007).

Stocks of Local Interest

Continued from page C5. Copper prices have fallen 13 percent from their May high, beaten down by the bearish sentiment. Copper for September delivery fell 8.05 cents to settle at \$3.577 a pound on the New York Mercantile Exchange, after earlier dipping to \$3.555 a pound, the lowest since June 13.

How to Read the Market Report

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Bonus Depreciation

Along with the increased Sec. 179

Learn to Appreciate Depreciation

There are situations where it might be better to forgo Sec. 179 election or to defer depreciation deductions. For example, if you expect to be in a much higher tax bracket in future years, pushing more of your depreciation deductions into those years can provide you a greater tax benefit.

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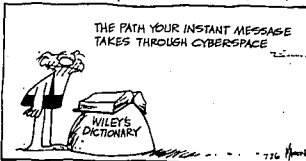
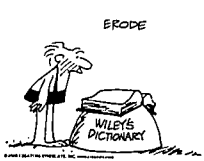
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Baby Blues

By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker

Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake

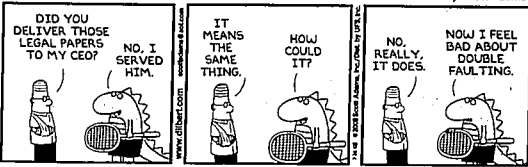


Dilbert

By Scott Adams

The Elderberries

By Phil Frank and Joe Treise



For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston

Frank and Ernest

By Bob Thaves



Garfield

By Jim Davis

Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



Hi and Lois

By Chance Browne

Luann

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Classic Peanuts

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Pickles

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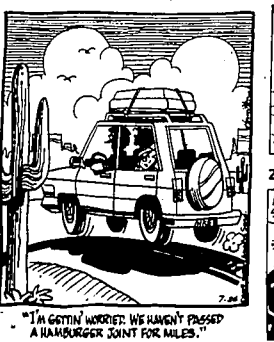
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Dennis the Menace

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The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



Zits

By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Very hot despite any breeze we can muster. Highs middle 90s.
Tonight: Mostly clear and mild. Lows low 60s.
Tomorrow: The sun shines on. Highs low 90s.

BURLEY/REPERT FORECAST

Today: Sunny and very warm to hot. Highs near 90.
Tonight: Mostly clear and pleasant. Lows upper 50s.
Tomorrow: More bright sunshine and getting breezy. Lows Highs upper 60s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Conditions will remain excellent for all types of outdoor activities this weekend. It's not going to be as hot and we may even see a few high terrain showers.

BOISE Although we can anticipate some minor cooling this weekend, it's still going to be a warm one with no rain likely.

NORTHERN UTAH Beyond a very small threat of late day thunderstorms brewing this weekend conditions will be hot and dry.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 89 at Owyhee, 53 at Starley.
Weather Service forecasts are based on the best available information. No warranty is made, especially for use in agriculture, aviation, or other critical applications.

REGGIE McLEANS QUOTE OF THE DAY
'If it is a business, you're not in it to make money. It's to help people. It's to help people and not to make money.'
- Reggie McLean, author of 'The Way of Zen'

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Weather almanac including Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, and Pollen Count.

REGIONAL FORECAST

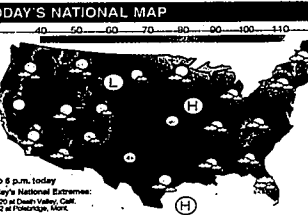
Table showing regional weather forecasts for various Idaho cities like Boise, Burley, and Pocatello.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table showing national weather forecasts for major US cities like New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago.

WORLD FORECAST

Table showing world weather forecasts for major international cities.



CANADIAN FORECAST

Table showing Canadian weather forecasts for major cities like Toronto and Vancouver.

Decorum in doctor's office seems to be in short supply

DEAR ABBY: I work in a medical office and would like your help in asking patients when entering the clinic to please respect the privacy of the people ahead of them and not peer over their shoulders when they sign in. It is not only rude, but also a violation of HIPAA's privacy laws.

DEAR ABBY: I don't think the little boy, who is my member's grandnephew. He was only 2 when she died. Edie wears her mother's clothes and still hasn't cleaned out her room's home. Edie's dad is scared to fear of upsetting her.

