#### A DYING BREED

Idaho cattlemen cashing out.

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**Good Morning** 







THE MOTHERSHIP Could you be headed to space on this?

TUESDAY July 29, 2008

## Party foul

License group says liquor proposal likely in coming session

By Jared S. Hopkins Staff writer

A task force appointed last year by Gov. C.L. "Butch" Offer to study Idaho's liquor laws hasn't produced an official recommendation yet. But some members said they expect one in time for the 2009 Legislature.

"The goal is to decide on something to be prepared for this legislative session," said ken Burgess, a lobbylst for the Idaho Licensed Beverage Association.



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Association.

The committee — made
up of public officials, lobbylets and businessmen —
has focused
on the future
of the state's
quota system. Liquor licensees in
Idaho assument of the state's
officensees in
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per-capita basis re officensees in
city's population.
However, licenses can be
sold or leased for an unlimitamount and have led to

ed amount and have led to people spending hundreds of thousands in what some casually refer to as a black

casually refer to as a black market.

Burgess said his group is opposed to eliminating the quota system, and not participating in discussions would indicate it was comfortable with cutting quota system.

"My political analysis of this was that as long as we said," No, hell no, we were just going to be tossed aside," said Burgess who recently spoke with licensees in Twin Falls about possible changes. The proposal — which was discussed during a task force

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## T-N phone lines, voice mail down

If you made an unan-swered call to the Times-News on Monday, don't worry, you weren't being ignored.

A computer problem that A computer problem that knocked out the paper's voice mail and phone routing lines last week is still unresolved. The lines could remain down for another

remain down to memory 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.

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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

20% >>> to >>> 8.5%

Projected rate increase decline Twin Falls water rates

13% >>> to >>> 3%

Projected rate increase decline for Twin Falls sewer rates

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Lee Edecamann, the engineering department project coordinator with the City of Twin Falls, walks the perimeter of the pump station leasted at the edge of a new Terin Falls subdivision. Claesemann says here pump stations are designed to reduce the size and visual impact of the pressurized intigation syst

#### T.F. Council reviews budget changes to help taxpayers

By Jared S. Hopkins Staff writer

Turns out size does matter. But when it comes to
city budgeting, going big
comes at a cost.
The Twin Falls City
Council on Monday
reviewed possibilities to
minimize the impact a 24
percent budget increase
could have on taxpayers,
including lowering preliminary increases to water and
sewer rates.

After receiving direction from the council last week, city staff made adjustments for next year's projected water rate increases to decline from 20 percent to

8.5 percent, and sewer rate increases to decline from around 13 percent to 3 per-

increases in creases, however, around 13 percent.

The increases, however, would be assessed annually for four years to phase in projects, due to growth or otherwise, city officials said. The city would subsequently rely on its reserves as butters during years butters during years to the control of the co

ry, but has noted the bulk is due to large projects planted for several years that the several years reserved Othersise, it's a "status quo' increase of around 5 percent, he sald.

Under the adjustments presented to the council, the city would build two pressurized irrigation stations next year, delay two others, and save \$550,000. Another change would incorporate \$400,000 to meet federal arsenie stanincorporate \$400,000 t meet federal arsenic stan dards into its overall trans action costs in acquiring Pristine Springs.

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## **Police: Hells Angels** started bar brawl

Bartender says fight wasn't started by start the 11:30 p.m. fight. Some people were wearing vests with Hells Angels logos, but they were gentleman, she motorcycle gang

By Andrea Jackson Staff writer

Two Twin Falls, Police offi-cers were allegedly buttered as they tried to orn to as they tried to orn to a lar Saturday rilght to load, and a study rilght to load, and a fight they heard was started by the Hells Angels. As police arrived at the Pioneer Club on 1519 Kimberly Road, they were told "the Angels started it and you don't want to go in there." court records show. But barrender Holly Brown said the Hells Angels didn't said the Hells Angels didn't

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## Left on the sidelines

Feds have next step in wolf litigation, not F&G

By Nate Poppino Staff writer

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When it comes to wolves, the
Idaho Department of Fish and
Game was just getting used to
calling the shots.

Now, Fish and Game officials
are relegated to the sidelines,
cheering frantically for the U.S.
Fish and Wildlife Service but
unable to do much else.

At least, that's the feeling Fish
and Game Commissioner Wayne
Wright has, Just months after the
Canadian gray wolf was removed
from the endangered species list
in Idaho, Montana and
Wyoming, U.S. District Judge
Donald Moltoy placed it back in
the hands of federal officials and
regulations, cancelling Idaho's
wolf management plan and a
hanting season set to begin as
early as September.
That still rankles state officials,
Wight reviewed the decision,
and the place of the commissioners
about a lack of genetic miding
among the three states in his
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Wright reviewed the decision
with his fellow commissioners,
Deputy Attorney General Cilve
Strong and other state officials

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#### Nixed initiative? Returning wolves under federal control affects

more than lust Idaho Fish more than Just Idaho Fish and Game, Ron Gillett of Stanley, head of the Idaho Anti-Wolf Coalition, is gearing up for a third go at a statewide belief initiative almed at getting rid of wolves. But Fish and Game Commissioner Wayne Wright — echoing a Merch 2006 advisory letter from the state attorney seneral's office ney general's office — sald he doesn't think it will work because fede law trumps state law. On Monday, Gillett didn't seem concerned by the

seem concerned by the thought.

\*Let's find out," he said when told federal regulations may prevail. If we jump through the hoops and get it all done legally, and then they think they're going to trump it and get away from us, let's go to the Supreme Court.

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Idaho Secretary of State records for 2007 show that Gillett only manager to gather 11,600 of the nearly 46,000 signatures required to put an initia-tive on the bibliot in his last attempt, about the same as a 2006 attempt. But Gillett said again that he estimates he was only bourt 7,500 short. The difference, he said, comes from his decision last year to not submit the remaining names when he knew he would come up short.

## Scientists call for scrutiny of national DNA database

By Jason Felch and Maura Dolar

Los Angeles Times

in 2001, Arizona crime laboratory analyst Kathryn Troyer was running tests on the state's DNA database when she sturmbled across two felons with remarkably similar genetic pro-files.

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The men matched at nine of the 13 locations on chromosomes, or loci, commonly used to distinguish peo-

The FBI estimated the odds of unrelated people sharing those genetic markers to be 1 in 113 billion. But the mug shots of the two felons suggested that they were not related:

One was black, the other white. In the years after her discovery, Troyer found dozens of similar matches — each defying impossible

odds.
As word spread, Troyer's findings raised questions about the accuracy of the FBI's DNA statistics and ignited a legal fight over whether the

nation's genetic databases ought to be opened to wider scrutiny. The laboratory of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which administers the national DNA data-base, tried to stop distribution of Troyer's results and began to block

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#### TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

"Soussical the Musical" presented by Okley Valley Arts Council, 7:30 p.m., to 10 p.m., Howeli's Opera House, 118 N. Blaina Puca, Osaley, 58, 677-278 musteat "Violot," presented Blain Crawfey and Jeanine Tesen's musteat "Violot," presented by Company of Pools, 7 pm., Liberty Theatre, 110 N. Main St., Holley, tickets: \$25 for adults, \$15 for senior citizens (o2 and over) and \$15 for students (18 and under), 578-9122.

#### **BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS**

Tough Enough to Wear Pink Spaghetil Dinner, with entertainment by the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers, hasted by Rodeo Queens of the Magle Valley, 6 to 8 p.m., Merchant's Building No. 3, Twin Falls County Fallgrounds. Filer, proceeds to benefit breast carner 900 Women Campaign, 55 per person or \$20 for family of four or more, 326 4396.

#### **CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

Magic Valley Toastmasters meeting and no-host funch, with focus on teaching and encouraging members in communication and leadership skills, noon, Golden Cordin, 1823 Blue Lakes Blvd., Twin Falls, new members welcome, 316

#### **EXHIBITS**

Mike Youngman/Karl Brake art show, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for Arts and Science, cam-pus of College of Southern Irlaho. Twin Falls, no cost, open to the public, 732-6555.

#### **FESTIVALS AND FAIRS**

Jerome County Fair continues, "Rock with the Stock" Includes vendors, carnival, youth 4-H and FFA competitions and more, Jerome County Fairgrounds, Jerome, through Aug. 2, (208) 324-

7209.
Minidoka County Fair continues. "A Family Affair for 60 years" with tawnmower races, Multon Bustin' competition, crowning of Grandma Queen and more. Minidoka County Fairgrounds, Rupert, through Aug. 2, (208) 436-9748.

#### GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshano St. N., 736-4068. Blaine County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Hailey, 788-5500. Journal County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700.

Lincoln, 644-2700. Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission, 9 a.m., City Hall, 81 Elkhorn Road, 622-4438.

Surloy Public Library Board, 4 p.m., library conference room, 1300 Miller Ave., 878-7708.

## **HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10 to 11 a.m., Living Waters Presbyterian Church, 821 E. Main St., Wendell, no cost, 737-

Fit and Fail Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m., First Segregation Fire Station, Eden, no cost, 737-5988.

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Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2977.
SilverSnoakers Fitness Program, innovative exercise program designed specifically for Medicare beneficiaries' unique health and physical needs, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blud, no cost for Humana-Insured or YMCA members and 55 per class for non-insured, 733-4394.
Strong Womon Stay Young, "exercise and nutrition program laught by Rhea Lonting, noon to 1 p.m., Twin Falls County Extension Office, 246 Third Ave. E., Twin Falls, 515 one-time fee, weights provided, (208)/34-9590 or ribantinipulatho.edu. Adult Children Anonymous (A.C.A) meeting, for individuals recovering from alcoholic or dysfunctional family environment, 6 p.m., Caryon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services, 228 Shoup Ave. W. (west entrance), Twin Falls, no cost, 308-5656. Culae Support Toroup of Magic Valley annual family penion, 6 p.m., 731-9079.
Mini-Cassia Shotter for Woman & Children women's support

p.m., 731-9079.

Mihl-Casais Rholter for Women & Childron women's support group, 6 p.m., 123 S. C St., Rupert, (208) 436-0987.

Celebrate Recovery, a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behaviors, 7:30 p.m., Maglé Valley Evangelical Free Church, 821 H Ave. E., Jerome, 324-7237.

#### LIBRARY

Story Hour: Farm Fun, for preschoolers and primary graders, K-3rd, 10 to 10:30 a.m., Decto Community Library, front room, Lance's Custom Meat Cutting, Declo, 654-2722 or 654-9433.

#### MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium, WSKY: Radio Station of the Stars/ Live Sky Tour, 2 p.im.; "Blown Away: The Wild World of Weather," 7 p.m.; and "Space Jammin" all St15 p.m., Herrott Center for Arts and Science, north and of the College of Southern Idaho campus, "Win Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, 732-6655.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place; cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by email at sbrowne@magovalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times News, RO,Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Docadline is noon, four days in advance of the

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# MORNING BRIEFING

Constitution County

### Grab your sweetie and head for Ms. Prairie Dog

In the mid-1980s, Bolse disc Jockey Paul In Talls national for the Mid-1980s and not in a compilmentary sense — and talk eventually turned to organizing of Miss Prairie Dog contests ...

Where better to hold it than on the nearest prairie? ... And the Camas County
Fair hasn't been the same

Fair hasn't been the same since...
"Paul J. actually came up since e...
"Paul J. actually came up and emceed the first couple of years," said Camus County Fair Board secretary County Fair Board secretary County Fair Board secretary County Fair Board fair since.".
Well, almost ...
"The woman who runs the contest didn't get it together in time last year."
Funkhouser explained ...
So though it's been 21 Augusts since the pageant began, this years will be the 20th ...
"The woman was since the pageant began, this years will be the 20th ...

nn ... The fair starts its five-day

#### Tell me

If it's new, different, funny, polgnant, sad or just weird and it happens in south-central idaho, I want to hear about it. Call me at 735-3223, or write to me at scrump@magicvalley.com.

scrimpurnagically, com.
run Wednesday at various
sites around Fairfield . . . The
Ms. Prairie Dog Contest is
scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday
in 4-H Park, following the
annual community plenic . .
Unlike most beauty contests, the contestants for Ms.
Prairie Dog are a closely-held
sceret until the pageant,
Funkhouser said . . . And, yes,
a few men have competed . . .
"A few people don't like
the contest," she said . . .
"They don't like to have
fun." . . . .

They don't like to mav-fun...
The high-plains communi-y of 425 deem't have the leaborate infrastructure of barns and arenas to host a county fair in the style of its larger neighbors, so fair time in Fairfield literally involves just about everybody just

about everywhere in town ...
The event doesn't take
itself terribly seriously ...
This year's theme is
"Clowning Around Under the

Clowing Around Under the Big Top."... Apart from the Ms. Prairie Dog pageant, highlights include pig wrestling at 5 p.m. Saturday and the annual bed race at 7 o'clock ... Among the rules for the latter: Entries must be a twin-size or larger ... Five-member teams and beds must be under control with four pushers and one rider with a switch of riders at the race's turnaround point ... race's turnaround point .. Oh, and the fair's clown

theme is encouraged for bed

theme is encouraged for bed decor...

Illie the Carmas fair — and Fairfield, for that matter — because it's refreshingly down-to-Earth: Nobody wears a Stesson who isn't actually a cowboy... Fair organizers, for example, hold the Saturday night dance (starts at 9) on the grass at the community's ballpark...
The fair's other events include the 4-H livestock.

show at 8 a.m. Saturday, the buyers' barbecue at noon and the purade down Main Street at 1 p.m...

On Sunday, there's an American Leglon breadists on Main Street for 10 a.m. and a community church service in the park at 10:30 a.m., johnny U and Mark Hansen will perform live music in the park from 1 to 5 p.m...

CAMAS COUNTY, by the way, is the least-church-going county in south-central Idaho, according to the American Religion Data Archives based on a 2000 survey... At the time, it listed 973 of the 991 Camas residents as "unclaimed"...

There were 14 Catholics and four Baha"...

At the opposite extreme was Cassia County, where

four Baha'l...
At the opposite extreme
was Cassia County, where
18,304 of the county's 21,416
residents at the time were 'i
affiliated with some religious
group ... Almost 11,000 were
Mormons ...

Steve Crump is the Times-News opinion editor.

#### AROUND THE WORLD

#### IRAQ

#### Female bombers kill at least 57, wound nearly 300 in seperate blasts

300 in seperate blasts

BAGIIDAD — Four suicide
toombers believed to be
women struck a Shilte pilgrimage in Baghdad and a
kurdish protest rally in northral raq on Monday, killing at
least 57 people and wounding
nearly 300 in one of this year's
deadliest attacks, police said.
The U.S. military is recruiting and training women in
liracy solice force, and trying
to enlist them to Join U.S.aliled Sunni groups fighting
against al-Qaida in Iraq, But
such attacks are becoming
increasingly common.
Women are more easily
able to hide explosives under
their all-encompassing black
Islamic robes, and often are
not searched at checkpoints
because of sensitivities.
On Monday, three bomb-

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blew up their explosive vests in the middle of pilgrims in Baghdad moments after a roadside bomb attack, killing at least 32 people and wounding 102, Iraql officials said. In the oil-rich northern city of Kirkuk, 25 people were killed and 185 wounded when a blast tore through a crowd of Kurds protesting a draft provincial elections law, officials said.

#### TENNESSEE Police: Letter indicates suspect targeted church because of liberal views

KNOXVILLE — An out-of-work truck driver accused of opening fire at a Unitarian church, killing two people, left behind a note suggesting that he targeted the congre-gation out of harted for its liberal policies, including its acceptance of gays, authori-ties said Monday. A four-page letter found in

"Annie."

The Knaxville News
Sentinel reported Monday
that Adkisson may also have
chosen the church because
his ex-wife was a former
longtime member of the con-

gregation. gregation.

He remained jailed
Monday on \$1 million bond
after being charged with onecount of murder. More
charges are expected. Four
victims were hospitalized in
critical condition.

#### ALABAMA Yellow Labrador runs for mayor of Fairhope

Ilm D. Adkisson's small SUV indicated he intentionally targeted the Tennessee Vailey Unitarian Universalist Church because, the police chief said, "he hated the liberal model of the police of the po for mayor of Fairhope
FAIRHOPE — One of the
candidates in the race to
become Fairhope's next
mayor is considerably more
hairy than the rest. He also
has twice as many legs and
constantly wagging tail. Wille
Bean Roscoe P Coltrane is a
7-year-oid yellow Labrador
tertiever whose owner has
taken a satirical poke at polities by launching the pooch
into the race.
But Willie Bean may not be

But Willie Bean may not be p for that rough-and-tum-

ble world.

"When a little dog barks at him, he cringes and he runs away." owner Tress Turner told the Press-Register in a story Sunday.

Turner, 43, manages The dogs campaign headquarters where supporters can purchase T-shirts and yard signs.

- The Associated Press

#### TODAY IN HISTORY

Today Is Tuesday, July 29, the 211th day of 2008. There are 155 days left in the year. Today's Highlight: Fifty years ago, on July 29, 1958, President Elsenhower signed the National Aeronautics and Space Act, which created NASA. On this date: In 1890, artist Vincent van Gogh, 37, died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound in Auversur-Oise, France. In 1914, transcontinental telephone service began with

the first test phone conversa-tion between New York and Sun 1957, the international Atomic Energy Agency was established. In 1967, an accidental rock-et launch aboard the super-carrier USS Fornestal in the Gulf of Tonkin resulted in a fire and explosions that killed 134 servicemen. In 1968, the Valican Issued an encyclical-in which Pope Paul VI reaffirmed the Catholic Church's opposition

to artificial means of contra-

to artificial means of contra-ception.

In 1981, Britain's Prince Charles married Lady Diana Spencer at St. Paul's Cathedral in London. (However, the couple disorced in 1986.)

Ten years ago: President Clinton reached an agree-ment with Kenneth Starr to provide grand jury testimony via closed-circuit television in the principle of the principle of the Electric Couples of the Couple Electric Couples of the Couple of the Bush refused to release a con-gressional report on possible

links between Saudi Arabian officials and the Sept. 11 hijackers, saying disclosure "would help the enemy" by revealing intelligence sources and methods.

and methods.

