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# Times-News

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## Lab backlogs still slow local cases

By Andrea Jackson  
Staff writer

A lawyer may prosecute a Twin Falls stabbing case without all the forensic evidence.

A three-month-old Twin Falls rape case remains unsolved as DNA evidence waits to be fully processed.

These slowdowns are connected to backlogged forensic labs run by the state, which are slated in fiscal year 2009 to be funded for less than half of what they requested for additional staff.

Idaho lawmakers didn't fund a complete fix to the slowdowns during their last session in Boise.

Idaho State Police asked policy makers for more staff for the 2009 fiscal year, saying Idaho's three labs are not maintaining acceptable

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## Sockeye return to Redfish Lake in one of best runs in decade

By Jason Kauffman  
Idaho Mountain Express

**KETCHUM**—The famous "red fish" of the Sawtooth Valley have begun to arrive in the upper Salmon River as part of a run fisheries experts are saying could be one of the best in decades.

As many as 700 rare sockeye salmon could be headed for the Redfish Lake area this summer, fisheries biologists with the Idaho Department

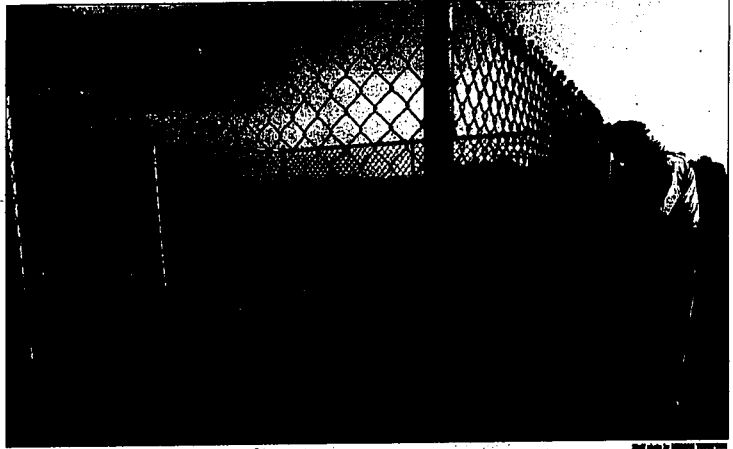
of Fish and Game report. This figure compares to just 257 sockeye that returned to central Idaho in 2000, the next highest run since sockeye returns began to be tracked in 1985.

Such a run this summer would be a remarkable improvement above single-digit or non-existent sockeye returns to the scenic Idaho lake during the past several

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"We're all a part of history. What we do ... where we go."

Francis Egbert



Local historian Francis Egbert, 88, peers through a chain-link fence surrounding a grave site located on federal land across from Twin Falls on the north side of the Snake River Canyon where settlers traveled the Oregon Trail more than a century ago.

## Magic Valley's curator

### Tales, experiences shaped local historian just as they shaped history

By Nate Poppino  
Staff writer

It's a simple home, like many south of Twin Falls. But what's inside should hold a special value for many Magic Valley residents.

After all, Francis Egbert's mind holds enough information about local history to rival a library.

The 88-year-old Twin Falls resident has made local history his passion, and is versed in the exploits of the Magic Valley's forefathers. But ask him a question, and Egbert goes back to a time long before those men were even born.

History, he says, all starts in the rocks.

**Carved in stone**

As befits a historian, it only takes a moment for Egbert to make himself comfortable and begin spinning yarns of yesterdays. And on this Tuesday morning, geology is on his mind.

"I get a lot of history just looking at these Snake River Canyon walls down there," Egbert says.

The foundations of the region's history, he says, were laid down in the ground underneath it long before humans began to record their lives using the printing press, metal plates or even totem poles.

The Snake River Plain, of course, owes its existence to the geologic hot spot now parked under Yellowstone National Park. Its presence under south-central Idaho millions of years ago left shield volcanoes and basalt outcroppings dotted across the region. And the layer of basalt it left affected everything from the way water travels underground to what materials early settlers built their homes out of.

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Francis Egbert talks about the history of the Magic Valley at his Twin Falls home.

## IRAQI FREEDOM



Staff Sgt. Chad Malmberg poses for a portrait at the Arden Hills Army National Guard training site in Arden Hills, Minn., April 5. Malmberg was awarded the Silver Star for heroism stemming from a Jan. 27, 2007, firefight in Iraq.

## The long haul begins

### Minnesota soldiers, families cope with extended deployment in Iraq

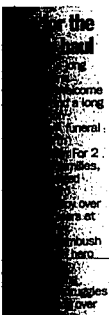
**EDITOR'S NOTE** — Called to arms from their civilian life, members of a National Guard unit say their good-byes to their loved ones, not knowing that they are about to depart on the longest deployment of the Iraq war. The first of a seven-part series.

By Sharon Cohen  
Associated Press writer

**ST. PAUL, Minn.** — In the end, Chad Malmberg put his framed Silver Star on his wall and stowed away his helmet, some old uniforms and the dusty combat boots he had worn in the Iraq desert.

He was a hero, now, and proud of it. Malmberg had quickly entered his last semester of college, blending easily into the anonymity of campus life. Within months, he had his degree.

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Egbert watches the ground closely for markings left behind in the rocks by wagon wheels that passed along the portion of the Snake River Canyon north of Twin Falls. Egbert is a wealth of information on local history.

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WATCH: Video of T.F. historian Francis Egbert as he walks along the Oregon Trail.



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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Music from Stanley concert series, featuring Idaho musicians Music-Me School of Rock Kid's Bands and Nathan Jay Moody...

MUSEUMS AND PARKS

Sawtooth NRA Interpretive programs, Junior Ranger programs, for children ages 5 to 11, 20 a.m. and 1 p.m.; nature walk, 10 a.m.; and discovery station, 2 to 4 p.m.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number...

THREE-DAY PLANNER

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Aug. 4 - Sun Valley Summer Symphony concert, Evening with Beethoven, 5:30 p.m. pavilion opens and 6:30 p.m. concert begins... Aug. 5 - "Sensational the Musical" presented by Oakley Valley Arts Council...

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Aug. 6 - The 21st annual Bite of Magic Valley, hosted by Junior Club of Magic Valley; includes live music, multiple restaurants serving featured items...

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Aug. 6 - Mary Time Club meeting and picnic, noon, Rock Creek Park, Twin Falls, 735-5213. Aug. 6 - Twin Falls Lions Club meeting and no-host lunch...

FESTIVALS AND FAIRS

Aug. 5 - Funder's Fall, one-day workshop which brings federal and state agencies and private entities to the community to provide information about funding opportunities...

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Aug. 6 - Centering Prayer Practice, Centering prayer and inner Awakening Part 3: "Psychological Aspects," 7:30 p.m., Ascension Episcopal Church...

HOME AND GARDEN

Aug. 5 - Plant clinic, 2 to 4 p.m., Oakley City Park, 862-3340.

LIBRARY

Aug. 5 - Story Hour: Songs of Summer, for preschoolers and primary school graders, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Deco Community Library...

POLITICS

Aug. 6 - Gooding County Democrats meeting, 7 p.m., Hagerman Senior and Community Center, 140 E. Lake St., all interested parties urged to attend, 837-4740.

MORNING BRIEFING

COMMERCIAL NEXT WEEK IN THE TIMES-NEWS

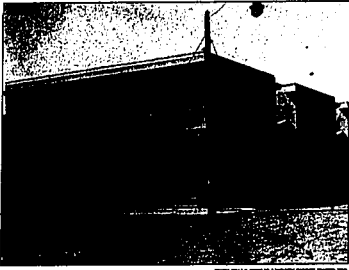
From February to July, Times-News features writer Melissa Davlin shadowed Daniel David Arnold as the convicted meth

dealer prepared for parole, walked out on the day of his release from the Twin Falls Community Work Center, and

adjusted to freedom and sobriety. Her three-part series starts next Sunday in the Times-News.

PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY

The Magic Valley's history as seen through the lens of photographers, then and now...



An ad appeared for the Big White Store in the 1918 edition of the Polk City Directory. It advertised: 'Head to foot outfitters for men, women and children.' In addition to a 'complete line of groceries.' The building once housed JCPenny, but since 1990 has been the home of Claude Brown Home Furnishings...

HOW YOUR LAWMAKERS VOTED. Includes a table with columns for N, Y, and a list of representatives: Rep. Mike Simpson, R; Rep. Bill Sali, R; Sen. Mike Crapo, R; Sen. Larry Craig, R.

Oil Speculation: Members failed, 276-151, to reach a two-thirds majority needed to pass a bill ordering tougher commodity futures trading Commission oversight of oil-futures speculation... REP. CHARLES RANGEL: Members tabled, 254-138, a GOP bid for House censure of Rep. Charles Rangel... JOURNALISTS' SOURCES: Senators failed, 51-43, to reach 60 votes needed to end GOP blockage of a bill to protect the confidentiality of news sources... RENEWABLE ENERGY: Senators failed, 51-43, to reach 60 votes for ending GOP blockage of a bill to extend tax credits for renewable energy... HIGHER EDUCATION ACT: Senators sent the White House, 83-8, a higher education bill that would hold schools publicly accountable for tuition increases...

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Aug. 3, the 216th day of 2008. There are 150 days left in the year. TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT: On Aug. 3, 1958, the nuclear-powered submarine USS Nautilus became the first vessel to cross the North Pole underwater. In 1492, Christopher Columbus set sail from Palos, Spain, on a voyage that took him to the present-day Americas. In 1807, former Vice President Aaron Burr went

on trial before a federal court in Richmond, Va., charged with treason. (He was acquitted less than a month later.) In 1943, Gen. George S. Patton slapped a private at an army hospital in Sicily, accusing him of cowardice. (Patton was later ordered by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower to apologize for this and a second, similar episode.) In 1949, the National Basketball Association was formed as a merger of the Basketball Association of America and the National

Basketball League. Ten years ago: The White House played down the possibility that President Clinton would reverse previous statements and admit to a sexual relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky when he testified before a grand jury. Five years ago: The Episcopal Church's House of Deputies further paved the way for the Rev. V. Gene Robinson to become the church's first openly gay elected bishop, approving

him on a 128-63 vote. Annika Sorenstam completed a career Grand Slam at the Women's British Open, beating Se Ri Pak by a stroke in a thrilling head-to-head showdown. One year ago: A jury at Camp Pendleton, Calif., sentenced Marine Sgt. Lawrence G. Hutchins III to 15 years in prison for the murder of an Iraqi civilian during a fruitless search for an insurgent. Iraqis welcomed home their soccer team, which had won the Asian Cup.

HOROSCOPE BY JERALDINE SAUNDERS

IF AUG. 3 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your passion for success will keep you on track through thick and thin. Although August is not a good month to begin any new undertaking or enter into new commitments such as a loan or new job, you won't have a problem handling responsibilities already on your plate. Next March and April you can sign on any dotted line or make a pledge of your time or money and rest assured that everything will go as planned. Remember that luck is just preparation that meets with opportunity. ARIES (March 21-April 19): Enjoy your good fortune while it lasts. You'll be on top of the world for the rest of this week, but reality has a way of peaking through when you least expect it. Stay practical and be happy with what you have. TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll be the magnet that attracts others to your charms

in the week ahead. You'll thrive in social situations — and it is a good time for reaching out to old friends. Maintain an even balance between work and play. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't be left in the dark with the light bulbs going off in your head. Make note of any ideas you may have for your intuitions are certain to be correct today. These notions may aid you later in the week. CANCER (June 21-July 22): Home is where the heart is. Spend quality time with friends and family and enjoy a cookout or picnic today. Your personality is glowing and you're likely to make new friends during the week. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Deviate from the norm. Try something new or exotic as a change of pace. The week ahead might be filled with ups and downs, but you will have the stamina to hang on to

whatever is worthwhile. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your appraisals of situations and judgment of others will be right on target this week. As correct as you may be, however, it would be wise to keep these insights to yourself so you don't stir up opposition. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Play to win. Mingling in social situations may seem just a pleasant folly, but there is much to be gained by being in the right place at the right time. Stay on your toes and don't miss an opportunity. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Avoid getting bogged down in routine. Follow a friend or loved one into new and uncharted areas. An open mind will gain you valuable experiences this week that help you achieve ambitions. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Listen to your inner voice as this week unfolds. Follow unerring instincts to

arrive at the right decision — and don't be afraid to heed good advice. See a fleeting relationship for what it truly is. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't be afraid to swim against the current. It may be fashionable to yield to peer pressure, but you'll achieve better results going your own way this week. Stand apart from the crowd. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keep your mind on the task at hand. Once you choose today's task, stay focused to the finish and don't let little distractions get in your way. Rewards will follow if you spend wisely this week. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Shine on, you crazy diamond. You'll stand out from the rest this week and could become the center of attention. Insure you retain your newfound status by keeping in touch with new friends as well as old ones.

WHAT'S NEW AT MAGIC VALLEY.COM. Meet Francis Egbert, a local historian, as he talks about the Oregon Trail and Charles Lindbergh. Includes Idaho Lottery results for Wildland, Energy, and Mega Millions.

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# Lab

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"Throughout times — except for a type of analysis. ISP forensic labs can analyze evidence from all law enforcement agencies in Idaho. The labs are continuing to get more work, which prompted their request for additional staff at a price of \$780,000, with a total ISP Forensics Services budget of about \$4.9 million.

ISP Forensics Services was appropriated about \$500,000 — about 31 percent — less than its total budget request, according to state reports. About \$239,000 will be allocated from the General Fund in the 2009 fiscal year, through House Bill 658 to handle increased workload.

Two ISP forensic jobs are now being advertised on the American Society of Crime Lab Directors Web site. Meanwhile, local cases requiring forensic analysis are still in limbo.

**"We want to eliminate the innocent people just as much as we want to arrest and prosecute the guilty party."**

— Twin Falls Police Sgt. Mark Marvin

Two rapes in Twin Falls involving men unknown to the women were reported in recent months. Police said they've been working the cases but have yet to make any arrests.

After about three months, local police heard from the state forensics lab. On July 24, police learned at least half of the evidence submitted for one rape may have DNA that could be profited, said Twin Falls Police Capt. Matt Hicks. That DNA can potentially be compared to suspects and a national database.

Hicks said the new information is encouraging and the state lab is doing more

testing. "This case is far from over," he said.

Another Twin Falls case involving an April 12 non-fatal stabbing may go to court without forensics for blood, because the state lab hasn't sent results yet.

A Twin Falls County prosecutor, Suzanne Craig, told Fifth District Court last week during a pretrial hearing that she may request to change court dates, or proceed without lab results from blood evidence. "The labs behind on completing blood work," she said.

Police arrested Tobias Milyard for stabbing Scott E. Adams several times on April 12 — outside a home on

Clisholm Drive. His lawyer told court Milyard didn't accept a plea offer from prosecutors.

A judge hearing the case last week acknowledged lab slow-downs.

"We all know the problems with short staff at the lab," said Fifth District Judge Randi Stoker during last week's pretrial hearing. The trial is set for Aug. 26. "That's not something I can fix with this case or any other case."

Timely forensic results are important, police said.

"We want to eliminate the innocent people just as much as we want to arrest and prosecute the guilty party," said Twin Falls Police Sgt. Mark Marvin. "If we don't get the person, that means the bad guy is still out there."

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# Fish

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decided. In all, just 352-wild and hatchery-origin sockeye have migrated back to the Redfish Lake area since 1985.

Fish and Game information indicates.

Between 1991 and 1999 only 16 wild sockeye returned to Idaho. All of these adults were incorporated into the state's captive-breeding program and spawned at the Eagle Fish Hatchery.

From the eggs produced by those original wild fish spawned in Eagle, a total of 355 hatchery-produced sockeye returned to the Sawtooth Valley during an eight-year period between 1999 and 2007. By comparison, just 77 natural-origin sockeye salmon returned to Idaho in the 14-year period between 1985 and 1999.

Redfish Lake sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*) were listed as endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) in November 1991. They were the first Idaho salmon to be listed on the ESA. Redfish Lake sockeye are unique in that they travel to the highest elevation, over 6,500-feet, run the longest distance, about 900 miles, and travel the furthest south of any North American sockeye population.

He said it's safe to say that "hundreds of fish" will make it back. It's something everyone can be happy to see, he said.

"We haven't had 500 fish in the system since the 1970s," he said. "It's a feel-good story."

Fisheries biologists believe river conditions have a lot to do with the return rate of Idaho sockeye, Kiefer said. Cooler, high flows generally favor higher returns to the Redfish Lake area, so this summer might see higher returns because of the cool, wet spring the region enjoyed, Kiefer said.

Kiefer said up to 50 to 90 percent of the sockeye "should be able to make it" this summer.

The high returns should aid the state's captive sockeye brood stock program and also allow fisheries biologists to release more adult sockeye into Redfish, Pettit and Alturas lakes, in the shadow of the Sawtooth Mountains, to spawn naturally, Kiefer said.

So, why the apparent excel-

lent returns this summer? Kiefer said it's likely due to good smolt production four years ago, good out-migration conditions in the rivers and excellent ocean conditions.

Fish and Game will release approximately 450 hatchery-produced adult sockeye salmon that have lived their entire lives in captivity into Redfish Lake later this year. These fish were produced at the Eagle Fish Hatchery and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration facilities in Washington.

Depending on the total number of returning anadromous adults, a portion of anadromous fish may be released to Redfish Lake for natural spawning.

Fish released in Redfish Lake will spawn in the shallows of the lake shoreline in October. Their progeny will out-migrate to the ocean in May of 2010. The majority of adults produced from this year's release will return to Idaho from the ocean in 2012.

This year's returns are the result of 180,000 smolts that

were released and migrated to the ocean in 2006, Heindel said. In future years, fisheries biologists involved in the Redfish Lake captive brood stock program would like to expand their hatchery facilities so they could produce as many as million or more smolts, which could lead to even greater returns, he said.

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# Police tape: Canada bus killer ate his victim's flesh

TORONTO (AP) — A police officer at the scene of a grisly bus landing on a Canadian bus reported seeing the attacker hacking off pieces of the victim's body and eating them, according to a police tape leaked on the Internet Saturday.

In the tape of radio transmissions, a Royal Canadian Mounted Police officer refers to the attacker as "Badger" and says he is armed with a knife and scissors and is "defiling the body at the front of the bus as we speak."

On the tape, which lasts about 40 seconds, officers continue to detail the attacker's movements until one reports, "Badger's at the back

of the bus, hacking off pieces and eating."

The RCMP described the tapes as "operational police communications and, as such, are not meant for public consumption." Police said given to use the radio transmission, which was posted on LiveLeak.com and picked up

by other Web sites.

Officers were responding to a desolate stretch of the TransCanada Highway about 12 miles from Portage La Prairie, Manitoba, after the bloody attack late Wednesday on the bus traveling from Edmonton, Alberta to Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Vince Weiguang LI, 40, faces

second-degree murder charges for the murder of a 22-year-old man, who friends and family identified as Tim McLean. Police have not confirmed the victim's identity.

Passengers said they had just reboarded the bus following a break when the suspect — for no apparent reason — stabbed the man sitting next

to him dozens of times as passengers fled in horror. He then severed the man's head, displayed it and began hacking at the body.

LI, who shuffled into a courtroom Friday in Portage la Prairie with his head bowed and feet shackled, appeared before the court without a lawyer.

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# New York City girl survives 180-foot fall down chimney

NEW YORK (AP) — A 12-year-old girl just wanted to show her cousin the view from her family's Manhattan rooftop. Instead, she fell into a chimney and plummeted down the flue for 14 stories, emerging nearly unscathed to tell her story after landing in a pile of furnace soot.

Grace Berge, a young rock drummer, was recovering at a hospital on Saturday with an injured hip. A 2-foot-deep pile of ash and dust probably saved her life by cushioning her fall when she crashed into a basement furnace, fire officials said.

"I broke my leg! I broke my leg!" she yelled out after rescuers spotted her soot-caked hand reaching out for help. Fire Chief Austin Horan said the 12-year-old emerged "relatively unscathed" from the accident Thursday night at the Westbeth Artists' Housing complex in the West Village neighborhood.

The complex houses artists, including Grace's father, Steve Berger, a jazz guitarist. "It's a miracle; it's an absolute miracle," he said. Firefighters responding to a 911 call never expected to find the girl alive. While her father screamed her name, they opened a little metal door at the bottom of the


chimney, ready for the worst. When Grace's small hand poked out, "I just jumped back," Lt. Simon Resner told reporters on Friday. "I wasn't expecting anybody alive at the bottom of the shaft, so I was shocked." When they pulled her out, Grace was covered with black, only her eyes and

mouth visible. She said she was having a hard time breathing and was afraid her neck might be broken; they placed a brace on her and gave her oxygen. By then, her mother had rushed to her side, crying while her father comforted the child as paramedics took her to the hospital.

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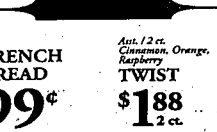
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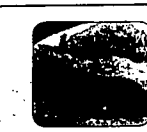
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# History

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The Lake Bonneville Flood, 14,500 years ago, carved out box canyons and strewn debris along the Snake River Canyon. The lake's former shoreline can still be seen along the mountains that run from Salt Lake City into Idaho, Egbert says.

The canyon itself acts as something of a historical map, Egbert says. What appear to be layers of dirt running along it are layers of sandstone, easily traced from the south side near the Perrine Bridge.

And the rocks sometimes betray Mother Nature's sense of humor. One formation on the road to Balanced Rock looks just like former President Richard Nixon, Egbert says, down to his square chin and bushy eyebrows. The resemblance is clear enough that every busload of tourists he's shown it to have been able to guess which president it is.

"I don't know why somebody hasn't made it a tourist attraction," Egbert says. Perhaps it's because most Magic Valley residents remain unaware of what their landscapes are trying to tell them.

"Those kinds of things are most of us pass up," Egbert says.

## Nudged by history

Compared to the rocks, Egbert's only lived in the Magic Valley for the time it takes to blink his eyes. But at 88, he's had his own brushes with history. And he's been around for much of the time people have lived in the area.

"Twin Falls is only 16 years older than I am," he wryly observed.

Born in Twin Falls, Egbert's family moved to Oakley when he was young. It was there he saw famed aviator Charles Lindbergh pass over town during a victory tour after his famous solo flight across the Atlantic in May 1927.

Others had failed and died where Lindbergh succeeded, and a relative of a dead pilot lived in Oakley at the time, Egbert said. To honor the dead man, Lindbergh circled the town three times, low enough for the young Francis to get a good look.

"I felt like I could almost reach up and touch him," Egbert said. "He was always my hero."

The family later moved near Murtaugh, buying the last farm available at the time in the Milner Law Lift Irrigation District.

He married his wife, Elsie, in 1941 — 67 years next month — and took up teaching, including a pre-Navy military class, Sunday, Dec. 7, 1941, found him listening to a ham radio broadcast from Hawaii just in time to hear the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

Through the Hawaii broadcaster's conversation with another person in Virginia, Egbert listened to the entire attack live until the first speaker dropped off the air 15 minutes in. It signaled a new chapter in his life — teaching kept him out of the draft for a couple of years, but he was finally summoned to the Army as the war reached its climax.

Not that the war was that bad for him, he said. By the time he exited basic training bound for a land invasion of Japan, that country had already surrendered. He ended up spending just more than three months stationed in Okinawa, during which time he returned to teaching — this time for his fellow GIs. "Egbert outranks everyone in this class," Egbert, a private first class, recalled an officer saying when he was introduced. "That was a good class."

His status as an instructor meant Egbert had no duties other than the English and math classes he'd found days a week, he said. On the trip back to the U.S. to greet his wife and his third child, he volunteered as a typist aboard ship, which granted him a quiet schedule and a stateroom. "That was my Army life," he said with a grin.

## Recording the years

Egbert's home, south of Twin Falls, has all the trappings of a fledgling museum.

Upstairs, a wall of photos documents his large family: 10 children, 54 grandchildren and 105 great-grandchildren. Antique toy cars fill part of his basement, along with Elsie's doll collection. And hidden away in a back room are 10 binders of newspaper clippings that together tell the recorded history of the Magic Valley.

The clippings were something of a joint project between Francis and Elsie. Elsie, he said, made a habit of collecting them, to the point where the couple just didn't have room for the piles any more. Instead of throwing them out, though, Francis Egbert took on the job of sorting them.

"He sat in the front room reading, quiet as a mouse," Elsie says.

Fear now may remember the events of the stories he read. One clipping recalls how a drunk inaugurated Twin Falls' first sidewalk.

Several pages are devoted to Alice McCollum, one of the town's first residents who prepared meals for a group of single or lonely men dubbed the "Homeless Twenty."

"The day of her funeral, Twin Falls shut down," Egbert says. Many of the interesting Magic Valley folks were in the early settlements, Egbert says, just two or three decades before his own life began. Take Charlie Wilgamott, "probably the first businessman."

Wilgamott's claim to fame was his tent "hotel" at Shoshone Falls, to which he funneled tourists from the Shoshone railroad stop. The entrepreneur would ferry people the 25 miles from the train stop to the falls, Egbert says.

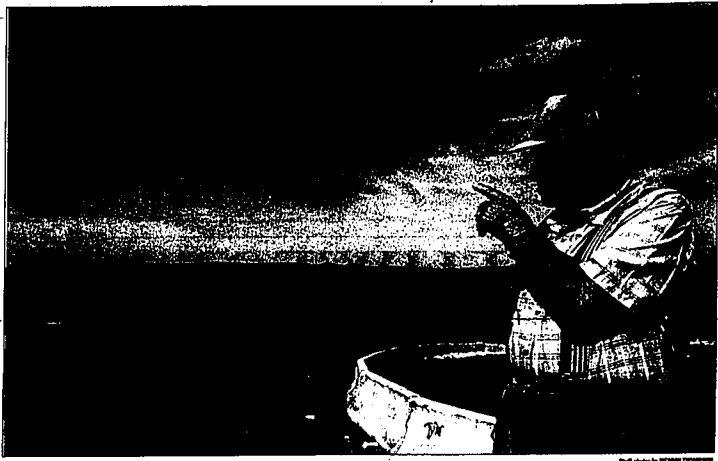
"Of course, it was a pretty good day's trip, so they had to stay at his hotel," Egbert says.

His guests had to deal with disappearing blankets, however. Ever the businessman, Egbert says, Wilgamott solved the problem of a blanket shortage by taking blankets from sleeping guests and selling them again to people staying up all night. The blankets would be back on the beds by morning.

## Second career

Egbert's career as a tour guide started later in his life, after he returned to the Magic Valley and started work as an accountant.

Through the Exchange Club, a former service club in the area, he found himself heading "tourist of the month" program. He'd meet tourists out by the Perrine Bridge, show them around Twin Falls until noon, and then take them out to the



From a lookout point on Canyon Springs Road, Egbert identifies historical points of interest Tuesday afternoon as he retraced the route he guided visitors along when he worked as a tour guide in Twin Falls.

Blue Lakes Trout Farm and other stops on a Trans IV bus after a lunch with the club. Those who took him up on the offer got a pile of gifts, including a bag of potatoes, and had their names announced over a local radio station, Egbert said.

He became so good at the tours before they ended in the late '80s that officials at the trout farm deferred to him for the history of their facility.

"Hell no, you know more about it than I do," Egbert recalled being told. The experience gave him a taste for the past. Egbert continued his own tours, meeting buses out at the junction of U.S. Highways 93 and 30 near Piler. It became involved with the Idaho Farm and Ranch Museum in Jerome, in recent years giving

talks to former Hunt Camp internees who return to see a barracks. And he worked with fellow historian and FARM volunteer Virginia Ricketts, sharing his expertise with buses full of college students.

A volunteer stint with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management gave him a close look at the marks history left in the valley. He helped track segments of the Oregon Trail, marked by ruins through both dirt and segments of rock worn into a horseshoe shape, he said.

Like those rocks, Egbert may be a bit worn. But he's still here. He'll talk, he says, to anyone willing to listen to bits of history. And more people are, he's found, perhaps because they want to know where they fit into it.

"We're all a part of history," he said. "What we do ... where we go."



A marker for the Oregon Trail has been mangled by bucksot along Golf Course Road on federal land north of the Snake River Canyon. Egbert has spent his life driving into the history of this area, and for years he gave guided tours in the Magic Valley.

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# Haul

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It took longer, though, to break some habits. Such as hugging the center line when he drove and swerving whenever he saw anything on the road, or leaving hidden bombs. And picking up a check list — gun, ammo, food — every time he went outside.

He was home, he was safe, he was whole. So many others could not say as much: John Kriesel, Josh Hanson, J.R. Salzman, Corey Bystard, Bryan McDonough ... some came back with broken bodies, some came back to colleagues and grieving loved ones.

But none of them — none of the 5,000 men and women of the 1st Brigade Combat Team/34th Infantry Division from Minnesota — returned. Guard came back unchanged by their 22-month deployment, and their sojourn into the cauldron of Iraq.

For the first time at war won a commendation in Congress as "the longest continuous deployment of any United States ground combat military unit during Operation Iraqi Freedom."

And for every man and woman who served, there was someone at home, hoping and waiting for their return.