DEAR SICK IN THE DR.'S OFFICE: Another problem - and forgive me, because this is gross - is that when we tell a patient the amount of the copay, she will reach into her bra and pull out WET cash and expect us to take it from her! It literally makes me sick, and I'd rather not touch it, but at the same time, customer service is No. 1 in our field and with me, too, so I take it and then spend the rest of the day wanting to vomit.

DEAR STANDING BY: While grieving is an individual process, it appears that your friend has become stuck. It would be a kindness to tell her that you know she is hurting, and to suggest that she consult a grief counselor or psychotherapist to help lessen her obvious pain.

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DEAR ABBY: I want to visit my son, whom I have not seen or heard from in three years. Even though I have phoned and have written to him, I have gotten no reply. He was angry at me the last time we spoke. Should I make a surprise visit when I'm in his city?

New Mexico covers chart unique 'snowy' river of crystals

By Susan Montoya Bryan Associated Press Writer

FORT STANTON CAVE, N.M. — Hundreds of feet beneath Earth's surface, a few seasoned cave explorers venture where no human has set foot. Their headlamps illuminate mud-covered walls, gypsum crystals and mineral deposits.



Caver John McLean talks about the many questions scientists have about the Snowy River formation while on an expedition to Fort Stanton Cave, N.M., July 3. New Mexico's two U.S. senators have proposed legislation to designate the cave and Snowy River a national conservation area.

The massive formation that resembles a white river spans the cave's floor. A closer examination reveals that the odd formation is an intricate crust of tiny calcite crystals. The explorers have reached Snowy River — thought to be the longest continuous cave formation in the world.

The few who have walked on the formation say they've seen nothing else like it. Early explorers point to its uniqueness, saying that some three dozen species of microbes previously unknown to science have been uncovered. New Mexico's two U.S. senators are pushing for Congress to designate Fort Stanton Cave and Snowy River as a national conservation area.

right even without Snowy River. With Snowy River, it puts it in the class of world-class caves," said John McLean, a retired hydrologist and member of the cave study group. "It's a beautiful anomaly," added Penny Boston, a New Mexico Tech professor and associate director of the National Cave and Karst Research Institute. Boston says extreme environments such as Snowy River provide scientists an opportunity to explore life on the fringes. "The idea is that we're practicing to go to Mars, we're practicing to go to Europa (a moon of Jupiter) and all of these other places," she said. "It's very difficult to even prove some of the things we've studied here on this planet are alive. Imagine how much harder that is when you translate that to a robotic mission millions of miles from Earth."

Boston and other scientists plan to take core samples of Snowy River to look for microbes that have been entombed in the calcite layer and for fossil evidence of past microscopic life. Some scientists are looking to the cave to learn more about the region's geology and how water makes its way through the arid environment. Last summer, explorers were surprised to arrive at Snowy River and find it flowing with water. It had been dry when first discovered in 2001 and during trips in 2003 and 2005.

It took several months for Snowy River to dry out, leaving scientists with another set of questions about where the water came from and where it went. Some scientists believe innumerable floods formed Snowy River, dropping a thin layer of calcite each time. Areas of Fort Stanton Cave are open to those who get permits from the BLM, but Snowy River — deep in the cave behind locked metal gates — is off-limits. It's unlikely Snowy River ever will be open to anything but research because of the fragility of the tiny calcite crystals and microbes on the cave walls.

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"WE ENJOYED OUR TIME IN OREGON, BUT THIS IS WHERE THE HOLY SPIRIT FELT OUR ABILITIES COULD BE PUT TO BETTER USE."

— Rev. Phillip J. Airhart

From Canadian oilfields to Idaho pews

T.F. Methodists welcome pastor with interesting history

By John E. Swartz
Correspondent

The First United Methodist Church in Twin Falls has a century-long legacy of reaching out to people in all walks of life. But newly appointed pastor Rev. Phillip J. Airhart hopes to assist his 400-member congregation in adapting that tradition to meet the future.

The message of the gospel remains consistent with what Christ taught two millennia ago, but cultures and society changes," he said. "I don't have a master plan, but we need to kind of reinvent ourselves and find ways to present it that are meaningful to people."

Airhart and his wife, Laurie, who previously served Valley United Methodist Church in Venita, Ore., arrived earlier this month to fill a vacancy left by Rev. Greg Lindsay. Lindsay had been in the position for four years.