One year ago: British Prime
Minister Gordon Brown
arrived at Camp David in
Maryland for a private dinner
as well as meetings with
President Bush. Tens of thousands of Iraqis celebrated
after Iraq beat three-time
champion Saudi Arabia 1-0 to
take the Aslan Cup.

#### HOROSCOPE BY JERALDINE SAUNDERS

HOROSCOPE BY JEM

IF JULY 29 IS YOUR
BIRTHDAY: Those who help
themselves receive the most
help. Your fervent prayers will
probably be answered in
February, but in the meantime you should de everything you can to propel yourseph towards success without
cosmic assistance. You have a
head for business and a flair
for negotiation that will help
you climb the ladder of success this fall if you act independently and don't follow
the lead of friends or certain
groups. Next February,
opportunity may come
knocking—but you will need
the wise advice of an older
companion to guide you past
a minage that is merely wishthat inhicking on your part.

ARIES (Wardt 21-April 19).
Steer clear of compileations,
both financial and emotional.
Cupil might be a fickle
marksman and hit the heart
of a friend, changing a rela-

tionship. This isn't the time to invest your heart or your

tionship. This isn't the time to invest your heart or your cash.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Something new and exciting might tempt you to spend less time at home. Because you are secretly uncomfortable with a certain situation you may look for ways of escape that may prove costly. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A slow methodical start need not hold you back and may reverything done efficiently. Certain undertakings are an endurance race, not a sprint to the finish line.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): The innovative fast-fix might end up costing you more than expected. Hold off on making major purchases and walt for tert timing for repairs.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): If you criticize or turn a cold shoulder to someone's needs, you may find yourself out in

the cold without a blanket.

the cold without a blanket. Someone might not say anything now but could undersome the cold with the

Dec. 21): Inquisitive people may want to know privileged or private information of the privileged of the private information of t

cial ventures.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.
18): You may be torn betweenbeing compassionate and
telling it like it is. Remember
not to rock the boat. It is best
to simply be someone's best
friend.

friend.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March
20): You may be surrounded
by people who know how to
handle business matters
adroitly or those who possess
practical street smarts. They
may not let you in on certain
secrets.

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## Budget

Meanwhile, in the vater fund, adjus Meanwhile, in the waste-water fund, adjustments included phasing in upgendess to the wastewater several years. The changes would minimize the impact to taxpayers while still allowing the city get to where it wants to be in terms of waste-water treatment, Courtney said.

sald.
Although no vote was taken, the changes were greeted with general acceptance by the

general acceptance by an countril
"This is certainly an appropriate year to look at some deferral," Councilman Dave

Continued from page A1 meeting as the Legislature met in Boise — would allow an unlimited number of

licensees for restaurants but maintain some type of cap on

hars,

That's kind of the concept
that's backed by the ILBA,"
said Burgess, but noted
"there's been no deal cut so

Committee members said there's been no meeting since the Legislature ended. The committee itself, however, is evolving.

Members said Otter aide

Members såld Otter alde Bob Wells is no longer the task force chairman. Rep. Mark Stuodgrass. R-Meridlan, who has pushed for ellminating the quota system, recently lost a bid for the state senate. And the committee's other legisla-tor, House Minority Caucus Chair John Rusche, D-Lewiston, close to spend the interim on a

Wolves

Continued from page A1 last week. Though he couldn't

legal options on Monday, he did say the judges perceived approval of Idaho's plan is

approval of Idalus's plan is spond news overall and that plans to challenge the genetics issue are in the works. The commission, department, state and Gew C.L. Butch' Ofter are all interveners in the case. Lawyers for the main defendant, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, told the Associated Press on Friday that they were still deciding how to respond to the injunction.

The commissioners know sportsmen are upset, Wright said — many of them showed up to vent their frustrations at the commission's meeting Wednesday and Thursday in

at the commissions meeting Wednesday and Thursday in the conference room of a Post Falls Cabela's store.

"Some people seem to think it's our fault. Fish and Game's fault, that this happened," he said, "I can't tell you the number of hours we said, "I can't be said and the said, "I can't be said of the said wild life's and do this the right way."

"Of course, there are some who feel Fish and Game didn't do things right in the first

n't do things right in the first place. Katie Fite, blodiversity

director for Western Watersheds Project, itself a plaintiff in the wolf litigation,

ch about the state

Liquor

Johnson said.
Councilman Greg Lanting said that he still wants to see some sort of benchmark for water use — for example, per gallons, he said — that could deter v

"At what point do we start looking at that?" he asked. "Everybody else seems to be doing that."

doing that."
Courtney said after the meeting he expects the changes to lower the 24 percent increase, but those figures havent been refined yet since scenarios discussed Monday are conceptual.

different committee.
Snodgrass — technically a task force member until his term expires — hopes the issue stays alive, and that the system continues to burden conomic development.

economic development.
"It's an antiquated system
that rewards people for putting their names on the list,"
he said. "The original intent of
the quota system was never to
make people winners and losers based on this false martett."

ers based on this false market.\*

The proposal by the ILBA is
likely more palatable to
licensees, Spodgrass said,
because it wouldn't devalue
licensees as much, Many have
noted the idea of compensating the licensees for financial
loss if changes are made.

Otter's office didn't offer
many details. "There's no
update that I'm aware of," said
spokesman pon Itanian, who
refused to discuss the matter
further.

The issue has divided
licensees. Brian Donesley,
who has represented involved

Molloy's decision, she said, "If a bright light was shone on Idaho's plan, it might not stand up to a hard look being taken at it," Fite said.

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Staff did not outline changes to one-time funding projects that come with grants or money saved form previous years, including the widening of Washington Street North, northeast sewer line remodel and several airport projects. Although the city's property tax levy rate will increase by 2.11 percent, the homeowner's exemption will also increase and many homeowners will see a decrease in the city share of the property tax, according to a report by Courtney.

The budget will undergo public hearing Aug 18 before it's approved.

parties in the past, helped orm a group of licensees called the idaho Beverage

He points out that reform requires drastic changes to state law that will be tough to pass in the Legislature ore licenses mean more

proliferation of unfettered liquor license," said Donesley. He said he'd be comfortable with tweaking the system or

Brawl

The crowd became hostlle to

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Wednesday and run through
Aug. 3, In Clinton, Mont.,
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fissoula. Twin Falls olice have cen called to show.

Pierce allegedly tried to keep police out of the bar and also yelled profanities at Pionee Club only twice Police shot their Taser guns old three times at Plerce and

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But Saturday's response

allowing counties to make decisions. cisions. Burgess said any proposal whether from the ILBA or

— whether from the ILBA or to cut the system — wouldn't go to the Legislature until the task force signed off on it. Dyke Naily, Idaho Liquor Dispensary Superintendent, sald he expects another meet-ing, but there's no guarantee

ing, but there's no guarantee for a proposal.

"What we're trying to come up with is something work-able to recommend to the governor and he cando withit what he wants with it," he said.

The officers said they were ushed and one was struck in the face by a 300-pound employee of the bar. Geoffrey C. Pierce, 32, court records show.

battery on a law enforcement officer, obstructing police, and not

allowing to the bar. Motorcycle gangs have yet to be a problem in Twin Falls County, said Prosecutor Grant

Loebs.

Pierce bonded out of juil and could not be reached Monday for comment. His next hearing is set for Aug. 8. The bar's owner refused to comment Monday.

According to media reports, Hells Angels must be white,

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comment Monday.

According to media reports,
Hells Angels must be white,
with Harley Davidson motorcycles, and without any history of molesting children or
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At stake is the credibility of the compelling odds often compelling of the compelli according to an investigation by the Los Angeles Times. At stake is the credibility of

statistics imply and an inclination indice.

Now, lawyers around the country are asking for searches of their own state databases. Scientists and legal experts want to test the accuracy of statistics using the nearly 6 million profiles in the Combined DNA Index System (Collad), the nation of the country of statistics using the nearly 6 million profiles in the Combined DNA Index System (Collad), the nation of the collad in the nation of the collad in the nation of the collad individual of the privacy of convicted offenders, the up data could offenders, the up data collad individual of the privacy of convicted offenders, the up data could offenders in the collad individual offenders in the coll

solve crimes.

The FBI's arguments have persuaded courts in several states to block the searches. But in two states, judges overruled the objections. The resulting searches found nearly 1,000 more pairs that matched at nine



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or more loci.

"I can appreciate why the FBI is worried about this," and death of the State of t person.
"If you're going to search at

nine loci, you need to be aware of what it means," said Todd Griffith, director of the Phoenki lab. It's not necessarily absolutely the guy."
Troyer made a poster for a national conference of DNA analysts. It showed photos of the white man and/the younger black man next to their remarkably similar genetic profiles. Some conferces had seen similar matches in their own labs.

Three years later, Bicka

Barlow, a San Francisco defense attorney, came across Troyer's poster information on the Internet as she prepared to defend a client accused of a 20-year-old rape and murder.

A database search had found a nine-locus match between her client's DNA profile and semen found in the victim's body. Based on FBI estimates, the odds of a coincidental match were 1 in 108 trillion.



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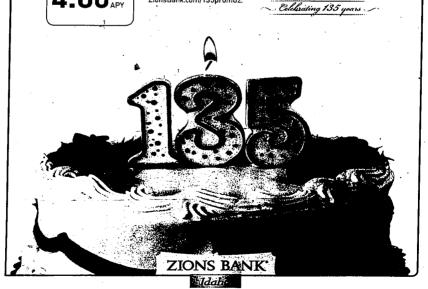
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# MAGIC VALLE

# Joining the party

State, groundwater group spread word for pumpers to join mitigation plan

By Nate Poppin Staff writer

Creating a water mitigation plan is all well and good, But someone has to provide the

someone has to provide the water.
And state officials want to make sure no one's left handling the pump all alone.
On July 1 the common state of t

recipients to join one of two area groundwater districts participating in a mitigation plan created by the idaho GroundWater Appropriators. They need to mitigate in some way." Tuthill said on Friday. "One way that's provided is for them to join one of the groundwater districts."

The alternative is to go it alone.

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"That means you've got to find some water to replace what you're let him you're taking out or you get curalied," IGWA Executive Director Lynn Torninags allowed to join a groundwater district for purposes of mitigation, meaning they wouldn't be full members but would contribute to the mitigation plan, Tuthill said.

Currently, the focus is on two IGWA member districts

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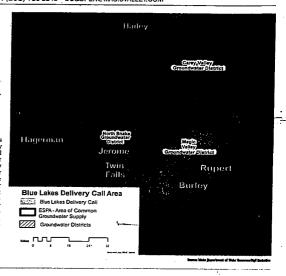
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in the area of the Blue Lakes Trout Farm call, Magic Valley Ground Water District and North Snake Ground Water District. The farm has already received its 10 cubic feet per second of water following the second of water following the Pristine Springs deal earlier this year, Tuthill said. But pumpers who aren't mem-bers of the two districts, or whose districts don't vote to join the plan, by Aug. 15 will have to find a way to replace their own water.

their own water.

The districts also have another reason to want new

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## MacMillan wants review of IDWR

Proposal now sits with legislators

By Nate Popping

The spokesman for a trout farm about to challenge the Idaho Department of Water Resources in court has now asked the Legislature to investigate the way the department operates.

Resources in commission and the Resources are investigated the way the department operates.

Saying he speaks for a number of water users across the region, Randy MacMillan, vice president of research at Clear Springs Foods, has asked an interim committee of the Legislature to begin a performance review of the Idaho Department of Water Resources. The request, MacMillan sald, comes because of a 'growing lack of trust' in 1DWIR's handling of water-rights issues, and is not ited to a water call heis involved in that is about to move to the court system.

"We think intat politics has become too much of a part of their decision-making process." MacMillan sald, adding that he's perfectly willing to accept that he could be wrong. Any investigation would be done by the Legislature's Office of Performance Evaluations, which examines effectiveness of efficient state agencies. Legislature works of the Joint Legislature Corrigion and sends approved requests to the Opt.

Recent reviews have touched subjects as varied as virtual public schools, state substance abuse operations and public safety communications networks.

MacMillan brought his concerns to legislators at a 180 y 14 meeting of the Natural

cations networks.

MacMillan brought his concerns to legislators at a July 14 meeting of the Natural
Resources Interim Committee. Following presentations on aquifers and curtailment by
IDWR Administrator Hal Anderson and
Director Dave Tuthill, MacMillan listed problems he saw with the current system, citing
delays in the application process for a Twin
Falls Canal Company permit at Milner Dam
and similar issues.

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The Canal Company permit at Milner Dam

and similar issues.

"Frustrations got vented, I'd say," said Sen. Chuck Coiner, R-Twin Falls, a member of the

riustations got Vented, it as sy, said, sen, chuck Coliner, R-Twin Falls, a member of the committee.

Coliner said he's not sure if legislators will follow up on the request. He and others are still a little confused about what MacMillan's seeking, he said, and want to ensure investigators or items that were hashed out in court.

"That's not the purpose at ail, from my perspective, Coloner saled uses, seems to the upwinder Coloner's ideal uses, studying the medicines of the department's will be upwindered to the control of the coloner's ideal uses, seems to the upwinder Coloner's ideal uses, studying the medicines of the department's will be upwindered to the coloner's ideal uses, with the coloner's ideal uses, with the coloner's ideal uses, which is the coloner's ideal uses, the sent of the coloner's ideal uses, the coloner's ideal uses, the said and the coloner's ideal uses, the coloner's ideal uses, and the coloner's id

said.

It's not clear whether legislators will revisit
the request at their next meeting on Aug. 12.
That agenda is being prepared. Colner said.

"We'll see if they choose (to follow up),"
Colner said of his peers. "We've got some other issues."

Nate Poppino may be reached at 208-735-3237 or npoppino@magicvalley.com.

#### SPLISH SPLASH



# Burley police nab junior high robbers

Two male juveniles were arrested early Sunday morning for burglary when they returned to Burley Junior High School for a repeat performance after stealing repeat performance after stealing \$2,900 in media equipment last

week.
Cassia County Sheriff Jim
Higens said police arrested the

uspects at 3:36 a.m. after a con-terned citizen reported a suspi-ious car on the premises. When officers arrived they ound the two juveniles on the ood of the building trying to get aside.

"The report indicates that they were arrested as they were trying to come through the roof," Higens said.

The officers found evidence of

burglary tools on the two juveniles and Burley Junior High School Principal Steve Copmann identified the individuals as the suspects who showed up on a security tape after an earlier break-in at the school last Wednesday, Higens said. The tape captured a clear shot of the suspects wheeling a television on a metal care them.

suspects wheeling a television on a metal cart down the hallway. The school's custodian, Alvino

Martinez, had reported two television sets and a projector missing from the media room after the first burgilary.

Higens said the juveniles admitted to the earlier crime after they were arrested. The media equipment that was reported missing was recovered by police.

Laurie Welch may be reached at 208-677-8767.

#### AROUND THE VALLEY

#### Blowout led to fatal crash

#### Jerome P&Z plans CAFO ordinance hearing

The Jerome County Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 4 on Chapter 13 of the coun-ty's zoning ordinance, pertaining to "live-

stock confinement operations."
The hearing marks a significant step in the process. Officials have worked to revise the ordinances for more than a year, and originally hoped to have new ones drafted by late 2007.

ordinances for more all properties of the courtroom of the Jerome County Courthouse, 300 N. Lincolin in Jerome. The proposed revision can be viewed at Room 307 of the courthouse, the Jerome City Library at 100 First E. Ave. and on the county Web site: http://www.jeromecounty.org.

For more information, contact the Planning and Zoning Office at 208-324-9116.

#### Idaho Power interveners must file by Aug. 8

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The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has set an Aug. 8 deadline for those wanting to file to file the file of the fi

increases vary for customer class. It filed is application on June 27. Claiming the increase is needed to pay for \$578 million in new substations, transmission lines and new substations, transmission lines and the particle of the particle of the particle of the particle of period to consider all rate increase requests.

Interveners become parties to the case for the purpose of presenting evidence, cossexamining witnesses and participating in settlement or negotiation conferences. A number of parties have already requested intervention, including the Industrial Customers of Idaho Power, the Idaho Customers of Idaho Power, the Idaho Customers of Idaho Power, the Idaho Kroger Company and the Department of Briegy, on behalf of the Idaho National Industrial Industr

kroger Composite Benergy, on behalf of the Judano Samuel Energy, on behalf of the Judano Samuel Energy, on behalf of the Judano Samuel Advance to submit written comments and participate in workshops and public hearings. More information on those opportunities will be amounced short information http://www.puc.idaho.gov. Cilck on the electric feon, then on "Open Electric Cases," and scroll down to Case No. IPC-E-Bit-10.

— from staff reports

#### **Blaine Arthur Bird**

Blaine Arthur TEROME Bird, 90, of Jerome, passed away Sunday, July 26, 2008, in

n Falls He was born May 3, 1918, in Salina, Utah, the

Utah, the son of Brigham Mbraham Bird and Erma Rasmussen Bird. He graduated from Sallina High School in 1937 and Joined the Soil Conservation Corps in 1938. On Nov. 12, 1941, he Joined the United States Army and served his country in World War II. He trained at Fort Bliss, Texas, and Joined In World War II. He rathed at Novid War II. He rathed a For Bills. Foxes, and Joined the medical corps. He spent SB days on the ocean traveling around the Cape of Africa to Karchia, India. where he served 31 months in the India-Burna Theater. He was honorably discharged on Oct. 11, 1945, at Bushnell Hospital In Utah. On June 25, 1945, he married Lenore Lester. He worked at Hill Air Force Base from 1950 to 1963. Blaine and Lenore settled in Idaho, where Blaine worked for Triple C Concrete from

1963 until retiring in 1979. He loved to play baseball and go deer hunting. In his later years, he enjoyed his c attle, farming, auctions

auctions and help-ing his ing no neighbors.

his wife of 63 years, Lenore Bird of Jerome: their daughter, Ewa Covey of Hoqulam, Wash; and his grandson, Cole Covey, He is also survived by two brothers, Elwood Bliss Bird and his wife, Barbara of Elsinore, Utah, and Lorn Lee Bird of Sunset, Utah; and sev-eral nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters and two brothers. parents, t brothers.

brothers.