This was a war where families were sometimes just a mouse-click away from their soldiers, where a mother who had just given birth dispatched cell phone photos of her newborn to her husband, where home from celebrations — graduations, birthdays, even weddings — were shared across the continents, via Web cams and video hookups.

But there were also moments in Iraq, some terrifying, some heartbreaking, that could not be shared with others far away.

Once a doctor pleaded on behalf of a wounded Iraqi boy, knowing his words could mean the difference between life and death for the child. The memorial service for a fallen soldier that closed with a somber roll call, his name repeated three times to no reply. There were many such experiences in nearly 500 days in Iraq.

Over that long haul, the soldiers drove 2.4 million convoy miles, conducted 5,200 patrols, discovered 462 improvised explosive devices, captured more than 400 suspected insurgents.

This is the story of a very long war — of how members of the 1st Brigade Combat Team/34th Infantry Division fought and died in Iraq, how their families endured while they were gone, and how what happened in a far distant land still resonates today.

Her fear was that he'd be disabled and need care the rest of his life — that he would be unable to pursue a childhood dream and become a police officer, like his father and uncle.

Death or disfigurement were not the things Chad feared; he was afraid only that he might fail the soldiers who depended upon him to lead an infantry squad.

And so he picked his gear and headed south, to Camp Shelby, Miss., where the 1st Brigade Combat Team holed up for six months in barracks that had been flooded by Hurricane Katrina.

There, they trained, practiced their marksmanship, studied Iraqi culture and learned to work as a team.

As they edged closer to Iraq, some made big changes in their lives.

John Kriesel and his long-time partner, Katie, ditched down to City Hall in St. Paul, Minn., and their two sons, Elijah, 4, and Broden, 3, to wed.

Kriesel — the kind of guy who dressed up in his brother's Army fatigues when he was just 10 — was all pumped up to go to Iraq.

On a family vacation in Florida, Kriesel talked with his sons about the war. He was going to fight the bad guys, he said, in a faraway place called Iraq so everyone there can be free.

Are you going to die? his boys asked. No, he assured them. As they edged closer to Iraq, some made big changes in their lives.

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Kriesel talked of death only once, with Katie. Promise me one thing, he said: If I die, don't go on TV and criticize the war, as the mother of one fallen soldier did, famously — "Don't go Cindy Sheehan on me." And don't let my boys be used in any of those anti-war demonstrations.

The granddaughter of two World War II veterans, the sister of a soldier, Katie says, he stands the military. You can depend on me, she told her husband.

J.R. Salzman and his fiancée, Josie, also decided to marry before he shipped off to Iraq; if something happened to him, Salzman wanted Josie to receive spousal benefits.

Salzman drew a four-day pass from Camp Shelby, and they eloped to New Orleans. The city was still recovering from Katrina; the courthouse wasn't open, the phones weren't working right, but Josie was undeterred. She hunted down a judge who married them in her elegant Southern mansion.

When they said goodbye, Josie was just 19, and had been a married woman less than a month.

Dathan Gazelka was at Camp Shelby along with his younger brother, Daniel. They left behind a proud father, and a nervous nun.

Dathan would be a team leader in Iraq. As a former Guard recruiter, practically every guy under his command would be someone he signed up. There was no way he'd stay behind.

Dathan wasn't crazy about leaving his wife, Mandy, and his five-month-old son, but he wasn't scared about heading into a war, he thought, was either lying or crazy.

Dathan left behind for his wife two things: a flashlight and a shotgun, just in case she needed them for protection in the remote, wooded area where they live outside Bemidji, Minn.

So many goodbyes, none of them easy.

Janelle Johnson signed up for the Guard as a teenager, but now she was a full-time Guard member and the mother of two little girls, Emily and Elizabeth, 4 and 3. It was her duty to go, but she wondered: Would her girls forget her? And how would her husband, Chad, manage?

His mind raced with questions: Would Chad know when to start using solid baby food for Emily? Would he remember all the appointments with the pediatrician? He hadn't read all the baby books. She had. He didn't have a mother's instincts. How could he?

Janelle knew he would need support. She pushed the word to her sister, her mother, the day care teacher: "Take care of my babies."

She left her girls reminders, too. She videotaped, herself, holding her daughters in her lap and reading them stories, so Chad could play them when she was gone. She

recorded herself playing with baby Emily, so she could see her mom's face.

Before she left for Iraq, the Johnsons took a vacation together in Florida. Emily was a year old, but her mother had missed nearly half her life while training in Mississippi.

When Emily injured herself in a fall and Janelle tried to scoop her up and comfort her, the little girl screamed and looked at her as if her mother was a stranger.

That night, in bed, Janelle cried. Emily doesn't remember her. A few days later, Janelle kissed her daughters goodbye. You won't see me for a long time, she told Elizabeth, and with that she returned to Mississippi. Her stomach aching with emptiness.

Col. David Elicerio, commander of the 1st Brigade Combat Team, had visited Iraq in September 2005 to check out what lay in store for his troops.

A warrior with an authoritative voice and a ramrod posture

befitting his 25 years in the military, Elicerio had been deployed with the unit before, in Bosnia.

But he knew this deployment would be different.

For two weeks, Elicerio rode on convoys. He consulted with the Texas National Guard commander he would replace.

And then, a soldier was killed.

Elicerio accompanied the

brigade commander to the memorial, watching and listening to how he soothed his grieving soldiers. It was a helpful lesson.



In the months ahead, Elicerio would have to do the same thing, writing letters of condolence, offering words of comfort and rallying his troops to go on.

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1:17 pm - \*Free Stage Gazebo  
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9 am - Swine Fitting & Showing  
1 pm - Pat-Mutual Horse Racing  
2:30 pm - Entertainment  
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2 pm - Round Robin  
8 pm - PRCA Rodeo

**Sat. Aug. 16th**  
9 am - 4:15PFA Livestock Sale  
10:30 am - Dutch Oven Cookoff Registration  
1 pm - Pat-Mutual Horse Racing  
8 pm - PRCA Rodeo

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8 pm - PRCA Rodeo

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(AP) Given Thursday's disappointing report on gross domestic product growth, Wall Street is becoming more certain that the United States is in a recession — and one that

could be prolonged. U.S. recessions since World War I have lasted about 10 months, on average, but have ranged from as little as six months to as long as 15 months, analysts say.

	Week's close	Week ago
Dow Jones Industrial average:	11,326.32	11,370.69
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Commodities indexes:	204.35	203.75

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**Why oil may never be the same**  
Global forces converge to forge new reality

By Steven Mufson  
The Washington Post

The two events, half a world apart, went largely unheralded.

Early in July, Valero Energy in Texas got the unwelcome news that Mexico would be cutting supplies to one of the company's Gulf Coast refineries by up to 15 percent. Mexico's state-owned oil enterprise is one of Valero's main sources of crude, but oil output from Mexican fields, including the giant Cantarell field, is drying up. Mexican sales of crude oil to the United States have plunged to their lowest level in more than a dozen years.

The same week, India's Tata Motors announced it was expanding its plans to begin producing a new \$2,500 "people's car" called the Nano in the fall. The company hopes that by making automobiles affordable for people in India and elsewhere, it could eventually sell 1 million of them a year.

Although neither development made headlines, together they were emblematic of the larger forces of supply and demand that are bursting through one record level after another. And while

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INSIDE

Why does gas cost \$4 a gallon?

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**Fewer new eateries to open**  
Analysts blame easy credit for restaurant woes

By Lauren Shepherd  
Associated Press writer

Restaurant companies may have depended too much on easy-to-borrow money to bank aggressive expansion plans, industry experts say — a move that may lead to more bankrupt chains and fewer new eateries opening in the months to come.

The gloomy outlook comes in the wake of the filing for bankruptcy protection on Tuesday by S&A Restaurant Corp., the parent company of Hennigan's and Steak 'n Ale restaurants. S&A is owned by MetroMedia Restaurant Group, a part of billionaire John Kluge's empire. Franchised locations will remain open and are not included in the filing. S&A is seeking to liquidate

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# Magic Valley Mall EXPANDING STORES



Staff photo by STEVE TERRY

Sam Alcala, a sales associate at Aeropostale in the Magic Valley Mall, arranges jeans Thursday that are part of the fall line of clothing. Due to the high price of gas, more shoppers are staying close to home, going to the Twin Falls mall instead of out of town.

# & INCREASING SALES

Mall sales up despite economic slowdown; construction continues on new store space

Brianna Moore, of Twin Falls, and her two daughters are among a growing number of people who are ending a family tradition.

"Normally, we go to Boise and spend a day doing our school shopping together," she said. "But this year, I told the girls that we could either spend the money on gas to get us (to Boise), or we could spend that money on clothes — obviously, they chose the clothes."

More residents in south-central Idaho are doing their shopping closer to home as rising fuel prices discourage shoppers from traveling to places like Boise or Pocatello.

It may be one of the few bright spots for rural areas such as south-central Idaho that are struggling with gas prices that have peaked at \$4.15 per gallon.

Sales at stores in the Magic Valley Mall have increased 4 percent despite slumping sales in retail centers in larger cities throughout the United States.

"We think the increase is definitely due to rising gas prices," said Brent White, manager of the Magic Valley Mall. "We estimate that for most people it costs at least about \$70 to \$100 round-trip to Boise."

Moore estimated that she would spend between \$150 to \$200 on gas and food for a round-trip to Boise.

She said it was an "obvious choice" to use the money they would have spent for travel costs on the things they actually needed.

The only concern they had was about the clothing selection at the Magic Valley Mall, which houses more than 85 stores and is undergo-

ing its second expansion.

The mall recently added two more stores — American Eagle and Aeropostale — this year.

"It surprised us to see several of our stores, which cater to age groups between 15 and 30 years old, to be reporting year-to-date increases of 20 to 30 percent," White said.

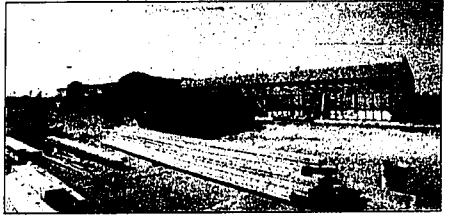
Nationally, the intermountain region, which includes Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah and Nevada, are seeing healthier retail sales than other parts of the U.S.

However, analysts such as Burr P. Flickinger, managing director of consulting firm Strategic Resource Group, say that small urban centers in rural areas are seeing the most significant increase in retail sales.

White estimates that retail sales growth in Boise have declined to less than 1 percent annually.

"The national average is now around zero to 1 percent growth, which is down from 7 to 8 percent growth about two years ago," he said.

The shift in locations where consumers spend their money has yet to be supported by official numbers, say Idaho Tax Commission officials.



Construction work continues Thursday at the Magic Valley Mall in Twin Falls.



Illustration courtesy: www.csgis.com

However, the Magic Valley Mall is confident that sales will continue to grow as more shoppers stay local.

White said the mall is in the planning stages of the third phase of its expansion.

He could not provide any details until the permits have been filed with

the city. Retail stores currently occupy 99 percent of the mall's available store space.

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(AP) — After last week's dreary economic news, Wall Street is more certain than ever that it is facing a recession. But it's also seeing signs that corporate America is enduring the difficulties better than it anticipated. With the Federal Reserve's interest rate meeting this week and second-quarter earnings still pouring in, investors are trying to decide whether the stock market is at a turning point, or just

another plateau before the next big sell-off. The stock market was volatile last week. Investors were relieved to see some decent earnings, as well as moves by Amco Financial Group Inc. and Merrill Lynch & Co. to rid their balance sheets of risky debt. But they were disappointed about sluggish gross domestic product growth in the second quarter and a rise in unemployment to 5.7 per-

cent last month. The Dow Jones Industrial average, after logging several triple-digit, back-and-forth swings, finished the week down 0.39 percent. The Standard & Poor's 500 index finished up 0.21 percent, and the Nasdaq composite index finished up 0.02 percent. The Fed meets Tuesday, and policymakers are expected to keep interest rates steady at 2 percent.

The week ahead

# YOUR BUSINESS

## CAREER MOVES

### Karen Petersen

IDAHO FALLS — Avon has recently honored a local representative and Avon store owner as one of the country's top achievers.

Karen Petersen of Idaho Falls, who also serves customers in the Magic Valley, was awarded a trip to Las Vegas to celebrate her success with other top Avon Representatives at the company's President's Recognition Program Celebration.



Petersen

The celebration is an annual event at which Avon brings together the nation's top achievers who have distinguished themselves as leaders in sales or leadership.

There are more than five million Avon Representatives serving 300 million women in more than 100 countries. Of these, 650 representatives were honored as Top Achievers at the 2008 celebration.

On Aug. 1, 2007, Petersen commented from a home business to the first Avon Beauty Center store in Southeast Idaho. Her store is located on 370 S. Woodruff Ave. in Idaho Falls.

### Shelli Roberson

HOISE — The Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Council named Shelli Rambo Roberson as their chief executive officer on July 21. She replaces Jo Becham, who served with the Girl Scouts for more than 30 years.



Roberson

Roberson joined the Girl Scouts in September 2007 as the chief operating officer where she has provided direction and leadership for service deliv-

ery to four departments including Youth Development, Adult Learning, Membership and Camp.

Prior to joining the Girl Scouts, she served as the executive director on the Idaho Governor's Council on Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention and Program Manager for Idaho's Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Program.

Roberson lives in Eagle with her husband and two daughters.

### Doug Anderson

Doug Anderson, certified occupational therapy assistant, certified ergonomic assessment specialist, has joined the staff at the Center for Physical Rehabilitation located at 714 N. College Road, Ste. B, in Twin Falls.



Anderson

Anderson completed the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program at the Academy of Health Sciences in San Antonio, Texas, in 1994. He has lived in Twin Falls with his wife and three boys since 1996.

He has spent 14 years focusing on the specialized care of the injured hand and has also worked to get certified in ergonomics and the prevention of injuries at work. He is working with Lesley Haly an occupational therapist who is also a certified hand therapist.

### Sandy Hacking and Johnny Moreno

Sandy Hacking and Johnny Moreno of the Magic Valley office of Idaho Department of Labor were honored at the International Association of Workers' Development's 2008 International Conference in Richmond, Va.

Hacking, the Disability Programs' navigator in Twin Falls, received the first place International Award for Individual specialized customer service.

The award is presented to an individual who is outstanding in assisting special population group. Hacking was able to be in Richmond to receive her award.

Moreno, the veterans' representative in Twin Falls, received the second place International Award for Services to Veterans. He was recognized for his outstanding efforts in serving the veterans in our region. Moreno was not able to receive his award in person.

Moreno received the first place for Services to Veterans Award at the Idaho state level. Hacking also received the first place award earlier this year at the Idaho state level of LAWP.

### Kelle Johnson

On July 1, Kelle Johnson became the new Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion programs manager at the College of Southern Idaho Office on Aging.

The Foster Grandparent Program recruits, trains, and places low income seniors into educational and care oriented settings. The programs offer one-on-one companionship between frail, elderly, and homebound individuals and senior volunteers.

### H. Gene Hoge

H. Gene Hoge is leading the 40 Rotary Clubs in southern Idaho as district governor

### Marlow Geuin

KETCHUM — Marlow Geuin, designated broker, of Classic Realty LLC in Ketchum has received the Resort and Second-Home Property Specialist certification offered by the National Association of Realtors. She is one of the first real estate brokers in the Sun Valley area to achieve this prestigious designation.

To qualify, Marlow attended numerous educational seminars, workshops and conferences during the past five years. She also holds the Accredited Buyer Representation designation.

### Trevor Tarter

Edward Jones financial advisor, Trevor Tarter of Twin Falls recently received the Jack Phelan Award for his outstanding sales and service efforts over the past year.

The award is named for the firm's former national sales manager, Jack Phelan. Only 3,306 of the firms more than 10,000 financial advisers received this award.

## MILESTONES

### THE PARTY CENTER



The Twin Falls Area Chamber's Beautification Committee recently presented The Party Center with a landscape award. The Party Center is located at 1703 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls. Patrons can visit Darrel Mason and her staff for their party needs and enjoy their flowers and landscaping at the same time. For more information: 733-9337.

### MAGIC VALLEY REALTY



Magic Valley Realty has a new location at 647 Filer Ave., Ste. 101, in Twin Falls. The Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors joined them recently as they cut the red ribbon to celebrate. Visit their new office and let their staff assist you with your real estate needs. For more information: 734-1991 or visit [www.magicvalleyrealty.com](http://www.magicvalleyrealty.com). Pictured from left, first row, Teri Winderholler; Noemi Sedano, office manager; Shawn Applewhite; Susan Stevens; Kathleen Hale, owner; Tonya Backus, owner; Laurie Madden; Marianna Krachunor; Michele Hodges; Olivia Angulo, marketing director; second row, David Watson; Archie Goodman; Juli Lee; Chris Orr; Doug Ask; Art Jones; and Jan Polard. Not pictured, Amy Jensen, Kendra Jenks, Kay Wolverten, Jerod and Wayne Bush.

## CONTRIBUTION

### D. L. EVANS BANK



John Evans Jr. and employees from several Mtn-Casita branches of D.L. Evans Bank spent time priming and painting the home of a Rapert woman recently as part of Paint Magic, a non-profit organization that paints the homes of senior citizens and the disabled who are on limited incomes. After the painting was completed the volunteers also planted flowers in the vacant flower bed in front of the house to add to the new appearance of the home. According to volunteers, the homeowner was very gracious and thankful for their help.

## Eateries

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its assets and stop operations — a step usually taken in only the most dire financial circumstances. And although Bennigan's may be the highest-profile chain to have filed for bankruptcy protection, it is far from the first this year.

Privately owned Viteop Restaurants Inc., which operates the Village Inn and Boney Square chains, cited "substantial debt obligations" when it filed in April for Chapter 11, which lets a company reorganize and remain open.

Roadhouse Grill Inc. filed in October, intending to reorganize, but the private company converted to a liquidation proceeding in May. At least four other chains have filed for bankruptcy protection since the start of the year. That compares to about two during all of 2007 and six in 2004, estimated by Paul Farris, president of consumer research company Technomic Inc.

Paul said the number of restaurant bankruptcies this year "could easily surpass" the 2004 number. The reason is the sharp decline in balance between supply and demand, he said.

In the early 2000s, Paul said, credit was easy to come by and many restaurant companies — particularly in the highly competitive bar-and-grill and casual dining segments — took advantage of that by financing ambitious expansion programs.

According to Technomic, the top 20 casual dining chains increased the number of their locations by 45 percent during the past five years. Restaurant sales, meanwhile, rose just 31 percent.

"The lenders were very aggressive in making loans

so to speak," Basham said. One company that has cut back on its openings is Ruby Tuesday Inc. — another popular family restaurant that has seen sales and profits slide.

In fiscal 2007, the company either opened or bought 73 locations, not including those owned and operated by franchisees. In the first nine months of fiscal 2008, meanwhile, Ruby Tuesday has opened or acquired 51 locations and plans to open just four more by the end of the year.

Deutsche Bank North America analyst Jason West said in a note to investors that he believes the restaurant industry is at the "beginning of a store rationalization process" marked by restaurant closings and slower growth.

But, he said, that process could take several more quarters — first many more years — before the cuts turn into profits.

With sales declining and some locations beginning to underperform, "all the bodies are floating to the surface,

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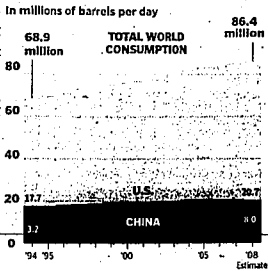
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# Why Does Gas Cost \$4 or More a Gallon?

There is no single answer to this question. A number of factors contribute to the price of oil:

## SURGE IN GLOBAL DEMAND

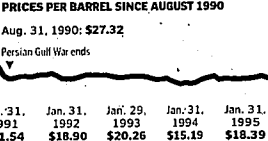


## THE MARKETS

In the past several years, there has been an influx of investments from pensions and hedge funds and firms not in the oil business. This has increased the use of oil as a financial instrument, not just as a raw material.

The effect on price remains a matter of great debate. Most economists say this has no effect on prices, but many oil experts and financial analysts, while acknowledging the tight oil balance worldwide, say the influx of money has created a bubble effect similar to that of tech stocks or housing that raised prices further than they would have otherwise.

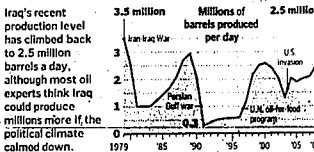
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## PRODUCTION OBSTACLES

Natural disasters, political unrest, deteriorating equipment, accidents or any combination of these could interrupt the supply of oil. A few examples:

■ Since 1980, Iraq's oil output has been disrupted by three wars and years of international sanctions. Only 17 of the 80 known fields have been developed, and the country has the third-largest proven reserves in the world.



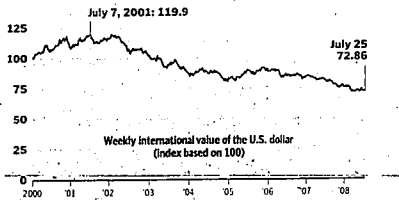
■ The Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND) has been bombing pipelines and kidnapping foreign workers with the aim of hindering the government's ability to export oil from Nigeria. Last month, MEND attacked a floating production and storage vessel. That brought the total disruption in Nigerian production in June close to 1 million barrels a day.

■ Venezuela has struggled with production after an oil strike that ended in 2003. The U.S. imports 11 percent of its oil from Venezuela — the country's largest customer. But President Hugo Chávez has quarreled with foreign oil companies and increased government ownership of oil fields. The country needs a \$15 billion infrastructure investment and better equipment.

■ Mexican oil may have already peaked. Petroleos Mexicanos, the third-largest supplier of crude to the U.S., shut its crude oil export terminal on the Pacific coast, the fourth terminal to close since April. Output at Pemex's largest field, Cantarell, fell to an almost 12-year low in May.

## A WEAKENING DOLLAR

The falling U.S. dollar has contributed to the rise in the price of oil. Many investors buy commodities such as oil as a hedge against inflation when the dollar falls. Also, a weaker dollar makes oil less expensive to investors dealing in other currencies.



## LOW DISCOVERY RATES

Much of global oil comes from mature fields that are now approaching their peaks or are already in decline. Worldwide, output from existing fields is falling by as much as 8 percent per year, which means oil companies must develop 7 million barrels more a day to keep current output steady — plus many more millions to meet growth in demand of about 1.8 percent per year.

Oil can't be pumped from the ground until it is found, yet the July 25 volume discovered each year has steadily declined since the early 1960s. Tupi oil field, discovered off the Brazilian coast last November, is the largest find in 7 years, with an estimated 8 billion barrels. It is only 1/15th the size of Saudi Arabia's legendary field, Ghawar, which held about 120 billion when detected in 1948.

# Oil

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The cost of crude has surged because this oil shock is different. There is little prospect that drivers will ever again see gas prices retreat to the levels they enjoyed for much of the last generation. Unlike the two short, sharp oil jolts of the 1970s, the latest run-up has been accelerating over several years as ample supplies of crude oil have proven elusive and the thirst for petroleum products has grown. The average price of a barrel of oil produced by the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries—doubled—from 2001 to 2005, doubled again by March this year and jumped as much as 40 percent more after that.

For American motorists, a full tank of gas costs nearly twice what it did at the start of last year, racking past the \$4-a-gallon mark, and has begun cutting into other household spending.

"What can you do? You need gas," said Barry Modeste, a construction worker who stopped his van at a Shell station in Tukoma Park, Md., one recent morning to add \$15 worth. It was crowded, he said, to get him to a cheaper station nearby. "If you don't have gas, you can't get to work. And if you can't get to work, you don't get paid. And if you don't get paid, you can't buy food. We're at their mercy."

Last month, 51 percent of the respondents in a Washington Post poll said rising gas prices were causing a serious financial hardship for them or others in their household. It was the first time a majority had said that since the poll began pos-

ing that question eight years ago.

The rising prices are also adding to inflation, aggravating the U.S. trade deficit — oil now accounts for, about half of it — and taking a toll on businesses already struggling with the economic slowdown caused by the housing and financial crises.

Abroad, riots shook India after the government trimmed fuel subsidies. Tractors in Britain, France, Spain and South Korea have clogged the roads to protest rising fuel prices. In the Philippines, soaring prices for oil and petroleum-based fertilizer have derailed the economy and ignited calls for a cut in the tax on oil imports.

Even after oil prices have tumbled more than \$24 in the past two weeks, largely as the result of easing tensions in the Middle East and slowing U.S. economic activity, crude is still trading near historic highs.

This three-part series examines the economic forces that have unhinged oil prices from their longtime cyclical patterns, propelling fuel costs to once unimaginable levels that are now both fraying the lifestyles of our recent past and speeding the search for an energy source of the future.

Now, however, there is no one culprit and no single international crisis to blame. Instead, world demand has been increasing faster than supply, steadily squeezing oil markets.

This in turn has signaled to investors that prices are inevitably heading higher. Financial players, such as Wall Street banks and hedge

funds, have bet just that, investing tens of billions of dollars in oil futures. Critics on Capitol Hill and elsewhere say this speculation has turbo-charged the market, helping lift prices even more.

The tightening of the oil market reflects decisions made a decade ago, when conditions looked radically different. Regular unleaded gas was less than a dollar a gallon. Oil was little more than \$10 a barrel. And the Economist magazine, predicting prices could soon be half that, ran a cover story with the headline: "Drowning in Oil."

Those low prices sent the wrong signals to consumers and oil companies alike. Demand for oil jumped as U.S. sales of gas-guzzling cars soared and China's breakneck economic expansion picked up pace.

The low prices of the late 1990s also dampened the impetus for finding new supplies. Oil companies delayed exploration for new fields. Capital spending dropped 15 percent at the biggest oil companies in late 1998 and plunged as much as 70 percent at the smaller ones. Too few drilling rigs were built. And refineries weren't expanded or upgraded, making it hard for them to use the lower-quality crude oils that have become a larger portion of supplies or to produce the right balance of products as gasoline use is stagnating and diesel fuel use growing.

Investment slackened just as finding new supplies was becoming more difficult and costly. Most of the world's big, easy-to-tap fields have already been discovered and



At Chevron's Kern River oil field in Bakersfield, Calif., century-old fields are running dry. Most of the world's big, easy-to-tap fields have already been discovered and largely drained.

largely drained. Some analysts argue that peak oil production has already been reached. Others say the peak remains a ways off but perhaps not very far. Though capital spending by big oil companies has again picked up pace in the past couple of years, spurred by higher prices, exploration is still falling short.

"It's not that we're going to run out of oil or hydrocarbons, but it's not going to be available as fast as unrestricted demand," said Sadeq Hussein, a consultant and former petroleum geologist at Saudi Aramco.

Just two decades ago, the world could pump 15 percent more oil than it needed. Today, that spare production capacity has practically vanished — it's now about 2 percent beyond the world's total daily consumption of 85.5 million barrels. That makes the market sensitive to rumors about anything that might endanger existing production.



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Earlier, oil-rich nations opened their spigots to prevent run-ups in prices. In the early 1980s, oil from the British and Norwegian North Sea started to flow in large volumes and helped push down prices even as war raged between Iran and Iraq, disrupting Middle East supplies. During the Persian Gulf War after Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990, Saudi Arabia increased production to head off a spike in oil prices.

But now, the cushion is all but gone. And Saudi Arabia, which is home to what little spare capacity remains, has become reluctant to temper price increases by boosting production. Quite the reverse, the kingdom and its fellow OPEC members have trimmed production on those few occasions when price recently slipped in late 2006.

That has left the global oil market vulnerable to threats as varied as hurricanes in the oil-rich Gulf of Mexico, the potential for war with Iran

and pipeline attacks by small groups of insurgents in remote parts of the Niger Delta.

At the beginning of the pipeline, high oil prices have been a gusher of good news. Any company that owns oil in the ground or a share of what's pumped out of it is swimming in profit. Exxon Mobil, the biggest of the independent oil giants, last year broke records for U.S. corporate profits, chalking up \$40.6 billion. This year, it is on track to earn even more.

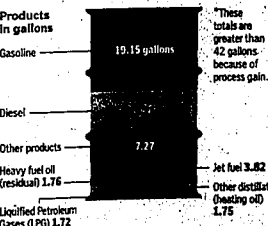
Thanks to the rapid and sustained rise in prices, oil-producing countries are also accumulating vast reservoirs of money in one of the most massive transfers of wealth in history. Every day, oil consumers pay \$6 billion to \$7.5 billion more for crude oil than they paid six years ago. At the current rate, they will pump more than \$1.5 trillion a year into the coffers of OPEC, Russia and other oil exporting countries.

Some Middle Eastern countries are already on a shopping spree: indoor ski facilities on the edge of the desert, water-borne hotel complexes, new industrial cities.

A century after Henry Ford's Model T revolutionized American life, Tata's Nano could do the same for India. Unveiling his company's concept for the car early this year, Chairman Ratan Tata placed the Nano in a narrative of technological endeavors that led from bicycle to jet. He called it "a journey that embodies the human spirit of change... the drive to stretch the envelope... the quest to lead and the quest to conquer."