"This is not terribly unusual," said Ron Jones, lay leader with the church. "I think the average tenure for a pastor in the Methodist Church is around seven to eight years."

Jones, as well as several other parishioners the *Times-News* contacted, declined to comment on the reasons the church opted for a new pastor.

"I obviously have an opinion, but as a lay representative of the church I don't think it would be appropriate to put my personal feelings out there," Jones said.

Other parishioners said they were excited to welcome Airhart to Twin Falls.

"I think he is going to be an exceptional pastor," said Eleanor Burkhardt. Helen Sheumaker echoed that opinion. "I think the world of Pastor Greg and I think he (Airhart) is going to help revitalize the church," she said.

Born in Kansas City, Miss. and raised in Canada, Airhart is a third-generation minister who brings unique qualifications to the pulpit. Graduating from the University of Manitoba with a bachelor's degree in political science, he worked for 10



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The final "Meet the New Pastor Potluck" will be 6 p.m. Thursday in Twin Falls City Park across from the church.

years as a Native Government Consultant between the Canadian government and native populations to develop infrastructures for local self-government along with economic benefits from oil and gas pipelines in the Canadian arctic.

"I had some plans to go into seminary and follow my father and grandfather in ministry but was interested in other things too and just got away from it," he said. "The church is both human and divine, so working in the world has made me a more effective pastor, because I can better relate to the problems and concerns of people in the pews."

Previous plans to enter the ministry took a serious turn in the late 1980s when falling oil prices left him without a job. So, using his golden



Rev. Phillip Airhart stands at the podium. His new position as pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Twin Falls began several weeks ago.

parachute benefit of one year at full salary, Airhart began to consider his options.

"I decided, after a lot of prayer and thought, this was probably the time to follow instincts I had been sensing during my college days and do what God wanted me to do," he said. "I wasn't real sure how to begin that journey until my father asked why I didn't go back my Methodist roots."

Airhart enrolled at Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill., and completed a Masters of Divinity degree in 1998.

At the same time, a bachelor's degree in sacred literature, including a major in Bible and a minor in church music from Canadian Nazarene College, allowed him to secure a position in music ministry with a church in Beaver Dam, Wis.

"The United Church of Canada merges the old Methodist with Presbyterian but there is no Methodist Church as such in Canada," he said. "So we moved to Wisconsin and stayed there for 10 years."

In 2004 Airhart finally received a

transfer to the congregation in Venita, Ore., so he could be closer to his father, who was sick with cancer and living in Vancouver, B.C.

"Dating back to the days of John Wesley, we have an itinerant ministry where part of your ordination vow is to go where you're sent by the bishop," Airhart said. "We enjoyed our time in Oregon, but this is where the Holy Spirit felt our abilities could be put to better use."

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An oath they can't uphold

Californians have difficulty with required pledge that could take away religious freedoms

By Richard C. Paddock
Los Angeles Times

When Wendy Gonaver was offered a job teaching American studies at California State University, Fullerton, this academic year, she was pleased to be headed back to the classroom to talk about one of her favorite themes: protecting constitutional freedoms.

But the day before class was scheduled to begin, her appointment as a lecturer abruptly ended over just the kind of issue that might have figured in her course. She lost the job because she did not sign a loyalty oath swearing to "defend" the U.S. and California constitutions "against all enemies, foreign and domestic."

As a Quaker from Pennsylvania and a lifelong pacifist, Gonaver objected to the

California oath as an infringement of her rights of free speech and religious freedom. She offered to sign the pledge if she could attach a brief statement expressing her views, a practice allowed by other state institutions. But Cal State Fullerton rejected her statement and insisted that she sign the oath if she wanted the job.

"I wanted it on record that I am a pacifist," said Gonaver, 38. "I was really upset. I didn't expect to be fired. I was so shocked that I had to do this."

California State University officials say they were simply following the law and did not discriminate against Gonaver because all employees are required to sign the oath. Clara Potes-Fellow, a California State University spokeswoman, said the university does not permit employees to submit personal

statements with the oath.

"The position of the university is that her entire added material was against the law," Potes-Fellow said.

The loyalty oath was added to the state Constitution by voters in 1952 to root out communists in public jobs. Now, 18 years after the collapse of the Soviet Union, its main effect is to weed out religious believers, particularly Quakers and Jehovah's Witnesses.