At Blaine's request, no service will be conducted. A crimation service at Farnsworth Mortuary will be followed by an interment service in the Jerome Cernetery.

Blaine's family would like to offer a special thanks to St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center and Bridgeview Estates for their kind care.

#### Darlene Dorothy Zink

July 28, 2008, at her

home in Filer.

Darlene was bern Oct. 26, 1931, in Broken Bow. Neb., the daughter of Donald and Vlotet Hanneman Clay. The family moved to idaho in 1940. She attended school in 1940. Hansen, Filer and Moroa. Darlene maried Tom Worley of Buill in 1950 and moved to Seattle, Wash. They had three children, Dorothy, Donald and Vlolet. They latter divorced. After her divorce, she moved back to Filer and worked at Nelson's Café, where she met William Fillizink. They were later married on Dec. 15, 1961, and together raised her three children. They farmed in the Filer area for many year. Darlene's hobbies included ceramics, photography, painting flowers and birds. She onlyode camping, traveling and watching her westerns. Darlene loved spending time together as a family and being the best grandma and She in the She She in the

Darlene is survived by her two daughters. Dorothy (Robert) Worfey-Egersdorf of Gooding and Violet Zink of Filer. ner son, Don (Linda) Zink of Filer. ner son, Don (Linda) Zink of Filer. ner swell as her two sisters. Shirley (Instelled of Kimberly and LaVanne (Roland) Clindist of Twin Falls. Also agraviving are her two grandchildren. Amy Worley of Filer and Jeanne (Lucas) Conway of Twin Falls. and five step-grandchildren. Robert Boyce of Twin Falls. Dason Green of Gregoria. Dason Green of Gregoria. Dason Green of Gregoria. Dason Green of Gregoria. Brock and Teddy Green of Twin Falls. Dason Brock of Gregoria swell as four great-grandchildren. Alexandra Boyce of Twin Falls. Sophia and Casey Conway of Twin Falls. Alson Green of Twin Falls. Green of Twin Falls and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Bill in 2003; her brother. Robert Clay; her brother-in-law. Hostetler: and two great-nephews. Field of the Filer Cemetry with the Rev. Bruce Stevens officiating. Filends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

In lieu of flowers, the fami In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be given in Darlene's name to the Atzheimer's Association or St. Luke's Magic Valley Hospiec. Contributions may be given to funeral chapet staff or malled to Reynolds Funeral Chapet, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, 1D 83303.

#### **Gerald Stromire**

Gerald HEYBURN 69-vear-old Heyburn resident, passed away Sunday, July 27, 2008, at Minidoka Memorial

Memorial Hospital. Gerald was born July 25, 1939, in Paul, to



at Stron... on with family Construction with family members before moving on to work at Ore-Ida and eventually McCains. He loved the outdoors and spent a week each summer for 46 years at Redfish Lake in Idaho. He was a great teacher and Taught his loved ones everything he loved to do such as Tishing, hunting, shouting, Booling, and bowling. He enjoyed coaching sports and

entertaining the grandchil-

lren. He is survived by his wife, atricia Stromire; daughter, dren.

He is survived by his wife, Patricla Stromire; daughter, Stacy Householder of Chewelah, Wash.; son, Greg Ghannon) Stromire of Paul; eight grandchildren; his mother, Esther Stromire of Rupert: brothers, Merlin Stromire of Kenai, Alaska, and Terry Stromire of Grand Junction, Colo; sister, Glenda Vork of Heyburn; and numerous nephews: nieces and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father and a niece.

niece.
The family offers a special thank you to his nephew, leff Stromire, who was by his side constantly, the nursing staff at Minidoka Memorial Hospital, and Dr. Hansen who took excellent care of him

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#### Stella Moline

BURLEY — Stella M. (Rogers) Moline, 87, of Centerville, Utah, and for-merly of Burley, passed away Monday, July 21,

July 2008. Stelia was born April 23, 1921, in Heiner, Utah. She u .

H e i ne r, Utah. She graduated from Declo High School with honors and was class president her junios and senior year. Stella me and married the love of hell life. Benny Moline, and set-tled in Burley Together, they rusted their son, Ron (Sonny) Moline, and were the own-ers/operators of the 610 Club, Stella later retired and

moved to Centerville. Stella is survived by her two

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granddaughters, Shanna
Moline Rondeau of Boise and
Brenda Moline Correla of
Visalia, Calli; her brother and
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brother, Clarence; and a sister, Pauline.
A private family gathering
will be held at a later date.
The family is asking that
donations be made in her
name to the charity of your
choice, in lieu of flowers.
Arrangements have been

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Rasmussen Funeral Home of

#### Patricia (Patsy) Margaret Joyce Cox

BUHL — Patricia (Patsy) Margaret Joyce Cox, 89, of Buhl, died Saturday, July 26, 2008, at her home of natural

She was born in Buhl on Dec. 7, 1918, to Irish parents Patrick and Margaret (McFarren)

(McFarren) loyce. She graduated from Buhl High School in 1936 and married Clyde Cax of huli on Nov. 11, 1936. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple on Oct. 9, 1939. The couple farmed in the Buhl area from 1936 and the they moved to town in 1955. Buhl area from 1936 antil they moved to town in 1965. They were blessed with four daughters, Martha Jean, Patricia Gail, Joyce Marie and Margaret Ann (Peggy). They celebrated their 50th weel-ding anniversary in 1986, and Clyde passed away April 13, 1997.

1997.
Patsy worked as a book-keeper for several companies and received special training to operate one of the first big-business computers available at that time. She was an active musician and served as church organist and choir director for many years. She and Clyde sang and entertained at numerous programs

and funerals throughout southern idaho. They enjoyed travelling to visit family from California and Washington to Vermont and Tennessee. Patsy is preceded in death by "pritnear everybody," including her parents, four brothers, Ed, John, Bill and Jimmy; and her beloved companion, Clyde. She is survived by her daughters, Jean (Neil) Jensen of Hurricane, Utah, Patricia Gail (Garth) Jensen of Buih, Joyce Garhant Walmum of Las Vegas, New, and Peggy (Elmer) Schraft of Hagerman; 15 grandchildren; 50 great grandc

great-great-grandchildren.

Her life was one of service
to everyone, especially her
family. She has blessed and
influenced for good all who
knew her and that influence
will bless generations to
come. We all have loved her
deeply and have watched her
endure much with humor,
patience and grace. She will
be greatly missed.

The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday,
Aug. 2. at The Church of Jesus
Christ of Latter-day Saints on
Main Street in Buhl
interment will be in the West
End Cemetery. There will be a
viewing for friends and family from 5 to 7 p.m. Priday.
Aug. 1. at Tarmer Funeral
Chapel in Buhl.

#### Norma Soulen Rich

BURLEY — Norma Soulen Rich, age 76, of Burley, died Friday, July 25, 2008, at her home.

home.
She was born May 20, 1932,
In Ontario, Ore., the daughter
of Harry Boone and Beulah
Johnson Soulen. She was
raised in McCall and Weiser,
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of Larry Boore and Beulah folmson Soulen. She was raised in McCall and Welser, graduating from Welser High School. She continued her education at the University of Idaho in Moscow and St. Luke's Nurses Training Program in Bolse. She married Roscoe, I Rich on July 1, 1953, in Welser, She was a full-time monther, homemaker and shepardless, living in Burley during the winter months and Soda Springs. In State of the State of State of the State of State of the State of Stat

Whats, Pearl, Lucy, Agatha and Al.
Shols survived by her children, Diane S. Rich of Denver, Colo., and Tom Andrean Rich of Rupert and Soda Springs; her grandchildren, Page (Erikl Berhardt and Thomas R.C. (T.C.) Rich, all of Rupert; three great-grandchildren, Elersten, Clerchen, Page (Iriok) bendards in the Rich of Republic on the Color of the Rich of Republic State of the Rich of the Rich of Republic State of the Rich of Rich



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ents; husband, Roscoe; sis-ter-in-law, Erlene Soulen; and many beloved friends. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 31, at the Burley First Preshyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave., with the Rev. Al Fry officiating. A wake and meal will follow at 4 p.m. at color, and the service of the property of the property of the color, and the service of the theory of the property of the theory of the property of the property of the theory of the property of the property of the theory of the property of the property of the theory of the property of the property of the theory of the property of the property of the property of the theory of the property of

Idaho Youth Ranch, the Idaho Humane Society, the Oregon
Trail Country Club
Scholarship Fund or to the
Burley First Presbyterian
Church.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Rasmussen Fuheral Home of Burley.



#### **Evelyn Ruth Parke**

Evelyn Buth Parkë, age 90, of Twin Fells, passed away Sunday, Juiy 27, 2008, at her home. She was born July 23, 1918, the daughter of Oscar and Mollie Thomas at Thomas at Homestead,

Fla. She moved to Idaho in 1945 from Homestead, Fla., and then to the Magic Valley. On Dec. 21, 1947, she married Hail Parke

at Hailey, and he has since passed away. She enjoyed crossword puzzles and was a homemaker.

crosswort pitzes and wasa homemaker.

She is survived by her step-son, Larry Parke of I'win Falls; three—step-grandchildren; and numerous step greatgrandchildren. In addition to her husband, Hall, she is preceded in death by a step-daughter, Gert Kimzey.

At her family's request, no public service will be held. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary and Crematory.

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## Starley named Miss Magic Valley

years after the first Miss Magic Valley was central Idaho is still naming pageant winners.

This year's Miss Mugic Valley Tregeant winners are supported by the property of Twin Falls, who received a \$1,200 academic escholarship. Starley will go on to participate in the Miss Idaho Pageant in june 2009. Runners up include:

• Ist runner-up, Deldre Edmunds, Twin Falls, \$900 scholarship; plus \$200 for placing first in preliminary ralent, and \$100 for first-place preliminary private interview.

• 2nd runner-up, Clerissa Adams, of Twin Falls, \$900 scholarship.

3rd runner-up, Megan Parrish, Jerome, ip.

\$700 scholarship.

• 4th runner-up, Elizabeth Dodds, Twin Falls, \$600 scholar-

## Party.

members — the Pristine Springs purchase cost them \$11 million, \$10 million of which was a loan from the

Which was a rotal State.
"We need to get everyone who was a part of that purchase to be involved,"
Tominaga said. "No more free

Tominaga said. No more re-rides."
Those listed as holding the water rights mage from farm-ers to citles, and even Clear Springs Trout Co. itself. Its not clear how many people aren't members yet — Tuthill said it's possible that any of them aren't. But Tominaga said it's possible that any or them aren't. But Tominaga said most of the cities already beiong, and that he didn't think many pumpers needed

think many pumpers needed to join up.

A second plan providing up to 3.59 cfs for Clear Springs is in the works, with a possible public hearing in the near future. And the call Isn't

You want weather?

and more

done with — the trout farms have indicated they will appeal to district court, and IGWA filed its own petition for Tuthill to reconsider some

for Tuthill to reconsider some aspects of his conclusion. And it may not be long before the groundwater users have to work on yet another plan, this time for a cail put out by the Surface Water Coalition. In an April recommendation to Tuthill, former Idaho Suprème Court Chief justice Gerald Schroeder found that the Twin Falls Canal Company in particular had been injured by groundwater pumping. Tuthill has less than two months to issue his final order after a series of his final order after a series of appeals and an extension requested by the various par-ties involved.

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ond Jezada, 19, Twin Falls; bat

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#### Lee H. Dean

POST FALLS — Lee H. Dean was born in Twin Falls on July 22, 1925, to Lessie and Ruby (Kunkel) Dean. After graduating from Hollister

H I g h School, he

II 1 g is School, he joined the Navy in October 1943. He did his boot camp training at Farragut and went to rader larbor. He was assigned to the alteraft carrier USS Wasp, CV18. This was where he made some of his lifelong

the alteraft carrier USS Wasp.
CV18. This was where he
made some of his lifelong
friends. After the war, he
graduated from the
diversity of Idaho with a
degree in horticulture. On
May 28. 1950. he married
MaryBell Twiton in Moscow.
On July 1, 1952, they moved
to Post Falls, where they lived
for more than 50 years.
Lee was a member of the
volunteer fife department for
many years. He was also a
Boy Scout leader and didn't
even have boys. Lee belonged
to the Odd Fellows for more
than 40 years and received
the Degree of Chivalry on
Oct. 14, 2000. He was also
alse member of the
Post real of the Veterans of
Foreign Wars. He also
enjoyed being a member of
the Post Falls Historical
Society.
Lee worked for the Post

contributions can be made to the Post Falls Historical the Post Falls Historical Society. Lee worked for the Post Falls Lumber Co. for many years. He also worked in the the Post Falls Historical Society. Arrangements are under the direction of English Funeral Chapel in Post Falls.

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DEATH NOTICES shipping department at Diamond International, in Diamond International, in 1973, he was elected to the Post Ealls City Council and served for eight years. He was then appointed city administrator until his retirement in 1985. The highlight of his career was being able to cut the ribbon at the then city, hall, Lee enjoyed his family, camping, fishing and, in his younger years, lunting arrowheads with his dad.

He is survived by his two Mary E. Carter

Midty E. Canter HAGERMAN — Mary E. Carter, 91, of Hagerman, died Sunday, July 27, 2008. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 30, at the Hagerman Cemetery: visitation from 5 to 7 pm. Thiesday, July 29, and 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesday at Demary Funeral Service. Gooding Chapet.

#### Barbara W. Allen

arrowheads with his dad.

He is survived by his two
daughters, Jan and Dan
Litzenberger of Post Falls and
Julle and Gene Schlender of
Bothell, Wash He has free
grandchildren, Tim and
Marisa Litzenberger, Bill
Litzenberger, Rebecca and
Alex Peachey, Hobert and
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BOISE — Barbarn W. Allen,
44, of Bloise, died Sunday, July
27, 2008, at a local haspital.
A graveside service will be
held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday,
July 31, at the Morris Hill
Cemetery in Boise, with
reception following: visitation from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 30, at the
Controllar Denoral Home in Anne Schlender and Elisabeth Schlender, His first Elisabeth Schlender. His first great-grandchild will be born in December. He is also sur-vived by his brother. Leslie (Bill) Dean of Twin Falls and numerous nieces and Wednesday, July 30, Cloverdale Funeral H numerous nieces and nephews.

He went to Join list wife, MaryBell, on Saturday, July 26, 2008, in heaven.

The family would like to thank the caregivers at Guardian Angel for taking excellent care of Dad and making him feel at home.

A recognitie recorder will be.

#### Howard E. Greenwell

BURLEY — Howard Edward Greenwell, 71, of Burley, died Sunday, July 27, 2008, at his home. Arrangements will be

announced by t Rasmussen Funeral Home Rasmus

#### **Evelyn J. Ridgeway**

BURLEY — Evelyn Julianne Ridgeway, 83, of Burley, died Sunday, July 27, 2008, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center. Arrangements will be announced by the Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

#### Billy R. Hayes

Billy Ray Hayes, 68, of Twin alls, died Sunday, July 27,

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

#### Rolin W. Despain

HEYBURN — Rolin W. Despain, 69, of Heyburn, died Monday, July 28, 2008, at Cassia Regional Medical

Arrangements will be announced by the Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

#### SERVICES

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 30, at the Evergreen Cemetery in Post Falls. In lieu of flowers,

tery; released on own recognizance; Sept. 9 pretrial; public defender

appointed
Joshus Schorzman, 29, Buhl; possesslon of a controlled substance, possession of aparphemalle, open container, DUI; Sept. 9 pretral; \$100
bond; hired private counsel
David Lows, 44, Twin Falls; attempted
stranglatishin, domestic battery;
\$15,000 bond; Aug. 8 preliminary
heading; public defender denied

Keith Nieffenegger of Hagerman, graveside service at 10 a.m. today at the Hagerman Cemetery (Demaray's Wendell Chapel).

Burl Akins of Richfield, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at the Richfield Cemetery (Demaray Funeral Service, Shoshone Chapel).

William "Bill" D. Avery of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at Sunset Memorial park; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Joshua Eugene Freeman of Gilbert, Ariz., funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Shoshone LDS Church.

Mary Norris of Buhi, funeral

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Mass at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Buhi; visi-tation from 3 to 5 p.m. today at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhi; rosary at 7 p.m. today at the church.

Harold Louis Grant of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; visita-tion from 7 to 9 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Robert "Dick" Mikesell of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Saturday at Sunset Memorial Park (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin

Steven D. Phifer of Salmon, graveside service at 1 p.m. Monday at the Owyhee Junction Cemetery near Nyssa, Ore.





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**EDITORIAL** 

## **Big decisions** about big money for health care

n Aug. 5, Twin Falls County residents will get to weigh in on how the Twin Falls Health Initiative Trust should spend its resources. HIT is sponsoring an open house to gather public comabout a framework for distributing the money.

snoud?; windfalls as money be spent to keep twin Falls County nealthy? Time to put

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ment about a framework for distributing the money. And it's a lot of money. Initially funded with \$15 million from the sale of county-owned Magic Valley Regional Medical Center to St. Luke's Health System, the trust will rake in an additional \$5 million over a 10-year period. The money for HT grants comes from investment income on the total amount.

total amount.
Windfalls for non-profits like
this one rarely come along. This
is an unprecedented chance to
do some real good for volunteer
groups that improve the health of
thousands of Twin Falls County
residents — especially folks who
can't afford health care.
At the top of our wish list
would be the Mustard Seed
Wellness Clinic, a ministry of the
Twin Falls Reformed Church run
by health-care professionals who

Weliness Clinic, a ministry of true the common that the common that the common that the community well are the community working underinsured — people without access to private health insurance, Medicare or Medicaid. That describes at least 20 percent of the county's 37,774 person workforce and their families.

There are many other volunteer efforts, such as the programs run by the College of Southern Idaho Office on Aging, that could expand their services with an infusion of cash, but we hope the HIT board of directors will also think outside the box when it considers where the grants should go.

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The Boys and Girls Club of the Magic Valley, for example, offers programs in health and life skills aimed at helping kids make choices that nurture their own well-being, its sports, fitness and recreation programs promote healthy behaviors.