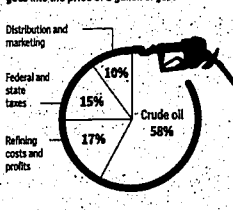
## What's in a Barrel?

A 42-gallon barrel of crude oil yields 44 to 45 gallons of petroleum products.\*



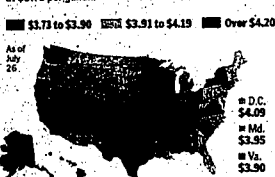
## What's in a Price?

To the average person, it may seem as though there's little rhyme or reason in how gas prices are determined. What goes into the price of a gallon of gas?



## Price Range

Transportation costs, state taxes and the location of gas stations all account for regional price differences. Alaska currently leads the nation at \$4.68 per gallon of regular unleaded gas. Gas is cheapest in Oklahoma at \$3.73 per gallon.



## Sticker Shock

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SOURCES: Associates for International Research; Bloomberg; British Petroleum; Energy Information Administration; International Energy Outlook, 2006; International Energy Agency; Energy Information Agency; National Petroleum Council

# After suicide, feds consider closing anthrax case

By Lara Jakes Jordan and Matt Azzo  
Associated Press writers

WASHINGTON — Answers to one of the nation's most high-profile unsolved mysteries are in documents that could be released as early as this week — and help explain how the government closed the wrong suspect for years.

Prosecutors were mulling this weekend whether to close the investigation early this week, possibly as early as Monday or Tuesday. If that happens, court documents detailing newly developed scientific evidence that recently led the government to Bruce E. Ivins may be unveiled.

Five people died and 17 others were sickened when anthrax-laced letters began showing up at congressional offices, newsroom and other offices soon after Sept. 11, 2001.

After wrongly investigating Army scientist Steven Hatfill, the FBI more than a year ago

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— David R. Franz, a former commander of the Army's biological warfare labs at Fort Detrick, Md.

begin looking at Ivins, who worked at the same military lab. Ivins, a decorated scientist who was working on an anthrax cure, killed himself on Tuesday.

Two U.S. officials said victims and their survivors could be briefed as early as Tuesday on the final piece of the bioterrorism attacks that confounded the government.

David R. Franz, a former commander of the Army's biological warfare labs at Fort Detrick, Md., where Ivins worked, said Saturday he thought it was "very important that the FBI present their case against Bruce and not just state that the investigation was over because it was him and he's gone."

Franz added, "I'm concerned about what closing this case without conclusive evidence might do to harm

our life sciences enterprise... I think we as Americans need to see the proof."

The Justice Department attributed the break in the case to "new and sophisticated scientific tools."

Investigators said the science focused, in part, on how the anthrax strains were handled and who had access to it at the time of the mailings.

Had the same process been used years ago, it would have cleared Hatfill, according to two people familiar with the FBI investigation who spoke on condition of anonymity because the case is not officially closed.

FBI profilers said they probably were looking for a loner with a scientific background. Maybe he had a grudge against the lawmakers and news organizations. Investigators also considered

possible links to al-Qaida, the terrorist group behind the 9/11 attacks.

Despite focus initially set on Hatfill, who for years accused the government of unfairly targeting him, in late June, the government exonerated Hatfill and paid him a \$5.82 million settlement.

With that, the government seemed no closer to solving the "Amerithrax" mystery. But, quietly, investigators were closing in on a different scientist, Ivins.

A murder indictment and the possibility of the death penalty would have produced a high-profile climax to the case. Thwarted by the FBI, Ivins died Tuesday from a Tylenol overdose, leaving the probe in limbo and a nation seeking answers.

"It's a shame the man is not here with us. We might have

some point, how we're going to bring this to closure." Daschle's office received a letter containing the deadly white powder in 2001.

Among the questions is why the anthrax was sent. The FBI was investigating whether Ivins, removed for his work developing anthrax vaccines and treatment, released the toxin to test those cures. Ivins was one of several scientists named in an application for a vaccine patent 18 months before the attacks.

## Museum: Civil War surrender document no photocopy

By Dan Robrish  
Associated Press writer

PHILADELPHIA — Officials at a small Civil War museum made an intriguing discovery while sifting through storage: A document long treated as a photo reproduction of the terms of Gen. Robert E. Lee's surrender appeared upon closer inspection, to contain actual signatures and date to 1865.

Museum officials believe they have one of the original documents signed by representatives of the Union and Confederacy in Appomattox Court House, Va., on April 10, 1865, a day after Lee's surrender.

The National Park Service historian at Appomattox said it's more likely a souvenir copy signed by the same men at that time — a star document discovery, he said, even if it's not an official copy.

The Civil War & Underground Railroad Museum of Philadelphia has held the document since the early 20th century. It was pulled out of storage and re-evaluated as officials prepared for the museum's shutdown Saturday ahead of its move to a new building.

Curator Andrew Coldren said he is certain that museum officials knew what they had when the document was donated but its significance was forgotten over time because of a lack of record keeping.

In a 1967 inventory, someone wrote "Copy" in reference to the document.

Coldren said it had been glued to a cardboard backing and varnished, an apparent attempt to preserve it.

"Old photostat copies from the '20s and '30s are shiny like that, so this is why you'd think this is not a real document," he said.

Coldren said museum officials examining the document recently noticed that the indentation of pens into the paper was visible. He said they also noticed that the ink on the document was darker and lighter in places, as would be expected with the pens used at the time. The lines on a photostat would be of consistent darkness.

"You can see where they're dipping the pen in to get more ink," he said.

Details of the terms and conditions of the surrender were worked out by six men the day after Lee and Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant agreed on the broad terms of the surrender.

Three copies were made, according to the memoir of Union Gen. John Gibbon, whom Grant put in charge of working out the details of the surrender.

Gibbon kept one copy, according to his memoir and a letter he wrote to the Maryland Historical Society in Baltimore when he donated it to the society. Another copy was sent to Grant's headquarters and is now in the National Archives.

By process of elimination, museum officials believe they have the Confederate copy.



Curator Andrew Coldren talks Monday about a document spelling out the terms of surrender that was signed by Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee, on April 10, 1865, a day after his surrender to Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant. The document is at the Civil War and Underground Railroad Museum in Philadelphia.

Patrick A. Schroeder, historian at Appomattox Court House National Historical Park, said that while there were three official copies, "it doesn't mean that there weren't more copies made."

Schroeder, who saw a photograph of the document, said the stationery looks more like the paper soldiers used to write letters to their loved ones than the paper used for legal documents.

He suggested someone may have made a personal transcript of the document as a souvenir — a common practice at the time — then

asked the six men to sign it. "I would say it's probably a souvenir copy done at the time and signed at the time," Schroeder said.

Without knowing where the donor got the document, he said, it is hard to determine whether it is the official copy provided to the Confederacy. But he said it would be wonderful if that were confirmed.

"I hope it is," he said. "This would be great to have another mystery solved."

The document was donated to the museum by Bruce Ford, a wealthy businessman and son of a Union veteran.

He joined the veterans' group that formed the museum around 1917, and the document was noted in an inventory in 1935. How Ford got the document is unknown.

New York memorabilia dealer Keya Morgan said if the document is indeed the missing third copy, what he called a "holy grail to Civil War collectors," it would be worth \$500,000 to \$700,000 at auction, even in its poor condition.

The museum hopes to receive a grant to pay the estimated \$6,000 cost of restoring the document, said Sharon A. Smith, the museum's president and chief executive. Its new home, the former First Bank of the United States, the nation's central bank until the early 19th century, is scheduled to open in 2010.

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# Obama backs away from McCain's debate challenge

By Douglas K. Daniel  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Democratic candidate Barack Obama on Saturday backed away from rival John McCain's challenge for a series of joint appearances, agreeing only to the standard three debates in the fall.

In May, when a McCain adviser proposed a series of pre-convention appearances at town hall meetings, Obama said, "I think that's a great idea." In summer stumping on the campaign trail, Obama had not followed through and joined him in any events.

On Saturday, in a letter to the Commission on Presidential Debates, Obama campaign manager David Plouffe said the short period between the last political convention and the first proposed debate made it difficult for the commission-sponsored debates would be the only ones.

"We've committed to the three debates on the table," Plouffe spokesman Robert Psaki said Saturday in an interview. "It's likely they will be the three appearances by the candidates this fall."

Asked by The Associated Press if that meant Obama would not agree to any other debates, Psaki said, "We're not saying that." She said the McCain campaign had rejected Obama's proposal for two joint town hall meetings.

McCain's campaign disparaged Obama for backing off. "We understand it might be better to avoid the celebrity of Barack Obama's magnitude to appear at town hall meetings alongside John McCain and directly answer questions from the American people, but we hope he'll reconsider," spokesman Brian Rogers said.

The first debate planned by the commission is set for Sept. 26 in Oxford, Miss., three weeks after the Republican-National Convention concludes Sept. 4. The Democratic convention is scheduled for Aug. 25-28.

The other presidential debates are set for Oct. 7 and Oct. 15 and the vice presidential debate for Oct. 2.

A day after Obama clinched the Democratic nomination in early June, McCain challenged Obama to a series of 10 town hall meetings. The candidates' campaigns began negotiations, telling reporters that they agreed in spirit to joint appearances.

When the idea first came up from the McCain campaign that May, Obama was still battling Hillary Rodham Clinton for the Democratic nomination.

Obama said then: "Obviously, we would have to think through the logistics on that, but ... if I have the opportunity to debate substantive issues before the voters with John McCain, that's something that I am going to welcome."

In June, Plouffe had suggested Obama-McCain meetings more along the lines of the historic Lincoln-Douglas debates. During Abraham Lincoln's Senate campaign against Stephen Douglas in 1858, the candidates met seven times across Illinois. One spoke for an hour, the other for an hour and a half, and the first was allowed a half-hour rebuttal.

Plouffe said Saturday that Rep. Rahm Emanuel of Illinois will be Obama's representative in further discussions with the commission.

The Commission on Presidential Debates established in 1987, sponsors and produces debates featuring the presidential and vice presidential candidates of the major parties. The nonprofit and nonpartisan organization has sponsored all the presidential debates since 1988.

# Democrats exact price from Bush for war

By Ilio Hirschfeld Davis  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — They did not end the Iraq war or tackle 54-a-gallon gas.

But the Democrats-run Congress enacted programs this year to educate veterans and feed and house the poor. Democrats also cuts deals with a weakened GOP president to send voters some economic help.

## News analysis

Their election-year strategy was to exact a steep price from President Bush for letting him have his way in some tight spots — some nervous about re-election — to defy him on other fronts.

The time for bargains is all but over.

When Congress returns in September from its five-week break, a few routine chores will dominate the agenda: renewing some tax breaks and passing a bill to keep agencies on automatic pilot until there's a new president. A second economic aid bill is a possibility; more partisan wrangling over what to do about gas prices is certain.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., called Congress' failure to bring troops home from Iraq "probably my biggest disappointment" of the year.

Bush won \$162 billion in war money — without any restrictions — well into 2009; his term ends in January. He also got expanded powers for intelligence agencies to eavesdrop, without warrants, on suspected terrorists.

Still, Pelosi said, with the help of Republican defectors and passing legislation with Bush, "we did find some areas where, although he initially resisted, he came around."

That was true of an economic relief measure developed quickly by Pelosi. House Republican leader John A. Boehner of Ohio and Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson that sent rebates of \$600 to \$1,200 to most wage-earners. The checks are widely credited for having a positive effect on the economy.

The \$168 billion in economic aid was in essence a tax cut that omitted many of Democrats' highest priorities, including jobless benefits and housing and food aid for the poor. But it did fulfill



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, right, accompanied by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid discuss "the State of Our Union," at the National Press Club in Washington, Jan. 25.

the Democrats' goal of sending checks to low-income people.

When it came time to pass Bush's war spending measure, Democrats insisted on the jobless aid, plus a \$63 billion, 10-year GI Bill, more than doubling the college aid for troops and veterans.

"It was a classic strategy of giving the president things he doesn't want in bills he has to have," said George C. Edwards III, a Texas A & M University political scientist.

Bush also angrily resisted Democrats' foreclosure rescue plan, calling it a burdensome bailout. But with foreclosures soaring and markets terrified about the financial health of the big mortgage companies Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, he relented in exchange for the power to rescue them and tighten oversight.

The resulting compromise is projected to help 400,000 homeowners avoid foreclosures beginning on Oct. 1. In the bargain, Bush had to swallow some \$4 billion in grants for devastated neighborhoods and a new affordable housing fund financed by the companies, which Democrats long had sought.

"We were able to get some things done," Pelosi said.

Bush showed that even an unpopular, lame-duck president still has sway on national security issues, plus the negotiating leverage that comes with the power to veto legislation.

"In the eighth year of the presidency and in this environment, Bush's veto was pretty strong," said Candl Wolff, his former top legislative aide.

But this year, more than in the past, his accomplishments came with heavy measures of concessions.

"He had to compromise, and he had to do it in two ways: either they negotiated out a compromise or he was pushed into a compromise politically because of where the votes were," Wolff said.

The prospect of losing veto showdowns with flush vetoed the Democrats' ability to win as much domestic spending as they wanted and stopped them from restricting his ability to wage war or spy on suspected terrorists.

Partisan gridlock over energy blocked any relief on gas prices. Renewing Bush's No Child Left Behind education law left victim to disputes over money and flexibility.

Bush's veto fell flat in a couple of instances when Republicans in Congress instead sided with Democrats.

An election-year farm bill featuring a \$10 billion boost in nutrition programs such as food stamps was enacted over the president's veto.

More surprising to the White House, many Republicans also sided with Democrats on protecting doctors from Medicare fee cuts by instead reducing spending on private health plans that serve the elderly and disabled.

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
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EDITORIAL

### County and city budgets don't fit economic reality

**Y**ou'd think the folks who run Twin Falls County and the city of Twin Falls haven't read a newspaper lately. The county commissioners are proposing a \$37.5 million budget for the 2008-09 fiscal year — a 9 percent increase. That comes on the heels of a \$51 million budget request by the city, 24 percent more than last year.

That's curious. Outside of the Courthouse and City Hall there's a renaissance going on. Investment in the Twin Falls area jumped by two-tenths of a percentage point in July, to 3.5 percent, while growth in sales tax collections in the county during the second quarter of this year was just half the statewide rate.

And sales of existing homes in Twin Falls County fell 37 percent in June compared to the previous year.

It's time for some fiscal restraint, starting perhaps with the county's \$3 million capital improvement fund request, which is 20 percent higher than last year. The county wants to put in a new Courthouse parking lot and has purchased a downtown office building, which it's now remodeling.

Odd timing, considering that the county is in the process of taking over the former Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital building as part of the sale of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center to St. Luke's Health System two years ago. And St. Luke's is picking up the tab for remodeling the clinic building.

What's more, after the new St. Luke's Magic Valley opens in a couple of years, the county will have the current hospital building at its disposal.

Prosecutor Grant Loeb would see a 21 percent increase in the county's proposed budget. Sheriff Wayne Touseley's department would get a 17 percent boost, and Assessor Gerald Bowden is scheduled to receive 21 percent more.

We're betting there aren't many households in the county that will enjoy that kind of windfall this year. The city's eye-popping 24 percent boost — a record, according to *Times-News* archives — also contains some nice-but-not-necessary spending.

The Department of Parks and Recreation, for example, is scheduled to receive \$337,600 in capital projects, including \$70,000 for a rest room at Morning Sun Park and \$70,000 to replace a rest room at Cascade Park. There is also \$120,000 to buy part of the LDS Soccer Complex.

Twin Falls city staffers are working to mitigate the pain by lowering the percentage increase in water and sewer rates and deferring the construction of two pressurized irrigation stations. Still, a 163 percent increase for animal-control funding, a 64 percent bump in the street budget and a 56 percent rise in capital improvement spending are debatable.

Nobody questions that a fast-growing city and county have to spend more to keep up with demand for services. But with \$4-a-gallon gasoline, inflation running at 5 percent, sticker-shock from recent property tax assessments and uncertainty about jobs, this is a year for prudent management of bare-bones budgets.

**Our view:**  
Twin Falls County and the city of Twin Falls have some great ideas for keeping up with growth. Unfortunately, we can't afford all of them this year. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

## Don't let loyalty fry your nest egg

**S**ome lessons are really difficult to learn. Just ask John McBaine, who is holding on to nearly 40,000 shares of General Motors Corp. stock that in the past nine months fell from more than \$42 to less than \$10 a share. Last week it was back up to \$12 but still trading at levels not seen since the 1950s.



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"More and more, I am asking myself why I didn't apply the lessons learned from the collapse of Enron and the airline industry stocks to my own 401(k) investment choices," he said.

Enron Corp. employees lost more than half their 401(k) money when the firm's company went bankrupt in 2001. More recently, employees of Bear Stearns saw the value of their retirement savings plunge.

Employer stock has held on to GM through it all. "I've added to it since retirement," said McBaine, who was a senior human resources administrator when he retired in 1999 after nearly 40 years with GM. "I still haven't learned the lesson even though I should have. My wife thinks I'm completely crazy."

Employer stock holdings have declined to a little more than 10 percent of 401(k) assets, showing some people have learned the Enron lesson. However, others still have too many eggs in one basket. In fact, when companies offer their own stock as a 401(k) plan option, more than 7 percent of employees put 30 percent or more of their money in that option, according to the Employee Benefit Research Institute.

McBaine, 63, doesn't just own GM stock. He owns GM notes for income, drives a



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an optimist," he said. "I don't think the GM tune has been played yet. If you look at all the massive cost that's been taken out of the structure, I still think we have an opportunity to come out of this."

"That's not to say he's happy about the way his beloved company has been run. "We've wasted billions upon billions of dollars," he said. "We rolled the dice far too long on trucks and SUVs. We're just not able to hit the marketplace timing-wise."

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## Big changes — for the better — in your newspaper

**B**ig things are coming our way later this month. As Publisher Brad Hurd announced Friday, the *Times-News* is merging with the *South Idaho Press* in Burley to become one bigger, better newspaper that will also incorporate the *North Side News* in Jerome and the *Gooding County Leader*.

Readers who are accustomed to getting their news from two publications — the *Times-News* and a weekly — will soon get it all in one newspaper. That may be the most sweeping change ever in the Magic Valley media scene.

Our goal isn't to pull back from any of the areas now covered by any of our daily or weekly papers. We aim to continue providing what people liked most from those papers while also delivering all the news and features that were available only to *Times-News* subscribers.

At the same time, we're reorganizing the *Times-News* in response to the advice you gave through our recent reader survey. We're still working out some of the details, but here's an early look.

Each day will produce two editions of the *Times-News*: One for the western half of our coverage area, the other for readers in the Mini-Cassia region. They'll each emphasize local news and sports in their region.

The A section will become the primary home for local, state and regional news. The Magic Valley section will be retired. It's a relic of an age when local news seldom appeared on the front page, and needed a separate section to



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James G. Wright

gain prominence. We've since turned that on its head.

Four days of the week will offer a section devoted to a different geographic area. Like our weeklies, they'll feature community-level news from Lincoln and Gooding counties (Tuesday), Jerome County (Thursday), Twin Falls County (Friday) and the Mini-Cassia area (Saturday). Call us unimaginative, but we'll call it Community.

We'll devote more space to national and local news. Local news will always be our primary interest, but our reader survey showed that many of you want more news in the print edition about the world beyond the Magic Valley.

We'll address a long-standing complaint about the way the newspaper is organized, anchoring features such as the comics and obituaries in the same section to make them easier to find.

The Monday paper will look a little different than other days. Mondays we divide 24 pages into four sections, Starting Aug. 18, all the news will fit in two sections: One for news, Sports and Opinion; the other for features, Classified ads and the weather map.

The Business section, which has already gone through a big remodel, will change a little more. The daily mutual fund table, which scored low in our reader interest survey, will migrate from our print edition to join stock listings online at [www.magicvalley.com](http://www.magicvalley.com).

Monday's Image section will become Health & Fit, a section devoted to personal fitness and healthy living.

Country Roads, the Tuesday feature section, will be replaced by Home & Garden, which will focus on home improvement, decorating and recreational rooting around in the dirt.

*Times-News* Ticker, the entertainment tabloid, will grow back to a broadsheet section, taking on the name Entertainment, and moving to Friday.

The Outdoors section will relocate to Thursday.

Page A-2 will get a facelift and gain an expanded calendar that will help guide readers to the best bets for things to go and do around south-central Idaho.

Dear Abby, Today in History and the Horoscope, now found on the weather page and A-2, respectively, will move to the Classified section, joining the crossword puzzle, Sudoku and Family Circus.

Will all this make the paper perfect? Not by a long way. But it should make the *Times-News* better for all of south-central Idaho.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Constant nipping about Mormon beliefs is unfair

I have read again your editorial dated July 22 titled "Without respect for faith, what do Idahoans have?" Thank you for being so objective and fair in your comments regarding the LDS temple. It is a beautiful edifice that deserves respect even if

there are those who do not agree with the theology. And you published the *Leviston Tribune's* response as well, titled "Mormon-bashing" which defended the LDS right to worship as they please without having to be reprimanded by others.

Then a few days later on July 27, the Rev. Greg Fadness wrote his opinion under the headline "LDS

doctrine at odds with Christian gospel." By reading this headline, one would think the LDS are the ones who are "at odds" with the Christian gospel. Not so. It is some of the Christian community who are "at odds" with the Mormons.

And why is that? Mormons are usually put into the category with

Muslims, Hindus, agnostics and the atheists? Mormons are some of the most Christian people I know who consider all to be brothers and sisters and who love Jesus Christ. Why must there be this constant nipping in the "Christian" community over the Mormon beliefs? You will never find an active LDS person standing

in front of another's church or worship with placards in a protest fashion or to make a statement of some kind. Nor would you find an LDS person to ever preach from the pulpit against another's religion. It is just not done. I would invite the Rev. Fadness and his congregation to please come to the open house of the temple

and go through a tour and observe what the LDS people think of Jesus Christ. Please take the time to inform yourselves and to be fair in your judgments and not preach against anyone. Let us be a community that wants to be united for the good of all. And may we all be able to worship in peace. MARGARET WILCOX Jerome



# Ron Paul followers pose danger for McCain in the West

By Kathleen Hennessey  
Associated Press writer

LAS VEGAS — Duelling delegations pitting Ron Paul's Nevada supporters against those of John McCain vow to take their fight to the Republican National Convention.

That's just one sign that the outsider, Internet-fueled movement led by the feisty Republican congressman from Texas remains afoot in the wake of McCain's victory in the GOP primaries.

In the libertarian-leaning West, where Paul's message of distrust of the federal government and ancient individualism played particularly well, there is talk of Republicans straying from McCain. Libertarian candidate Bob Barr has emerged as a favorite alternative for Paul activists, followed by Constitutional Party candidate Chuck Baldwin.

Even if the numbers of such dissenters are small, in tight contests in key Western states they could spoil McCain's chances, experts say.

"In Nevada, there's absolutely enough to have an effect on the election," said Chuck Muth, a leading conservative activist in a state in which early polls show McCain and Democratic candidate Barack Obama in a statistical tie.

"I think that you will see not just Libertarians who always vote for the Libertarian candidate but conservative Republicans saying we've had it, we've had enough and we're going to go ahead and vote Libertarian," Muth said.

Paul — or "Dr. Paul," as his followers reverently refer to the obstetrician-turned-politician — ran as the Libertarian Party nominee for president in 1998. But this year he carved out a following as an antiestablishment Republican. His campaign won more than 1 million

votes and became a catchall for anti-war, anti-government voters and disaffected Republicans.

The eclectic coalition racked up significant numbers. Paul placed second — in ahead of McCain — in Republican caucuses in Nevada and Montana. He posted strong showings in nominating contests — in Colorado, Washington and Oregon. In early June, he pulled away 14 percent of the vote from the already certain nominee in the New Mexico primary. This is the West that McCain must win.

The interior West generally has been friendly territory for Republicans seeking the White House, Nevada, Montana and Colorado voted for George W. Bush in 2004 and 2008.

But history also warns of the impact of feisty Texans who preach small government.

"There's little doubt Bill Clinton would not have won Montana if it weren't for Ross Perot," said Bob Brown, a senior fellow at the Center for the Rocky Mountain West at the University of Montana. "And I think it's clear those votes were Republican."

The same could be said of Nevada, New Mexico and Colorado, states where the two-time independent candidate for president is often given credit for Clinton's breaking a two-decade-long Republican presidential winning streak in 1992.

The McCain campaign says they expect many Paul voters to come home to the GOP before Nov. 4.

"At the end of the day, Republicans are going to vote for John McCain. He's a Western candidate who understands water issues, land issues. He's a fiscal conservative," said Rick Gorke, a campaign spokesman. "His message is appealing to a broad spectrum of voters."

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— Chuck Muth, a leading conservative activist in Nevada

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## Running for office? What's the matter with you?

More than 40 percent of the races for the Idaho Legislature will be uncontested in November and better than half of the county commission candidates statewide will be elected without opposition.

Shoot, school board elections are so rare in this state that they're usually called off before they happen because there's only one candidate.

What is it about Idahoans' refusal to run for public office?

**DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump**

The usual explanations are the power of incumbency and the fact that one party — the Republicans — is so dominant in Idaho that it discourages Democrats from running.

But I'm not so sure. I think it has more to do with the nature of Idahoans.

Look, we're not a flashy people and we don't especially like to get noticed. That's why you can walk into any church in south-central Idaho this morning and find two-thirds of the congregation sitting in the back three rows of pews.

It's one thing to complain about the government in the company of a bunch of your friends while drinking coffee at the Curry Café. It's quite another to declare for office and start telling those same fellas what to do.

In my fifth-grade class at St. Anthony School in Pocatello, Sister Mary Margaret announced one day that we would be electing two class officers the next day and that anyone interested in running should let her know.

Nobody did, so the following morning she waited up and down the rows of desks asking students to run. Every single kid flatly refused.

So the class president ended up being the pet gecko, Justin, and Sister kept her in a cage in the corner of the room.

When my dad was farming in Arbon Valley south of Pocatello, one of the local farmers, Sherm Saunders, announced he was running for county commission. Sherm was an OK guy, but his neighbors didn't think much of him as a politician. He won on Election Day, but he only got a single vote in the Arbon precinct: His own. And Sherm was married.

Basically, we're not comfortable with people whom we've known for years acting as if they're smarter than we are.

In some small counties in eastern Idaho, this attitude at one time led to an informal system for choosing commissioners, legislators, city council members and mayors: Basically, everybody took turns.

In Caribou County, for example, three people served as county treasurer over a 30-year period. And not one of them was elected to consecutive terms.

So that's why it's so hard for a newcomer to politics to get elected in Idaho. We already know what the incumbents' flaws are why break in a whole new set of vices?

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## Taming 'Rage in the Cage'

By Blair Koch  
Correspondent

Driving out of "The Cage," the parking area at Twin Falls High School, can be risky business. However, planned changes for Filer Avenue will make the area safer, according to officials with the city of Twin Falls and the Twin Falls School District.

The main change will be that traffic coming out of the parking area will only be allowed to turn right onto Filer Avenue.

"Kids coming out of the lot won't be able to turn left and that would apply to the three or four buses leaving the school as well," said Kirk Brower, the school district's director of assessment and programs. "Hopefully that will slow traffic down and make the crosswalk there safer."

While the city made the decision to change the street, the district voiced its support during a recent board meeting.

"It was more of an informational item, the city letting us know what their plans are," said District Community Relations Specialist Beth Pennergrass.

When students resume their studies this fall, Brower said the school will educate them about the changes.

Mike Sullivan, Twin Falls city traffic technician and member of the Twin Falls Safety Committee, said the city plans on changing the lanes in front of the school as well.

"The city is going to re-stripe the road so there is only one lane for westbound traffic and one lane for eastbound traffic," he said. "There will be

a turning lane for traffic going into the school.

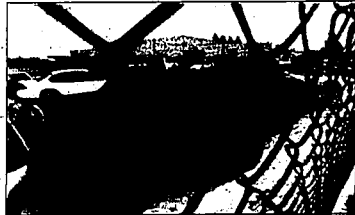
"The problem is that kids coming out of the school have to travel through lanes when making a left turn. By changing it to right-turns only, that should hopefully give the kids some direction and cut down on accidents."

Any impact to other traffic should be minimal, Sullivan said. "I don't think the changes will be adverse to other drivers. If anything, the changes should make traffic coming out of the school lot more smooth," he said.

This is a good time to make the changes with little cost to the city, Sullivan said, because Filer Avenue will be seal coated this summer and the street would be re-stripped anyway.

The district will incur only minimal costs for putting up right-turn only signs for traffic

High school, city look for ways to improve parking lot safety



Planned changes to Filer Avenue will allow Twin Falls High School students and visitors to make only right-hand turns when exiting "The Cage," the school's parking lot. School and city officials hope the changes will make the lot safer.

coming out of the lot. "Hopefully, we'll have all the changes done before school starts," Sullivan said.

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## Sorting 'em out



Kayla Parsons chases a calf into a holding pen during the team-sorting competition held at the Jerome County Fairgrounds Saturday afternoon in Jerome.