In February, another California State University system instructor, Quaker

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"I wanted it on record that I am a pacifist," Wendy Gonaver said. She wants an apology and a teaching job for next year.



Mexican military losing popular support in drug war

By Dan Kasio
Associated Press writer

OJINAGA, Mexico — This hard-scrabble Mexican border town welcomed 400 soldiers when they arrived four months ago to stop a wave of drug violence that brought daytime gunbattles to its main street.

But then the soldiers themselves turned violent, townspeople say, ransacking homes and even torturing people.

The frustration boiled over this week. More than 1,000 people marched through the streets carry-

ing signs begging President Felipe Calderon for protection from his own troops.

Ojinaga, across the Rio Grande from Presidio, Texas, is not alone. People in cities on the front lines of Mexico's battle against trafficking say they are increasingly frustrated with military tactics — a shift in opinion that threatens to undermine Calderon's nationwide crackdown.

Mexico's National Human Rights Commission says it has documented more than 600 cases of abuse since Calderon sent 20,000 soldiers across the nation to take back terri-

tory controlled by drug lords. Mexico's attorney general argues the cases are isolated incidents. The army says it investigates all allegations and punishes those found to have violated the law.

But many people say the soldiers have become part of the problem. A poll published June 30 by the newspaper El Diario of Ciudad Juarez found that only 18 percent of those living in Juarez completely approved of the army's presence.

Two months earlier, the number was 65 percent. The poll, by Confirme, had a margin of error of 5 percentage points.

"These guys don't care about anything," said Lalo Lucero, 44, as he watched soldiers in the city detain a neighborhood youth recently. "They came into my house without a warrant, searched through everything and told me to sit on a couch and not say anything."

Battles between rival drug cartels killed 4,000 people nationwide in the first 18 months of Calderon's presidency. At least 10 people have been gunned down this year in Ojinaga, a town of 20,000.

"I'm sure that the army has come here to fight a war against the drug traffickers, and we are very much in

agreement with that," said Mayor Cesar Carrasco. "But we also hope that all the authorities will respect the individual rights of every Ojinaga citizen."

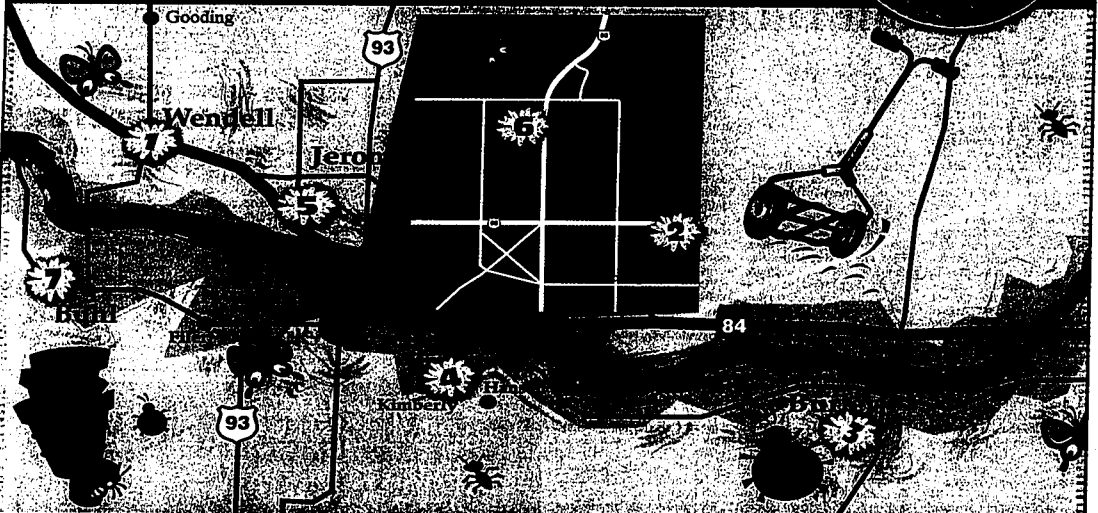
At Wednesday's march, protesters swapped stories of masked soldiers breaking down doors and ransacking homes.