And the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers teach self-sufficiency skills that help keep their mostly elderly clients out of nursing homes and hospitals. In addition, the YMCA, American Red Cross, South Central Community Action Partnership, the Magic Valley SAFE Kids Coalition, the Salvation Army, the Child Trauma Recovery Resource and Twin Falls County's three senior citizens centers — while not specifically health-related volunteer organizations — materially improve the health of many.

Our community has never been wealthy, but we've always had an abundance of caring volunteers committed to their neighbors. This is a one-time-only chance to give them a little more to work with.

The time and place of the HIT open house will be announced later this week. Show up and be part of the solution.

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## McCain could still win this election

The professional oddsnakers favor Barack
own the election. It's no wonder the election. It's no wonder the election. It's no wonder the election it's no wonder the election. It's no wonder the election. It's no wonder the election it's no the wrong track. They
can't stand the current
Republican occupant of the
White House. The economy
is weak and shows little sign
of getting significantly
stronger before the election.
The country is fighting an
unpopular war. And Obama,
as he reminds us every time
to opens his mouth, is all
about "change."



So why hasn't Obama closed the deal? Most national polls show Obama shead — but by margins so thin it can hardly give comfort to the putative frontrunner. The latest NBCI Wall Street Journal poll of registered voters puts Obama up only six points overall, while the more reliable polls of Rasmussen tracking poll and the ABCI Washington Post poll — put it at a statistical tie within the margin of error. And Obama is losing his advantage in key battleground states. A new Quinniplac poll of likely voters for the Washington Post and Wall Street Journal tound Obama losing eight points over his previous poll numbers a month earlier in Minnesora.

month earlier in Minnesota, dropping five points in Colorado and two points in Colorado and two points in both Michigan and Wisconsin. McCain has pulled shead of Obama in Colorado, is within the margin of error in Minnesota, and is in striking distance in Michigan. Of the four key states, only in Wisconsin, where Obamas numbers where Obama's numbers went down slightly but



McCain's didn't go up, is Obama comfortably ahead of McCain by 11 points. Perhaps most surprising is that Obama has been getting nonstop media attention over the past week with his high-profile visits to the Middle East and Europe. No presidential candidate of over the past week with the high-profile visits to the Middle East and Europe. No presidential candidate of either party has been treated to such fawning coverage in the past, with network anchors accompanying them on their overseas trips and cameras everywhere to capture the candidate in formal settings, and the construction of the candidate in formal and informal settings, and the congiven for assuring the election had already taken place as he watched Obama sitting with Iraql Prime Minlater Nouri al-Mailki, who seemed to all but endorse Obama's plan for removing American toops within 16 months (before the Iraql leader decided to hedge his bets a bit'dy denying hed said any such thing).

And then there were the picture of Obama addressing throngs of more than 100,000 adoring Germans—who, Judging from the applicance of Obama addressing throngs of more than 100,000 adoring Germans—who, Judging from the applicance of Obama addressing throngs of more than 100,000 adoring Germans—who, Judging from the applicance of Obama addressing throngs of more than 100,000 adoring Germans—who, Judging from the applicance of Obama addressing throngs of more than 100,000 adoring Germans—who, Judging from the applicance of the parents' disparate backgrounds, were

far more enthusiastic about Obama's African than his American heritage.

Yet despite the sycophantic media frenzy, average Americans aren't yet convinced Obama's 'change' is what they need. When it comes to identifying with the candidates' vialues, farmore likely voters in the more likely voters in the more likely voters in the work of the state of the s

Obamas decision to leave American shores in order to burnish his cradentials was supposed to fix these prob-lems, but it could backfire. John Kerry tried to convince voters that since the Europeans liked him more than George W Bush, America would be better off

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clecting him, only to find that sentiment didn't resonate on Election Day. If Obama can't outscore his opponent on the home court, he's not likely to win any points overseas.

Americans have seen far more of Obama thave seen far more of Obama thave seen far more of Obama the country of the seen far more of Obama thave they still aren't sure they know or fully trust him. The nonpartisan Project for Excellence in Journalism found that Obama has led campalgn coverage in 78 percent of stories since he clinched the nomination. The McCain campalgn has even taken to mocking the obsequious attention the media have bestowed in annusing web video featuring web video featuring web video featuring web video featuring media have bestowed in an amusing web video featuring ID Francie Vaillis "Can't Take My...I Eyes Off You' and Gilbs of My MSNBC's Chris Matthews relling viewers he fills this whill going up my leg" when wo Obarma speaks. Still, the election should be Obarma's to lose, And he may yet convince voters to put aside any misgivings they have, but it's not clear how he is going to do it.

Linda Chavez is a conservative author, commentator and radio talk-show host.

## A vast, left-handed conspiracy found in '08 election

hen Sens. Barack Obama and John McCain take the stage for the presidential debates, attendive viewers may notice both candidates may notice both candidate scribbling notes with their left hands. Political junkles will remember that such a will remember that such a curlosity has occurred before: In 1992, all three con-tenders — George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton and Ross

tenders — George H.W.
Bush, Bill Cilinton and Ross
Perot — were southpaws.
In the race for the White
House, lefties seem to have
the upper hand. No matter
who wins in November, six
of the 12 chief executives
since the end of World War II
will have been left-handed:
Harry Thuman, Gerald Ford,
Ronald Reagan, the elder
Bush, Clinton and either
Obama or McCain. That's a
disproportionate number,
considering that only one in
10 people in the general
population is left-handed.
For years, left-handed.
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For years, left-handed.
For deal of the left-file
same out treated as a point of
the considering of and-leftines
are everywhere: A right-hand
man is indispensable, but
who wants a dancing partner
with two left feet? The words
"adrollness" and 'dexterty"
derive from the French and



Latin words for "right," while "gaucho" and "sinister" derive from the words for "left." In the New Testament, the souls of sinners who fall to meet with the Savior's approval are sent to his left — and to eternal damnation. No wonder that, well into the 20th century, children who showed signs of left-handedness when writing were forced to switch hands. Even today, left-handers are thought to be accident-prone (not true), and a study once showed them to be a trisk for early death (it was debunked). But what about the brains? Is possible that right and left-hended the study of the savior with the sav

may be better armed for the challenges of leadership because of the way their brains handle language and dexterity foorty, there's no other wordt. For nearly all right-handers, language abilities reside exclusively on one side of the brain — usually the left, which controls the right hand. But one in seven leftles process language on (this) both [end hand and handle hand

righties by stern tutors and teachers, so few presidents before World War II would have been officially left-handed president before the control of the cont scientists, we recommend some ... evenhandedness.

Sam Wang and Sandra Aamodt are co-authors of "Welcome to Your Brain: Why You Lose Your Car Keys but Never Forget How to Drive and Other Puzzles of Everyday Life:"They wrote this commen-tary for The Washington Post.

#### THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS







By Garry Trudeau





#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Mormons are as Christian as other denominations

Before your July 22 editorial appeared, I had written some remarks intended for your Religion section about those people picketing the Twin Falls Mormon Temple. I've softened my remarks and am now in the uncomortable second-string position of having to hand in remarks written with unexceptionable regard for the feelings of people who themselves are doing unconscionable acts. scionable acts

selves are doing unconscionable acts.

Ilken those pickets to the disgusting people who picket the funerals of soldiers and gays. You've seen them, I'm sure, hiding behind their shades, indecently elated, holding their signs, smiling like butchers' dogs at closing time, their carriage suggestive of hustfers at a sun belt truck stop on a slow day.

I am puzzled, though, as to how those people can convince themselves that their disgraceful behavior would allure sensible people to join them in worshipping what must be, on the face of it, a psychotic god—a god they believe somehow "called" them into action. Could the answer be inanereligious inebriation? Willful blindness? Perhaps a lot of each mixed with jealousy of Mormonism's apparent universal appeal.

If I have yet to vex those awful people (and i linclude those persons who arenit picketing, but who attended local mil-Mormon churell meetings), here's something meetings, here's something which might do the job for

meetings), here's somethir which might do the job for

ne. I'm pushing 70. I've lived in our countries. I've studied under Jesuits and Irish Christian Brothers and Christian Brothers and earned five university degrees. I've been a baptized member of three major Christian churches and looked curiously at several

others.

I've learnt that if Mormons arent Christians, then there arent any — anywhere.

JOHN WALSH
Burley

### Country not behind Iraq war like it was WWII

In every period of history, there is at least one major national error that might have turned things completely around. Something that could have changed a

world power into a completely subjugated people. During the Second World War, France had the Magdinot Least and the Magdinot Least area of the Magdinot Leas

and hard fought-for grour measured in feet. The Americans almost lost the entire Pacific by clustering their planes in small group Had the Japanese pressed their advantage, it would have been all over. Even after Pearl Harbor, the same tacti-

have been all over Even after Poarl Harbor, the same tactical error was unchanged by American forces in the Philippines. The lapanese took over there. Luckly for the French, the British and the Russians, the Americans fought back and armed and supplied the other exhausted and depleted nations and lead them on to victory. Now there's Iraq. We fight a war we can't win, deplete our own actional nitegrity by continuing an unwanted effort while building up a country that will, in all probability, turn on us like a rabid dog once we're through. And where are these other nations to support us? In other conflicts, America, as a whole, supported the efforts. Even facing possible defeat, collected scrap fron, rubber, fat, collected scrap fron, rubber, fat, copper and aluminum. We suffered then, through shortages and rationing, without complaint.

Now, we face astronomical so prices and food short-

w.we face astronomical gas prices and food short-ages while petroleum com-panies report billions in excess profits while our impotent government offi-cials sigh and shake their

heads. VAUGHN PHELPS Twin Falls

Taxpayers stuck with bill for another failed project I iust can't sit on this any

Twin Falls Temple Tabloid

longer, Every time I read about the urban renewal, I get mad. How many people here in Twin Falls remember and attended a meeting when Twin Falls was planning the big step for urban renewal years ago?

I was there! Those opposing such a plan brought in a man from St. Louis, Mo. What did he tell us?

First of all, if Twin Falls fell forti, which it did, the cost would be great, but oh, how beautiful it would be, more appealing, lots of trees, fountain and, of course, less customer parking, which now if you try to find a place to park, they are all reserved. The next step, he told us, oh, yeah, the malls would come! And they did! And he said. "Everyone will go to the malls to shop." Have we? Well, sure we did! Then guess what, the city would have to bring those high-priced consultants back to tell us how to bring the bush ness back to our poor downtown. And are they? This is the last step the consultant from St. Louis said would happen — the taxpayers are stuck again.

from St. Louis said would happen — the taxpayers are stuck again.

Yep, in Sunday's (July 20) paper, front page. But oh, "flashy restaurants, sleek offices and a landmark city hall." Gosh, I can hardly hall." Gosh, I can hardly walt. But the developers say the ambitious project will need some help from the taxpayers. In the past two years, the city and urban renewal have spent \$500,000 on the project. The Portland based Leland Consulting Group has so far been paid more than \$250,000 for its services.

was right. Wake up, you ta payers, don't be stuck aga

was ignt. wake up, you tax-payers, don't be stuck again. I hardly ever shop down-town. All my stores moved to the mall. Don't get me wrong, I miss the downtown. wrong, I miss the downtown but can we ever go back? City planners, don't you think we have enough problems with our economy, just trying to survive without throwing this at us again. You guys pay for it; leave taxpayers alone. EDITH WARD Twin Falls

### Three decades of free-market baby making

I hirry years ago last week, Louise Brown came into the world amid alarmist predictions that her birth would end sex, foremilats sich as writer jererny Blüth walled that province ("under glass") fertilization would harm the future to would harm the future that her warmed that he with their warmed that he with their warmed that he with their warmed that it is not to fer illigation, are VIV by a undertail. tilization, or IVF by sundering the bonds between the act of

the bonds between the act sex and conception, would damnage families. Because of such fears, when Louise's parents walkt down the streets of their English town in 1978, their neighbors fleet, expecting something scaly or monstrous to be in the baby carriage. When they saw a normal baby their fear disappeared. TVF is just holping nature along a bit," Louise's father told them, correctly. Since them, assisted remove.

father told hem, correctly.
Since then, assisted reproduction has helped along hundreds of thousands of American bables. According to 2005 data from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, assisted reproduction helped create more than \$50,000 American bables that year alone.

The Vatican perversely persists in conderning IVI but it is hard to see the wisdom behind that thinking, Perhaps no children in history have been so wanted.

behind that transing, retrangno children in history have
been so wanted.

Of course, things arent perfect. Children conceived
through 10°F have a slightly
elevated rate of rare birth
electes. It is still not clear
why, it could be because of
the older age of the eggs and
sperm of the parents. But 99
percent of 10°F kids, just like
Louise Brown, are born
healthy.
Although infertility clinics
advertise great rates of success, real figures often disapjoint. Few states require
insurance companies to cover
IVF and the costs run about
\$9,000 or more for each

101; and the costs run about \$8,000 or more for each attempt. Most couples try two or three times but end in fail-ure. In fact, CDC statistics show that only about 25 per-

snow that only about 25 per-cent to 30 percent of couples using IVF take home a baby. So physicians have looked for new approaches. The next best tool is using eggs of young women. Such eggs, fer-



tilized by sperm from the older man, createran embryo that can be gestated by the older woman and has a

that can be gestated by the older woman and has a genetic connection to the father. For women over 40, this procedure dramatically increases their chances.

New medical techniques are often reported in sky-isfalling prose. Alarmists always predict that the next new technique will take us down the dreaded slippery slope. Looking back, the alarmism cloaked the real issues, which concerned money. The first involved deception, fraud and greed. Throughout the 1980s. Or. Cerli Jacobson of Fairfax,

greed. Throughout me 1500a Dr. Cecil Jacobson of Fairfax, Va., used his own sperm instead of the intended Instead of the intended fathers' to create as many as 75 embryos. He went to jull for it in 1992. In the mid-190s, Dr. Ricardo Asch at the University of California, Irvine was caught switching donor eggs without women's consent. Asch fled the country to avoid prosecution. The U.S. legal system conjunged these fraud-system conjunged these fraud-wouldn't protect consumers.

—There is another issue about money here. Deeply about money here. Deeply affecting research in assisted reproduction, Congress in 1974 banned the use of feder-

al money in research involv-ing human embryos, a ban that continues. ing human embryos, a bau-that conditues.
For such research to occur, then, it had to be done in pri-vate clinics that accepted no federal grants but instead got all of their money from client fees. Early on, critics doubted dust couples would pay for IVI especially if their chances of creating a baby were low. The last three decades proved the critics very wrong.

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A primal human desire may exist to create a child of one's own. In 1978, most Insurance companies resisted paying for IVF as too expensive or frivolous, and critics thought that would halt the practice altogether So in traing to consend the solid primary of the solid primary or the solid p gether. So, in trying to con-ceive a child with IVF, some

cars, rented apartments rather than bought houses or

cader than bought brouses or must viduous caestions. Wholly unintentionally, the U.S. ban on federal funding Jump-started innovation in assisted reproduction. One byproduct was that the National basistones of Health and eithes committees inai on mechanism for regulating research in these private clin-ies. Those in the U.S. opposed to assisted reproduction mis-calculated—and wound up-creating one of the fastest-srowing areas of American

caucinated—and would up creating one of the fastesst-growing areas of American medicine fueled, in part, by competing private clinics. The experience of 30 years teaches us two things: first, discount alarmism about assisted reproduction and embrace new ways of making bables. Second, let the market, not government, regulate baby making. One final note. Last year, busines Brown had her own baby, without assisted reproduction, proving yet again how natural she is.

Gregory Pence has been teaching bioethics at the med-ical school at the University of Alabama in Birmingham for 33 years. He wrote this com-mentary for the L.A. Times.

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## Virgin Galactic shows off mothership aircraft

MOJAVE, Calif. — British illionaire Slr Richard MOJAVE, Caill. — British billionaire Slr Blehard Branson showed off a key piece of his fledgling com-mercial space program Monday, unveiling a carrier aircraft designed to launch a passenger-carrying space-shib.

sup.
A crowd of engineers, dig-nitaries and space enthusi-asts gathered inside a

Mojave Desert hangar for the unveiling countdown. As the hangar door flew open, White Knight Two appeared outside under the sumy desert sky with Branson and American aerospace pioneer Burt vace pioneer Burt waving from the

Rutan waving from the cabin.
White Knight Two, billed as the world's largest all-car-bon-composite aircraft, is "one of the most beautiful-and extraordinary aviation

ranson said.

The public showing was the first concrete evidence of progress since the Rutandesigned SpaceshlpOor became the first private, manned rocket to reach space in 2004. After the tgroundbreaking flights, in Rutan and Branson partnered to commercialize on the success. Branson dubbed the venture Virgin and Galactic.

Despite the buzz sur-rounding White Knight Iwo's debut, significant hur-dles remain before cus-tomers can experience zero gravity for \$200,000 a ticket. White Knight Two must undergo a rigorous flight testing program, beginning in the fall. Engineers still need to finish building SpaceShipTwo, which is now about 70 percent complete, according to Virgin Galactic.



Virgin Galactic founder Sir Richard Brauson, left, and Scaled Composite LLC founder Bart Rutan wave from the mothership aircraft White Knight Two 'Eve' during an unrelling ceremony at Scaled Composites hangar in Mojere, Calif. Monday. More than 250 customers have paid \$200,000 or Calif. Monday. More than 250 customers have paid \$200,000 or a deposit for the chance to be one of Virgin Galactic's first

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# 'Compulsive gambler' Donaghy to be sentenced today

By Tom Hays Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Disgraced NBA referee Tim Donaghy was a compulsive gambler whose roach to professional and personal ruln began on the golf course, where he bet up to \$500 a hole, according to an evaluation filed on the eve of his sentencing. "In short, he could not stop himself from gambling," wrote Stephen Block, a longtime New York-based gambling treatment counselor.

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Donaghy, 41, faces up to 33 nonths in prison at his sentencing today in federal court in Brooklyn, after pleading guilty last year to taking thousands of doithousands of doi-lars in payoffs from a profes-sional gambler for inside betting tips. The evalua-tion was filed by his defense attorney, John Lauro, in a bid for leniency.

"In my professional opinion, Mr. Donaghy would never have committed these offenses if he was not a pathological gambler," Block concluded.

interviewed Block, Who interviewed Donaghy in January, traced his problem to 1994, when he started betting up to \$500 a hole and playing card games at various golf clubs in his home state of

ras introduced to the world of professional sports gambling, where he bet on football and base-ball before becoming embroiled

in the NBA scheme.