## Team event tests riders at Jerome County Fair

By Andrea Jackson  
Staff writer

Retired Elmore County Sheriff's Deputy Glenn Parsons isn't letting high fuel and hay prices stop him from going to rodeos.

Parsons likes to take photos of his wife, Kayla, who rides in team-sorting competitions.

The pair drove about 85 miles Saturday from Mountain Home for the final day of this year's week-long Jerome County Fair.

Riders paid about \$15 to sort calves. That's a small price to pay compared

to other necessities of the sport. Hay is running about \$200 a ton, at least \$20 more than last summer, Parsons said. But the costs are worth it, he said, smiling and snapping a shot of his wife.

About a dozen riders took part in the competition Saturday which started about an hour late. The crowd was thin with only 16 people hanging in the bleachers at Northside Showdown Arena at around noon.

Team sorting involves 10 calves. The animals are put in a corral with the numbers one through 10 on their backs. A team of two on horseback must get the calves through an open-

ing in the gate, in numerical order, within a minute and a half.

"It's just too much fun," said Kayla Parsons. "You've got to use your horse, strategize, and there's a bit of luck."

But Parsons isn't planning to ride in a team-sorting competition.

"I was raised on a ranch in Nevada," he said. "I used to have to do it. So I don't want to do it now."

One horse is also more economical than two, he said.

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### CSI warns of SAT preparation impostor

College of Southern Idaho and Twin Falls Police officials were alerted Friday by a Twin Falls resident of a man that came to her door, claiming he was a CSI representative helping students prepare for SAT college entrance exams.

CSI Dean of Students Graydon Stueley said neither CSI employees nor students perform door-to-door solicitation of services or fundraising efforts, and added that residents should be suspicious of anyone

who comes to their door claiming to be affiliated with CSI.

### DEQ seeks comment for new crop residue burn program

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality is seeking public comment on proposed procedures for operating the state's new crop residue burning program.

The draft Crop Residue Burning Operating Guide is designed to serve as the agency's main crop residue

burning smoke management program implementation tool.

It describes in detail the overall and day-to-day operation of the program, including growth and DEQ requirements during the burn and non-burn seasons.

Since the crop residue burning program is designed to be dynamic, the guide will be reviewed and improved on an annual basis as the DEQ and stakeholders gain expertise through experience and refinement of forecast tools.

The guide applies to all lands in the state other than five reservations managed by individual tribes.

The deadline for public comment is 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14. Comments can be submitted electronically at the DEQ's Web site, <http://www.deq.gov/> or by mail to Mary Anderson, DEQ State Office, Air Quality Division, 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, ID 83706. E-mail can be sent to [mary.anderson@deq.idaho.gov](mailto:mary.anderson@deq.idaho.gov).

— From staff reports

## Volunteers revved up for Camp Rainbow Gold trip

Bikers to escort kids on break from battling cancer

By Blair Koch  
Correspondent

Volunteers preparing for a massive motorcycle escort for kids heading to Camp Rainbow Gold on Sunday are probably as excited as the campers—who are battling cancer.

This year's trip marks the ninth year motorcyclists will meet the campers' buses and escort the kids through the Wood River Valley to Cathedral Pines, just north of Ketchikan.

"This is a really big deal," said rider Pat Pacheco of Gooding. "For this one week these kids get to be kids, not kids battling cancer. This camp gives them a break."

In addition to the non-affiliated ride and escort, the bikers raise money for the camp, administered through the American Cancer Society. Last year's event drew roughly 500 bikers with more expected this year.

"I've heard 700 thrown around but we never know just how many to expect," said Sara Gray, treasurer of the Kiwanis Club of Halley and the Wood River Valley.

The Kiwanis are hosting the noon barbecue for the biker group. Proceeds from the barbecue will be donated to the camp.

"This is our favorite yearly service project we do," said Gray. "The bikers are a real fun group of people and it's fun to see. We serve a lot of food real quick and when the bus arrives with the kids everyone is really excited."

"Once they get on those bikes and start them up at the same time, it's really loud and the ground vibrates. All of the kids are waving and

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Charles 'Ron' Eggleston

Psalm 92:13 — Those that are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

Charles "Ron" Eggleston, 79, passed away at his home Tuesday, July 29, 2008, after a lengthy illness.

Ron was born in Boise on June 18, 1929, and was raised at Buhl. Some of his favorite memories were riding horses with his friends and working as a cowboy at Three Creek. He met his lifelong sweetheart, Doreen Herzinger, through a mutual friend, Chuck "Gaylord" Ewing. In 1946, Ron enlisted in the Marine Corps and trained at San Diego. He and Darleen married in 1948 and settled at Buhl, where their children, Ronda and Bruce, were born. In 1955, Ron joined the Idaho State Police, where he worked as a patrolman for 28 1/2 years. During this time, Ron and his family lived in Rigby, Shoshone, Coeur d'Alene and Twin Falls. He retired in 1993 and then drove part time for Trans-V Bus Co. until 1991. Ron enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping, but gardening was his passion. His roses were his pride and joy. He planted and nurtured nearly a hundred roses over the past 25 years.



Ron is survived by his wife of 60 years; his daughter, Ronda (Sara) McDermott and her husband, Ron (Susan) Icazariga, Levi Eggleston and James Ford; granddaughters, Trina Vining and Julie Rice; and six great-grandchildren. Also surviving is Ron's sister, Kay (Art) Davis brother, Ray (Deanne) Eggleston; and many nieces and nephews. Ron was preceded in death by his parents; his two grandsons and eight biological brothers and sisters.

"We will be eternally grateful for the compassionate care of the staff of St. Luke's Home Health and Hospice who made Ron's last days at home possible."

A celebration of Ron's life will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave., in Twin Falls, with Pastor Jim Tubbs officiating. Military honors by the Magic Valley Veterans Association and Idaho National Guard. Burial will follow at the West End Cemetery in Buhl. Friends may call from 4 until 8 p.m. Tuesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

The family suggests memorials be given to the St. Luke's Home Health and Hospice. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83403.

Billy Ray Hayes

Billy Ray Hayes, 68, died at the Twin Falls Care Center in Twin Falls on July 27, 2008. He was born in Twin Falls County Hospital on Feb. 29, 1940, the youngest of eight children. He spent his childhood in Buhl, where he worked as an airplane mechanic. Upon his discharge from the service, he drove trucks for many years. On May 7, 1980, he married Beverly Friesen. To this union one son, Doug, was born. He was preceded in death by two brothers and four sisters. He is survived by one sister, Ruth Latin, and son, Doug. Bill loved to spend lots of time at the Depot Grill, drinking coffee and visiting with friends. A special thanks to the Depot Grill and their employees for being good to him.



EMMETT — A service for Ben Wolfe, 74, of Emmett and formerly of Co o d Ing, will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2008, at an Emmett care center, which will be conducted 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5, at the Potter Funeral Chapel in Emmett. Burial will be at 3 p.m. at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery in Emmett. Ben was born Aug. 2, 1933, at Corral, Idaho, to Iva and Edwin Wolfe. He was the third of six children. His parents were farmers at Corral. He attended school in Fairfield, where he was active in sports. He joined the United States Navy and was stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, where he met and married his wife, Eleanor "Ellie" Silva, in 1954. Ellie had two girls from a previous marriage, and Ben adopted and raised them. They moved to Corral and then moved to Boise, where he joined a friend who

Ben Wolfe



was working on a highway construction crew. Ben did construction work for other companies most of his life. In 1971, after the loss of his leg from a construction accident, he moved to Gooding and started his own business, Wolfe Land Leveling. They moved to Emmett in 1997, where he had lived the remainder of his life with his wife.

Ben was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Edwin Wolfe, Jr. and CSI half-brother, Stanley Wolfe; and a sister, Ila Edwards. He is survived by his wife, Ellie of 54 years; his sister, Vivian Cox of Nampa; brother, Gene Wolfe of Cascade; daughters, Betty (Butch) Taylor of Kimberly, Sherry (Chuck) Cobler of Boise, Sally (Ron) Howland of Emmett and Anna (Dale) Hand of Gooding; 12 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family and friends. In lieu of flowers, plan to attend a celebration of his life to be held Saturday, Sept. 13, at the home of his daughter, Tina Holland, in Gooding.

Thomas Leland Pierce

BOISE — Thomas Leland Pierce, age 86, passed away July 31, 2008.



The family will gather for a celebration of Tom's life at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6, in a memorial service at the United Methodist Church in Rupert. Services are under the direction of Summers Funeral Homes, Boise Chapel.

Tom was born March 30, 1922, to Durward Leland Romayne and — Georgie Eleanor Pierce in Taylorsville, Calif. He graduated from high school in Susanville, Calif. He then served in the Army Air Corps in Africa and Europe as a radioman in C46 and C47 aircraft at the rank of staff sergeant. After World War II, Tom earned a bachelor's degree in music at San Jose State on the GI Bill.

Tom married Verna Fay Donaldson on May 24, 1941, in Reno, Nev. He lost Verna due to illness in 1964. Tom later married Margaret Helen (Davidson) Morehouse on March 19, 1965, in Rupert. Through the years, Tom and his family made their home in Taylorsville, Calif.; Susanville, Calif.; San Jose, Calif.; Tulake, Calif.; Rupert and Boise. He was the first band instructor at Minico High School in Rupert, was one of the original home steads on the north side of Rupert, and retired from a long career as a State Farm insurance agent, also in Rupert. Tom was the first director of the Snake River Flats Barbershop Music group and

sang in several barbershop quartets, directed the church choir at the United Methodist Church in Rupert, played trombone in the Magic Valley Orchestra, Philharmonia and trained and rode his horses, loved to hunt, fish, do leatherworking and make saddles, arrange music and spend time with his pets. He was also an active and long-standing member of Kiwanis. His loved family gatherings, music and being outdoors on his tractor. He loved to tell stories about growing up in Susanville, living at Tulake, World War II experience in Northern Africa, and hunting with his sons and his friends. Tom and Margaret made many trips to California to see family and friends.

Tom is survived by his wife, Margaret Pierce of Boise; children, Ron and Roxanna Pierce of Shoshone, Lynn (Pierce) Andrew of Boise, Scott Pierce of McCall, Marilyn (Morehouse) and Mike Endsley of Rupert, Scott and Tammy Morehouse of Boise, Gay (Morehouse) and Kevin McAllister of Boise; 19 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; sister, Bertha and Clyde Larsen of Boise; granddaughters, Elvira Long and Billie Pierce; and numerous nieces and nephews. Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Durward and Georgie Pierce; his first wife, Verna Pierce; his brother, Myrl Pierce; three brothers-in-law and two sisters-in-law.

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We would like to take this opportunity to say, "Thank-you for the prayers, cards, food, lots of sympathy, and donations made in Jackie's name. And a special thanks to the Castelford Quick Response. Also, to Guy Castor, Juan and Kathy Christiansen for helping with the everyday affairs. The Jackie West Family

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Grace E. Fahrenwald Roberts

MCCLEARY, Wash. — Grace E. Fahrenwald Roberts died July 30, 2008, in McCleary, Wash. She was born to John E. and Anna Lenker on Aug. 3, 1916, in Gooding. She taught school in Gooding for 10 years and was very active and a long-time member of the Gooding Church of the Nazarene. Her family was very important to her. She is survived by two sons, Harold "Butch" Fahrenwald and Denise of Filer and Steven Fahrenwald and Sandy of Malona, Wash. She is also survived by two granddaughters, Rachel McKay of Herriman, Utah,



and Kathleen Drinkward of Portland, Ore., two grandsons, Kenneth Fahrenwald of Fairfield and Matt Fahrenwald of Buhl; seven great-granddaughters and one great-grandson; one brother, Rudy Lenker of Grants Pass, Ore.; and two sisters, Anthony's Brother McCleary, Wash., and Betty Clark of Seattle, Wash. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the MS Society of Idaho, 6901 W. General St., Suite 207, Boise, ID 83704 or your favorite charity. A graveside service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6, at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park."

SERVICES

Evelyn Julianne Ridgeway of Burley, memorial funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Casper, Wyo. (Rasmussen Funeral Chapel in Burley). Manuel C. Valero of Rupert, Mass of Christian burial at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Nicholas Catholic Church; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., and one hour before the service. Monday at the church. Steven D. Pfiffer of Salmon, graveside service at 1 p.m. Monday at the Owyhee junction Cemetery near Nysaa, Ore. Kenneth Dean Dudley of Twin Falls, celebration of life

DEATH NOTICES

Jayne C. VanCasteren. BUHJ. — Jayne Cruz VanCasteren, infant daughter of Joshua and Lizeth VanCasteren of Utah, died Friday, Aug. 1, 2008, at Logan Regional Hospital. A graveside service will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5, at the West End Cemetery in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl). Leora Woodward. ALMO — Leora Woodward, 85, of Almo, died Thursday, July 31, 2008, at her home.

at 2 p.m. Monday at his home, 121 Van Buren in Twin Falls. (Rynolds' Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls). Loretta E. Kerr of Oak Harbor, Wash., and formerly of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. Thursday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls. Raymond R. Olson of Nampa and formerly of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Thursday at First United Methodist Church in Twin Falls; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls. Jo Ann Meredith of Reno, Nev. and formerly of Buhl, funeral at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Church of Jesus Christ Spirit Filled, 3175 Goidy Way in Sparks, Nev.

Basil L. Zink

"HAGERMAN — Basil L. Zink, 84, of Hagerman, died Saturday, Aug. 2, 2008, at Gooding County Memorial Hospital. Arrangements will be announced by Demary's Gooding Chapel.

### G.L. (Gleaves Lester) Turner

DIETRICH — G.L. (Gleaves Lester) Turner, 79, left the bonds of this physical life on July 31, 2008, in Twin Falls.



G.L. was born Dec. 4, 1928, to Harry and Anna Turner in Arkansas. The family lived in W e l s e r , Idaho, when G.L. was called to serve his country during the Korean War from 1950 to 1952. After his discharge, the family lived in Arizona until G.L., his brother and mother moved to Dietrich in 1960. After the death of his mother in 1973, G.L. moved to a different home in Dietrich and began working for Hubert Shaw. His job covered everything and anything that needed to be done at any given time from rounding up the cattle in the desert, to working on the tractors in the shop. G.L. retired in 2002 to enjoy some well earned and deserved quiet time.

G.L. was always there when someone needed help; he would give the shirt off his back to make sure someone was taken care of. Always full of laughter and a quick smile, and a helping hand, G.L. was a joy to his family and friends. G.L. worked all of his life to provide for his family and will always be remembered as the man to get things done and get them done right. The support and love that this man gave to those that knew him, will always be treasured.

G.L. was preceded in death by his parents; his sisters, Donna Sue Dunn and Mamie Erter; and his brother, William D. Dunn.

He is survived by his niece, Missy (Lloyd) Towne and nephew, Mike Dunn; eight great-nieces and nephews; and eight great-great-nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5, at Demary's Shoshone Chapel in Shoshone. Interment will follow at the Shoshone Cemetery.

### ALUMNI EVENT



Two days of fun and excitement were held recently for the alumni of Twin Falls High School graduating classes 1928 to 1957. The event was held July 18-19 with a luncheon at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer and a continental breakfast at the Turf Club. The theme of this year's reunion was "Greeting Classmates in 2008" and was attended by 323 alumni and guests. Deon (Miker) Morrison of Twin Falls from the Twin Falls High School Class of 1928 was honored as this year's oldest alumni. St. Edwards Boy Scouts conducted a flag ceremony and the pledge of allegiance. A booklet was prepared with the names of attendees and a memorial page for deceased alumni.

### LIBRARY DONATION



Kim Fletcher, of the Burley Public Library building committee, standing in front of the plans for the new library building, accepts a donation from Keith Brooks, representing the Burley Masonic Lodge, Julie Woodford, library director, looks on. Donations and contributions for the new library building are now being accepted at the library, 1300 Miller Ave., Burley. For more information: 208-878-7708.

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### SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

**Volunteers** — The College of Southern Idaho Adult Basic Education program is looking for volunteer tutors for adult students in adult basic education, English as a second language and computer literacy for students attending classes in the Twin Falls and surrounding areas. Information: Carla at 732-6536 or (800) 680-0274, ext. 6536.

**Volunteers** — Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers Inc. needs volunteers to do office duties. Computer skills would be helpful. These jobs require some job commitment. Information: Shirley; 733-6333.

**Volunteers** — The Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers Inc. needs volunteers for a variety of jobs: building wheelchair ramps, housekeeping, transportation (reimbursed) and more. Information: 733-6333.

**Lift chair** — An elderly man is in need of a lift chair. Information: Edith; 736-4764.

**Volunteers** — Twin Falls County Historical Museum is in need of volunteers to help with archival preservation, cataloging artifacts and greeting visitors. Information: Darleen; 736-4675.

**Donations** — The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Program is in need of bicycles in good repair for transportation to work and also household items, including dishes, lines and throw rugs. Bring donated items to the office at 1526 Highland Ave., E., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed noon to 1 p.m.), Monday through Friday. Information: Shannon; 736-2166.

**Volunteers** — Intermountain Hospice is in need of hospice volunteers to provide companionship, spiritual support and comfort, assistance

### Want to help?

This public service column is designed to match needs in the Magic Valley with volunteer help. If you need a volunteer, contact the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) at 736-2122, ext. 4764, before 4:30 p.m. Wednesday for Sunday publication. RSVP is a United Way-sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho.

with hobbies or projects, work with children, caregiver support, light housekeeping, developing office skills and fundraising education. Training is provided. Information: Marcie; 678-0884.

**Drivers** — Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center needs drivers to deliver hot meals to the homebound. Volunteers can drive one day a week or more. Information: Karen; 734-5084.

**Drivers** — The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program is in need of volunteer drivers, age 55 and older, in the Mini-Cassia area to take senior citizens to doctor appointments and for grocery shopping. Volunteers are reimbursed mileage and are covered by excess insurance. Information: Kilty; 677-4872, ext. 2.

**Volunteers** — Foster parents are needed for local foster children who need temporary homes. Nearly 300 children in south-central Idaho are in foster care on any given day due to neglect, abuse or abandonment, according to information from Magic Valley Youth and Adult Services. More children who are 10 and younger are in foster care, but less foster homes are available for those 11 and older. Information: 734-4435 or Idaho Care Line at 211.

### Camp

Continued from page C1 excited and then they're off for camp."

Once the motorcade leaves Timmerman Hill the buses are escorted through Bellevue, Halley and Ketchum and then up to camp.

"The line can get four to five miles long of nothing but motorcycles and I think these kids get really excited and feel special that all of that, stopping traffic and everything, is for them," said Twin Falls

ride Whitney Gregory. "If you only get to do one ride a year, this is the one to do," she said. "The kids get to sit on the bikes and rev them up. When you see those faces light up you know they aren't thinking about cancer but about revving that engine. Those kids make you realize not to take life for granted."

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### SERVICE NEWS



**Lt. Colonel Taft Blackburn**, a member of the 1985 Caldwell High class, graduated from the U.S. military academy at West Point in 1989 and is currently assigned to the U.S. embassy in Bucharest, Romania, serving as the military defense attaché. He is also a Russian language specialist. Pictured from left, Taft Blackburn; president of Romania, Traian Basescu; and Taft's wife, Selahng. He attended a July 4 party at the U.S. Ambassador's house in Romania. Blackburn is the son of Donna Landford of Jerome and Larry Blackburn of Caldwell and the sister of Lisa Rodriguez of Twin Falls.

### Wray graduates from basic training in Texas

Air Force Airman Rene M. Wray has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.



Wray is the niece of Larry Scriven and daughter of Tina Mascari both of Twin Falls. She is a 2007 graduate of Twin Falls High School.

### presently assigned to the Pensacola Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Fla., where she is awaiting assignment to Advance Training.

Kissinger is the daughter of Dave and Janie Kissinger of Hansen and a 2004 graduate of Hansen High School.

### Bybee graduates from Army basic training

Army Pvt. Jeremy C. Bybee has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. He is the son of Julie Bybee of Buhl.

### Sanders on VMI dean's list

Virginia Military Institute cadet, Scott H. Sanders of Sun Valley, was among the 461 cadets who were recently named to the dean's list for the second semester of academic year 2007-2008. To be eligible for the dean's list, a cadet's average grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Sanders is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Sanders.

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# NASA uses Wash. sand dunes as stand-in for moon

By Nicholas M. Geranos  
Associated Press writer

MOSES LAKE, Wash. — Two NASA astronauts in space suits drove their lunar truck up a steep sand dune in a barren, wind-swept landscape so forbidding it was reminiscent of the surface of the moon.

Space agency officials certainly think so. NASA scientists and contractors recently spent two weeks here field-testing some of the vehicles and robots that will be used when humans return to the moon later this century.

"Believe it or not, this place has a lot in common with the moon," Robert Ambrose, deputy division chief for NASA, said of the unusual sand dunes in central Washington.

The key element is the soft, powdery soil that is mixed with volcanic ash and similar to lunar dust, he said. The soil forms high, slippery dunes similar to the lunar hills the vehicles will have to climb. "Mainly we've got slopes, soft soils and wide open spaces," Ambrose said. "That's what we needed to test our machines."

The big drawback? Moses Lake has normal gravity, while the moon has about one-sixth of Earth's gravity, he said.

Moses Lake is a town of about 17,000 located 170 miles east of Seattle along Interstate 90 in the arid Columbia Basin. Many french fries served at restaurants nationwide are grown and processed here, but Moses Lake is otherwise a synonym in much of Washington for the middle of nowhere.

NASA is no stranger here, said Bill Bluthmann of the Johnson Space Center in Houston. The giant runways at a closed B-52 base serve as an emergency alternative landing site for the space shuttle. And Moses Lake was considered as a home for the planned X-33 spaceplane



Technician Kevin Gosman walks in a 300-pound space suit across the sand dune 10 in Moses Lake, Wash. NASA scientists and contractors spent two weeks in Moses Lake field testing some of the vehicles and robots that will be used when humans return to the moon later this century.

that was supposed to replace the space shuttle, but NASA canceled that program, he said.

The space agency has been tasked to return to the moon by 2020, and the tests in Moses Lake brought together numerous prototypes from laboratories nationwide to see how they worked in the field and how they worked together.

The tests started in late May in the Moses Lake Sand Dunes, a 3,000-acre off-road vehicle park.

NASA intends to collect buckets of the powdery soil, much of it blown here from volcanic eruptions in the nearby Cascade Range, so astronauts who have already walked on the moon can determine how closely the soil resembles lunar dust, said Lucien Junkin, director of the lunar truck project.

The lunar truck is a 12-wheeled, gold-colored vehicle that weighs 4,500 pounds and can carry four astronauts in space suits. With a top speed of 10 mph and the ability to attach various implements, it is designed to perform civil engineering on the moon, Junkin said.

The battery-powered truck, which can move in all directions, can be controlled from Earth or by the passengers, he said. And unlike the lunar rover of the Apollo era, crew

members will stand in the vehicle and be secured into the frame so a bump does not send them into flight.

One recent day two men in 300-pound space suits drove across the dunes, practiced collecting sand in bags and deployed a small robot down the ramp of the truck.

Other NASA equipment included the crablike ATHLETE (All-Terrain Hex-Legged Extra Terrestrial Explorer), which can roll or walk across the ground carrying a cylindrical living pod for astronauts, and the K10, a robot scout used to explore and map key places for astronauts to visit.

The Scarab, an unmanned vehicle that looks like a race car, is intended to operate in complete darkness at the bottom of craters to determine if they contain ice that can be converted into water for human use.

NASA considered dozens of sites for the testing before settling on Moses Lake. One reason was that temperatures were expected to be a manageable 80 degrees with no rain. Instead, the coldest, wettest spring in decades surprised the scientists.

Still, they were happy to avoid the triple-digit temperatures of the desert Southwest and enjoyed working close to a town, Bluthmann said.

Most of the year, vehicles are tested at various sites that cover a few hundred meters, he said.

"At some point you get tired of driving in the same circle over and over again," he said. Ambrose said it is unclear if NASA will return to Moses Lake. Test sites are dictated by the specific needs of the scientists, and the space agency has many options.

"When we design a test, we figure out the right site for the test," he said.

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# Old crimes return to haunt legal immigrants

By Karin Brullard  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — It was a very stupid thing to do, Kathryn Ingleson says now. She was a teenage cashier, and she used customers' credit card numbers to buy \$339.07 worth of items, including a fake Christmas tree. She pleaded guilty, got probation and pretty-much forgot about it.

Until, that is, she took a trip abroad six years later and federal authorities decided the crimes made her deportable. Now the British citizen, who has lived in Newport News, Va., as a lawful permanent resident since she was 7, has been ordered to leave the United States this month.

"It's just like a nightmare, really," said Ingleson, 31, who has worked at a packaging company for a decade and had two children, both U.S. citizens.

Lawyers and activists said Ingleson is one of a rising number of legal immigrants

with relatively old and minor criminal records to be snaggled in the federal government's stepped-up efforts to deport those whom authorities refer to as "criminal aliens." Unlike illegal immigrants captured in raids or while crossing the border, lawyers said, these legal immigrants are often people who believed they had paid their dues, only to be flagged while presenting green cards at customs checkpoints or applying for visa renewals or citizenship.

"The perception among the American public and even among lawmakers is that the people who are being deported are maniacal, homicidal and rapist criminals," said Alison Parker, deputy director of the U.S. program of Human Rights Watch, which published a report last year on deportations of legal immigrants. "In many cases, they're green card holders. They're the family down the street."

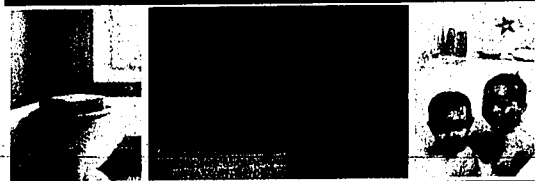
A 1996 federal immigration law facilitated such deporta-

tions by greatly expanding the categories of crimes that are deportable offenses, including some misdemeanors. The law also removed most legal immigrants' rights to fight expulsion by presenting evidence of community ties or hardship to U.S. citizen relatives, and it was retroactive, so that even those convicted before the law took effect in 1997 can be deported.

A total of 272,389 people were deported in 2006, and 95,752 were deported on criminal grounds, federal statistics show. More than 68 percent of the convictions that triggered deportation were for nonviolent crimes, according to the statistics. The government does not publish figures indicating how many of those deported are lawful permanent residents.

Immigration officials do not deny that they want to deport immigrants with criminal records, legal or illegal, so long as the law allows it.

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### AROUND THE WEST

#### WASHINGTON

##### Two die in plane crash in Cascade mountains

NACHES — A man and a woman died Friday when their small plane crashed in the Cascade mountains of central Washington.

The wreckage of the four-seat Lancair ES was found Friday evening in Kittitas County about 10 miles south of Easton, said Nisha Marvel of the state Department of Transportation's aviation division. It had dropped out of radar and radio contact with air traffic controllers about 3 p.m. Friday.

Searchers found the bodies about 535 p.m. in a debris field estimated to be a half-mile long and a quarter-mile wide. The bodies were located about 100 feet from the fuselage.

#### IDAHO

##### Idaho's Chester Dam project wins license

ASHTON — Federal regulators have licensed a project to add hydropower turbines to the 70-year-old Chester Dam on the Henry's Fork of the Snake River, a move expected to produce enough electricity to light about 2,000 homes.

The \$13 million, two-turbine project is being built by Boise-based Symbiotics LLC and has won support from conservation groups who say it will benefit trout populations in this sport fishing area. Brent Smith, chief operat-

ing officer for Symbiotics, said the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission license "clears the path for us to complete the design work and start construction."

Symbiotics will build a fish ladder, paid for by groups including the Greater Yellowstone Coalition, to encourage genetic mixing between fish above and below it.

Symbiotics is negotiating with a local power cooperative to sell the electricity.

### OREGON

##### Boise Cascade plans La Grande plant layoffs

LA GRANDE — Boise Cascade says it plans to lay off 30 workers at an Island City particleboard plant and curtail a shift at its La Grande sawmill. The company cited a "dispressed" pine lumber market for the cutbacks.

Boise Cascade says it tried to avoid the layoffs because of the impact on a small community but the market downturn was too steep.

Boise Cascade has no plans for curtailments at its other manufacturing plants in Elgin or in Kettle Falls, Washington.

### UTAH

##### UDOT to close I-80 to put bridges in place

SALT LAKE CITY — The Utah Department of Transportation will completely shut down traffic on Interstate 80 in one direction and then the other through Parleys Canyon for 24 hours on successive weekends.

The closures will block westbound flow between Park City and Salt Lake City beginning at 4 p.m. on Aug. 9 and eastbound traffic starting at 7 p.m. Aug. 16.

UDOT contractors will use the lane closures to slide pre-made bridges into place at East Canyon and Lambs Canyon.

It's the fastest bridge-replacement project in Utah history, said UDOT regional director Randy Park. The department calculated that doing the job by rerouting traffic into oncoming lanes while building the bridges in place would have added up to more than 220,000 hours of motorist delays.