"I'm not against how they do it. I'm against how they do it," said Martha Leyva, 44. She said her family was awakened one night in May when soldiers with machine guns but no warrant broke down her door. They said an anonymous call had directed them to her house.

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Small Updates Help a House Sell

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Despite national headlines that the housing market is virtually dead, economic experts with the National Association of Realtors predict sales of existing homes will improve in the coming months, particularly with interest rates at historic lows.

Every seller wants to move fast and get top dollar. So, if you're getting ready to sell, among the best ways to improve your odds on both ends is to make sure you have great "curb appeal" and an inviting inside decor.

Small Changes, Big Difference

"Replacing your exterior trim and interior doors are two inexpensive remodeling options that can make a dramatic impact for prospective buyers," says Peggie Bolan, vice president of sales and marketing for CMI in Chicago.

When putting your house on the market, one of the first things a realtor will recommend is to add curb appeal. Your home's exterior makes the first impression, so make it a good one.

Over time, the exterior trim around your windows and doors, at the corners and along the roofline, may have become warped, split or cracked from rain, snow, ice and exposure to the sun. For many areas of the country, termite damage is also a concern.

Before you put the "For Sale" sign in the yard, walk around



of other trim options, like PVC and fiber cement, while costing substantially less.

Bolan adds, "While an exterior renovation adds curb appeal, changes on the inside of the home leave a lasting impression, too. Another quick, easy and affordable tip for home sellers is to install new interior doors."

A stylish door adds personality to any room and complements the decor. Check out all the doors inside your house; there is a good chance they are hollow six-panel designs or basic flush doors with no style.

Doors with Style

When considering interior doors, there are many styles, finishes and sizes available to showcase your home's true character.

For example, the CraftMaster Crossmore Interior door features a smooth-surfaced, flat-panel design that resembles true traditional craftsman architecture and beautifully simplistic Mission-style furniture.

Bolan says the three-panel door complements design trends in today's kitchen and bath cabinetry, which are inspired by growing consumer preference for clean, straight lines. "It's a great way to carry a design theme throughout the house," she adds.

Other designs available from CraftMaster include curved, arched and eyebrow-top panels, and a variety of configurations - from two to six panels to quickly space up your home. Beyond the added beauty, raised-panel doors are engineered to resist swelling, shrinking, cracking and splitting, which is a great selling point.

Getting your home ready to sell doesn't have to take months of work and thousands of dollars. Inexpensive remodeling projects, such as installing new exterior trim and interior doors, can improve your resale value and help you sell your home faster.

To learn more about transforming your home decor with new trim and interior doors, visit