"His gambling history demonstrates the need to gamble to fulfill the underlying need for action," Block said. "He continued to gamble despite the consequences and the fear of disclosure of his activities."

Donaghy, like many gambling addlets, successfully concealed his problem for years, Block wrote. "Mr. Donaghy's ability to accurately referee games has no connection to his compulsive gambling condition," he said. "It is very common for the employers of

pathological gamblers to never notice a decrease in job perform-

ance The The criminal case ended Donaghy's 13-year career with the

NBA. Also, his wife of 12 years has filed for divorce.
"His gambling has caused devastation in many areas of his life," said the report, adding that "continued professional treatment would benefit Mr. Donaghy in his recovery."

recovery."

Prosecutors declined comment

# DUIET MONK GETS HIS DUE



kins wide receiver Art Monk looks on during a news conference at Redskins Park in Ashburn, Va., on Feb. 5. The former Redskins receiver was passed of Fame voting, but will finally be inducted Saturday in Canton, Ohlo.

## Former 'Skins legend to be inducted into Hall of Fame

By Joseph White Associated Press writer

LEESBURG, Va. — In a ports world where loud is good, controversy equals poplarity and sound bites translate into Pro Bowl votes, Art Monk simply went to work —

quietly.

And he did his job extremely And ne did nis job extremely well, catching more passes than anyone before him. Those who knew him well were outraged when the Washington Redskins receiver was passed over seven times in Pro Football Hall of Fame vot-ing.

ing.
Now he's in on try No. 8, with induction Saturday in Canton, Ohio.

Hosterian saturation of the control of the athlete who maybe gets the unfair shake because he isn't flashy and doesn't have much to say.

"I don't know if it's society the little it for the media thy."

"I don't know if it's society that likes it or the media that draws attention to those type of people, people who are self-promoting and just kind of always out in front: 'Look at me," Monk said in an interview with The Associated Press

view with the research Press, "They seem to get the atten-tion. But for guys like myself, I don't care. That's just not who I am. That's not what I'm about. I'm not doing it for recognition. I'm doing it because I love this sport, and I want to win and do the best I can. If you do that, people will

recognize you."

Uncomfortable in a black tie or behind a microphone, few players looked more at ease on the field than Monk. Need to move the chains on third down? He'd go over the middle and get the first down. The 6-foot-3. 210-pound receiver was bigger and stronger than most of his speedy, agile comporaries, so catching a pass in traffic was no problem. He set NFI: records for most catches in a season (106) and most consecutive games with a reception (164). He became the all-time receptions leader with his 820th catch in 1992 and finished with 940. His records have since been broken, but mainly because rules and philosophy changes have led to a wide-open ern in the passing game.

The 19800 first-round draft

passing game.
The 1980 first-round draft

pick made the Pro Bowl consecutive years (1984-86), and the Redskins won the Super Bowl three times during Super Bowl three times during his 14 seasons with the team. He retired in 1995 after anticlimactic seasons with the New York Jets and Philadelphia Paoles. York Just Eagles. So why the lack of apprecia-

So why the lack of appreciation?

Maybe It was because
Monk's best years came when
the Redskins didn't win the
NFL title. Maybe It was
because fellow "Posse" members Gary Clark and Ricky
Sinders were perceived as
the big galners and touch
the big galners and touch
downs.

Monk's big game stats have
been criticized, but he had a
0-yard reception in the 1988
Super Bowl win over Denver,
and caught seven passes for
113 yards in the 1992 title
game victory over Buffalo.

"There's all kind of theories,"

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#### Giants. Pats forget **Super Bowl battle**

By Dave Goldberg Associated Press writer

AI BANV N V ... The New ALBANY, N.Y. — The New York Glants are playing defense, which is what they did very well to shock the New England Patriots in the Super Bowl nearly six Super Bowl memorals ago.
Only this defense is

months ago.
Only this defense is designed to motivate them to overcome the preseason lack of recognition they perceive they've received since that 17-14 win.
It's on the Web. It's on ESPN, the NFL Network and in most newspapers, including those in their own city. The message is this: The Glants are a slightly better-than-average (cam and the most are wightly better-than-average (cam and the most are slightly better-than-average team). ly better-than-average team that got hot late last season, managed to get to the Super Bowl and then handed New Bowland then named view England its only loss of the season because the Patriots were overconfident. New England treats that game as if it never hap-

pened.
"I think we do have a chip
on our shoulder," said
defensive end Justin Tuck.
"You read the papers; we
have no chance even in the
NFC East.

The Cast.

"Fear mind going under the radar. If we're not the team to bear or we're not expected to be the best team it doesn't bother me. This team knows what we accomplished last year and what we did. Last year we didn't always play our best football until the playoffs. Now we have to work on being more consistent and

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# San Jose State fuses maturity, growth with change

in every new season of college football, change comes to the rosters, staffs, fan-bases and outlooks of

comes to the rosters, statis, fan-bases and outlooks of every team.

In the Western Athletic Conference, change seems other the conference, change seems of the conference, change seems of the conference, change seems of the conference of the conf

the rush." Myles Eden, a junior from

Canyon Lake, Calif., has apparently earned the job. He didn't turn the ball ower in spring ball, completed 60 percent of his passes: and rushed for more yards than any of the other quarterbacks who were "getting the hell beat out of them," according to Tomey.

"He's considerably ahead right now," Tomey said.

"He's considerably ahead right now." Tomey said.
"Our real problem at quarterback is we don't know who the next guy is. Nobody else really emerged.
"Myles got to show that he's the right guy. (But) he can't win the game in practice. You've got to win it in games. He has yet to do that."
One of the main reasons.

games. He has yet to chat."

One of the main reasons the offense struggled in Tafralis' senior season was that he was being protected by one of the youngest offensive lines in the country. Tomey started three freshmen last season.

"There were a lot of people in our backfield and very few of them were ours," Tomey said. "Buil they got better and better and better."

The Spartan offense did take good care of the ball

SJSU only fumbled the





SAN JOSE STATE

ball three times in 2007, tied with LSU for tops in the

the top ten nationally in turnover differential (plus-13), and was one of the least penalized teams in the

nation.

San Jose State is the oldest team in the WAC, established in 1857. The Spartans will play their 990th game in program history when they face Nebraska Sept. 6 in Lincoln, Neb.
They return their top five receivers from last season, including Kevin Jurovich, who led the team with 89

SISU at a glance 2007 record: 5-7, 4-4 WAC All-time bowl record: 5-3 Returning starters: 1.3 (Off: 6, Def: 6, K: 1) 6, Def; 6, K: 1)
Non-conference games: UC
Davis, Nebraska, San Diego
State, Stanford
Head Coach: Dick Tomey
(175-129-7, 44-37-2 WAC)
Joined WAC: July 1, 1996
Founded: 1857

#### COMING WEDNESDAY: NO. 5 LOUISIANA TECH

receptions and nine scores.
Jarron Gilbert should be an anchor at defensive tack-le this season. Last season he played defensive end and the 3-technique end when the Spartans ran the The team also finished in

This year, his move to tackle was precipitated out

tackle was precipitated out of necessity.

"Four of our dive best defensive linemen are defensive ends, so we had to find a way to get us all on the field." Gibbert said. "I've naturally assumed a leadership position and the guys listen to me for the most part.

"I just try to help the younger guys as much as I can They're really good to the property of t

should, this should be the best season we've had yet." Gilbert said. "We've already put in the work. The foundation is sot." Senior leff Schweiger and Carl lhenacho will fill in the agas at end. Christopher Owens should again put together a solid season at cornerback. He led the team with skx picks a season past. On the special teams side, there is currently only one man.

man.
Jared Strubeck will kick,
punt and kick off unless
someone clee steps up in
camp. Strubeck hit all his
extra points last season, but
only converted half of his 20
field goal attempts.
Tomey also brought in al
large contingent of Junior
college transfers this soason.

His team has been hit hard by NCAA regulations on academic expectancy, but it is recovering. He said most of the problems the team faced were results of the previous staff. Tomey has been at SISU for three years.

has been as one of years.

"I like our guys, I like the way they practice and go to school, how they lift weights, the way they work and are in tune with each other." Tomey said.
"We just can't wait to get started."
That start may be the

started."
That start may be the roughest of any team in the WAC.
The Spartons host Ut Davis, then travel to Nebruska and later visit stanford.
They do have a favorable WAC schedule this season. Last year they lost three straight sagainst. Hawel, Fresno State and Bolse State.

Those games are broken

up this season.
This team is a big ques-

This team is a big question mark.

It is picked to finish sixth in the WAC, but surely has its hopes in a higher stake, a quest for the title and a goal to go bowling during winter break.

# Cubs take Round 1 of crucial N.L. Central series

MILWAUKEE — Derrek Lee doubled with one out in the ninth to score Alfonso Soriano and the Chicago Cubs rallied to beat the Milwaukee Brewers 6-4 on Monday night to take a two-game lead in the NL

randay right of ask a two-game lead in the NL Central.

In the opener of a four-game series between the NLs top two teams, the Cubs pre-valled in a back-and-forth contest to improve to 32-26 at Miller Park since it opened in 2001.

at Miller Park Since it opened in 2001.
With the game tied at 4, Brewers closer Salomon Torres (5-3) struck out Kosuke Fukudone, but an into trouble by walking Soriano and pinch hitter Miller Fondersot.

Lee then flared a double to right, scoring Soriano. After an intentional walk to Aramis Ramirez and a strike out by Geovany Soto, Mark DeRosa's infield single scored Fontenot to make it 6-4.

#### MARLINS 7, METS 3

MIAMI — Dan Uggla and Cody Ross hit RBI singles to spark a five-run eighth ning. With their 31st come-from

with their 31st come-from-behind win, most in the National League, the Marlins closed within a game of NL East-leading New York. East-leading New York Second-place Philadelphia is

Adding to the Mets' gloom, starter John Maine left the

game after 4 1-3 innings because of a stiff shoulder. With Florida trailing 3-2, Josh Willingham led off the eighth with a double against Joe Smith (1-3), and Uggla followed with a tying single.

CARDINALS 12, BRAVES 3
ATLANTA — Albert Pujols
drave in three runs, Braden
Looper won for the first time
in six starts and St. Jouis beat
injury-riddled Atlanta.
Injury-riddled Atlanta.
For-A
to Mather went Hollor
St. Louis, which had lost
skt of seven, Byan Ludwick
also drave in two runs.
The Braves, struggling to
stay in contention in the NI.
East, lost their third strulght
game on the same day they

game on the same day they placed Chipper Jones, who leads the majors with a .369 average, and Tim Hudson, their No. I starter, on the dis-

PIRATES 8, ROCKIES 4
PITTSBURGH — lan Snell
won for the second time in 18
starts. Nate McLouth homered and Pittsburgh rallied to
snap Colorado's five-game
winning streak.

winning streak,
Ryan Doumit and Doug
Mientkiewicz each had three
hits and two RBIs for the
Pirates, who had lost three

ASTROS 5. REDS 4

HOUSTON - Roy Oswalt came off the disabled list and

beat Cincinnati again, strik-ing out five in Houston's win. Oswalt (8-8) won his fifth straight start against the Reds and improved to 20-1 in 25 career outlings against them, despite giving up a grand slam to Adam Dunn.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
MARINERS 7, RANGERS 5
ARLINGTON, Texas
Adrian Beltre homered twice, including the go-ahead shot in the eighth inning, to lead Seattle past short-handed Texas.
Rungers All-Star shortstop
Michael Young could miss up

Michael Young could miss up to a week with a small frac-ture on his right ring finger, which he apparently suffered diving back to first base on a pickoff attempt in the first inning.

#### ANGELS 7, RED SOX 5

BOSTON — Case
Kotchman and Torli Hunto homered in a six-run sixth inning and the Los Angeles Angels improved baseball's

Angels improved baseous a best record.

Kotchman's two-run homer gave the Angels a 3-2 lead. Hunter's three-run shot frove Maisuzaku (11-2) from the game and equaled the otal number of runs he had allowed in his previous five starts.

TWINS 7, WHITE SOX O MINNEAPOLIS

Slowey pitched a six-hitter,



رم. rers catcher Jason Kendall, left, tags out Chicago Cubs first baseman Derrek Lee out at the plate during Monday's game in Milwankee

Denard Span hit his first

major league home run and Minnesota beat Chicago, striking first in this key AL Central series. Slowey (7-7) struck out five and walked one, and the Twins moved within 1½ games of the first-place White Sox.

ORIOLES 13, YANKEES 4 NEW YORK — Adam Jones hit a grand slam and an RBI triple to back Jeremy Guthrie's strong start, leading Baltimore to a blowout that ended New York's 10-game winning streak at Yankee adium. Kevin Millar hit a three-run

Revin Miliai in a uncertain drive in the second and Ramon Hernandez followed another homer off an ineffec-tive Mike Mussina.

INDIANS 5, TIGERS 0 CLEVELAND --- Paul Byrd

pitched into the eighth inning and combined with Edward Mujica on a four-hit shutout of the Tigers.

BLUE IAYS 3, RAYS 1
TORONTO — A.J. Burnett
matched a career-high with
his 12th win, Matt Stairs hit a two-run homer and Toronto won for the sixth time in seven games, beating Tampa

- The Associated Press

## Tire trouble ruins NÁSCAR Indy race

disappointing. I've never seen anything like this," four-time Indianapolis winner Jeff

Gordon said, "Didn't see much of a race," on said

"It's just unacceptable at this level," Brian Vickers

offered.

But their fre wasn't airned square at NASCAR, Across the

square at NASCAR. Across the board, everyone understood NASCAR did the best it could with what it had to work with. Goodyear tested the tires it brought to Indy back in April, when Vickers, Dale Earnhardt Ir, and Kurt Busch experimented with soweral different maker find a match for Sunday Although the tires in that two-day stretch seemed to last somewhere around 15 laps a run, Goodyear-wrongly

to last somewhere around 15 laps a run, Goodyear-wrongly believed their durability would improve once the full fled took to the track and began laying rubber on Indy's abrasive surface.

Where Goodyear went wrong was underestimating the effect of NASCAR's cur-

rent car, a heavier new model

that puts a ton more stress on right-side tires than last year's

ingite-sace these train rises, year. So that the time is a findy couldn't hold up to the pressure, and the rubber Groedyear that assumed would stick to the track never happened, instead, the surface became the equivalent of a cheese grater, turning the rubber into a dust that never settled onto the surface. With times worn down to their cords, failures were almost certain every 10 laps.

their cords, failures were almost certain every 10 laps. So NASCAR stepped in with competition cautions, which didn't give teams a chance to push their tires to the limit. Given the opportu-

nity, teams certainly would have raced through the dura-

bility window — a situation that likely would have created multiple tire failures and

Matt Kenseth echoed

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) Yes, the race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway was a deba-cle. No point in denying it. But don't be so quick to castigate NASCAR, which was

casing the random with the unenviable task of trying to salvage a race that was destined to look like stalled, rush-hour traffic.

When it became obvious in Saturday's practice sessions that the dres Goodyear brought to Indy had a serious durability issue, there was only one option for NASCAR a day ahead of the green flag: figure out how to stage a safe race.

Option No. 2? There wasn't

ne. Formula One and Michelin learned that at Indy in 2005, when three-fourths of the field refused to compete in the United States Grand Prix because of tire concerns. Indy took a hit, the race never recovered and F1 isn't cur-

recovered and F1 Isnt cur-rently racing in this counting.

"The difference between
NSCAR and Formula One is Formula One thinks of it as a business — they don't think about the fans, they don't hink about the show," said Juan Pablo Montoya, the only driver to participate in both driver to participate in both tire fiascos.
"Tere they do, NASCAR will do whatever is possible to put the show on in the best way possible."

possible."

And that's exactly what NASCAR tried to do, relying heavily on deliberate caution flags that slowed the pace of the 400-mile race and forced teams to change tires every 10-to-12 laps. It meant a record 52 of the 160 laps ran under caution, with the longest green-flag run a mere

13 lips.

Ta lips.

The victor Sunday was decided by one final heat race, a seven-lap sprint to the finish that saw limmle Johnson win the race off pit road then hold off Carl Edwards and Denny Hamlin to grab his second Brickyard tible in these year.

tle in three years. To call it horrible racing is an understatement, and the participating drivers didn't mince words. "It's embarrassing and it's

many wrecks.
It was a decision based on experience. Durability issues at Lowe's Motor Speedway in 2005 produced record cau-tions and dangerous racing conditions, when tires began popping like balloons. All

NASCAR could do to stop it was a mid-race mandate on

air pressures, "Hindsight is 20/20," said vice president of competition Robin Pemberton, who Robin Pemberton, who patrolled pit road during the race so he could examine the tires up close and help the officials in the tower decide

officials in the tower decide how to proceed.
Using a different tire wasn't an option, either. Although Goodyear shipped in an emergency alloument of tires it had earmarked for this weekends race in Pocono, at least one manufacturer an at least one manufacturer and at the control of the con weekends are in Poconio, at least one manufacturer run at assument on that confipound and determined the reserve tires would have been a dangerous 2 seconds faster per lap than the indy tires. It would have created a major speed change not adaptable to the gear mitors and rev limits prograimmed for Indy.

NASCAR doesn't get a total pass on the Indy debacle.

The sanctioning body whilfed in failing to hold an open test session at the track, something that's been consis-

something that's been consis-tently done in past years.

Once the tires started fail-

tently done in past years.
Once the tires started faling during the test, and
Goodyear saw the tiresweren' laying any rubber on
fife track, there's no chance
the company would have
brought the same compound
to Sunday's race.
Without the luxury of a full
test, Goodyear had to guess a
bit in preparing for Indy,
Sometimes you guess right,
and sometimes you, guess
wrong. In this case, Goodyear
was clearly wrong.
As the only the supplier in
NASCAI, the company is not
subjected to competition
from other makers, Goodyear
has the NASCAR market corhard market corhard for the track of the control of the corment and every team needs

nered, and every team needs its tires to turn even one lap its ties to turn even one lap.
Its position as the only player
in the game means its even
more important that Goodyear avoids the blunders it

year avoids the bunders made coming into Indy.
It's not NASCAR fault Goodyear wasn't prepared, and top officials did the best they could to salvage a dangerous situation. Now it's up to them to make sure it never happens acain.