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# Bush will see athletics, but politics abound at Olympics

By Ben Feller  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush is so emphatic about going to the Olympics in China that one might think flying halfway around the globe to attend the games is what presidents do.

But never before has an American leader shown up at an Olympics on foreign soil. And Bush is doing more than just dropping by. He is planning to soak in as much as he can, with large blocs on his Beijing schedule devoted to watching athletes compete.

For this president, perhaps the most avid in a long line of White House sports buffs, it is an event that begins and ends with sports. Yet politics have intruded in Olympics past, from Cold War boycotts to the fact that host China is right at the intersection of debates over human rights, security and trade. Even the Olympic torch relay fell victim to protests in Europe and the U.S.

Bush, who sets out Monday on a weeklong Asia trip, touches down first in Seoul, then heads to the North Korea's nuclear program and the issue of U.S. beef imports will top the agenda. Then in Thailand, Bush will draw attention to the Myanmar, also called Burma, and reflect on the future of U.S. policy in the Far East of the trip is in Beijing, where Bush is to spend four nights and days.

His challenge, like the way he describes the U.S.-China relationship, is complex. "The vast majority of the world of his oft-stated commitment to freedoms in China, a country his own State Department brands as an authoritarian abuser of the most basic human rights. Yet he wants to avoid showing up the host country, a partner of enormous value to the U.S."

"I'm confident that by showing respect to the people, to the Olympics, it will put me in a position to continue to have frank and candid discussions," Bush told reporters this past week.

He means his talks with China's president, Hu Jintao. Bush says they have become comfortable, candid and meaningful. In turn, he says he can push Hu privately about the need to expand individual freedoms, something he will do so again on this trip. Bush will also attend a church service in Beijing and speak about the importance of religious freedom.

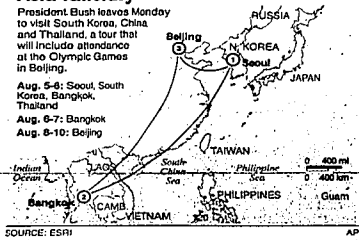
Bush says boycotting the opening ceremony of the games this Friday — an idea floated after China's violent crackdown in Tibet — would be an affront to the Chinese people. He says more good comes from going and building respect and trust from the Chinese.

"This is an enormous

## Asia Itinerary

President Bush leaves Monday to visit South Korea, China and Thailand, a tour that will include attendance at the Olympic Games in Beijing.

Aug. 5-8: Seoul, South Korea, Bangkok, Thailand  
Aug. 6-7: Bangkok  
Aug. 8-10: Beijing



SOURCE: ESPI

show of face, gesture of face, from the president to actually go to the Olympics," said Charles Freeman, a former U.S. trade official on China matters who is now with the Center for Strategic and International Studies. "This is China's international coming-out party in many respects, the Olympics. So it's an enormous thing."

The risk, as human rights activists argue, is that Bush's attendance legitimizes the Chinese government. Sophie Richardson, the Asia advocacy director for Human Rights Watch, said Bush should make time to be blunt and specific in public about abuses in China.

"If this man is going as the leader of the free world to one of the most notorious rights-abusing regimes in the world, and he spends the whole afternoon watching water polo, what does that say about where the United States' priorities lie?" she asked.

China's repression of speech, religion and assembly is under tremendous scrutiny. The country landed the Olympics by promising more openness, but watchdog groups have found that the crackdown on dissent is only intensifying. Beyond the shimmer of the games, the U.S. government says China monitors, harasses and imprisons those seeking to act freely.

The United States is at odds with China over its support for the Sudanese government, its military buildup, its role in a collapsed international trade deal and climate change.

Yet the U.S. needs the support of China, a veto-wielding member of the U.N. Security Council, in efforts to rein in nuclear programs in Iran and North Korea. The U.S. and China share a growing economic relationship, and when a devastating earthquake struck China this year, the U.S. was among the first to help.

Just last month, Hu thanked Bush for not politicizing the Olympic Games. Then this past week, Bush hosted five prominent Chinese activists at the White House. He promised to take a message to China that human rights and religious freedom should not be denied to anyone.

China's Foreign Ministry shot back that Bush had

"rudely interfered" with China's internal affairs and sent the wrong message to anti-China forces.

Bush plans to attend the men's basketball showdown between the United States and China. He will pick other events as he goes along.

"I'm pretty relaxed about it," Bush said in an interview with Asian reporters. "Not every single minute of every day has to be totally organized. And so, I'll be with a lot of my family, and they're fun to hang around with. I'm sure we'll walk around the different venue sites and just get a sense for the white atmosphere of people from all around the world."

The president does have some Olympic-themed meetings on his agenda — as he put it, "all the stuff you're supposed to do."

Bush says he is fascinated by China's effort to get the most medals, although it is seen by some outside the country as a government-run enterprise, like factory-made athletes.

Once again, Bush draws a line between politics and sports.

"Our objective is to get more medals than anybody," the president said, sounding every bit like a coach for the whole U.S. Olympic team. "That's what competition is about."

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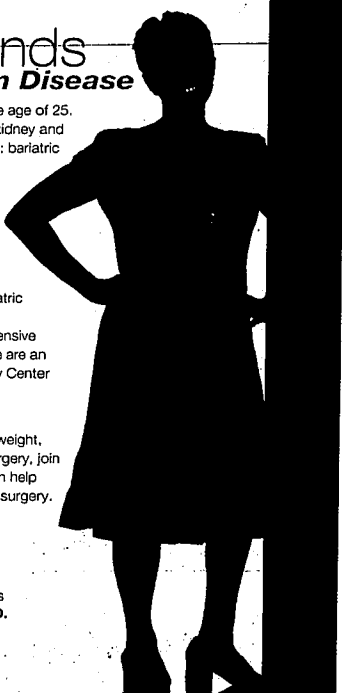
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# China's Olympic ambitions falter with worldwide protests

By Charles Hutzler  
Associated Press writer

BEIJING — The short, catchy film commissioned by the Chinese government was designed to plant a new, positive image of China in foreign viewers' minds for the Beijing Olympics.

But instead of airing worldwide more than two months ago as planned, the 30-second TV spot is only now about to reach viewers, having been delayed repeatedly by Tibetan riots, a devastating earthquake and foreign criticism buffeting the games.

China's hopes for the Olympics starting Friday will be a pivotal moment in national glory and global acceptance have been battered by unforeseen events. The disappointment has left some in China hurt and feeling unjustly treated.

The Chinese "tried hard to impress the world and to prove the country deserves respect and appreciation," said Xu Guoli, a China-born historian at Kalamazoo College in Michigan. "But the West used the Olympic torch relay and the coming games to shame the country and frequently remind the Chinese they were not good enough."

The August Olympics still may appear picture-perfect on global TV, despite concerns about air pollution, overhearing security and media restrictions. Enthusiasm among Chinese for a strong showing by their team remains high. But where officials once spoke of hosting the greatest games ever, they now seem ready to settle simply for an incident-free event.

A safe Olympics is the biggest indicator of the success of the games," Vice President Xi Jinping, the senior-most Communist Party leader overseeing preparations, told a rally of volunteers last month.

Worries about terrorism and protests have come to the fore. Beijing has taken on a strange air: its new venues, skyscrapers and roadways hung with banners sparkle in anticipation while police expel political critics, some foreign and some Chinese, deemed subversive.

The Olympic meltdown stands in contrast to the ambitious buildup. From the outset, Chinese leaders saw the games as a chance to boost China's image, to redefine it as a worthy, humane global partner — and not a menacing behemoth. Ordinary Chinese thought it a rare opportunity to mark the tremendous strides made in eradicating poverty and totalitarianism and building the fourth-largest economy in the space of a generation.

In their bid for the Olympics seven years ago, Beijing officials said the games would increase interaction with the international community and spur improvements in human rights and media freedom. The Chinese government



Chinese performers dance in front of a float decorated with Fuwa Huanhuan, the Olympic mascot representing fire, during a parade promoting the Beijing Olympic Games along the Olympic Green in Beijing, Thursday, The 2008 Beijing Olympic Games open Friday.

called on party image-makers to devise ways to appeal to foreigners and on officials to stoke popular enthusiasm at home. "Integrate with the world" became a catchphrase.

The longest ever torch relay was planned. In a \$40 billion makeover, Beijing invited top foreign architects to design futuristic sports venues, a new airport and other eye-catching modern landmarks. Residents were told not to spit in public and to obey traffic rules.

The country rolled out the most extensive Olympic education program ever, developing a special curriculum taught in more than 550 schools and encouraging tens of thousands nationwide to teach Olympic values and take part in sports meets and signature campaigns.

"The Olympics is about unity," said 10-year-old Mwei Buwey, a fifth grader at the Nanling Road Primary School in Nanchang city, 780 miles south of Beijing's Olympic venues. "It's all about peace and friendship," said her 11-year-old classmate, Wan Zhao.

"We're teaching them that the Olympic spirit is international, that it doesn't just belong to one country," said Zhang Benzhi, a teacher and ping-pong instructor in charge of the Olympic curriculum. "It's an international, humanitarian spirit."

The promotional film was a key part of this effort and the first ever commissioned by the government for overseas markets. Dubbed "a national image film," the government planned for a May airing on CNN, the BBC and other broadcasters with international reach. The piece would mix images of ancient picturesque towns with shots of modern Beijing.

Then events intervened. Oscar-winning director Steven Spielberg withdrew as an adviser to the opening cer-

emony to draw attention to China's support for the Sudan government, which is waging a civil war in Darfur. The uprising by Tibetans brought a tide of critical reporting by the foreign media and turned the torch relay into a melee of protests.

Suddenly, the talk overseas, especially in the West, was of boycotts and Beijing's suitability to host the games.

"We hoped that the Olympics would help people understand our country's achievements, that this ancient civilization has succeeded in creating modern landmarks. Residents were told not to spit in public and to obey traffic rules.

"Here, we build sports venues, fix rail lines and construct airports, hurrying like a raging fire to prepare. There, people use Darfur one day and Tibet the next to fan the flames of protest and boycott. What's going on?" Liu Songjie, a 24-year-old Beijing railway department employee, wrote in late March in his online diary where his usual musings are about movies and pop culture.

"This is a hot face pressed on a cold ramp," Liu wrote, using a coarse saying for unrequited love.

China's standing tumbled in at least three polls overseas. A spring survey by the Pew Global Attitudes Project found that favorable views of China slipped in nine countries out of 21 over the past year, the steepest in France and Japan, while there were signs of apprehension about the country and its growing power.

The uproar made poor timing for global outreach, and the promotional film was temporarily shelved. After more than 69,000 people died in the Sichuan earthquake in May, the broadcast was delayed again.

"It was because of CNN and BBC's attitude so we did not broadcast at that time," Guo Changjian, the State Council Information Office official in charge of the project, said of their critical reporting of the Tibet riots in March. "It was because the earthquake happened, the March 14 beating, smashing and looting incident happened. The timing was up to us."

Still, the mood has shifted sharply from the friendly internationalism Chinese leaders hoped to display. Many Chinese are casting a critical eye on Western governments and media for what they see as tarnishing the Olympic moment.

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— Liu Songjie, 24, a Beijing blogger

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**GAZA STRIP**

**Palestinian infighting in Gaza escalates, 9 killed**

GAZA CITY — Hamas forces battled Fatah-linked fighters with mortars and rockets in a crowded Gaza neighborhood Saturday, leaving at least nine dead in the worst Palestinian infighting in nine months.

About 60 people were injured, 12 of them children, hospital officials said.

Loud explosions and gunfire could be heard throughout the day in the Gaza City neighborhood of Shujaiya, a stronghold of the Fatah-allied Hilles clan. Hamas accuses the clan of hiding suspects behind a car bombing last week that killed five activists of the Islamic militant group.

Hamas and the largely secular, Western-backed Fatah have waged a violent struggle for control of Gaza for years. But there have been few signs of Fatah resistance since Hamas seized control of the strip in June 2007.

**AFGHANISTAN**

**Wedding party's bus hits road mine; 10 die**

KANDAHAR — A road mine blasted a bus carrying a wedding party in southern Afghanistan on Saturday, killing 10 civilians, a police official said.

Provincial police chief Maulullah Khan blamed Taliban militants for planting the explosive in Spin Boldak district of the southern Kandahar province.

Khan said the bride and groom were among the dead, but an AP Television News cameraman later interviewed the relatives of a wounded, unconscious man who was said to be the groom. It was not immediately possible to reconcile the accounts late Saturday.

**IRAQ**

**Hundreds protest Kirkuk demands by Kurds**

BAGHDAD — More than 1,000 Sunni Arabs and Turkmen rallied Saturday against Kurdish demands to incorporate the oil-rich area around Kirkuk into their autonomous region on the eve of a special session of parliament aimed at defusing

the crisis. The dispute over Kirkuk and its vast oil wealth has blocked passage of legislation providing for provincial elections this year, a major U.S. goal aimed at reconciling Iraq's rival ethnic and religious communities.

Protesters in the town of Hawija, west of Kirkuk, carried banners rejecting Kurdish demands for control of Kirkuk, said Brig. Gen. Sarhat Qadir of the Kirkuk police.

The rally ended without any violence, but residents said the atmosphere was tense in Kirkuk, where a suicide bomber killed 25 people Monday during a Kurdish protest.

**PAKISTAN**

**Taliban denies al-Qaida No. 2 hit by missile**

PESHAWAR — A Taliban spokesman in Pakistan denied on Saturday a U.S. media report that al-Qaida No. 2 Ayman al-Zawahiri may have been killed or critically injured in a missile strike.

CBS News reported Friday that it had obtained a copy of an intercepted letter dated July 29 from unnamed sources in Pakistan, which urgently requested a doctor to treat Osama bin Laden's top lieutenant.

The letter was purportedly from Taliban leader Baitullah Mehsud and said al-Zawahiri is in "severe pain" and his "injuries are infected."

"We deny it categorically," Mehsud spokesman Maulvi Umar told The Associated Press by telephone from an undisclosed location inside Pakistan.

**Bomb at bridge kills 9 in Pakistan's Swat Valley**

PESHAWAR — A bomb exploded at a bridge on Saturday, killing at least nine security forces in a valley where Pakistani troops are battling Islamic militants, police said.

Police officer Bashir Khan said the remote-controlled bomb hit a vehicle traveling from police headquarters in Mingora, the main town in the troubled Swat valley, as it carried money to pay the salaries of the staff in the nearby town of Kabal.

Khan said the bomb was planted at a bridge between the two towns.

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## Buhl bats go silent in five-inning loss to Lewis-Clark

By Jason Chazraw  
Correspondent

**BOISE** — Instead of continuing their hit parade at the plate, the Buhl Tribe's bats were silenced in a 10-0 loss to the Lewis-Clark Cubs in the second round of the American Legion Baseball Class A state tournament Saturday afternoon.

After scoring 52 runs in their last five games, the Tribe wasted Cader Owen's leadoff double to open the bottom of the first and only had two more base runners, both courtesy of walks.

"I think we relaxed a little today, and it caught up with us," Buhl coach Allyn Reynolds said after the

game. "There are just no easy teams in a state tournament. We came in thinking maybe they were going to give us something, but you've got to earn everything you get at this point in the season."

After giving up its only three runs to Mountain Home with two outs on Friday in the tournament opener, Buhl continued that trend by yielding all 10 runs with two outs in each of the innings the Cubs scored.

Kyle Knigge's two-run single in the top of the first was all Lewis-Clark needed, but the Cubs didn't stop pouring it on. In the bottom of the second, the Cubs padded their lead with a

three-run double by starting pitcher Johnny Rake.

With three more runs, in the fourth and a pair of runs in the fifth, the Cubs cruised to the shutout win. Rake struck out six in five innings, giving up two walks and the sole leadoff double to Owen.

Buhl starter Casey Murray was the victim of some less-than stellar defense, giving up only three earned runs in four innings. Marco Avellar surrendered a pair of two-out runs in the fifth in mop-up duty.

Despite the loss, Reynolds remained upbeat that the Tribe can turn it around.

"I feel good about the arms we have left and our

chances of continuing on in this tournament," he said. "I told the boys that we're only guaranteed one more game in this tournament. We're going to have to play hard to get to Tuesday (the day of the tournament championship), but I think we can do it."

Reynolds will send J.D. Leckenby to the hill for today's 10 a.m. tilt with the Upper Valley Bulldogs, 3-1 winners over the Mountain Home Royals in the loser's bracket Saturday.

**Lewis-Clark 10, Buhl 0, five innings**  
Lewis-Clark: 2002-2010  
000-0-0-4  
Johnny Rake (3) and Casey Murray (4) pitched. Avellar (3) and Jack Hamilton, W. Rake, Marco Avellar (3) and Jack Hamilton, W. Rake.  
Evan Knigge hit — 2B: Lewis-Clark, Rake; Buhl: Casey Owen.

### Class A American Legion Baseball state tournament

At Timberline High School, Boise  
Friday's results

Buhl 8, Mountain Home 3  
Lewis-Clark 4, Upper Valley 1  
Bear Lake 6, Mountain View 3  
Orfino 19, Boise 9

Saturday's results

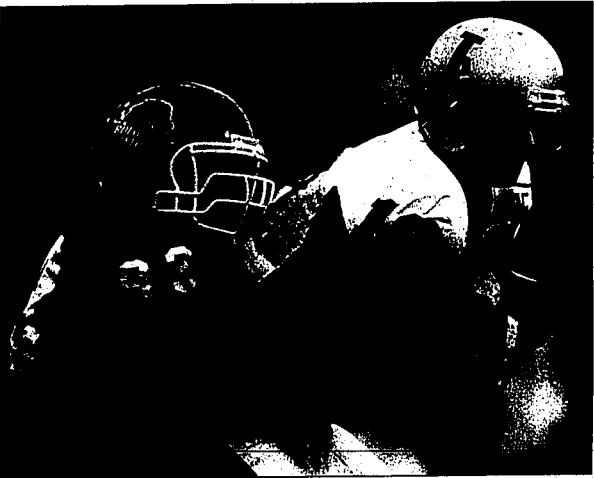
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Mountain View def. Boise, score not available  
Lewis-Clark 10, Buhl 0  
Bear Lake vs. Orfino, late

Today's games

Upper Valley vs. Buhl, 10 a.m.  
Mountain View vs. Bear Lake-Orfino loser, 3 p.m.  
Bear Lake-Orfino winner vs. Lewis-Clark, 7:30 p.m.

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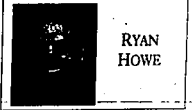


Left: Boise State defensive lineman Mike T. Williams tackles Idaho quarterback Nathan Enderle during a game last season. Right: Boise State wide receiver Viasy Paretta streaks up the sideline.

## Favre the prototypical high-school football player

**I**t was August of 1998. In the town of Kila, Miss., a Hancock North Central High School football team reported for two-a-days. The team ran drills, practiced plays and sweated in the muggy southern heat. But mostly, the kids just had fun.

That year, the team's run-oriented offense didn't allow its quarterback to show off his arm much. He averaged only about five pass attempts per game. Too bad, because the kid was Brett Favre.



RYAN HOWE

Fast forward 22 years to last week when the Green Bay Packers reported to training camp, Favre-less. Nearly five months after his tearful retirement news conference in March, Favre filed for reinstatement with the NFL on Tuesday. He just can't step away from the game.

Why? Is it the two-a-days? The exhausting workouts? The hours spent in pregame preparation?

Hardly.

For three hours on Sundays, Favre was a kid again. Indeed, when it comes to football, Favre played like he was back on the high school field under the lights on Friday night — albeit with a few more pass attempts.

Football is a unique game wherein athletes only have a brief window of opportunity to play.

For many, this window closes after their senior year of high school. Baseball players can at the very least join a slow-pitch adult softball league. Basketball players can join city recreation leagues until they're too old to pug up their own socks.

But football — when it's over, it's over.

Starting Aug. 11, high school football teams across the Magic Valley will begin two-a-days. A fler crossed the sports desk here at the office announcing Minico High's camp. He promised training in fundamentals and good sportsmanship, but one word stood out — FUN! — all in capital letters with an exclamation point.

What's fun about practicing twice a day in the sweltering heat? What's fun about ruminating spins, driving blocking sleds and performing up-downs until you puke?

In a word: Everything. Unless you're you. You can't understand the fun of strapping on a helmet and

## Broncos rebuild line, define dynasty

By Dustin Lapray  
Correspondent

Few football teams in the NCAA would consider a 10-3 season as a let down. For Boise State it was just in 2007.

Even with those losses over the road at Washington (24-10), at Hawaii for the Western Athletic Conference championship (39-27) and to East Carolina in the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl (41-36).

Even with those losses, the Broncos reeled off a nine-game winning streak, doubled the scoring output of their opponents (424-216), went undefeated at home and lost only their second conference game since 2002 (46-2). BSU is the winningest (86-16) and highest scoring (41.81 ppg) team since 2000 and boasts the best home winning percentage since 2003 (32-1).

With all the success had by this team, there is an ill feeling that emanates from the lips of Jan Johnson, based upon those recent results.

"It comes from having an internal injury last year, from not winning the WAC, from losing three games, Johnson said. "It comes from watching the gap between me and the guys behind me close."

The WAC media poll barely chose these Broncos of 2008 to take the title they held for five years running, before the Hawaii Warriors took it with them to the Sugar Bowl. The coaches' poll chose the Fresno State Bulldogs to take the crown — a crown they never have won.

But Johnson likes it that way. "We like the feeling of being that underdog, but I guarantee if you ask those teams across the WAC, Nevada-Reno hasn't taken their sights off us, San Jose hasn't taken



NINE TEAMS, NINE DAYS.



**NO. 1**  
**BOISE STATE**

**2007 record:** 10-3, 7-1 WAC  
**WAC Record:** 5-3  
**Returning starters:** 12 (Off: 4, Def: 7, K: 1)  
**Non-conference games:** Idaho State, Bowling Green, Oregon, Southern Miss  
**Camp begins:** August 4  
**Head coach:** Chris Petersen (23-3, 15-1 WAC)  
**Joined WAC:** July 1, 2001  
**Founded:** 1932, as Boise Junior College

their sights off us," Johnson said. "Most of those teams didn't beat us last year. Those aren't the teams that took the WAC championship from us. Hawaii did. I'm sure (Hawaii still) has a bulls-eye on us because they still have to come to our house this year."

Boise State beat Fresno State last year on the road, 34-21. This year FSU comes to the new Blue at Bronco Stadium. The Bulldogs are the only team other than Hawaii to notch a win against BSU in the WAC. But teams like Nevada, which lost at BSU in four overtimes last season, are lurking.

"We did dominate the series, but



Coming soon:

they are getting better," Johnson said of Nevada. "They are a better team. That's what we want. We want more competition. All we can say is if we don't give you anything to hold onto, you can't grab us, you can't beat us. You can't sit back and smack in one area and give them something to hold onto. That's what our responsibility is, to make sure they can't beat us."

Johnson enters the 2008 season as the top returning running back in the country. He is ranked first among active players in rushing yards (3,417) and touchdowns (45). He scored 25 touchdowns in 2006 leading up to the Fiesta Bowl.

He will also return kickoffs this season, as will all the other BSU running backs in the rotation. The wide receivers and corners will test the dangerous waters of punt returns.

That Fiesta Bowl victory still almost haunts this team, creating almost out-of-this-world expectations.

"Last year, about this time, I went into a store and there were some people talking about the Fiesta Bowl again," head coach Chris Petersen said. "It's nice to kind of have that behind us. Those expectations and big shoes are going to be hard to fill."

Talk about big shoes, the Broncos will start four new offensive linemen this season. Only the gargantuan Andrew Woodruff (6-2, 320) returns as a starter at right tackle (he is also listed as a left guard). Jon Gott is a senior at right guard with limited

experience and Ben Iannacchione is also a senior who should play. At the center and both tackle spots are freshmen and sophomores.

Nate Potter, Garrett Pendergast, Thomas Byrd, Cory Yriarte, Will Lawrence, Kevin Saplen and Matt Slater ... remember those narms as future starters. Most of them have been backups, waiting to step in. Last year's line protected and pushed for more than 6,000 yards of total offense and only gave up 10 sacks.

"They have a lot of knowledge that has been dropped onto them," Johnson said. "They have a running back, in me, that's going to go out there every day and kick their butt until they get it right, get that idea of, 'We're 300-pound men, playing a game where we're bigger than everyone else and we are nasty and rule this trench.'"

The Broncos are used to winning. Johnson said that the losing of last season, not the bowl game but the WAC, has his team rearing to go. Last year's team was the only one in six seasons not to get a ring.

"You can sometimes learn more from losing than from winning," Petersen said. "We will always find positives, win or lose. How fine a margin (between) victory and defeat can be. I think these guys will have more of a chip on their shoulder and try to get it back."

The Broncos again have a

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# Your Sports

## Braves smack way to W.R. tourney crown

Staff report

The Mini-Cassia Braves took top honors at the recent Wood River baseball tournament.

The Braves scored an impressive 65 runs in three games at the tournament, blasting an eye-popping total of 10 home runs.

Seven of those shots came in one game.

Braves player Zack Terry won the home-run derby.

Terry got another honor as he was selected as the tournament's most valuable player.



Pictured, from left, front row: Bat boy Chavez, Chris Caldera, Daniel Freilburger, Dominico Chavez, Hunter Graefe and Tanner Harper; back row: Coach Joe Freilburger, Cody Vogt, Zack Terry, Brian Christenson, Hunter Breshars, Nick Redder; coach Bruce Breshars, Jordan Valdez and Coach Eric Harper.

Pil Saug Martial Arts of Rupert named Kaitlin Wilcox its student of the month for June. Wilcox, pictured with Master Bill Fulcher, was chosen by the blackbelts of the studio.



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### GARY WHITE AWARD



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Jerry Tominaga recently received the Gary White Award. The award, presented by Elayne White, is given annually to a parent, coach or volunteer in appreciation for his or her commitment and dedication to the ideals of fairness, sportsmanship and teamwork for area youth. Pictured with Tominaga are Kille White and Michelle White.

## Lundgren competes at Hershey's event

### Local finishes in top 10 at 1 mile

Staff report

Karl Lundgren of Twin Falls competed Saturday at the Hershey's Track and Field Games in Hershey, Penn.

Lundgren finished ninth in the boys 13-14 1,600-meter run with a time of 4 minutes, 56.88 seconds. The event featured more than 500 of the top young track and field athletes in North America.

This is the 31st year of the games, which features boys and girls ages 9-14. Lundgren was part of



Karl Lundgren

O'Leary Junior High School's eighth-grade cross country team last year and plans to run for Twin Falls High this year.

Lundgren is an honor student and an Eagle Scout.

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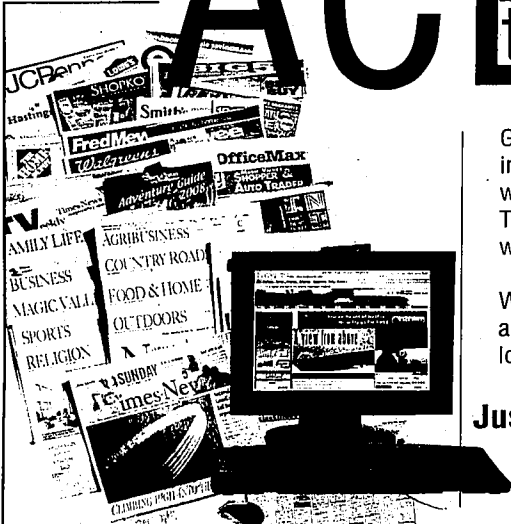
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Members of the Minico Spuds stand with medals after the recently-completed Special Olympics State Summer Games in Boise.

# Minico Spuds return from State Summer Games

Staff report

The Minico Spuds Special Olympics Idaho Track and Field delegation recently competed at the state summer games in Boise.

In the 100-meter dash, the Spuds medalists included Ana Dominguez (silver medal), Maribel Dominguez (bronze), Salvador Vasquez (silver), Steve Halverson (silver), Elaine Dougal (bronze) and Vadian Dougal (bronze).

In the 400 meters, medalists were Maribel Dominguez (gold medal), Dougal (bronze), Steve Halverson (gold), Ana Dominguez (silver) and Vadian Dougal (gold). Vasquez earned a fourth-place ribbon.

Representing East Minico were Maribel and Ana Dominguez, Salvador Vasquez and Steve Halverson.

Representing West Minico were Elaine and Vadian Dougal.

The Spuds were also able to visit the Boise Zoo, the Discovery Center, Falkner Planetarium, Shoshone Ice Cave and several museums as they traveled this summer.

The highlight for the Spuds was a trip to Boise to sign "Fill the World with Love" at the annual fundraiser breakfast.

The athletes have been invited to sign for the 2009 World Olympics in Idaho next year.

This was their first presentation of the

song they have been working on for a year.

The guest speaker at the breakfast was Loretta Clairborne, who was the subject of a Disney movie, *The Loretta Clairborne Story*. She told the athletes and guests about some of her accomplishments.

Clairborne has run 26 marathons, works full time and owns her own home.