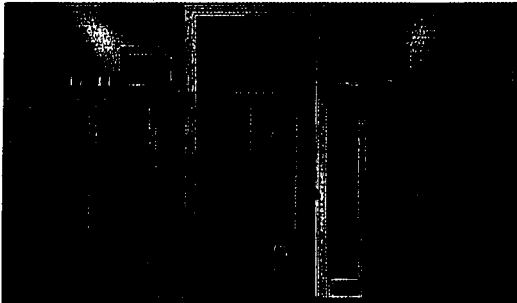
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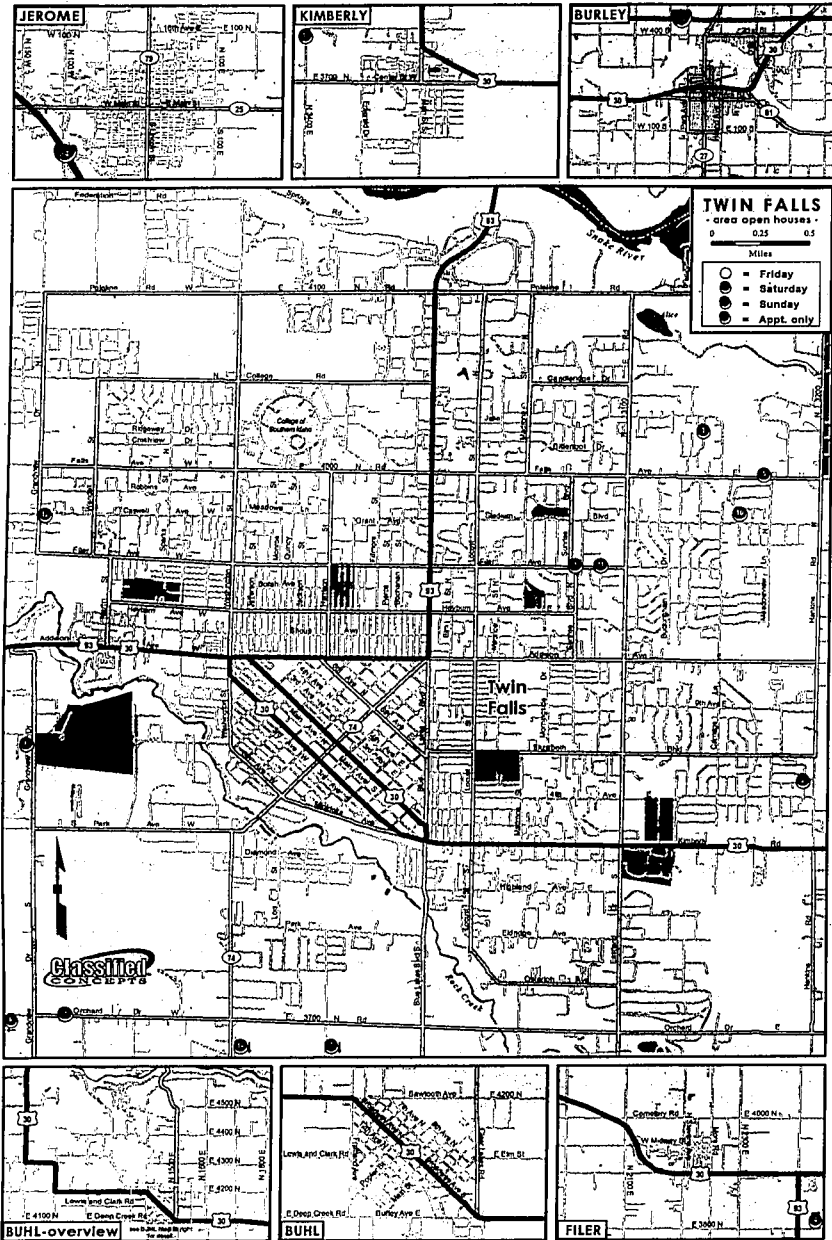
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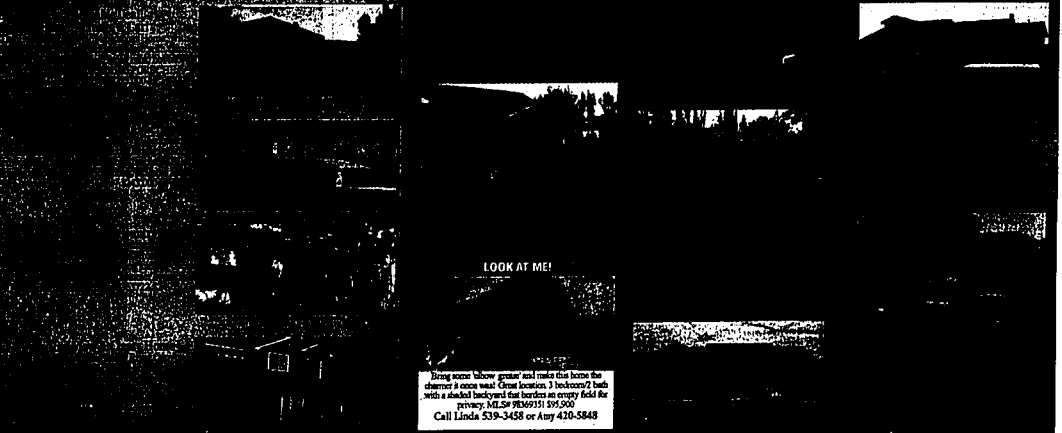
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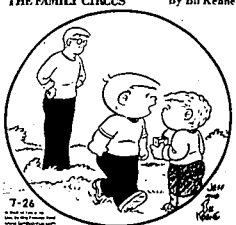
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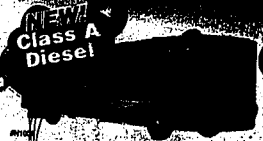
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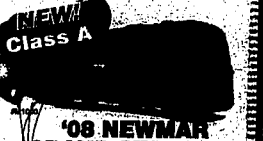
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