### Monk

sald cornerback Darrell Green, Monk's longtime Redskins teammate and fellow Hall of Fame Inductee this year. "He didn't talk to the media. He was quiet. He didn't talk to the media. He was quiet. He didn't have the prime-time play. He was "First down, Redskins." I've heard It all, "As one who played against him, he's in the top echelon of the receivers, that's a given. His Aumbers spoke for them-solves. His longevity spoke for itself. His class spoke for itself." sald cornerback Darrell

itself."

Monk remained typically
quiet during his seven-year
wait for the Hall of Fame nod, but his selection has open a flood of emotions. At Redskins reception for Mo

and Green shortly following their election, Monk donned a white shirt and diagonal-striped tic and went to the podium before his ex-team-mate.

mate.
"I'm going to go first," Monk
sald, "since I'm the one who's
shortest on words."
Everyone laughed, but
Monk then did the astonishing, speaking uninterrupted
for 12 minutes. He cracked

ikes. He was eloquent and capti-

He was elequent and capti-vating. He seemed over-whelmed at receiving an honor he said he wasn' expecting. Thad just written it off." Monk said, "as I had done the last few years."... It's more than a title. It's humbling, And it's something hopefully

lic functions.
"I've never been one to draw attention to myself."
Monk said. "I think it comes from my parents. They're both not necessarily quiet, but they didn't boast about themselves. They just worked!

I can live up to."

Monk and Green then launched a joint multicity tour to raise money for their respective charitable foundations, a cause that offerd a rare case of Monk reluctantly playing the extrovert at public functions.

out mey didm obast about themselves. They just worked.
"They worked hard, it's all they ever knew, and they instilled that in me. That's kind of the approach that I took. I kept my head down and worked hard and just did my best."

### **Giants**

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play on a high level week in and week out." The Patriots opened camp

and week out."

The Patriots opened camp last week sounding exactly as they did for 18 games hast year — the message, as always, imparted by Bill Bellichick and parroted by even the most articulate of players: "We never look behind. Only look ahead."

Said Bellichick after the first practice of training camp: "The goal right now is to correct the mistakes we made this morning, talk about the stuff we are going to install this afternoon and go out, there and work on that, we are going to install this afternoon and go out, there and work on that, we are going to try to, have another good practice and string them together. Our focus right now is very short term."

Belichlekian to the core

focus right now a very acceptant.

Belichickian to the core and, presumably, one of the reasons the Patriots were able to run off those 18 straight wins. No team has ever utilized the "we play em one at a time" cliche the way the Patriots have.

"I think part of what helps you move forward is to say 'OK, we did the best we could do and it didn't turn out the way we would have liked but sometimes that happens," Tom Brady said after last week's first practice. We are moving forward with just as much energy and excitement as we always have. Hopefully week are go out them and put ourselves in the best position possible every week.

That's easy for the barriots, who are in the relatively week AFC East; play only four teams that had winning records last year, and have been in four super Bowls this decade, losing only to the flaints.

The Glants have the rings but not the pedigree. They also are coming off a regular season in which they finished 10-6; play in an NFC East that has put three teams into the playoffs in each of wo seasons; and an

the last two seasons and are regarded by many as an up-and-down team that got hot at the right time. It starred with a 38-35 loss to the Patriots in the final reg-ular season game, an other-wise meaningless game that gave the Glants confidence that they could stay with the best. Then they won three straight on the road in Tampa, Dallas and Green Bay before their. Super Bowl upset.

before their. Super Bowl upset.

Still, the Giants have been dowingraded in the offseason to a consensus 'ranking' of sixth or so and are almost unanimously picked to finish behind Dallas in their own division and maybe even behind Philadelphia and Mashburun lervi done; the behind Philadelphia and Washington, Jerry Jones, the never-shy Dallas owner and his coach, Wado have his coach, Wade Phillips, have publicly labeled their 21-17 playoff loss to the Giants as a fluke.

"They only gained 57 yards in the second half," Jones

They only gained 57 yards in the second half." Jones said recently. Jones chose to ignore the fact that after Dallas controlled the ball for almost the entire second quarter to take a 14-7 lead, Eli Manning drove the Glants down the field for all Di 146 seconds to tie it at intermission. The Glants are using that kind of comment to motivate, themselves, especially after Michael Straham's retirement and the trade of Jeremy-Shockey to New Orleans. Shockey is regarded by the experts' as a loss even though he missed the playoffs and Super Bowl with a though the missed the playoffs and Super Bowl with a beautiful green one reason he exactly given the order of the playoffs and super Bowl with a could be controlled to the playoffs and Super Bowl with a controlled to the playoffs and Super Bowl with a controlled to the playoffs and Super Bowl with a controlled to the playoffs and Super Bowl with a controlled to the playoffs and super Bowl with a controlled to the playoffs and super Bowl with a controlled to the playoffs and the playoff

"Can we harness what we did in the playoffs and extend it throughout the whole sen-son?" asks wide receiver Amani Toomer, the senior Glant with Strahan's retire-

ment.
"We know we have the pieces in place and we know we are missing a few of them, but 1 think the majority of them are still here. I think-that if we can find a way to bring back, get, our mojo back, so to speak, and start another run."

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The Partrots ignore all chatter, including all the noise about "Spygate" that went on long after the season ended.

"We start by taking leadership from our head coach and the example that he sets," Brady said, 'I don't think he is too concerned with what anybody did last year, including us. He is concerned with what we did today and what we do tomorrow.

row.

"That is where is all starts.]

don't think what any team
has done in the listory of the
NFI, will have any effect on
what we do this year. We are
going to do the best we can
do. We are going to try and do
the best we can do everyday
in practice. Hopefully that
leads to a lot of wins."

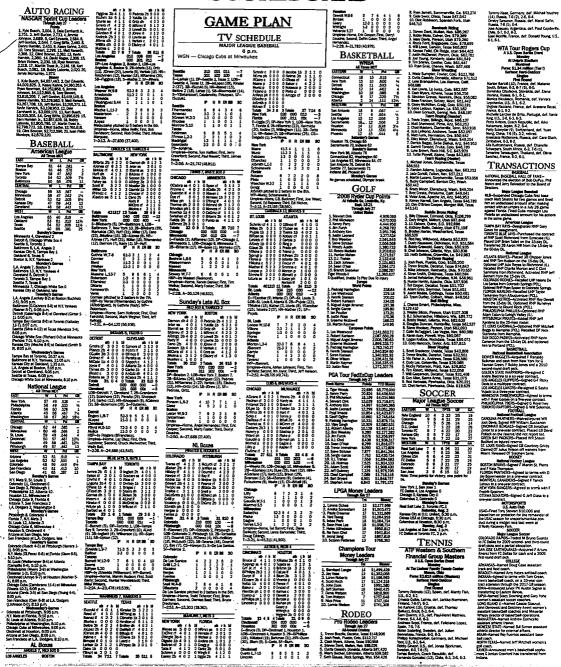
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surely will.

For the Patriots, it almost surely will.

The Glants?
They love being Super Bowl champions. They love being the underdog just as:
much.



## **SCOREBOARD**



## Bills RB Lynch won't face NFL punishment over hit-and-run

PITTSFOID. N.Y. — NEL commissioner Roger Goodell won't discipline Buffalo Bills running back Murshawn Lynch for a hit-and nun accident that left a woman followed. In the state of the stat

sonal conduct policy.

#### COLLEGE FOOTBALL

#### Utah to visit Notre Dame in 2010

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah will visit Notre Dame in 2010 in the first meeting between the two college football programs. On Monday the Utes announced an agreement to play at Notre Dame on Nov. 13, 2010. Utah athletic director Chris Hill says he prefers to get opponents to agree to a homeand-home series, but the Utes made an exception for a chance to play the Fighting Irish and the national exposure that will come with the game.

In order to make the schedule work, Utah will not play Utah State in 2010 or 2011.

#### GOLF

Norman turns down PGA invite

JUPITER; Fla. — Greg Norman turned down an invitation Monday to play in the PGA Championship, deciding to stick to a previous commitment instead of competing for the fourth smight used. fourth straight week.
The PGA of America offered Norman

The PGA of America offered Norman an exemption after he had the 54-hole lead in the British Open and finished third. Norman tied for fifth last week at the Senior British Open, and will play this week in the U.S. Senior Open at The Broadmoor in Colorado.

While I truly appreciate the PGA extending me an exemption for this years PGA Championship. I have elected to decline in favor of adhering to the professional and personal commitments I made prior to The Open Championship at Royal Birkdale. Norman said on his Web site. I wish the PGA and Oakland Hills all the very best for what I'm sure will be a great week for golf.

#### MAGIC VALLEY Kimberly football starts mid-August

KIMBERLY - Kimberly High School foot-

## Sports Shorts

ball will start practice for the 2008 season with equipment checkout on Aug. 14 between 4:30-6 p.m., in the equipment room of the old gymnasium. Two-a-day practices start at 7 a.m., Aug. 15 at the practice field behind the high school. All players must have physicals completed to practice. For more information contact coach Kirby Bright at 423-6298 or 308-6520.

#### Kimberly football camp upcoming

KIMBERIAY — The Buildog junior Football Camp will be held Aug. 11-13 at the Kimberty High School practice field from 6-8 p.m. each day. Participants will learn the fundamentals of football and teamwork. Equipment checkout and registration is from 4:30-6 p.m. on Aug. 11 at the old gymna-sium. Cost is \$25. For more information contact Kirby Bright at 423-6298 or 308-8520.

#### Volleyball rules clinic nears

TWIN FALLS — A mandatory state volley-ball rules clinic for all officials and coaches

will be held Thursday at Burley Junior High School and Aug. 4 at Twin Falis High School-Registration will be held at 6 p.m. each night and the clinic will begin at 7 p.m. All officials and coaches must attend one of the meetings. A rule book will be given at each meeting, Volleyball is also in need of officials. Anyone interested should attend one of the meetings. For more information, call Velma Jean at 678-7252. 678-7252

#### JRD holds fall sports sign-ups

JEROME - Jerome Recreation District is JEROME — Jerome Recreation. District is offering registration for fall soccet. flag football and volleyball through Aug. 31. The cost is \$17 for those in the district and \$27 outside the district. Soccer is for age 4 through grade 6, while flag football is for grades 2-5 and volleyball is for grades 5-6. Register by phone by calling 324-3389 or stop by the JRD during office hours.

#### Jack and Jill tourney nears

IEROME — Jerome Recreation District is holding sign-ups for the Jack and Jill Coed Softball Tournament. The tournament is scheduled for Aug. 9-10 and the cost is \$180 per team. Teams must register by Aug. 4. Contact the JRD at 324-3389 for more infor-

- Compiled from staff and wire reports

# B4 Tuesday, July 29, 2008 TWIN FALLS FORECAST BURLEY RUPERT FORECAST olight: Mostly clear. Lows 55 to 60. norrow: Sunny and it touch cooler. Highs 80 to 85 IDAHO'S FORECAST SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.

DEEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS Barometric Sunrise and Humidib U.V. INDEX

# Hamm out of Olympics

Paul Hamm had the best tedical care there is, and the drive and determination to make yet another spectacular comeback. All he lacked was

comeback. An its issues of competency with less than a week of training impelfit, the reigning gold medalist withdrew from the Belling Olympies on Monday because he won't be healthy enough to compete. Beslude persistent pain from the belling of t

Morgan, who received a warning July 3 from the U.S. And Doping Agency for getting a prescribed and inflummanty silor without having

matery 3402; Willow Having the proper paperwork.

Paul Hamm's withdrawal is a huge blow for the Americans, who were fourth at last year's world championships and hoped his return—and that of Morgan—would get them back on the podium. Hamm is the only American to win the world (2003) or Olympic



Olympic champion Paul Hamm shows off his hand during a now con-ference before the men's first day of competition for the U.S. Olympic gymnastics trials June 19 in Philadelphia. Hammannounced Monday that he's had a strback in his recovery from a broken right hand and won't be health enough to comment in the ACT—Line of the ACT—Line of the Comment of the Comment of the ACT—Line of the Comment of the ACT—Line of won't be healthy enough to compete in the Of

(2004) all-around titles.
It also clears the way for China's Yang Wei In the all-around. Yang, the two-time defending wagrid champion, is so technically superior that Hamm was considered the only, one who could challenge him.

I was giving myself the chance to see how this past week went, to see If1 could turn the corner at any point. That just never happened. Hamm said. When you go into the Olympic Games, your esupposed to be in the best of the words shape."

Hamm broke the fourth metacarpal — the bone extending from his right ring finger to his wrist — May 22 at the national championships, just 11 weeks before the start of the games. It's a devisitable play for the six events the men do puts a heavy load of stress on the hand. Many moves require the hand to be twisted sharply or support a general way the six events the men do puts a heavy load of stress on the hand. Many moves require the hand to be twisted sharply or support a general way of the six events the men do puts a heavy load of stress on the hand. Many moves require the hand to be twisted sharply or support a general way of the six events the men do puts a heavy load of stress on the hand. Many moves require the hand to be twisted sharply or support a general sharply or support as a sharply or support as sharply or support a general sharply or support a general sharply or support as sharply or support as support as general sharply or support as sharply or support as support as sharply or support as support as support as support as suppo

under the wire, even though it was close and it was going to be close," Lubbers said. 'If we'd just had another month or if we could have gone a life slowe."

All six events in both qualifying and team finals. Because the scoring format in team finals is so unforgiving—three athletes compete on each event\_and all three scores count.—"Larmi didn't want to hurt the Americans if he wasn't fully ready to go.

Hamm did talk with USA Gymnastics officials about going to Beijing and only doing a few events. But that isn't realistic or fair, he said, especially considering rings

especially considering rings is one of the events the Americans would have need-

ed him on.

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"This has been the hardest decision I've ever had to make," he said. "But I have too much respect for the Olympics and my team to continue on when I know the best thing for everyone is for me to step aside."

Hamm's withdrawal likely ends the career of one of the best gymnasts the United States has ever had. In addition to his world and Olympic titles, he led the Americans to a silver medal in Athens, their first at the Olympics in 20 years.

## Reigning gold medalist | Wife who left and never came back now talks of returning

DEAR ABBY: Nine months ago, my wife, "Marie," left to go shopping and never came back. She took, off leaving me and our three sons, ages 12, 4 and 16, without a word. We had been married 25 years. We had no contact for the first three months, and she has not helped support the klds in any way. She told no ne— including her family—that she had left. Friends would see me in public and would see me in public and

ask where she was Marie has recently started

Marie has recently stanted talking about coning house, but I have mixed feelings. I have mixed feelings asked why she left. She said she was unhappy and tired of living a lie. What lief Marie refuses to elaborate. Two of our sons don't want her back. They felt abarbard when she disappeared. My other son says he comes back or not as long as she leaves him alone. I keep remembering the quote. A house divided cannot stand, and I wonder about us. Please advise me.

advise me.
—LOST IN THE BIG CITY
DEAR LOST: Under the circumstances. It asy the feelings you and the boys are
experiencing are normal.
However, all of you need to
come to terms with why your
wife and their mother walked
out so abruptly. Before she



DEAR ABBY leanne **Phillips** 

returns, it is important that you understand why she felt that leaving the way she did was her only option. It will take time for her rela-

It will take time for her rela-tionship with the boys to be repaired and for the two of you to rebuild trust. This is not to say that your 'house divided' cannot be rehabili-tated and even made more storm-proof than before, But don't kid yourselves: It will take work on the part of everyone.

DEAR ABBY: My son-in-law. "Tony," is very ill and probably wont make it. It is terrible tragety for our family. He will leave behind a berefut wife and children. During his last crisis I trav-eled across country to sup-port my daughter, Janet." My husband, "Doug," isn't Janet's father, and now he says he doesn't want me going to the funeral. He says I have spent nough time on Tony, and my visit was a "waste of money."

He says lanet wanting me there is a ploy - that she's

"playing me." Granted, she had some hard feelings when I divorced her father and married Doug, but we have made up. I feel I need to be at the funeral to support her.

There has been no love lost between janet and Doug, I'm does not get along with his own kids from a previous marriage either. But should his interfere with my attending the funeral? Doug says my going would be a betrayal to him and has threatened divorce if I go. How should handle this?

—TORN IN DES MOINES

divorce if I go. How should I handle this?

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—TORN IN INDES MOINES

DEAR-TORN: Although I hate to label anyone, let me point out that by Issuing an ultimatum, your husband is behaving like a control freak. If you want this pattern to be repeated until the day one of you dies, stay home and don't attend the funeral.

Let me also point out that a daughter needing all the emotional support she can get as she burtes her husband is not a "ploy." It's a cry for help. Your grandchildren might also appreciate having you close.

Your husband is behaving like a petulant child. You have an extremely important decists shot to make, and It's about a larger issue than the funeral.

larger issue than the funeral.
Only you can decide the right choice for you.

## Favre still a no-show, saga continues

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP)—With the Brett Favre standoff still simmering, Auron
Rodgers took his place
Monday as the Packers new
starting quarterback.
Rodgers is trying to ignore
what has become a daily
soap opera involving the
three-time MVP. Favre is
considering filing for reinstatement with the NFL and
reporting to camp this
week, a move likely intended to pressure Green Bay to
grant him his release—

grant him his release — something the Packers refuse to do — or trade him. The NPL had not received reinstatement paperwork from Favre as of Monday

from Favre as on money-evening.

"I feel like this is really between Brett and the organization, and I'm just trying to stay focused on the things 1 can control." Rodgers said after the team's first practice at eamn. team's first pro-camp, General manager Ted Thompson spoke twice with

no-show, sage
Favre on Saturday, for about 45 minutes each time. They decided it would be best for Favre to stay away from Green Bay for now.

"We still have not gotten to the point where we agree on what the best option is." Thompson said Monday. We have sort of agreed to disagree, and at that time he suggested he would probably delay coming to training camp for at least a couple of the stay of the

released, something Thompson opposes. The Packers hold Favre's rights until his contract expires after the 2010 season.