Clairborne's accolades include the 1996 ESPY Arthur Ashe Award for Courage, Runners World Special Athlete of the Quarter Century, Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters: Quinnipiac College (Conn.) and Villanova University (Penn.) and Special Olympics International Hall of Fame.

She's a World Games gold medalist in the Half Marathon (1991, 1993), Bowling (1995) and 3,000 meters (2003), and was the chairperson of the Global Athlete Congress (2000-2005).

The Spuds thank First Federal Charitable Foundation for the grant this year that helped provide learning opportunities as they traveled to and from games. They also thank the people of our community who have donated and volunteered time, including Sherri Eggleston of West Minico, Debrah Roundy of East Minico, Eddie Petrovsky of Minico High and the students, administration and faculties of these schools.

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**MONDAY MIXED COUPLES**  
**MEN'S SERIES:** Bob Leazer 608, Dennis Seckel 555, Mike Andrade 527, Victor Hagood 500.

**MEN'S GAMES:** Bob Leazer 215, Mike Andrade 205, Dennis Seckel 197, Victor Hagood 186.

**LADIES SERIES:** Kim Leazer 613, Sylvia Inman 535, Michele Seckel 470, Nadine 458.

**LADIES GAMES:** Kim Leazer 223, Sylvia Inman 197, Michele Seckel 173, Amanda Justman 158.

**TUESDAY NO TAP**  
**MEN'S SERIES:** Bud Fenniken 773, Maury Miller 762, Brian Ross 632, Jerry Seabolt 628.

**MEN'S GAMES:** Bill Boren 279, Bud Fenniken 276, Maury Miller 266, Jerry Seabolt 252.

**LADIES SERIES:** Mona Nell 593, Linda Cline 574, Dawn Kulm 570, Jessie Biggs 561.

**LADIES GAMES:** LaVonna Young 218, Mona Nell 214, Dawn Kulm 209, Betty Jeppesen 205.

**THURSDAY NO TAP**  
**MEN'S SERIES:** Nathan Ybarra 787, Ian DeVries 742, Brian Andrade 689, Jim DeVries 664.

**MEN'S GAMES:** Nathan Ybarra 30, Ian DeVries 286, Jim DeVries 256, Mike Andrade 256.

**LADIES SERIES:** Jill Copenbarger 506, Pene Hudson 475, Linda Whismore 432, Tara Carter 425.

**LADIES GAMES:** Jill Copenbarger 205, Pene Hudson 183, Linda Whismore 181, Tara Carter 152.

**YOUTH/ADULT**  
**MEN'S SERIES:** Nathan Ybarra 554, Fred Eiters 438.

**MEN'S GAMES:** Nathan Ybarra 206, Fred Eiters 166.

**LADIES SERIES:** Michele Seckel 554.

**LADIES GAMES:** Michele Seckel 200.

**BOYS' SERIES:** Joe Campbell 459.

**BOYS' GAMES:** Joe Campbell 167.

**GIRLS' SERIES:** Ashley Eiters 108.

**GIRLS' GAMES:** Ashley Eiters 290.

**MAGIC BOWL, TWIN FALLS**  
**TUESDAY MIXED**  
**MEN'S SERIES:** Joe McClure 661, Norm Hatke 625, Kyle Mason 554, Derrick Hanson 549.

**MEN'S GAMES:** Joe McClure 227, Norm Hatke 217, Derrick Hanson 208, Kyle Mason 201.

**LADIES SERIES:** Georgia Randall 569, Traci Hanson 480, Kathy McClure 475, Melody Hatke 460.

**LADIES GAMES:** Georgia Randall 205, Melody Hatke 182, Kathy McClure 179, Traci

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**MEN'S SERIES:** Kent Stowe 654, Dan Churchman 452.

**MEN'S GAMES:** Kent Stowe 241, Dan Churchman 153.

**LADIES SERIES:** Billie Mason 429, Chantel Marlon 364, Shirley Moser 325, Julie Galley 324.

**LADIES GAMES:** Billie Mason 155, Julie Galley 135, Chanel Marlon 128, Shirley Moser 118.

**BOYS' SERIES:** Kyle Mason 648, Cody Galley 347, Dylan Kemyon 189, AC Stowe 138.

**BOYS' GAMES:** Kyle Mason 220, Cody Galley 121, Dylan Kemyon 68, AC Stowe 52.

**GIRLS' SERIES:** All Churchman 396, Chaz Shoup 128.

**GIRLS' GAMES:** All Churchman 144, Chaz Shoup 54.

**SUMMER YOUTH/ADULT**  
**MEN'S GAMES:** Spencer Jones 512, Vance Mason 209, Hyle Schroeder 202.

**LADIES SERIES:** Julie Capuro 554.

**LADIES GAMES:** Paula Wakley 202.

**BOYS' SERIES:** Zack Black 230, Kyle Mason 566.

**BOYS' GAMES:** Zack Black 239, Kyle Mason 195.

**GIRLS' SERIES:** Stevie Reeves 553.

**GIRLS' GAMES:** Stevie Reeves 223, Kaitlyn Simpson 186, Jessica Jenkins 184.

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Map of Idaho showing weather forecasts for Boise, Northern Utah, and Sun Valley. Includes temperature and precipitation data for various locations.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High 90, Low 58).

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Weather statistics including Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, Moon Phases, and U.V. INDEX.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table listing weather forecasts for various regional cities like Boise, Idaho Falls, and Pocatello.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table listing weather forecasts for various national cities like Denver, Chicago, and New York.

WORLD FORECAST

Table listing weather forecasts for various international cities like London, Tokyo, and Sydney.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP showing weather patterns across the United States with temperature and precipitation indicators.

CANADIAN FORECAST

Table listing weather forecasts for various Canadian cities like Toronto and Vancouver.

REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY: 'When you're clear, what you want will show in your life, and only to the one who is clear.'

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pushing your limits to become a better player.
Later this month, when practices are in full swing and preseason previews hit the newsstand, everyone can feel the itch.
'Once you've got the fever, it's hard to get rid of it.'
Minico coach Tim Perrigot told me, 'It's about this time of year that you start to burn inside, and I'm sure that's what's going on with Brett Favre. The time of year when the grass starts to get a little dew on it, the leaves start to change colors, and you can kind of feel that cold air in the mornings and the evenings - you know it's football time.'
Since Perrigot, 39, is about the same age as Favre, 38, I asked him why the veteran still wants to jump into another training camp and go another year.
'It's the fun thing about August is that everybody feels like they've got a chance,' Perrigot explained.
But a football season can be grueling, as even Favre admitted in his retirement press conference. 'To a lesser extent, the high school football season can be arduous as well. After three straight seasons with at least seven wins,' Perrigot said, 'the Spartans' success has helped the kids develop a better attitude toward working hard in the program. He no longer has to twist arms to attend camps, practices and weight room sessions. Winning helps the fun factor.
'One of the bonuses that comes with winning is the community has rallied around the football program,' Perrigot said. 'Our kids feed off that support and the large crowds that we have and the people around cheering them about this year's team.'
With Favre's hair turning gray, the kid in him was still apparent last season. He has nothing left to prove, which with all the NFL records he holds, three MVPs and a Super Bowl ring. Yet, he can't let go of the game.
Stop by any high school football field on a Friday night this fall and check out the smiles behind the masks, and you'll understand.
Starting Aug. 11, our local high school teams will be back on the practice field, doing monkey runs, running through gauntlets and getting ready for another season. For most seniors, this will be their last. Like Favre, their window is closing. Like Favre, here's hoping they remember to have fun.

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Sunday, Aug. 3, 2008

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff: A vulnerable contract has been doubled and set two tricks. In addition, the declarer has reneged for a two-trick penalty.

ANSWER: Takeout doubles are correct, principally in terms of hand frequency, from both sides of the table.

ANSWER: First, calculate the tricks set before looking at the score. Answer: down two, plus two tricks.

Dear Mr. Wolff: Holding ♠ A-K-J-2, ♥ Q-9-2, ♦ 5-3-2, ♣ J-3-2, would you pass in first chair? When you hear a weak two hearts on your left, open with a double?

ANSWER: A call of three clubs would be natural and forcing. You don't want to play there after getting support for diamonds.

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ANSWER: The Hall of Fame was revived about a decade ago, usually adding one or two players as they reach the age of 60.

ANSWER: Your heart holding is highly unsuitable for a balancing double, though you are of course maximum for your initial pass.

Dear Mr. Wolff: If an opponent overcalls our side's no-trump opening bid, do you like penalty doubles for takeout doubles?

Dear Mr. Wolff: Somebody mentioned a Bridge Hall of Fame. Who is in there — and are you part of it?

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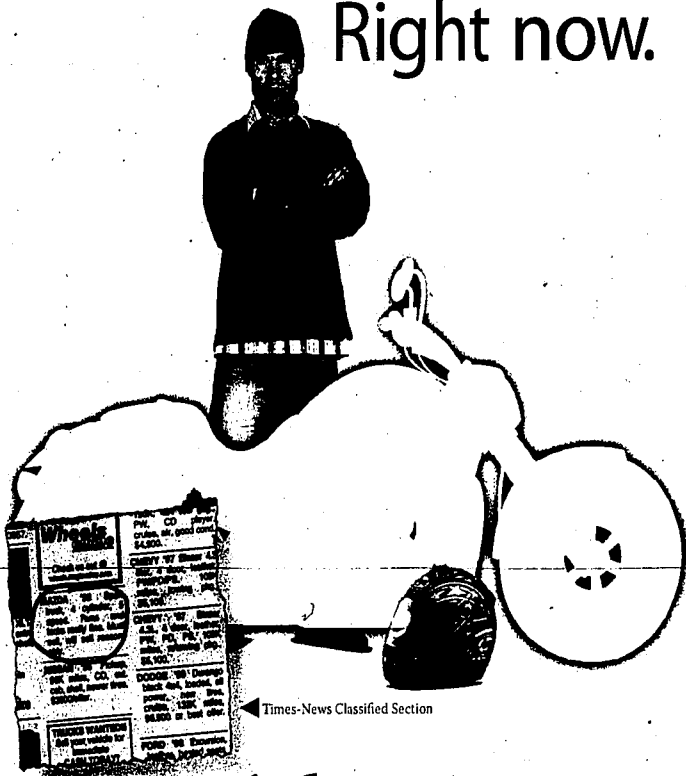
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## THE BACK-TO-SCHOOL LIST

### 1. Meet the teacher

# Getting parents back to school



Mattie Rongen, 12, left, and her sister Maysie, 10, pose with the books they are reading this summer. Deb Rongen, mother of the two Kimberly Elementary School students, says she is helping get their minds back on track for school by designating time for reading and flash cards.

### Parental involvement asset to kids' education

By Melissa Davin  
Staff writer

Get out your pencils and paper. It's time for a back-to-school pop quiz.

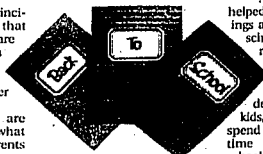
And this one is for the parents. Are you ready to help your children with their homework this year? Do you know who their teachers are? And do you plan to chat with them regularly about your students' progress?

Time's up. Pencils down. If you didn't answer "yes" to all these questions, it might be time to rethink your role in your child's education.

Jerome High School principal Clark Muscat said that students whose parents are actively involved with their education tend to have fewer discipline problems and higher academic achievement.

"When parents are involved, traditionally what occurs is that those parents are placing a high value on education and have done it over a number of years," Muscat said.

Deb Rongen has two daughters in the Kimberly School District and said she speaks to her children's teachers weekly.



"They're with my kids more of the waking hours than I am," Deb said. "They have a very, very important role in my kids' lives."

Besides volunteering for the Parent-Teacher-Student Organization, Rongen has

helped organize eye screenings and fundraisers for the school district. She also reads with her daughters and helps them with homework.

"I've chosen to devote my time to my kids, and that's what they spend the majority of their time doing, is going to school," she said.

Mattie Rongen, Deb's 12-year-old daughter, enjoys having her mother so closely involved.

"I think it's really cool because not all the kids in my

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### 2. Get to school

## Ditch that car:

# Kids urged to bike, walk to school

By Melissa Kessler Dutton  
For The Associated Press

Megan Schroeder rides her bike or walks to school to do her part to help the planet.

She also likes the incentives that her school, Bear Creek Elementary, uses to reward kids who ditch mom or dad's car in favor of biking or walking.

"You get treats, too — usually some kind of food. I won a bike at the awards ceremony," said Megan, 8, of Boulder,

Culo. "Since I like animals, I want to save the environment."

Across the country, schools are encouraging families to forgo their cars to promote healthy habits, relieve traffic congestion around school buildings and reduce auto emissions. Students who live too far to walk or bike are asked to form car pools, use public transportation or walk part of the way.

Prizes for walking or biking are common.

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Children walk to school from the Garfield YMCA on June 12 in Garfield, N.J. Across the country, schools are encouraging families to forgo their cars to promote healthy habits, relieve traffic congestion around school buildings and reduce auto emissions.

### 3. Field trips

## Parents have a lot to learn on class trips

By Beth J. Harzap  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Sure, volunteering on your kid's class trip sounds like fun. How hard could it be? Make sure they use the bathroom before leaving school and check the bus for lost backpacks, right?

Right. Except that kids always manage to throw adults a few curve balls.

What if your tween declares that he is mortified by your presence? What if a kid forgets her lunch? What if you tell a spillover to catch up, only to have him run, fall and skin his knee?

All these things and more have happened to me while accompanying my sons on class trips, over the years.

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### 4. Getting outfitted

# Sneakers rule at school — and everywhere else, too

By Samantha Critchell  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Soon all those flip-flops will be just a happy summer memory.

Once school begins, out come the closed-toe shoes, an increasingly routine requirement of school dress codes. For many students, the preferred closed-

toe shoe is a sneaker.

Sneakers, though, are defined much more broadly than they were when today's parents were kids.

"It used to be that kids had play shoes and dress shoes, but today they're wearing sneakers for all

kinds of occasions — it's more of an everyday fashion statement," says Catherine Beaudoin, general manager of Gap Inc.'s online shoe shop Piperlime.

True, the same Converse Chuck Taylors that dad wore are still popu-

lar, but now the same brand might be found on his young daughter in hot pink with a hippie floral print.

His son's kicks might be orange Air Force 1s by Nike with bright green laces. Other styles you'll likely see on kids this year are Puma's Wheelspins, Adidas Superstars, Reebok's Marvel superhero sneakers with iron

Man and Hulk, Nickelodeon-branded Slimer sneakers and, for preschoolers, New Balance's classic running shoe decorated with Sesame Street characters.

"It's more practical and easy-to-wear sneakers," says 15-year-old Elizabeth Laleman of Monroe, Conn. One of her favorite pairs last

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Air Max 90  
CL sneaker.

New Reebok sneaker design inspired by 'Iron Man.'

Myka sneaker.

SuperBall sneaker.

'Snrocket' sneaker by Nickelodeon from the new Nick Slimers line of kids' shoes.

Kendall sneaker in taupe.















In addition to sculpture, Alexander Calder (1898-1976) painted, made toys and designed carpets. In the 1930s he created a new art form known as mobiles.

## BOOK REVIEW

### Artistic mystery

The Washington Post

**"The Calder Game,"** by Blue Balliett for ages 9-12



Fans of Blue Balliett's earlier art-world mysteries — "Chasing Vermeer" and "The Wright 3" — will be delighted to know she's back. This time it's with a mystery set on the grounds of Blenheim Palace near Oxford, England.

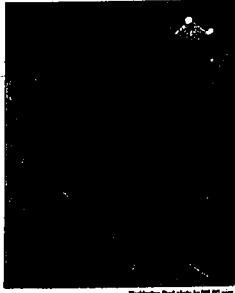
Calder, Petra and Tommy — Balliett's trio of pre-teen sleuths — are back, too. After a visit to an Alexander Calder art exhibit at home in Illinois, 12-year-old

Calder Pillay (yes, his first name and famous sculptor's last name are the same) travels to the English village of Woodstock, which, as luck (and mystery writers) would have it, has just been given an Alexander Calder sculpture by an anonymous donor.

The artwork isn't liked by everyone, however.

And when it mysteriously disappears, young Calder goes looking for it. And when he disappears, Petra and Tommy travel to England to help solve the deepening mystery.

As in Balliett's earlier books, Brett Helquist's illustrations bring the story to



The mobile by Alexander Calder hangs in the National Gallery of Art in Washington.

life. And, as you'll discover in the final pages, they even contribute to "the game."



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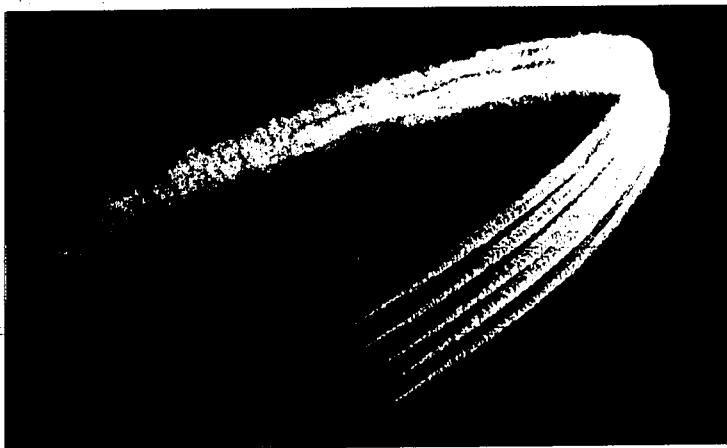
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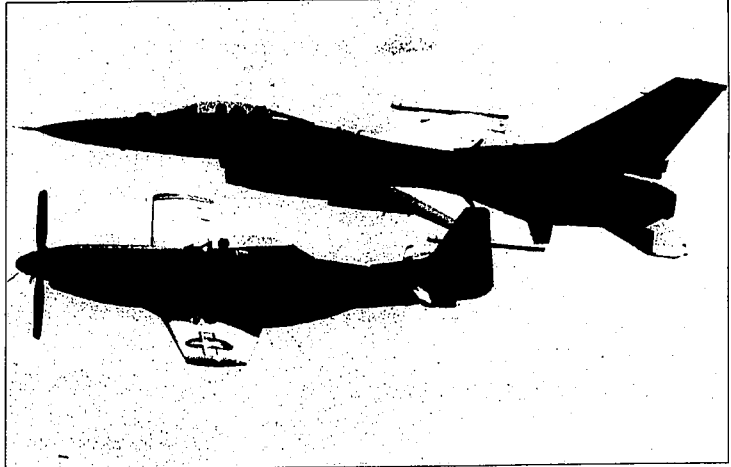


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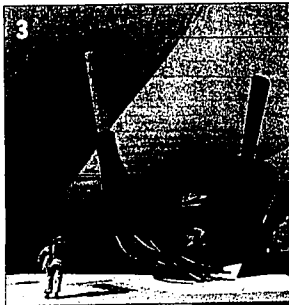
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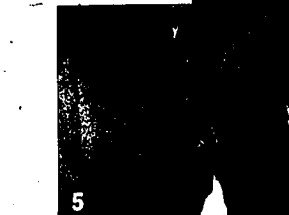
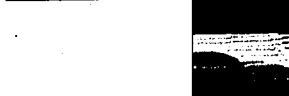
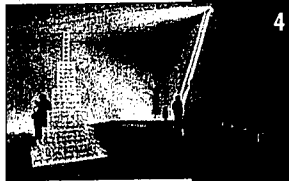
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# Denver's delights

## Colorado capital is more than a conventional choice

By Christopher Reynolds  
Los Angeles Times

DENVER — Greetings, superdelegates, standard delegates, compromised Floridians, miffed Michiganders, would-be VPs and all-access MVPs. As you and the other Democrats convene here Aug. 25 to formally choose a presidential candidate at last, you will be wine'd, dine'd, woo'd, spun, schmooz'd, queried, discomfited and perhaps bamboozled by all manner of mercurial operatives, members of the media and, of course, one another.

Don't trust those people. Trust me.

For instance, if, over a welcome cocktail, one of the locals seems to be inviting you to partake in some Dazbog with Hickenlooper, your drink has not been drugged and this is not a Justice Department sting. Dazbog is a popular local coffee brand. John Hickenlooper is Denver's mayor. And Denver, for the record, is a city of 570,000 people at the eastern edge of the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains.

It's a mile high, as you might have heard. More to the point, it's the capital of Colorado, one of several Western states that leaned slightly right in 2004. Had they leaned slightly left, John Kerry would be in the White House. If

### How far?

Denver is about 10 hours by car from Twin Falls. Head east on Interstate 84, and in Ogden, take Interstate 80 east through Wyoming to Cheyenne. From there, head south on Interstate 25 toward Denver.

were a Democratic strategist, I would have put the party here too.

Once you're here, you might encounter either a Dazbog, or a Hickenlooper in Lolli or SoCo, which is what some people call the Lower Highlands and South-of-Collins neighborhoods. Nearly

lies LoDo, which stands for Lower Downtown.

A word to those of you who backed presumptive nominee Barack Obama from the beginning: If a couple of burly Clinton people show up to bury the hatchet and offer you a free ride to the convention center on 14th Street, take evasive action. The Colorado Convention Center is a big, beautiful building in the heart of downtown, and Denver's taxpayers spent about \$300 million to expand it four years ago — but that's not where the party is.

The delegate floor will be a few miles away at the Pepsi Center.

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### Denver: Planning Your Trip

#### WHERE TO STAY

The following hotels are in downtown Denver.

- **Ritz-Carlton Denver**, 1881 Curtis St., (800) 241-3333, ritzcarlton.com. Opened in January with 202 rooms, including some of the biggest in town. Spa opened in May. An easy stroll from the 16th Street Mall. Signature restaurant is Elway's, mostly steak. Doubles \$199 to \$299, more for suites.
- **Brown Palace Hotel**, 321 17th St., (800) 321-2599, brownpalace.com. This is Denver's old-school high-end option, open since 1892 with 230 rooms. Visited by every president in the past 100 years except Calvin Coolidge. Doubles \$149 to \$700, more for suites.
- **Hotel Teatro**, 1100 14th St., (888) 727-1200, hotelteatro.com. Stylish independent 110-room hotel with the well-regarded Restaurant Kevin Taylor (mostly French, dinner only) and Prima restaurant (mostly Italian, three meals daily) downstairs. (Three years ago, Zagat's critic named the Teatro their favorite hotel in town.) One potential annoyance: a four Seasons

being built across the street. Doubles usually \$189 to \$329, more for suites.

- **Hyatt Regency Denver** at the Colorado Convention Center, 650 15th St., (800) 233-1234 or (303) 436-1234, denverregencyhyatt.com. A gleaming, 37-story, full-service behemoth with 1,100 rooms, opened in 2005. Doubles \$159 to \$300, more for suites.
- **Curtis Hotel**, 1405 Curtis St., (800) 525-6651, thecurtis.com. Formerly a business hotel called the Executive Tower, this 336-room property was reborn in January 2007 as a pop-culture shrine, sprinkled with bright colors and references to TV, movies, music and toys. Doubles \$229 and up, more for suites.

#### WHERE TO EAT

- **Rioja**, 1431 Larimer Street, (303) 820-2282, riojdenver.com. Mediterranean overtones in a 19th-century brick building. Dinner daily. Lunch Wednesdays through Fridays. Brunch Saturdays and Sundays. Diners typically \$16.50 to \$28.
- **Vesta Dipping Grill**, 1822 Blake St., (303) 296-1970, vestagrill.com. Brick walls, dark wood

floors, swiny booths and pointy lights make for exotic atmosphere, as do the array of sauces (sweet, savory and spicy) that accompany main dishes. Dinner only, typically \$16 to \$35.

- **Dixons Downtown Grill**, 1610 16th St., (303) 573-6100, dixonsrestaurant.com. In a Craftsman-style dining room with American and Mexican food. Dixons caters to a powerlunch crowd but also offers \$7.99 specials. Breakfast, lunch, dinner are served. Diners are \$8.99 to \$19.99.
- **The Kitchen**, 1039 Pearl St., Boulder, (303) 544-5973, thekitchencafe.com. Opened in 2004, a "community bistro" that's big on local ingredients. Anointed greenest restaurant in the West by Sunset magazine. Casual wine-and-beer lounge upstairs. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. The menu changes nightly, with dinners costing typically \$23 to \$29.

#### TO LEARN MORE

Denver Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau, denver.org. For more scenes of Denver, see latimes.com/denver

1. A team of sculpted rock climbers has taken its place on a lobby wall at the 1,100-room Hyatt Regency Denver, which will serve as the Democratic National Convention's headquarters.

2. Patrons drink up the sun — and that's not all — on the rooftop deck of a bar on Market Street. Not far away is Coors Field, home of the Colorado Rockies, who represented the National League in the 2007 World Series.

3. Standing 35 feet, 'The Big Sweep' by Coosje van Bruggen and Claes Oldenburg offers a whimsical welcome to visitors to the Denver Art Museum's shiny, \$110-million Hamilton building, which opened in 2006.

4. Undeniably, the art museum's Daniel Libeskind-designed Hamilton building looks great from the outside. But it has generated controversy because of its angled walls, which could prompt a visitor to ponder the difficulty of displaying art in a building with so few straight-standing ones.

5. A vast REI store in Denver, Colo., offers a 47-foot indoor passageway to let a climber test his or her mettle as light streams through large windows.

6. The dome of the state Capitol building glitters above downtown Denver streets. It's one of the area attractions for which there is no admission charge, like Red Rocks Park or Dinosaur Ridge, or tasting tours of the Celestial Seasonings tea headquarters in Boulder or the Coors brewery in Golden.

7. A teenager kayakist practices his whitewater moves on the South Platte River — an encounter with rugged nature in downtown Denver.



# Insuring a rental car in Mexico

By Catharine Hamm  
Los Angeles Times

Q: I'm going to Mexico, and I think I'll rent a car in Mexico and use my MasterCard. I get some insurance automatically. But I don't understand which of the types of insurance I can pass up at the rental agency in Mexico. What do I need?

— Tom Boesiger,  
Laveland, Colo.

A: A limo with a chauffeur, automobile insurance, never simple, becomes more complex when a rental is involved. And when it's a rental in Mexico, it's at least triple the tribulation.

Boesiger is right to rent his car in Mexico rather than driving across the border. Some U.S. companies will not rent to travelers who want to cross into Mexico. Others that will do not allow drivers to go south of the 28th parallel. So a trip from, say, Tucson, Ariz., to Mexico City in a car rented in the U.S. generally is a nonstarter.

Experienced travelers know they often get pressured to buy insurance when they rent from a U.S. rental car agency.

That insurance is "a huge profit center" for rental car companies, said Ben Winkley, director of marketing and consumer research for CreditCards.com, a site designed to enable consumers to search for and compare credit card offers. The rental companies charge travelers "for something they don't need," he said.

That's because most of us who drive already carry automobile insurance, which often covers you in a rental car. Furthermore, if you rent a car using a credit card, the card often provides secondary insurance. So it's a good idea to find out what your auto coverage is and what your credit card can do for you before going anywhere.

Renting abroad is another story, and in Mexico, it's not always as happy one. Remember that your U.S. insurance means nothing in Mexico. Further, driving south of the border seems to me about as profitable as chewing gum and bliss.

If you're determined, know that some credit card companies will provide some auto coverage in Mexico, but the terms are strict. Make sure you read and understand

their requirements. If you decline Mexican auto insurance and are going only with what your card provides, the car rental company may charge you 10 percent of the commercial value of the car. If nothing happens, that money will be refunded. Also, if you take Mexican auto insurance, your credit card coverage may be voided. If you take the Mexican insurance rather than chance it, it

will cost you — \$30 a day and more is not unusual — but it should protect you. The State Department Web site travel.state.gov notes, "If you are involved in an automobile accident, you will be taken into police custody until it can be determined who is liable and whether you have the ability to pay any penalty. If you do not have Mexican liability insurance, you may be prevented

from departing the country even if you require lifesaving medical care, and you are almost certain to spend some time in jail until all parties are satisfied that responsibility has been assigned and adequate financial satisfaction received. Drivers may face criminal charges if injuries or damages are serious." Call me cowardly, call me craven, but above all, please call me a car service.

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## Seeing soccer in England

By Scott Vogel  
The Washington Post

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A: As you just want to see a game, right? It doesn't have to be, says Manchester United, right?

Tickets can be purchased from across the pond for matches involving any of 20 teams in the Premier League (the most important in English soccer), but availability varies widely, according to Visit Britain, the country's official tourism agency ([VisitBritain.us](http://VisitBritain.us), 000-462-2740). For Americans, as a general rule, if it's a team you've heard of — e.g., Liverpool, Chelsea or Manchester United — you'll need to plan long in advance.

On the other hand, if the team's unknown to you (Luton) or has a mildly humorous name (Fleetwood Town), you may have better luck.

Tickets for various teams can be found at [TicketsSwitch.com](http://TicketsSwitch.com), 011-44-870-306-3060, which partners with Visit Britain, or at any of the teams' Web sites. For links to these, as well as more ticket info, visit the Premier League's Web site at [premierleague.com](http://premierleague.com), among the companies offering ball and ticket packages is Travelate Sports ([TravelateSports.com](http://TravelateSports.com), 011-44-870-306-5835).

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# Parade Grand Marshall



Opal Eldridge Dickson was born October 2, 1906 in Fruitland, Idaho. Opal is the eldest of four children. She grew up on a farm managed by her parents, Frank and Maggie Eldridge. They instilled in her the values she still lives today.

At an early age Opal showed affinity for music and teaching, both of which have always been part of her life. Opal married Albert Dickson on July 3, 1928 and moved to Gooding in 1939. Opal and her husband celebrated 71 years of marriage before he passed away in 1999. She has spent her life teaching school, piano, and raising three children. Opal now has 8 grand children, 17 great grand children, and one Great Great Grand Child.

Opal is an active member of the Gooding United Methodist Church and the community. Throughout the years she has been friend and mentor to many generations of Gooding citizens, and is honored to be the Grand Marshall of the Gooding County Parade to celebrate Gooding's centennial year.



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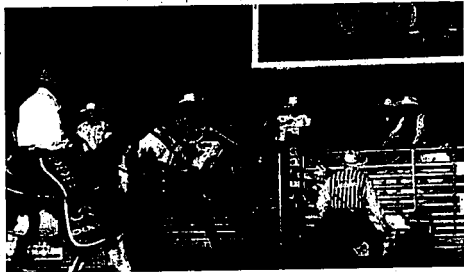
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# WELCOME TO THE GOODING CO. FAIR & PRO RODEO



Gooding County residents, as well as the nation's top cowboys, have had their calendars marked for August 14-16 for months. Preparations beginning days after last year's record breaking performances, excitement is around every corner. This marking the 83rd consecutive year of rodeo and fair action at the Gooding County Fair and Pro Rodeo, there is no need for consideration in attending the fair. Record breaking numbers the past three years, and twice the home of the Wilderness Circuit Small Rodeo of the year, the Gooding County Fair and Pro Rodeo's numbers speak for themselves.

Still not sold? With the world-class bucking stock from Burns Rodeo Company, and sub contractor Korkow Rodeos, both, who supply multiple animals to the WNFR, will be sure to provide an extra jump and kick into your good time. Gooding local, Jeff Faulkner with J3T Cattle, will bring in some of the very best roping cattle that the cowboys will be sure to break records on and leave the crowd cheering for more. This rodeo's performances will attract world class action.

Thursday will be known as "Pink Day", be sure to proudly display pink in every way. Wear it to the fair, the parade; which travels down Main St. on Thursday afternoon at 5 PM; the rodeo (the cowboys will display their pink) and the dance floor. The Gooding Pro Rodeo is grateful to be part of the Tough Enough to Wear Pink program developed by the PRCA and Wrangler. It is a fundraising organization based of f of donations that raises money towards breast cancer treatment, research, and prevention and ultimately a cure. The money is raised world wide but is also donated straight into the community of Gooding and our fight against breast cancer. Are you Tough Enough to Wear Pink? Thursday is the day to take your stand against Breast Cancer together we can make a difference. Last year over \$4000 dollars was raised for Gooding's breast cancer programs.

The Wild Thangs will be kicking off the rodeo action and setting the 'wild' feel to the Gooding Pro Rodeo. A touch of comic relief will be added to the action packed show, back by popular demand, funny man Donnie Landis. You'd better be ready to rock with music and sound being professionally prepared by Jill Schrock, the excitement will literally rope you into having a good time. Still not enough, in conjunction with the centennial of the town of Gooding rodeo fans will be treated to a fireworks display after the last bull is bucked during the Saturday rodeo performance. If thrill seekers can't get their share of excitement during the nightly rodeo performances the award winning band, Octane, will be performing live after each performance. Bring your dancing boots.

The Idaho cowboy Hall of Fame will be inducting Idaho's Legendary Cowboys Saturday afternoon. Brown Amusements will provide carnival action throughout the week.

Afternoons are packed with 4-H shows and competitions all week, with a parade making its way down Main St. of Gooding on Thursday afternoon. Exhibits displaying the talents of hometown photographers, artists and gardeners are another testament to the world class action available at the Gooding County Fair and Pro Rodeo.

The numerous activities and world-class rodeo action allow excitement for every individual. With record breaking numbers the past three years the Gooding County Fair and Pro Rodeo is an event you won't want to miss.

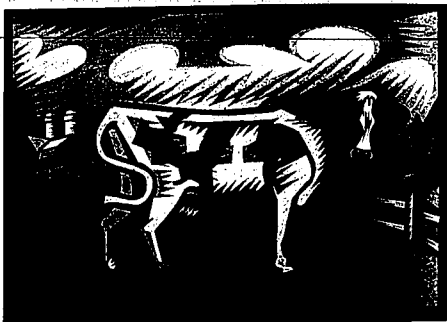
# 4H ALIVE AND WELL IN GOODING COUNTY

In a time and age when people are removed more and more from their rural roots, the Gooding County 4H program is an exception. In 2007 there was a total of 24 clubs county wide completing 474 projects. Some of the more popular projects were market swine with 152 pigs, market lambs 95, Art, Quilting, crafts 75 and market beef 48 steers.

The Gooding 4H program offers many different projects for every walk of life that can fit into any child's life.

It has become a challenge the last few years finding stalls and places to host the years project animals. Last fall an addition was added on to the new sheep barn which will hold an additional 34 pens with each pen accommodating 2 animals, bring the capacity up an additional 68 head. The new sheep barn also saw the addition of lights and power last summer including new lights to the poultry building as well.

Following along with the strong growth of the 4H / FFA programs the Gooding market animal sale held the Saturday morning of each fair saw a record breaking 188 large animals sold bringing in a total of \$235,572.06. The support of the community and business's in the area has greatly enhanced the future of the youth of our county. Make sure to attend the 08 sale Saturday, August, 16 and see one more reason to live in Gooding County.



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# CARNIVAL FUN AT THE FAIR

The Gooding County Fair & Rodeo prides itself in being a county fair that holds that old time fair atmosphere and you can turn your kids loose and not have to worry about them. Browns Amusements of Mesa, Arizona echoes this philosophy and has committed itself to provide the fair with the most professional and courteous staff. Dan & Sherry Brown have brought their carnival to Gooding for the last three years and will return with even more rides and games in 2008.



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## Miss Teen Rodeo Idaho

The sport of rodeo has taught me many things over the years like dedication, endurance, and good sportsmanship. This sport promotes old-fashioned principals such as hard work, integrity and spending time with one's family. It is an honor to be Miss Teen Rodeo Idaho and to represent the GREAT cowboys and cowgirls from our state. This is truly a great sport! I would like to thank all those who have helped me along the way and who have made this opportunity possible for me. I know I am the person I am today, because of you! Always be yourself and remember to SMILE!

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# New look at the Gooding Pro Rodeo

Rodeo fans at the 83rd Gooding Pro Rodeo will notice a few changes. In the fall of 2007 the old Powder River bucking chutes that were installed in the early 70's were removed and replaced with new Priefert Bucking chutes. Animals, like people are right and left handed and some bucking horses and bulls buck better when they are released from either a right or left hand gate. The new chutes have both, three chutes to the right and three to the left. Along with the new chutes the pens behind the bucking chute area were remodeled to aid in the ease and speed of putting on a professional rodeo. Plans are on the drawing board for more growth at the Andy James Arena with the addition of more box seats and bleachers on the south side of the arena.



Royce Ford was all smiles at the '07 Gooding Pro Rodeo.

The history of the Gooding area is steeped in cowboy lore and at one time claimed to be the "The Cowboy Capitol of the World" being the home to more top rodeo cowboys than in any other place in the nation. Once again, the Gooding Pro Rodeo has taken on a life of it's own. Many of the worlds finest have made it a must stop in their busy rodeo schedules. A lot of the reason for this is the home town atmosphere and enthusiasm of the crowds in Gooding, in short these PRCA cowboys come to town and have fun. For this reason the communities in Gooding County should be proud and look forward to the growth of the fair & rodeo in the coming years.

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# STOCK CONTRACTORS

There are many ways to gauge the success of a rodeo and two of the best are crowd attendance and the quality of contestants entered. Since Gooding has brought in the Burns and Korkow Rodeo Companies the attendance has increased 2 fold and last years contestant list was the who's who of the top circuit and NFR cowboys and cowgirls.

Based 23 miles outside of Laramie, Wyoming, Hal Burns is carrying on the family tradition that his father Pete Burns started by supplying top stock to many of the West's premiere rodeos including Greeley and Denver, Colorado. Several Burns Bulls were featured at this years televised Extreme Bull Riding's At Rapid City, South Dakota and San Antonio,

Texas. The Burns Rodeo Company has supplied bucking stock to every WNFR since 1983. The Burns family owned Mr. T the 1986 Bucking Bull Of the Year and Blenderhead, the top 3 PRCA Bull in 2004.

In their third year as the primary contractor of the Gooding Pro Rodeo, the Burns Rodeo Company has supplied some of the best stock available for both the cowboys and the crowd's enjoyment.

The Burns Philosophy of the entertainment and excitement of the spectator comes first has certainly paid dividends in Gooding.

Nestled along the Missouri River 20 odd miles out of Pierre, South Dakota the Korkow family has raised bucking horses for over 60 years, including The 2006 Saddle Bronc of the Year, Slippery. The Korkow Rodeo company is one of only three contracting companies that has stock chosen for every NFR since it began in 1959. Raising over 90% of their own bucking stock, Korkow brones are in high demand and are a favorite of the cowboys. At the '07 Badlands Circuit Finals the Korkow's made a clean sweep of the Bareback, Saddle Bronc and Bull of the year awards with their horses, Boogers Pet, and Queenie and bull, Redneck.

With both the Korkow's and Burns Rodeo Companies returning to the Andy James Arena, Gooding rodeo fans are insured some of the finest rodeo action with the top hands in the Wilderness Circuit along with the top cowboys in the world.



Hal Burns and TJ Korkow prior to the rodeo Gooding '07



Josie Young and his winning 89 point ride on "Bud" of Korkow's '07



Will Lowe on April Snow of Burns Gooding 2007

# PRO RODEO ANNOUNCER STEVE KENYON

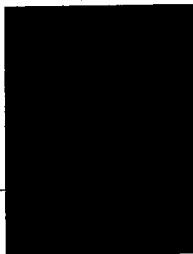
Veteran professional rodeo announcer Steve Kenyon may call Pendleton, Oregon home most of the year, but the third weekend of August each year he may as well say he is from Gooding. Steve has announced the action of the Gooding Pro Rodeo the last seven years.

Announcing a professional rodeo is much more than having a good voice. Many hours are spent daily updating the current information on the standings, cowboys and stock in order to give the most knowledge and insight he can in the short time it takes for each run or ride. Steve is one of the best at this and has been voted the first alternate announcer at the DNCFR 3 times, announced the Columbia River Circuit Finals 5 times and the Turquoise Circuit Finals in 2003.

Steve is also the host of Rodeo Profiles [www.rodeoprofiles.com](http://www.rodeoprofiles.com) a web page and blog for rodeo fans who want to stay up with the daily happenings in the rodeo world. During the NFR stay informed each day of the Finals on your radio with Pro Rodeo Radio with Steve, Bob Feist, Luke Branquinho, and Kelly Kaminski and their live radio program at the Thomas and Mack Arena in Las Vegas.



Steve calling the action at the Gooding Pro Rodeo 2007



Jill & Drew Schrock

## JILL'S SOUND

Preparation for the rodeo in Gooding, means that not only do you need to put on your best western wear, you should make up your own sign, and prepare yourself to enjoy the wildest, most rocking good time you have ever experienced. Jill And Drew Schrock are a big part of the total package of the Gooding Pro Rodeo.

Jill Schrock is a professional sound and music technician from Riverton, Wyoming. Jill has been doing rodeo sound for nine years. In those years, she has provided sound for various rodeo's throughout the country including; 2006 thru 2008 Dodge National Circuit Finals, 07 Mountain States Finals, and the 2000 to 2008 Estes Park, Colorado "Roostop Rodeo," 2003 Small Outdoor Rodeo of the Year. Jill's timing and knowledge of rodeo comes quite naturally being the daughter of Hank and Lori Franzen, owners of Powder River Rodeo, LLC. This girl was born into the rodeo world.



# Clown & Barrelman

## Donnie Landis

What rodeo would be complete without the antics and comedy of a good rodeo clown. Gooding resident, Donnie Landis is one of the best. Donnie will keep even the most jaded rodeo fan wondering what he will pull next. He has worked all of the major rodeo's throughout the United States and Canada including the prestigious Nation Finals Rodeo twice. It is this experience that as enabled Donnie to hone his craft into one of the most entertaining funnymen in the business.



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# Bull Fighters

## KELLY JENNINGS



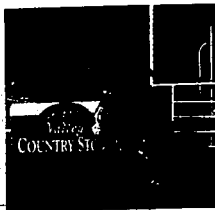
Beneath a quiet and unassuming personality beats the heart of one of the finest bullfighters in the PRCA. Local cowboy, Kelly Jennings has proved him self at several of the nations premier events such as Dallas Tour Finale, The Extreme Bull Finals in Indianapolis, Indiana, 2nd Alternate 07 WNFR and 3x Dodge National Circuit Finals. Kelly's years of



Bobby Griswold and Kelly pre rodeo Gooding '07.

experience of handling livestock has been a valuable tool in saving downed bull riders. Just as in a good cutting horse or cow dog the ability to read the animal enables Kelly to be in the right place at the right time and have both the rider and himself walk away from what could have been a wreck and live to ride another day.

## MARC GILL



12 years of bull fighting experience makes Marc Gill one of the cowboys and fans favorites inside and outside of the arena. Marc has worked for the Burns Rodeo Co. for several years. He resides in Laramie, Wyoming with his wife and kids. Marc's "old school" flashy dress adds extra excitement to his bullfighting skills.



His knowledge of the bulls allows him to be in the right place at the right time and even predict what will happen before it does.

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# Pickup Men

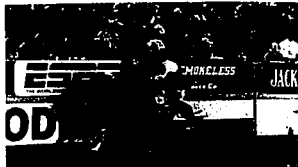
The pickup men at a rodeo have many duties; they are there to assist the rider in dismounting his animal in a safe fashion and to ensure the animals safety while they are in the arena. They also are invaluable in the removal of the animals in both the roughstock and the timed events after each run or ride in a speedy fashion. These men must be all cowboy and be able to react in a split second to whatever situation arises.

The Gooding Pro Rodeo is proud to have two of the very finest return



to Gooding. Bobby Marriott, of Woods Cross, Utah travels throughout the country working many of the most prestigious rodeos in the Nation. Bob was selected by the top Bareback and Bronc riders in the nation to work the 2006 National Finals Rodeo. This is the highest honor a pickup man can receive.

J2 Brown may only live just down the road in Richfield, Idaho but he well known throughout the west as one of the best. He has worked most of the bigger rodeos including the Pendleton Roundup, the last three years.



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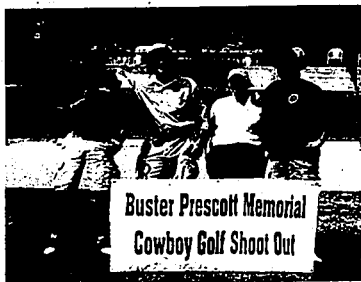
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2007 Golfers Mark Gill, Jed Moore, Jentry Roundtree, TJ Korkow

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# Tough Enough to Wear Pink

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Thursday, August, 14 has been Declared "Tough Enough to Wear Pink Day" in Gooding, County. Everyone is encouraged to wear pink for the day, during the parade, and at that evenings rodeo performance in support of the fight against breast cancer.



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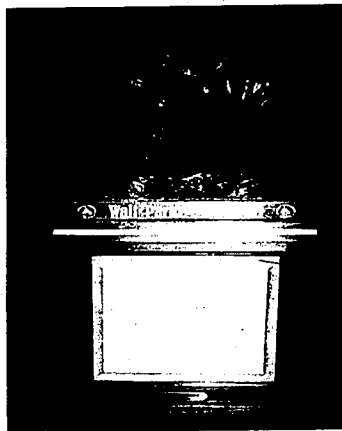
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# WALT PARKE MEMORIAL ALL AROUND COWBOY TROPHY

Last fall Gooding lost one of their very own when Walt Parke was killed in an auto accident. Walter was a Gooding born and bred cowboy and he represented the area well. Competing in mainly the tie down roping event, unknown to many he was also an accomplished bareback and bull rider in his younger days. Walt roped and collected checks at most of the major rodeo's in his day, winning the calf roping at one of the first ever tour rodeos and a new dodge pickup. Although Walter excelled in the rodeo world his passion in life was helping kids and he took in any kid that wanted to learn the ropes and helped them in what ever way he could never expecting much in return but the satisfaction of helping someone else enjoy and excel in rodeo.

Some of Walt's friends decided the best way to keep Walter's spirit alive was a bronze that would be awarded at his home town rodeo of Gooding. Bob Burkhart of Burkhart Bronze in Bozeman, Montana was contracted to come up with an appropriate award. Bob a PRCA cowboy himself and accomplished artist had known Walt and has came up with what we feel is a great tribute to Walt. "Waiting On The Navigator" is a sculpture of a calf horse all booted up with a calf rope hanging off of the saddle horn looking back waiting for his cowboy to show up and make another run.

Each year the all around cowboy at the Gooding Pro Rodeo will receive a custom belt buckle donated by the Stampede-Burger and have their name added to the base of the memorial bronze. Whenever their name appears on the bronze 3 times they will be awarded the bronze.




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# Legend of Rodeo & Rodeo Reunion



fairgrounds. In conjunction with the hall of fame a rodeo reunion is held Friday the 15th and continues throughout the day on the 16th. The public is encouraged to visit the hall and view all of the displays.



Danny Gorrell on a good dogging horse named "Popeye" that made them both a lot of money.

Dean worked at the Gooding Livestock Commission Company several years and then went into a partnership with Mike Ulltean at the Stockgrowers Commission Company in Twin Falls.

After selling his partnership he managed first the MIC Ranch in Richfield, and then later the Wine Cup Ranch in Nevada. After managing a ranch in Kingman, Arizona, Dean moved to Glendale and bought a roping arena and steers, producing ropings several times a week.

Dean's last move was to Carson City, Nevada where he lived the past several years. While there he competed in several ATRA ropings, winning the Idaho, Nevada Century Championship twice. Dean also competed in the National Senior Pro Rodeo Finals.

It has been eight years since the first inductees were honored in the Idaho Legends of Rodeo. Many of Idaho's finest cowboy's and cowgirls have been welcomed to the annual Gooding Pro Rodeo and this year six new inductees will be honored at 4:00 pm in the Cowboy Hall of Fame located on the



they started going to a lot of rodeos in California and it was in 1967 that Dick won the Western States Championship Rodeo in Folsom, California. In 1968 and 1969 saw Dick winning the ICA saddle bronc riding followed in 1970 by the NCA saddle bronc championship.

He retired from competing in rodeo in 1973 due to an injury, but not before meeting a lot of great people and having a lot of fun.



In 1955, Dick Anderson was the High School All Around Cowboy in Salmon, Idaho, winning the steer bareback riding, steer wrestling and cow cutting. That same year he started traveling to rodeos with Jim Fenstermaker, Don Wilferth, Dick Seal, and Larry Robinson.

In the mid 1960's

he retired from competing in rodeo in 1973 due to an injury, but not before meeting a lot of great people and having a lot of fun.

Lonnie Wright was born in Buffalo, SD, to a rodeo family. His father was a champion team roper, calf roper, and saddle bronc rider and his grandfather raised

remounts for the US

Army. After serving in the US Navy, Lonnie worked many years as a bricklayer. He retired in 2005 after working for 20 years as Property Appraiser for Owyhee County.

Lonnie won his first bull riding at the age of 13 in Vale, Oregon, and won many wild horse races with his dad and Harry Charters as a teenager. Lonnie and his dad won the first Big Loop contest in 1962. He went on to win the ICA All Around in 1966-67-68-69-70 and 71, the bull riding in 1964 and 1968, the calf roping in 1971 and 1974 and 1976.

Lonnie continues to compete and win in rodeo. He most recently was the Rocky Mountain Circuit champion heeler in the 60 plus age group in the National Senior Pro Rodeo and is presently leading the 68 plus age group in calf roping in the Southwest Circuit for the 2008 rodeo year.

## Avon Young



Avon Young was born April 17, 1940 in Tucson, Arizona, to Phillip Young and Maria Valencia. He was born to rodeo, and could be found on a horse ever since his siblings could remember. His passion led him to go down the road.

He won his first steer riding award at Florence, Arizona in 1954. Avon won the Idaho Cowboy Association bull riding in 1958 and 1959. He never liked to draw attention to himself so he gave most of his awards away and never kept any records of his accomplishments. The last award Avon was given while he was alive was the All Around Dad buckle given to him by his children on his 65th birthday. Avon passed away on November 30, 2007.



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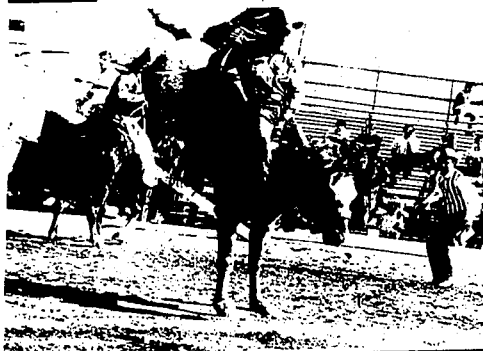
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## Mike Isley

Mike Isley was born Jan 12, 1936 in Salmon, Idaho. He attended grades 1 thru 12 in Salmon, graduating in 1954.

Qualifying for the HS rodeo finals at Hallettsville, Texas, Mike won 3rd in the saddle bronc riding. He joined the Idaho Cowboys Association in 1955, followed by the RCA in 1957. Mike qualified for the NFR in both 1961 and 1962 in the bareback riding.

Mike was married in 1956 and has three children. He bought his first ranch in the early 1960's and stayed active in rodeo, ranching, outfitter-guiding and as a contractor. He bought the Deer Creek Ranch northeast of Wilcox, AZ, moving his family there in 1974.

Mike presently works at the Ray Copper Mine near Kearny, AZ.

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## Neal Arave

Neal was born April 1, 1946 in Shelley, Idaho. He lived in Shelley until age 8, and then moved to Salmon, Idaho.

In 1954, along with Mike Isley, they put on the first high school rodeo for the state of Idaho. That year they both qualified for Nationals in Hallettsville, Texas.

In 1958 Neal was drafted into the army where he rode jumping horses for the U.S. Modern Pentathlon Team, while continuing to go to rodeos on the weekends. After being released from the army in 1960 he stayed in Texas, rodeoing in the Southwest Rodeo Association. Neal won both the saddle bronc riding and the all around titles that year. The next year, 1961, he joined the RCA and left Texas to return to Idaho.

Neal continued to rodeo, competing in four events. He also trained horses and ran many cows. In the early 1970's he broke his ankle, thus ending his rough stock career and leading him to focus more on roping and training horses. In 1986 Neal and his wife sold their home in Idaho and moved to Hemet, California where he trained race horses. Today at age 72 he is still roping and training horses and continues to judge PRCA rodeos.



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The Magic Valley Antique Tractor Pullers was organized due largely to the efforts of two West End farmers, Joe Wisecaver and Jim Korte, both had an avid interest to form a club sponsoring pull competitions.

When Twin Falls County Fair Officials expressed an interest in co-sponsoring a pull as a part of the 1989 County Fair entertainment, an organizational meeting was held in Buhl on March 30, 1989. The club was christened Magic Valley Antique Tractor Pullers at that time.

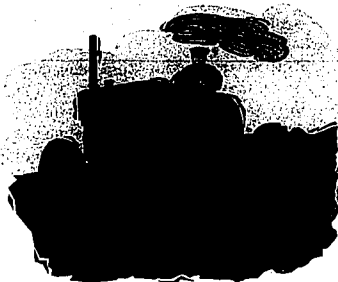
In 1993 the club voted to become affiliated with the National Organization "Early Day Gas Engines and Tractor Association" and became Branch 38. The club has grown to over 90 members of all ages. We have members

as far away as Alaska. Currently the National Organization has 150 clubs in 31 States of the United States.

As a non-profit club the proceeds are used for the clubs annual ag-related scholarships. We have been able to give two scholarships per year through donations and drawings held at the pulls. In 2008 the club will be able to give out three scholarships.

Annual activities have grown to include not only the Twin Falls County Fair pull held in Filer, but the Minidoka County Fair in Rupert, Lincoln County Fair in Shoshone, Gooding County Fair, and pulls in Buhl during the Buhl Sagebrush Days, Hagerman during Fossil Days, Jerome at the I-Farm during Live History Days, Hazelton during their 4th of July festivities and several fun pulls throughout the Magic Valley area. The club also has numerous parades and shows during the year. The parades and shows provide an opportunity for members not wishing to compete in pulls, but like to show off their nicely restored tractors and antique power units.

In 2007 the club added a Garden Tractor Pull during half-time. Garden tractors can be pulled by kids as young as 5 years old. The eldest kid the club has, that pulls garden tractors, is 82 years old and he has a blast.



For more information please contact one of our four officers or club members.

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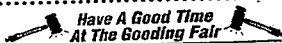
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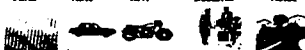
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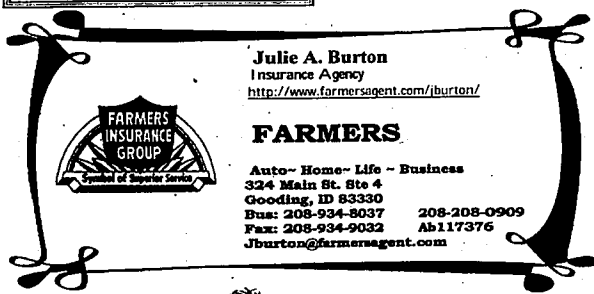
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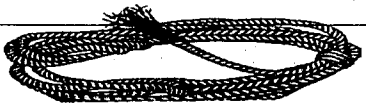
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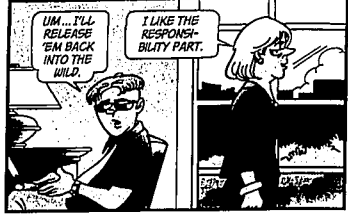
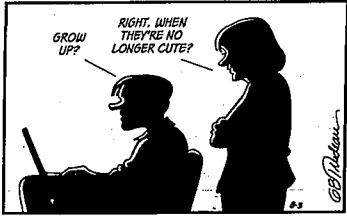
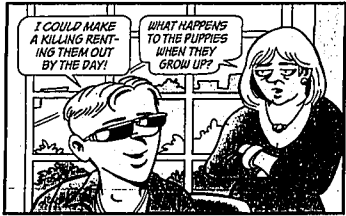
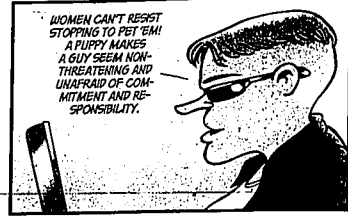
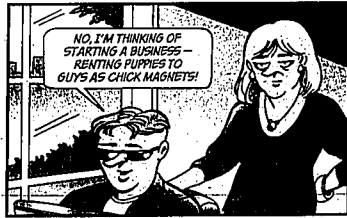
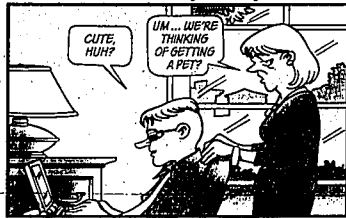
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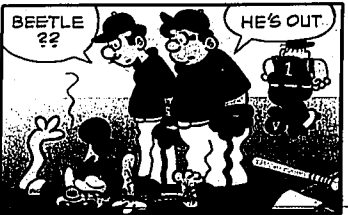
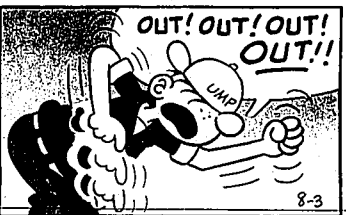
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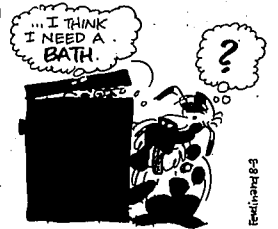
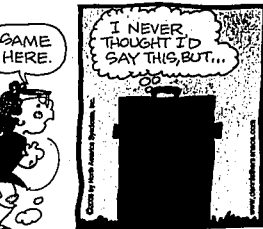
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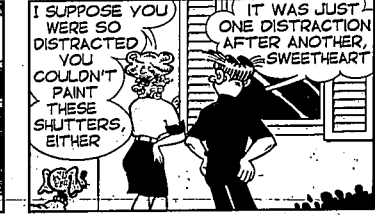
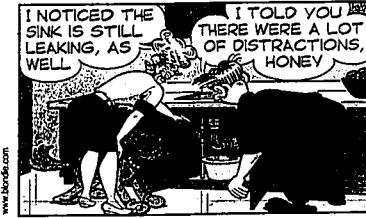
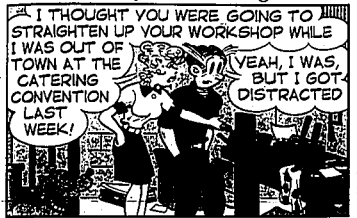


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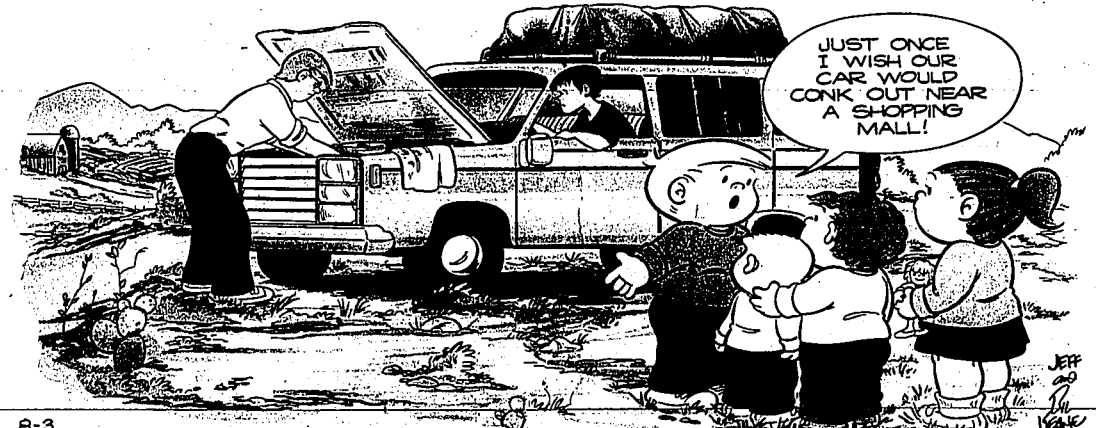
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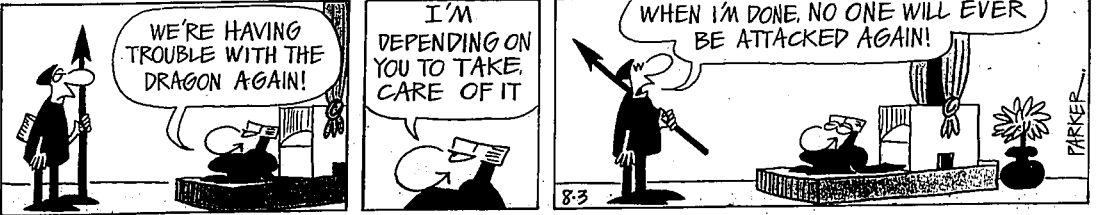
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ERNIE, YOU NEED TO BE HONEST IN THIS OLYMPICS TRIP AD.