'A release just doesn't make a lot of sense from the Packers' point, of view,' Thompson said, 'T've not heard many people say that's a good option — even people that would like to hang me in effigy outside.' The Packers have filed tampering charges against Minnesota. Suspecting Favre's latest up-plop on his favre's latest up-plop on his manufacture was spurree mainly.

Favre's latest flip-flop on his future was spurred mainly by interest from the Vikings. NFL commissioner Roger Goodell is trying to help the sides reach a settlement. 'Tin glad to see that there are productive discussions and they're talking directly to one another.' Goodel sid from Buffalo Bills training camp Monday. 'They're both important to the league going forward, and 'Im hopeful they'll reach a proper resolution."

# TUESDAY

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INSIDE: Up or down, there's plenty of crossword

JULY 29, 2008

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#### FUEL REPORT

Some relief pame this week for drivers and equipment Diperators as regional fuel prices declined for the first time in almost a year. The energie price for a gallion of registry grade gasoline in south-central idaho dropped about 8 cents — the merage price as of Monday was \$4.14 per gallion. The energie price for gasoline in the U.S. fell just over a penny to \$3.96 a gallion, according to auto club AAA and the Oil Price Information.

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Price Information.

The everage price for a gallon of diesel declined about 5 cents last weak. The next again rich et al. gallon of diesel in southcontrol lidaho is \$4.75.

Oil prices rose Monday, but the gains, were tempered by more evidence that high against prices are causing Americans to dire less — Americans logged 9.6 billion fewer vehicle miles in My compared to the same period last year.

#### Gas prices

Twin Falis: Maverik Country Store, 120 Sixth Ave. W.: \$4.08
Jerome: Flying J, 5350 U.S. Highway 93: \$4.04 Burley: Smith's Fuel, 837 E. Main St.:

#### Diesel prices

• Twin Falls: Fill Mart Phillips 66, 1612 Blue Lakes Blue, N. : \$4.70 • Jerome: Flying J. 5350 U.S. Highway 93: \$4.86 • Burley: Smith's Fuel, 937 E. Main St.: \$4.88

\*Prices quotes by Mapquest.com as of Monday afternoon. Subject to change at

#### COMMODITY PRICES

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Dairy Feed Supply	\$11.50	25
Land O'Lakes	\$11.00	-2.00
Rangen	\$10.50	10
Barley (Per 10	0 pounds)	
Rangen	\$9.20	+.30
Ogden	\$10.53	N/A
Pocatello	\$8.00	-1.00
Burley	\$9.50	N/A
Hay (Mid/Ton)		
Alfalfa(Supreme	Low \$245	High \$245
Alfalfa(Good)	Low \$200	High \$200
'Alfalfa(Fair)	Low \$180	High \$180

#### Small grain

Soft white wheat			
Rangen	Ask		N/A
Wendell Elevator Co.	\$6.45	•	-2.55
Ogden	\$6.87		+1.08
Pocatello	\$6.58		-,57
Burley	\$6.43		-,57

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Small Red	\$40.00	_
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Pinto	\$33.00	+1.00
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Price quotes as of Monda

More commodities on C2

#### Reservoir Levels



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Some southern Idaho ranchers finding it more profitable to grow hay instead of raising a herd

By Joshua Palmer Staff writer

Cattlemen in southern Idaho may be a dying breed.

dying breed.

An increasing number of small beef producers — those raising less than 300 head of cattle — are selling off their stock and leaving the
business because revenues are not keeping up

Rising costs have many cattlemen cashing out

with rising costs.

Feed and fuel costs have risen more than 60 percent since last year, while beef prices have actually declined less than 1 percent during the same time period.

"We're losing small producers at the rate of about one or two a week right now," said Bruce Billington, manager of the Twin Falls Livestock Commission Company. 'A lot of them are saying that it's more profitable to self off the herd and grow hay.'

Billington added that the self-offs seem to be isolated to small producers.

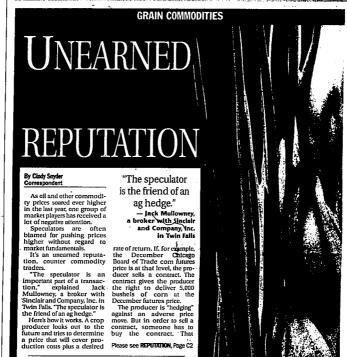
Large cattle producers are avoiding some of the cost increases by producing their own hay.

However, out of 1,500 beef producers in Idaho, more than half are recognized as small operations, according to the Idaho Cattle Association.

sociation.
Officials say they don't yet know how many
ave discontinued cattle production — some
stimated the loss at about a 100 since early

"It all comes down to your bettom line," said Dean Kresitch, a small beef producer outside of Wells, Nev. "If I don't expect to recover my costs in the coming year, then I'll sell everything at the highest price I can get — and

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#### AGRIBUSINESS **BRIEFS**

#### NATION Fresno County, Calif., still No. 1 farming county in country

FRESNO. Calif. — Fresno County topped the \$5.3 bil-lion mark in agriculture production last year, hold-ing onto its place as the No. 1 farming county in the country.

country.
The county's 2007 crop report released Tuesday shows grapes, almonds and milk as the top three commodities

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The No. 2 county in the nation is neighboring The nation of the control of the

## Agriculture futures

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trade higher on CBOT
CHICAGO — Agriculture future traded mostly
higher Monday on the
Chicago Board of Trade.
Wheat for September
delivery fell 13.25 cents
to \$7.9.775 a bushel;
December com rose 4.75
cents to \$6.0125 a bushel;
December outs gained 5.5
cents to \$4.07 a bushel; cents to \$6.0125 a bushel; December oats gained 5.5 cents to \$4.07 a bushel; November soybeans added 9.5 cents to \$13.96 a

Beef and pork futures traded lower on the craded lower on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

August live cattle lost 0.75 cent to 97.07 cents a pound; August cattle fell
0.6 cent to \$1.1115 a
pound; August lean hogs
dropped 0.05 cent to 78.55
cents a pound; August
pork bellies fell 1.87 cents

Brokers still have a role to play

a quote. Afier confirming the price and receiving instruc-price and receiving instruc-tions from his client, Mullowney fills out a order and completes a transaction. It's a typical transaction for Mullowney who has worked as a commodily broker for more than 30 years. In the old days, hed spend all day giving quotes and updating

The phone rings and Jack Mullowney picks it up. After a few pleasantries, he turns to his computer and checks a quote. After confirming the

By Cindy Snyder Correspondent

clients on market news. Now clients can track the markets using delayed quotes and call him to check on a real time quote.
"Their knowledge of the

status of the market has changed completely," said Mullowney, "But they still ask for advice and counsel."

He has been a trader with Sinclair and Company, Inc., in Twin Falls since the days Sinclair was one of the Sinclair was one of the largest potato futures contract traders in the U.S.

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# Expert warns wheat residue too valuable to lose

By Nicholas K. Geranics Associated Press writer

Associated Fress writer

SPOKANII, Wash.—
Times are good for whent farmers, but they should resist the urge to harvest their crop residue and sell it for ethanal production, a federal research says.
Leaving wheat residue on the ground helps present their country of the residue would speed croston. said Ann. Kennedy, a Charles of Agriculture soil scientists.

Kennedy, a U.S.
Department of Agriculture
soil scientist.
Wheat is selling for
more than \$8 a bushel,
double what it was a few
years ago. That is injecting
new money into farming
areas like the Palouse, the

wheat-producing agricultural area in the north-western United States.

"In the more than 100 years that we have been cultivating soils in the Palouse, we have lost about half of the original organic matter," Kennedy said.

That organic matter, which consists of decomposed plant material and microbes, provides nutrients, holds water and helps prevent wind erosion, she said.

But farmers are rushing

But farmers are rushing cash in on the high But farmers are rushing to cash in on the high prices. The amount of land planted in wheat in Washington has risen by 250,000 acres in the past year. Winter wheat acreage

grew by 80,000 acres, to approximately 1.8 million acres. Spring wheat grew by 170,000 acres to about 620,000 acres.

by Probovactes to about 620,000 acres. The percentage of organic matter in soil varies from region to organic matter from the control of the

organic matter over time. Leaving residue on the soil

surface works best.
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the microbes will slowly invade it and convert it into organic matter," she

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was roughly the size of Hhode Island, Although federal agencies are investing \$14.5 million to rehabilitate the land, cat-tie producers have been left without enough acres to feed their herds. It couldn't have come at a worse time, said Krestich. Hay prices have nearly doubled in less than two years due to increased demand for feed in domes-tic and foreign markets. Fewer acres used to pro-

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duce alfalfa and poor crop conditions in 2006 also helped push prices higher. Alfalfa in south-central daha currently costs more than \$230 per ton, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. And earlier this year, there simply wasn't enough hay to meet demand by beef producers, dairies and equestrian markets in the region.

In 2007, the Times-News first reported that auction yards expected to see cattlemen selling off younger cows in an attempt to reduce whiter feed prices. I lowever, Billington said it's grown much worse as those same cattlemen sell off entire herds.

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## Reputation

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ers also use the hedging strat-egy to control feed costs by contracting to buy corn or soybean meal at a future

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As commodity markets have become more volatile in the last year or so, specula-tors are taking advantage of

### Brokers

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Mullowney had clients from
Maine to Wisconsin to Idaho.
Today the firm is a fairly
large player in the dairy
futures market, but not to the
extent as it once dominated
the pointo market. The firm
has diversified as its clients—
agricultural and otherwise—
have changed, but one thing
has remained the same.
"The basics haven't
changed a bit," Mullowney
said.

said.

The first corn futures contract was signed in Chicago in 1851 and ever since farmes have been using financial markets to sell their crops before harvest. The whole idea behind the futures mar-

price swings to make money but aren't solely responsible for the price swings, said James Carr, president of Sinclair & Company, Increasing world demand for food crops, weather problems that have cut yields and geopolitical issues are theore market pushers.

Delivery requirements that are part of futures contracts also help keep speculators in check. For example, any one can trade oil contracts but only those who are qualified traders, meaning they can accept physical delivery of the commodity, are allowed

the commodity, are allowed to hold a contract until expi-

For example, when Sinclain

& Company looked into becoming a qualified trader for oil, company officials lined up tank space to store oil and figured out how to have the oil shipped to Twin Falls, but weren't qualified because the Company had no way of taking delivery of the fuel in a harbor.

"You have to certify that you have the ability to take delivery." Carr said. Without that certification, they — like any other speculator — must exit any oil futures contracts before the delivery date.
One role of the futures market is to make price volatility more transparent. He points to the onion market as an example of a market ket is to reduce price risk by not selling the entire crop at harvest when supplies are plentiful and prices are typi-cally low. harvest when supplies are harvest when supplies are typically low.

Although agricultural producers overwhelmingly use the futures market to reduce price risk, coming up with a strategy to accomplish that in this very volatile market is difficult. Even though commodity prices have been strong, input costs are rising just as fast and many producers are finding their profit margins are just as light as when wheat was \$3.50 bushed.

Some analysts believe the new breakers in the Magic Valley will top \$5 a bushed.

That means keeping on top of market news, analyzing

that news and developing marketing strategies remains a key component of a profitable agricultural enterprise. But the costs associated with marketing are also going up. "The most significant change in the commodity markets in the last two to three years has been the increase in volatility," said James Carr, president of Sinclair & Company, Inc. in Twin Falls.

Twin Falls. When he first got into the When he first got into the business eight years ago, a producer with a \$5,000 account could trade quite a bit. Now it's nip and tuck whether that eilent can participate in the market. "The cost margin to trade is much higher now," Carr sald, "but the opportunity to make mioney is also higher."

that sees huge price swings but has no speculators ig blame for the wild gyrations (commodity trading has been banned for onions since the late 1850s.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, a short crop pushed onlor prices up 400 percent between October 2005 and April 2007, only to crash 98 percent by March 2009 percent by March 2009 percent by March 2009 of the work of the property o

Carr usually arrives at the office around 6 a.m. to take care of back office work before the markets open Mullowney arrives between 2 and 7:30 a.m. The cattle market opens at 8:05 a.m. followed by the grains at 8:30 a.m. Currencles and treasure the propers of the grains at 8:30 a.m. Currencles and treasure the propers of the grains at 8:30 a.m. Currencles and treasure the core for trading at 6:20 and 10 a les open for trading at 6:20

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"There isn't a thing that goes on world wide that does n't impact our markets," Cart low or geopolitical issues in Impa. If it's in the news, it's going to affect our markets."

# Rising costs cause grain elevators to borrow more

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By Chris Serres Star Tribune

Scott Dubbelde has told himself, time and again, that there is no use fretting about things over which he has no control.

things over which he has no control.

Even so, the general maninger of a grain elevator coopcrative in Hanley Falls lies awake at night, worrying about the ballooning deb this elevator has incurred to finance its inventory. "Id be lying to you if said I wasn't worried." Dubbelde said. "This is about our survival."

These may be boom times

said. "This is about our survival."

These may be boom times
for farraners, but the sharp
rise in commodities prices is
putting unprecedented
financial pressure on country
grain elevators — the first
point of sale for most crops.
Just as familles have borrowed more to meet rising
costs, grain elevators have
dramatically increased their
debt burden as the prices of
corn, soybeans and wheat
have soared. Borrowing levels at some grain elevators
have more than quadrupled
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innas.

The results would be unprecedented bottlenecks in the nation's food delivery system and, ultimately, high-

er food prices for consumers, say economists and agricultural analysts.
"This is extremely serious," said Michael Swanson, an agricultural economist at Wells Fargo. "If elevators start having major problems, the whole food system could be affected."

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Longer term, a liquidity crisis could play into the hands of Wall Street investment funds and private investors; they've been sinking billions of dollars into agriculture, in the hope of profiting from the food of the country of the coun

investment banker at Bear Stearns.

"If you're sitting in New York and you're being told that the world's running out of food, you probably see agriculture as the next big hurah." Traen said.

And with the costs of doing business skyrocketing, some elevators may be forced to consider selling, The price of corn, the nation's biggest crop, has almost doubled in the past year, partly because of growth in world food consumption and increased production of ethanol from corn. In June, corn futures for December delivery hit a record \$7.99 a bushel, though it since has failen to \$6.42.

Adding to their financial

\$5.42.
Adding to their financial stress is the fact that many elevators don't just handle grain, but also sell seed, fertilizer and pesticides. The cost of those also have risen to record levels, further pushing up elevators' borrowing costs.
"Any time an industry gets as leveraged as grain elevators are today, it's very worri-

some," said Kendall Keith, president of the National Grain and Feed Association.

rain elevators ear to be little mo s may appear to be little more than storage bins. But in many small towns, they remain the largest employer and are the center of economic activity. Minnesota has nearly 600 that together employ 11,000 people and handle more than 9 billion bushels of grain annually, according to the Minnesota Grain and Feed Association. And elevators have

Feed Association.

And elevators have become increasingly large and sophisticated businesses that use complicated risk-management tools to height purchases. To offset he risk that prices will fall, elevators typically self futures contracts on the Chicago Board of Trade.

Although designed to mitt-gate risk, the futures con-tracts require large amounts of capital in rising commodi-ties markets. When the price of grain moves higher than the price in the futures con-tract, the elevator has to post

account current. For eleva-tors that handle hundreds of thousands of bushels of corn, those margin calls can be huge. During the sharp run-up in commodities prices in February, it wasn't uncom-mon for grain elevators to have six-fligure margin calls in a single day.



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	Last Years Fee	This Years Foo	Percent Incresse	Cost Per Student	Cost Per Student
Elementary Lunch Secondary Lunch	1.65 1.70	1.75 2.00	12% 18%	1.55 1.70	1.75
Adult Lunch	2.50	3.00	19%	2.50	3.00

All citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the increased for request. The Hearing will be held on August 12, 200 at 7:30 PM at the Shoshone Schools Library, 61 East Highway 24, Shoshone, Idaho 83352.

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The District Highway District No. 5 will have a budget hearing at the regular meeting August 4, 2008. The hearing will be held at the District Highway office at 5:00 PM. Patrons from the district are encouraged is stated if they would like to discuss the budget with the Board.

DIETRICH HIGHWAY DISTRICT NO. 5 PROPOSED BUDGET

	97,000,00
Material Sales	3,000.00
	60,050,00
Refunds	3,000.00
Salos Tax	7,000,00
City Maintenance	8,500,00
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE \$2	78,550.00

ESTIMATED EXPENDIT	TURES
Accounting & Legal	1,600.00
Advertising	500.00
Equip, Part & Repair	19,000.00
Fuel & Oil	27,000.00
Insurance ·	8,000,00
Employee Insurance	17,500.00
Work Comp	6,000.00
Maint. Of Roads	78,798.00
Office Expense .	3,500.00
Payroll Tax	8,300.00
Retirement	9,500.00
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Commissioners Salary	9,000,00
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Part Time Labor	4,000.00
Unomployment	1,000.00
Utilities	6,200.00

Utilities TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES \$ 278,550,0

Shauna Portor, Clark

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The Lincoin County Recreation District will hold a Budget Hoaring on August 11, 2008 at 6:00 PM at 113 S. Rail Street West, Shoahono, Idaho, Meeting is open to the public.

## PROPOSED BUDGET LINCOLN COUNTY RECREATION DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2009

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	ESTIMATED REVENUE	
	Property Tax	107.812
	Ag Replacement Funds	5,090
	Pool Receipts	15,000
	Sales Tax Revenue	18,350
	Interest Earned	1,000
	Program Fees	5,000
ı	Capital Inlay	180,000
	Unencumbered Funds	250,651
ı	TOTAL REVENUE	\$582,903
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	TOTAL REVENUE	\$582,903
	ESTIMATED EXPENSES	
		5.000
	Administrative Expense	
	Insurance	6,870
	Improvements	10,000
	Legal	12,000
	Maintenance & Repair	25,000
	Other Recreation Programs	15,000
	Payroll Expenses	95,000
	Supplies & Chemicals	8,000
ì	Utilities	15,000
ı	Building Lease	25,000
ı	Capital Outlay	280,000
	Maintenance Reserve	88,033

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	CITY OF HOLL 2009 BUDG		
1	FY07	FY08	FY09
GENERAL INCOME			
Transfer to water		3,000	
CARRY OVER	20,500	18,000	21,000
PROPERTY TAX	22,165	23,221	23,912
OTHER TAXES	10,547	10,437	12,952
HIGHWAY REV	9,898	9,155	8,945
MISCELLANEOUS	2,735	2,500	2,500
TOTAL	\$65,845	\$66,313	\$69,309
WATER/GARBAGE			
IDC GRANT			
ID GRANT	500,000		
Reserve Fund Bond	10,000		5,000
Transfer General		3,000	
Water	38,495	35,800	36,800
Garbage	10,260	11,000	11,200
Bond Water Project TOTAL	erro 3rr	****	\$53,000
IOIAL	\$556,755	\$49,800	\$53,000
GENERAL EXPENDITU	IRES		
General Transfer		3,000	
INSURANCE	5,000	6,200	6,200
HIGHWAY/STREET	10,000	10,000	8,945
Utilities		2,550	4,500
Maintenance/etc	13,423	16,753	21,431
MIS Salaries/contract	30,950	21,810	21,733
Legal auditor		4,000	4,500
Office, stamps, etc.		2,000	2,000
TOTAL	\$59,373	\$66,313	\$69,309
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Bond water project			
Reserve fund bond	5,660	1,660	1,660
Construction/water			- · ·
Maintenance/etc	39,095	30,055	31,455
Bond/interest	12,000	11,385	11,385
WATER PROJECT	500,000	1.400	3.200
Office, clerk, etc Labor		1,400 3,300	3,200
Savings		2,000	2,000
TOTAL	\$556,755	\$49,800	\$53,000
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aring August 12, 2008, Holister City Hall at 5:30PM.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION SOUTHWEST IRRIGATION DISTRICT FOR AUTHORIZATION TO INCUR DEBT

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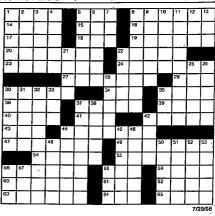
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## Consumer preferences drive spud research

KIMBERLY — The potato is a humble tuber, a staple in Americans' homes, a cornerstone of Idaho history.

After all of this, is there anything more we can learn about postures?

After all of tins, is unex my thing more we can learn about potatoes?
Absolutely, said Nora Olsen, potato specialist at University of Idaho's Kimberly Research and Extension Center.
At U of 18 'twillight Tour on Thursday, Olsen, wearing a potato-adomed crown, helped in the special of the section of the section of the section of the section of the special of the section of the se

just numbers, like AOA95154-1.
"We're pretty exclied about this variety," she said, motioning to the Premier Russet. These potatoes, she said, can be stored at low temperatures and stuy light-colored after frying. Much of the research is consumer-driven, Olson said.
"They're warting potential the said, "They're warting potentials and, "They're warting potentials that fry a lighter color."
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Consumers are also interested in different varieties of pota-



Siblings, from right, Gavin Jones, 5 Reagan Jones, 12, Brandon Jones, and Jordan Jones, 10, create artwork with stamps made of potatoes at a booth set up Thursday for the University of Idabo's Twillight Your. 'I learned that no matter what kind of russet it is they all look the same,' Jordan said. Jeasifer Jones; mother of the four children, quickly pointed out to Jordan that though the potatoes look similar, they have different prop

toes, like All Blues and Red Ladies. "All these years, we've been growing Russet Burbanks," she said.

Mary Jo Frazier, support sci-ntist at U of 1, gave tours

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At a booth at the University of Idaho's Twilight Tour, a beaker gives a wind into the formation of a potato and how the plant grows in Magic Valley's f

## One week left in summer photo contest

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

In the current round, we're particularly interested in the stuff of summer—a fishing trip with Grandpa, perhaps, or a funny Image of country kids keeping cool. And Just one week remains for you to capture the winning picture.

picture.
Here's how to enter:
Photos must be taken in Magic Valley,
Mini-Cassia or the Wood River Valley.
Stick to recent photos, please. Nothing
older than approximately one year.

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Here's an image of spring 2008: Peyton Abbey of Gooding, excited to take her visiting grandfather fish-ing in Hagerman. How will you chronicle southern Idaho's summer?

## Tour showcases landscaping uses of Oakley stone

By Terri McAffee Correspondent

Stone and the landscape go naturally hand in hand. Magic Valley gardeners will have the opportunity to see Cakley stone used to create patios, walls and water features in a garden tour next week.

On Aug. 5. Oakley members of the Mini-Cassia Master Gardeners will host a free gardening clinic and an Oakley Stone and Landscaping Tour. The tour will introduce participants to the wide variety of colors available and how the stone can help solve garden trouble spots.

The clinic will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. beginning at the picnic shelter in Oakley's city park. The program will begin with a short lecture on how to prepare your garden for winter. Mini-Cassia gardeners will answer

Please see STONE, Page D3

### As others drop out, wagon master presses on

By Erica Littlefield Correspondent

CRATERS OF THE MOON —
When ploners crossed southern Idaho on the Oregon Train, it was hot, dusty work Anyone retracing their route today would run into some of the same problems — and even just a little taste of what the ploners went through can be too much for some people. But not Dell Mangum.
On July 9, Mangum set out from Montpelier on a wagon train with four other wagons. The train is following a portion of the Oregon Trail as it makes its way to the Oregon Idahoung a portion of the Oregon Trail as well as the wagon with the wagon of the moon, all the wagons dropped out except for Mangum's. But with a ploneering spirit, he is pressing on.

What: The Oregon-California Talls Association National Convention.
When: Aug. 59. There are also several optional preconvention tours Saturday through Monday.
Where: Nampa Civic Center, 311 Third St. S., Nampa.
Cost: Registration for is \$70 for Individuals or \$90 for families. Registration for a single day of the convention is \$30. Also, some meals and optional activities cost actra.

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Information: www.octa-trails.org; Jim McGiii at 208467-4853 or Roger Blair at 541-966-8854.

Last week, Mangum, a Blackfoor resident, passed through Blaine and Camas counties on his way to Marnpa, Mangum, along with Tina and Nick, his team of majestic Shire horses, was determined to finish the trip and pay homage to the ploneers who came before him. Tour forefathers went through some terrible things for us to be doing what we're doing today," Mangum said, "When they went through on the wagons, that was

the latest technology."

The 63-year-old Mangum is the leader, or wagon master, for the trip, and he spent months planning the expedition. Mangum travels an average of 18 miles a day at the rate of about 3 mph. That means it will take him a total of 27 days to travel the 456 miles to Nampa.

You enjoy whatever scenery you goby. Mangum said. 'It's going by a little slower, so you can do that.', Mangum should arrive in Nampa



gum and his horses, Tima and Nick, take a rest at Cha Craters of the Moon on July 20. Mangam was propping and putting the finishing to on his wagon right up until he left Montpeller on July 9.

on Monday, just in time for the con-vention's Aug. 5 kickoff. The confer-ence will feature lectures on topics such as trail preservation, food on the Oregon Trail, and keeping kids connected to nature. Several pre-

convention tours will follow sec-tions of the Oregon Trail, including one that will visit Milner Dam and the Stricker Station and homesite

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# Too mulch of a good thing

WASHINGTON — Some-thing like 99 percent of the commercial and residential landscapes hereabouts are smothered in mulch. Where soil once dared to bare itself, blankets of chewed-up tree trunks safely shield our eyes from dir.

trunks safely shield our eyes from dirt.

A lot of people in my neighborhood have mulch laid by landscape crews, either in bags or with a bulk delivery. Otherwise, it's a weekend-long job for the do-ity-purselfer. A fairly modest it-yourselfer. A fairly modest 1,000 square feet of garden beds would consume more beds would consume more than 80 bags of bark or wood

mulch.

As I see people hauling and ripping these bags, I wonder, what's driving them? Is it a clear understanding of the benefits of mulch, or is it some civic impulse to conform in what has become Mulch Nation?

Muich Nation?
"We seem to have gone
nuts for mulch," said
Marylee Orr, an environmentalist who says our addiction Marylee Orr, an environmen-tallst who says our addiction to mulch is costing Louisiana its coastal cypress forests. Without doubt, we deco-rate our lives with mulch in a way our ancestors would have found strange

and extravagant.
In 1916, Robert Cridland wrote a book on how to construct and care for the styllsh suburban garden. But scan have the index of his Practical bandch, and you will find it missing. It is also obsent from the book's black-and-white photographs of garden beds. The use of mulch is advocated in subsequent gardening books, but either as a winter measure to protect marginally hardy shrubs (the spring) or in the vegetable garden for weed and moisture control. In both cases, the mulch is found with such the mulch is found with such the mulch is found with such

ture control. In Dour cases, the mulch is found with such things as grass clippings, sawdust or cornstalks.

One bopular product from One bopular product from the common weet, no use for livestock feed but great for the cucumber patcht. As word of the benefits of mulch spread, so too did a demand for a material that was not always handy. Prophetically, the garden writer Ruth Stout wrote in the early 1960s: "If enough people in any community demand it, I believe that someone will be eager to supply it."

supply it."

Today the mulch industry has its own trade group, the Soil and Mulch Council, and

#### "We seem to have gone nuts for mulch."

— Marvice Orr. an environmentalist

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the quantities of ground-up
wood generated in the U.S.
annually, while not quantified by any government
agency, are palpably (or is it
pulpably?) huge. The council
estimates that we spread 40
million cubic yards of the
stuff each year. These days,
you can't go to a supermarket, mass merchandiser or
even gas station without
finding bagged mulch displayed for purchase.
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but their boliers, said Robert
LaGasse, the council's executive director.
Concerned that mulch
mania is leading to the clearcutting of Louislani's coastal
baldcypress forests, an
alliance of environmental
groups has been formed to
fight excessive logging. It is
working to raise public
awareness of the issue, seek
government intervention.

lee Orr, an environmentalist
lobby retailers to stop selling
Louislana cypress mulch and
urge a consumer boycott.
Most of the old-growth forest was cleared by the 1930s,
and what exists now are trees
that have grown since, said
Orr, executive director of, a
group called Louislana
Environmental Action
Network. Orr and others
argue that Mississippi River
levees have changed the silting patterns of the forest to
the point that the conifers
cannot reseed sufficiently
and that denuded swamps
are being invaded by weed and that denuded swamps are being invaded by weed trees, especially the exotic tallow tree.

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d that much mania is leading to the clear-cutting of Louisiana's coastal baldcypress forests, an alliance of environmental groups has formed to fight excessive logging.

moderate soil temperatures. Soil that is too hot kills feeder roots, forcing plants to continuously grow new ones while in a state of clumonic stress, said Linda Chalker-Scott, a horticulture professor writing in the lournal of Environmental Horticulture. Organic mulches have been shown to reduce soil temperatures in summer by as much as 50 degrees, she wrote. I think one of the best mulches is your own com-

mulches is your own com-post, or partially rotted leaves, or leaf mold. They are leaves, or leaf mold. They are not as pretty as some out of a bag, and they break down quickly, but there is a pur-pose and honesty about them. I'm not holding my breath in anticipation of oth-ers joining me in that bellef, however.

owever. The other key aspect of

mulches is not what you choose but how you use it. Automatic reapplications as soon as the sun bleaches the control of the con

#### Stone.

Continued from page D1 gardening questions, identify plant problems and offer solutions.

After the clinic concludes the tour begins with a walking segment and ends with a car tour, said Meriel Peterson, a tour, sald Meriel Peterson, a Mini-Cassia Master Gardener. Stops include local Oakley stone dealers and homes showcasing use of the stone. "There are various types of stones in a wide variety of color and uses," Peterson

sald.

Barry Peterson, owner of
Gold Star Stone and Big Sky
Stone, gave permission to
walk among the walls of
stones at his business, allowing people to see the many
colors and shades of gold, silver and chocolate available.
David and Jim Burch, coowners of Cakley Valley Stone
Inc., will invite people inside

Mangum near Hansen.
There's no denying that

which was starting to get

people dropped out of the

#### Plant clinic answers your gardening questions

Preceding the Dakley Stone and Landscaping Tour on Aug. 5, a Mini-Cossia Master Gardener plant clinic will begin at 2 p.m. at Oakley Park.

Bring your how to gardening questions, plant-disease mysteries and plant-identification problems.

Bring sour is in self-closing plastic bags to minimize the spread of disease to other people's plants. For an identification or plant material, provide a sample of root, leaf and blossom, if possible, insects should also be contained in a plastic bag or a small jar.

Master Gardener Terri McAffee will speak about readying your garden for winter.

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their business to discuss cutting and engawing the stone.
Oakley Valley Stone offers various shades within each of the stone's color groups.
"A stop will be made at both of the Burch homes," Mini-Cassia Master Gardener and Oakley resident Kathy Poulton said. "Jim has rocked the outside of his home and has created a fountain in the garden."
Participants will also visit

Participants will also visit forthern Stone, owned by Northern Stone, owned Gary Mullard, Northern Sto

offers an army of colors of Oakley stone including a green variety.

The tour will end at Barry Peterson's home where two patios, a fence and an out-door barbeque area that is under construction will be shown and refreshments served.

Poulton said participants may want to finish the tour by driving around the town to see how local people and businesses have used the stone to identify themselves

and their addresses. The Oakley cemetery may also interest some people because of the variety of headstones made from Oakley stone. The park has a large monument created from the stone as

well.

Other Master Gardeners
helping with the tour are
Oakley residents Kathy
Payton and Sandy Roundy.

Terri McAffee may reached at emt-pail@pmt.o or 208-436-9191.

#### Contest

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#### Tour\_

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of cold-storage facilities.
Commercial facilities often
hold up to 20 million
pounds of potatoes at one
time, she said.
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potatoes after visiting their farming grandfather in Washington, they sald, but were still excited to learn about idaho potatoes. "We thought it would be good to learn about the good potatoes from Idaho, not the mushy potatoes from Washington," lones said. That's just what the researchers are aiming for. "We're just trying to



Nora Olsen, an Extension potato idaho, grins at her booth during the Twilight Tour. 'I'm the queen of potatoes for today,' Olsen says, erring lokingly to her cr with tiny potato a

engage people, get them to know a little bit more about potatoes," Olsen said.

## Heartbreak corral

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### Local pre-convention tour

What: A bus tour will visit some local sites connected to the Oregon Irail. The stops include Shoshone Falls, Milner Dam, and the Stricker Station and homesite near Hansen. Lunch will be served on the tour.

When: Sunday
Where: The tour departs from and returns to the Twin Falls visitors center, at the south end of the Perrine Bridge.

Cost: \$35 per person; tour participants must be registered for at least one day of the convention.

se the two horses, Tina and Nick, have run toge

training them to work as a team

information: Marian Posey, 324-3067 or vinclothes@onewest.net; Curtls Johnson, curtis@mvhypnosis.com.

Mangum was determined last week to follow through with the trip he worked so hard to plan. On Thursday, Mangum was in Gannett and said he's right on schedule and 'getting along just fine.' "When you set a schedule

and you say you're going to be in a certain place at a cer-tain time, you have to push on," Mangum said.

Erica Littlefield may be reached at 208-961-4515 or erica.littlefield@gmail.com.



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Nampa trip because they didn't realize that traveling by wagon train could be so difficult. Mangum said the others gave a variety of reasons for quitting: Some planned to follow the train for only a few days in the first place. Some thought Mangum was pushing the train too hard, but some told him 'they just weren't having any fun' and 'didn't have enough time to sit around the campifer and play the guitar,' he said.

'I'd bet the pioneers weren't having much fun tither,' Mangum was understand-ably disappointed that the other wagons left, but he hasn't been completely alone. Doug and Lynn Davis, a couple form lowa, met up with him and have been following him with their truck and camper. Despite the unexpected changes,

worm.

Events like the wagon train, McGill said, can aid in preservation efforts.

"It draws the attention of communities along the way." McGill said, "We like to get the word out and share the historic heritage of the trails."

Mangum has been taking wagon trips for about It years, and he believes other enoule dropped out of the Heel Pain Clinic

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Every Saturday (12:00 -2 pm) Magic Valley Pony Club meetings at the Southwind Ranch in Jerome, Idaho

Valley Pony Club meetings at the Southwind Ranch in jerome, (Jaho www.penys.club.org) or call 324-1496 for more details. Every Tuesday & Thursday (6pm-8pm) College of Southern Idaho Equestrian Team meetings at the CSI Expo Center or at the Arrow E Arena when the CSI Expo Center is being used for other events. www.ibsainc.com or call 324-1496 for more details. Second Monday of each Month (7 pm Angic Valley Reined Cowhorse Association meetings at Travelers Oasis Eden, ID. Contact Mike Zebarth (208) 423-9055 for more details. Thursday Evenings (7pm) Jackpot Ranch Sorting & Practice Copus Cove Arena, Buhl, ID. Call 543-6695 or 731-6635.

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2-day shows. For more information, contact Shauna Koopman by email <a href="https://www.grassrootcutters.com">www.grassrootcutters.com</a> for Location

details.

Aug. 11th-16th – Cassia County Fair & Rodeo. Burley, Idaho. Parade: Aug. 13th (11am). For more details <u>wwww.</u> ramp, ror more details (WWW), cassiacounty org/fairfindex.htm. Aug. 11th - (7pm) Gooding, Idaho Magic Valley Team Sorting Association (MYTSA) Fair Series. For membership & details contact Kayla at 587-9445 509-1034 or Penny at 587-9680 or 509-3533

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& Rudeo Gooding, Idaho. Parade: Aug. 14th (5pm). Aug. 12th (7 pm) High Desert Backcountry Horsemen Meeting will old their regular meeting at the home of Anita & Daryl Jacobs in Jerome Guests are invited. For more information call 324-4754. Aug. 12th -Wangler Team Roping Championships (33 T Arena), Gooding, Idaho (Gooding Co. Fair Roping). Please contact Jeff Faulkner 359-4218 for more information to enter. Aug. 13th (6pm)—Shu-Fly Arena (1772 L. 1400 S. Gooding, 10) Barrel Racing, (9 lastest high school and under accers will get to compete at the Good-

racers will get to compete at the Good-ing County Fair. Entry forms available on website www.shuflyarena.com details are available for other Barrel Racing, Breakaway, & Team Roping

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