CHINA

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TRAVEL OPEN

EVENTS

Olympics Beijing, 2008

THERE ARE SO MANY FLIGHT CHANGES, IT'LL TAKE DAYS TO GET THERE!

THERE ARE TEN LEGS TO THE TRIP SO I SAID "EXPERIENCE THE DECATHLON!"

YOU SHOULD WARN THEM LOTS OF PEOPLE BECOME ILL ON YOUR TRIPS.

THE LOCAL DOCTORS USE ACUPUNCTURE, SO I SAID "LOTS OF CHANCES FOR SOUVENIR PINS"!

YOUR ACCOMMODATIONS ARE IN A STABLE WITH THE EQUESTRIAN EVENTS HORSES!

YOU HAVE A POINT. I'LL SAY SOMETHING ABOUT THAT.

I'LL ADD "YOU'LL MEET THE STRONGEST AND FASTEST ATHLETES!"

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HANG ON, OKAY?

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NO. JUST LESS INTERFERENCE.

IS THAT SARA?

ASK HER IF SHE'D LIKE TO COME OVER FOR DESSERT!

ALMOST...

...THERE!

YAHOO!

LOOP

SHACK

CRACK

SPASH!

YOU'RE RIGHT, THAT WAS FUN.

HEY, GUYS, I'VE INVENTED THE ROPE SWING! WATCH HOW FUN IT IS!

**BORN LOSER/ by Art & Chip Sansom**

I JUST LOVE THE GAME OF GOLF!

IN FACT, I AM SO OBSESSED WITH IT...

I LITERALLY THINK OF IT ALL THE TIME

AND RIGHT NOW, I'M THINKING ABOUT GIVING IT UP!

POW!

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# Risk and reward at the Summer Olympics

By George Dickie  
Zap2it

It's about trying something new, spectacular and daring to advance the sport, though it may cause serious bodily harm to the one trying it.

U.S. Olympic gymnast Justin Spring knows about risk. Last year at the national championships, while attempting a difficult triple-twist vault, this sidelinestanding himself for jeopardizing his shot at the 2008 Summer Olympics and drawing the criticism of teammate Paul Hamm for trying to push the sport too far.

Another U.S. gymnast, Jonathan Horton, also will take a chance or two. He got started at age 3, riding the family garage door to the living room while the electric opener raised it.

"There's actually a few stories like that, the way I started," says 22-year-old Horton, who grew up in Houston and attends the University of Oklahoma. "I was one of the My mom and I were actually in a Target doing some

## Cover story

### Show time

What: XXX Summer Olympics  
When: Starts Friday  
Channel: NBC and associated channels

grocery shopping when I was a little kid, and she turned around just for a minute to look at something, and she turned back, and I was gone.

A few minutes later, she realized I had shimmied my way all the way up a pole in the middle of the store to the ceiling, and my mom was freakin' out. Finally, the manager saw me and I just slid down when they told me to come down. And my parents realized, "Our son has some weird natural talents. It's best to stick him in gymnastics."

For the next 17 days beginning Friday, Aug. 8, Horton, Spring and hundreds of other athletes will push risk as far as they can when they represent their country in the XXX



U.S. gymnast Jonathan Horton competes in the XXX Summer Olympics, which begin Friday on NBC.

Summer Olympics in Beijing.

NBC and its various TV platforms — CNBC, MSNBC, USA Network, Oxygen and Telemundo, along with NBCOlympics.com — will offer more than 3,600 hours of comprehensive coverage from the Chinese capital. For the first time, this affords viewers the chance to watch any event they choose. It also will be the first Olympics broadcast entirely in high definition.

Twenty-eight sports,

asserts. "You know, last year at the world championships in Germany, we were just a few tenths away from medaling, and that was without guys like Paul Hamm, Justin Spring, Joey Flagerty. Our team this year is almost completely different, and I feel like it's way stronger now.

"I have no doubt in my mind we can be third," he continues. "I think we should definitely, without a doubt, be able to be second place, even. The difficult task is performing well enough to beat China. It's an incredible team. They're so dominant right now. But the strength of our team, I think we could have a good position if we expect all of us to just be on fire in the important days of competition and definitely push China for that gold medal."

If there is indeed gold in the U.S. men's team's future, it will represent the pinnacle for the gymnastics-oriented Spring family. Though none were world champions, accomplished as Justin, three members of his

family were gymnasts in college, and dad Woody probably executed the most difficult maneuvers as a crew member on the space shuttle Atlantis in 1985.

The younger Spring notes that there are some similarities — between weightlessness and flying through the air during a gymnastics routine.

"I think there's the similarity in that you have to learn to understand how to manipulate your body in the air," says Spring, a 24-year-old native Virginian who attends the University of Illinois.

"It's very different down on Earth than it is up there, but it's still what we gymnasts call air sense, which is kind of knowing where you are in the air without being able to see anything, like just sensing where the ground is in comparative to your body."

"Just that body awareness, that air sense, I think, is what is heavily used with astronauts and stuff like that. So there I think there's a big similarity with that."

## Miley Cyrus is a Teen Choice as host and nominee on Fox

By Jay Bobbin  
Zap2it

Miley Cyrus is growing up in front of the world, and she doesn't mind.

In fact, the young "Hannah Montana" star is consciously helping the process along. That can be a gamble, as suggested by the controversies over risque photographs of her, but Cyrus continues to make moves toward the next phase of her career.

Still committed to "Hannah" by filming new Disney Channel episodes and another related movie, she's just released the CD "Breakout," spotlighting her musical talent away from the "Miley" image. And she'll aim her appeal at a teenage audience as host of Teen Choice 2008, the award ceremony Fox



Miley Cyrus hosts Teen Choice 2008 Monday on Fox.

airs Monday, Aug. 4.

Cyrus is well-represented as a nominee, too, in the two-hour event to be staged at the Gibson Amphitheatre in Universal City, Calif. Among her six categories: Teen Choice TV

actress, comedy; choice music, single (for "See You Again"); choice music, female artist; and a new Teen Choice contest, choice summer song ("7 Things").

"Not only am I growing

### Show time

What: Teen Choice 2008  
When: Monday, Aug. 4  
Channel: Fox

up, but my fans are growing up also," reasons the 15-year-old daughter of country music veteran and "Hannah" costar Billy Ray Cyrus. "That's what's so great about having started in the TV show when I did. We were all going to mature together, and I think it's been really cool to have that opportunity."

The "Teen Choice" hosting job, Cyrus explains, is another step on that road. "Last year was the first time I won there," she recalls, "and it was actually very funny. I was the only person who was freakin' out."

Program schedulers at TV Weekly are supplied by Tribune Media Services, which receives information directly from the networks, stations and their competitors. Although The Times-News and Tribune Media Services had no editorial input, it does not include the Times-News, which does not have program listings for its print edition.

### TV Weekly symbols

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- PWT Children 7 and older
- TV All audiences
- TV-14 Parental guidance suggested

- TV-14 Intense material for children under 14
- TV-14 Mature audiences only

- (C) Closed captioning
- (M) Multiple
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NEWS MOVIES SUNDAY EVENING SPORTS KIDS

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The Times-News NEWS MOVIES MUSIC SUNDAY LATE NIGHT SPORTS KIDS

Table with columns for time slots (12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) and rows of program listings including titles, genres, and networks.

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More movies section featuring a grid of movie titles, genres, and times. Includes titles like 'The Wind', 'Adam Beach', 'WEDNESDAY', 'THE GREAT ESCAPE', 'THE FIRST WIVES', 'THE MURDER IN THE FIRST', 'THE GREAT ESCAPE', 'THE FIRST WIVES', 'THE MURDER IN THE FIRST', 'THE GREAT ESCAPE', 'THE FIRST WIVES', 'THE MURDER IN THE FIRST'.

Main grid containing TV and radio channel listings with columns for time slots (6p.m., NEWS, MOVIES, MONDAY EVENING, SPORTS, KIDS) and channel numbers.

A CHANNEL'S BROADCAST OUTSIDE TIME FALLS CANNOT BE RECEIVED ON THIS AREA.

Bottom section with columns for 'BASIC INFORMATION', 'PRODUCT', 'TECHNICALS', and 'COMMERCIALS/ADVERTISING'.





Table with time slots: 6p.m., 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 12:00

Grid of TV shows for Cable Channels (6-14) and News (15-20). Shows include King of Queens, Desperate Housewives, American Idol, and various news programs.

Grid of TV shows for Cable Channels (21-34) and Sports (35-45). Shows include Desperate Housewives, The Bachelor, The Contender, and various sports events like NFL games.

Grid of TV shows for Cable Channels (46-50) and Kids (51-65). Shows include Desperate Housewives, The Contender, and various children's programs like Sesame Street and Sesame Street Live!

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NETWORK: ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, PBS, IFC
DATE: 8/5/08
PH: 602.438.3531



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NEWS MOVIES THURSDAY EVENING SPORTS: KIDS

Main grid of TV channels and programs. Columns include channel number, time slot (e.g., 6p.m., 7-9), and program title. Includes sections for Free Channels, Cable Channels, and various network offerings.

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PRODUCT: KIDS

ITEM: TIMES-NEWS

CHARACTER: WOODS



Table with columns for Time, Channel, Program Name, Description, and other details. Includes programs like 'The Insider', 'American Latino TV', 'Water-Worlds', 'The Daily Life of a Dog', 'The Bachelor', etc.

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More videos

Table listing video titles and prices. Includes titles like 'Bernie's', 'Greenberg', 'Encore! Jack The Bear', 'Or Die Hard', 'Comedy-Drama Jennifer Garner', etc.

NEWS MOVIES SATURDAY MORNING SPORTS KIDS

Main content table with columns for time slots (5am, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00) and rows for various channels (Free Channels, Cable Channels, etc.) listing program titles and descriptions.

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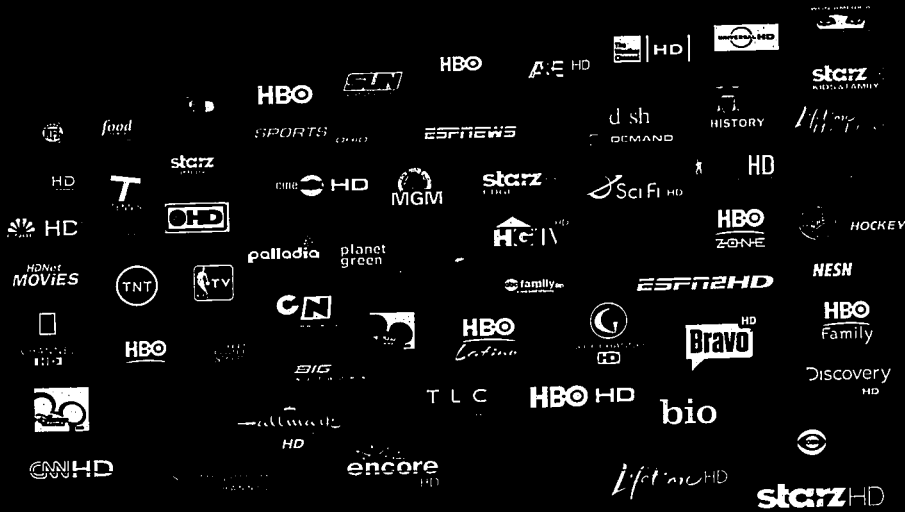
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**Q** How many children does cyclist Lance Armstrong have? Who has custody?—*Beverly Jean, Tucson, Ariz.*

**A** He has three with ex-wife Kristin: Luke, 8, plus twins Isabelle and Grace, 6—all conceived with sperm banked before his testicular cancer treatment in 1996.

Both parents live in Austin, Tex., and share custody.

If his romance with actress Kate Hudson blossoms, Lance could gain a stepson: Ryder, 4. Besides Kate, he's focusing on a cancer fund-raiser near Philadelphia on Aug. 24 and another on TV on Sept. 5.

Lance and Kate: Time for a tandem bike?



**Q** After the success of *The Passion of the Christ* and *Apocalypse*, has Mel Gibson given up acting for directing?

—*Ed Keaton, Sacramento, Calif.*

**A** No. This fall, he'll take on his first major role since 2003's *The Singing Detective*—and the first since his anti-Semitic rant to a cop in 2006 raised hackles in Hollywood. Mel, 52, will play a Boston cop whose daughter is murdered in *Edge of Darkness*, a thriller based on a 1985 BBC miniseries.

**Q** Will Michael Bolton ever make more records or go on tour?—*Christine Hinricks, Takoma Park, Md.*

**A** "I'll be touring next spring with a new CD," says Bolton. Unfortunately, he and actress Nicolete Sheridan—lovers and off since the '90s—also had hoped for a spring wedding. "We'll marry as soon as our schedules let us," says the singer. IF MICHAEL, 55, and Nicolette, 44, really want to tie the knot, maybe they should take a break from their day jobs.

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**Q** Is it just my imagination, or is there a larger than usual number of stars having twins?—*Barbara Clark, Vicksburg, Miss.*

**A** "The incidence of winning has doubled since 1980—and not just among celebrities," says Dr. Ricardo Azziz, chair of ob-gyn at L.A.'s Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. "This may be due to new fertility technologies or to more women having children later, which increases the odds."

With a baby boy and a girl last month, Angelina Jolie is the latest celebrity to have twins. Others include Marcia Cross, J.Lo, Julia Roberts, Geena Davis, Nancy Grace, and dads Dennis Quaid and Patrick Dempsey. A surprising number of stars are twins themselves. For photos of celebs and their twins, go to [Parade.com/personality](http://Parade.com/personality).

**Q** Which actress is Hollywood's No. 1 goody-two-shoes?—*James Wade, Colorado Springs, Colo.*

**A** That phrase has a negative connotation of smugness. But if you mean a star who consistently sets a good example, look no further than Scarlett Johansson, 23. She's involved in Obama's fight against global hunger and has the chutzpah to e-mail Barack Obama with political advice. Incidentally, after dating Justin Timberlake and Josh Hartnett, Scarlett is engaged to Ryan Reynolds.

Bolton and Sheridan: Knot still not tied



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Gwyneth and Brizzi: Enchanted

winter. Mitti tells us she has not yet seen the Tony-winning revival.

**Q** Why is NCIS replacing the TV show's cast, except Mark Harmon?—*Oscar Dorrington, Little Rock, Ark.*

**A** It isn't, though it may appear that way, since one character was murdered and others were reassigned in last season's cliff-hanger finale. "We have no intention of messing with the chemistry among the actors who made NCIS a hit," says exec producer Shane Brennan. "Be prepared for surprises when the sixth season premieres."



Harmon: Sola survivor?

**Q** Is Barbra Streisand still married to actor James Brolin?—*H. Stefan (no city provided)*

**A** Yes. In fact, they celebrated their 10th anniversary last month, with little fanfare. Maybe that's because Streisand, 66, was just finishing a sprawling new barnlike addition to her Malibu estate. SHE functioned as both the architect and interior decorator, making many trips to New England with Brolin to study authentic barns and farmhouses. A perfectionist in all things, Babs spent 13 years on the project.



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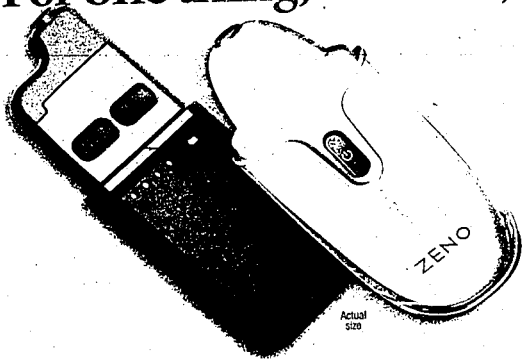
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# The Heart of the Games

By Mitch Albom

**I**F YOU WANT TO FIND THE BEST stories at the Olympics, look in the corners, away from the spotlight. For me, in covering the Olympics over the last 24 years, the lesser-lit places have been where the most memorable moments took place.

Sure, TV always hypes the favorites. We are already being bombarded with big-name expectations in Beijing, such as swimming star Michael Phelps or basketball's Kobe Bryant. But, personally, I sourced on big-name stuff back in Barcelona in 1992, after the Dream Team's Michael Jordan, who earned millions endorsing Nike, refused to get on the medal stand if he had to wear a Reebok sweatshirt.

"They can mail me the medal," he told the press.

Check, please.

Thankfully, those same Olympics provided me with maybe the best sports moment I've ever covered—a much less-hyped one. And that taught me one of several lessons about where to seek the heart and soul of the Games: Look to the losers.

The story I refer to happened one afternoon far from the Dream Team hysteria, in Barcelona's Olympic stadium, when a British sprinter named Derek Redmond pulled a hamstring midway through a 400-meter heat. He fell to the track as if he'd been

shot. His Olympics were over.

But his moment had just begun.

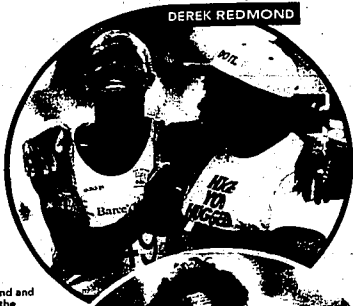
As Derek waved off the medics and tried to hop to the finish; his father, Jim Redmond, a heavyset machine-shop owner, burst from the stands and ran onto the track. He somehow reached his son, who buried his head in his father's shoulder to hide his tears. Then the two of them, the father supporting the son, inched their way to the finish line so that Derek could say he finished the race. The crowd rose for the slow-hobbling men and roared as loudly as it would for any champion.

Later, Jim Redmond was asked how he made it onto the track.

"You don't need accreditation in an emergency," the father said.

Since most Olympians have trained a lifetime for a single moment, defeat can tell as rich a story as victory. In 1988, at the Seoul Games, American boxer Anthony Hembrick sat stunned, crying, a sweatshirt hood over his head, after learning that his coach had read the schedule wrong, they'd missed the bus and arrived too late for his first bout. The coaches tried to cape him up quickly. They tried to argue. No luck. A forfeit was declared. Hembrick's Olympics were over before he drew a punch.

Redmond and dad at the Barcelona Games in 1992. Right: Slaney, who finished 10th in the 3000-meter race in Seoul in 1988.



MARY DECKER SLANEY

The best stories are often far from the glamour and the medal stand

**H**OW ABOUT RUNNER MARY Decker Slaney, who missed the 1976 Games due to injury, the 1980 Games due to boycott, and who finally, in 1984 in Los Angeles, was a gold-medal favorite competing before her home crowd in the 3000 meters? Just past the half-way mark, she got tangled with a barefoot, teenage British runner named Zola Budd and tumbled to the infield, grabbing her thigh and bursting into tears. Her dream was shattered. Four years later, in Seoul, Slaney tried the same race again and got brushed and stumbled and lost. Dream over, again. One of our greatest female distance runners ever. Yet defeat, sadly, was the star of her Olympic story.

Defeat meant something different to a young marathoner named Aguidá Amara, from war-torn

East Timor, where violence left her home burned and her running shoes ruined. In Sydney in 2000, she had to compete in a plain white jersey under the Olympic flag. Near the end of the 26-mile race, despite being more than 47 minutes behind the winner, she was so grateful to have made it that, after running into the stadium, she dropped to her knees in prayer. An official gently informed her that she still had to circle the track to finish, so she rose to cheers and did so, then kissed the ground.

By the way, Amaral finished second from last, proving that the best stories are often far from the medal stand.

**T**HEY ARE ALSO FAR FROM THE well-known arenas of gymnastics, swimming, and track and field. For example, in 1988, during a sailing competition, a Canadian named Lawrence Lemieux was in second place in a race when he spotted two sailors from Singapore who'd been thrown into the water by the rough winds and waves. He veered off course, pulled them into his boat and waited for rescuers. It cost him any chance of winning. But it gave new meaning to Olympic sportsmanship.

In 1996, badminton gave us Kevin Han, who left a prestigious athletic status in China to be with his divorced father in New York City. Han worked in a Chinese restaurant and as a bicycle delivery boy, getting banged by cars and even mugged once before finally, 18 months later, finding his way back to the net. He eventually became a U.S. citizen and competed in the Atlanta Games. I asked him what he cherished most about being an American, and he said, "Freedom."

When did badminton get so inspiring?

In Sydney, the rarely seen sport of Greco-Roman wrestling offered the magical tale of a beefy Wyoming dairy farmer named Rulon Gardner, who had never finished higher than fifth in a world championship. He was pitted, in the gold-medal match, against a Russian



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**RULON GARDNER (R),  
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**GLORY ALOZIE**

## Behind the image of the woman flying over the hurdles as a tale of love and loss

legend named Aleksandr Karelin, "The Siberian Bear," who hadn't lost a match in 13 years. Thirteen years? Gardner somehow scored the first point on him and held Karelin off for what felt like forever. Finally, with eight seconds left, the mighty Russian dropped his hands in surrender. Gardner took the gold and became an American icon—from Greco-Roman wrestling.

Who says that you need to understand a sport

Bilozherchev at the 1988 Seoul Games. At the 2000 Sydney Games: Greco-Roman wrestlers Gardner and Karelin and, below, hurdler Alozie.

to find a hero?

In the Beijing Games, we'll see many inspiring photos. But remember, sometimes a snapshot tells an entire story; sometimes it is only a keyhole. In 1988, there was the picture of South Korean boxer Byun Jong-II, sizzling alone in an empty ring after they turned the lights out. The full story was a controversial decision an hour earlier that led to boxes

and chairs being thrown, and to Korean boxing officials attacking a referee in a melee.

There was also a photo of Soviet gymnast Dmitri Bilozherchev, at those same Seoul Games, wearing a bronze medal. The full story was that doctors had never expected him to walk again after he'd shattered his leg in 40 places in a drunk-driving incident.

There was the image of a Nigerian woman named Glory Alozie, flying over the hurdles in the Sydney Games en route to a silver medal. What the picture didn't show was the heavy heart she carried over those hurdles, having lost the love of her life—her sprinter fiancé, Hyginus Anugo—just a few weeks earlier in that same city, after he was killed by a speeding car while running to get snacks for his teammates.

So the Olympics are this massive, colorful tapestry. And simple math tells us there will be more than 10,000 athletes competing in Beijing, and relatively few of them will make it to your TV screen. But every Olympian has an Olympic story. Sometimes they end on a medal stand. And sometimes you have to look a bit harder to find gold. Trust me. It is well worth the search. **18**

Sports columnist Mitch Albom is the author of the best-sellers "Tuesdays With Morris" and "For One More Day."



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# Will America Triumph?

**T**HE FIRST OLYMPIC GAMES THAT I hosted for NBC were in Seoul, South Korea, in 1988. Since then, the Olympics have taken me all over the world—including Spain, Australia, and the Games' birthplace, Greece. Now the Olympics are headed to Beijing, a fascinating setting for an international gathering. Here's some of what to look for starting Aug. 8.

●**The Chinese Team Is Stronger Than Ever**  
China—and the Chinese people—very much view these Games as their coming-out party to the world, and it will be quite an experience to get a sense of a country that to most Americans is still largely a mystery.

China has been rapidly building its sports program and is now competitive in more events than ever. China has long been first-rate in diving, gymnastics, and table tennis, but now it is emerging in other sports. For example, you wouldn't think of China as a beach volleyball hotbed, but the two Chinese women's teams will be among the toughest foes for American gold-medal favorites Kerri Walsh and Misty May-Treanor.

The United States has finished first in the overall medal count in the last three Summer Games, but some are predicting that China will make a run at the Americans this time around. The highest-profile head-to-head will probably be the women's gymnastics

team competition. The U.S. won at the world championships last year, but it should be extremely close in Beijing.

●**A National Hero Could Emerge**

You're probably familiar with Yao Ming of the Houston Rockets, who's expected to lead the Chinese basketball team. But because China isn't favored to win a medal in basketball, probably an even bigger star will be Liu Xiang. He won a surprising gold medal in the 110-meter hurdles in Athens, which made him a national hero. In China, his race will



World champ  
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**China and America could  
be in a tight race for  
overall medals this year**

be the most anticipated event of the entire Games. The pressure on him to win is tremendous.

●**Michael Phelps Will Make a Splash**

In Athens as a 19-year-old swimmer, Michael Phelps entered eight events to try for an unprecedented eight gold medals. He almost did it, winning six golds and two bronzes. Since then, he's only gotten better, setting more world records and winning 12 gold medals at world championships. No one in Olympics history has ever won more than nine golds in a career, so he has an excellent chance of leaving Beijing with a new Olympic record. A month from now, Phelps is likely to rank among the biggest sports stars in recent American history.

●**The U.S. Shows Great Depth**

Natalie Coughlin won five medals in the pool in Athens; she is back and could do it again in Beijing. A much more improbable return, though, is Dara Torres, who competed in her first Olympics in 1984 (before Michael Phelps even was born) and already was one of the senior members of the U.S. team back when she won five medals in Sydney in 2000. Now, at 41, she has made an astounding comeback just to qualify for the team. On the track, Jeremy Wariner continues to chase his mentor Michael Johnson's 400-meter record. Paul Hamm, the all-around gymnastics champion in Athens, needed to shake

off a broken hand to defend his title in China. And 30-year-old diver Laura Wilkinson, a gold medalist in Sydney, is coming back to challenge the Chinese.

### ● There Will Be Heroes From Around the World

International athletes to watch include Usain Bolt, the 6-foot-5 Jamaican sprinter who set the world record in the 100-meter dash in May and could be a favorite for the gold in both the 100 and 200 meters in Beijing. There's also Yelena Isinbayeva, the Russian pole vaulter who dominates the event and has set the world record 22 times. In swimming, Laure Manaudou of France will challenge the top Americans in several events, and 14-year-old diver Tom Daley will be an unlikely threat from Great Britain to win a medal in the 10-meter platform event.

### ● New Americans Will Shine

Teenagers Shawn Johnson and Nastia Liukin may be the two best female gymnasts in the world. The effervescent Johnson—the all-around world champion, from West Des Moines, Iowa—is coached by a married couple from Beijing who met while competing for the Chinese national team. Liukin grew up in Texas but was born in Moscow, and her father was a gold medalist for the Soviet Union in 1988. At 5 feet 3, she is tall by gymnastics standards and is an elegant performer whose specialty is the uneven bars. There also are exciting new performers in track and field, including sprinter Tyson Gay, who is hoping an injury at the Olympic trials doesn't derail his efforts to challenge Jamaica's Bolt for the title of "World's Fastest Man" in the 100-meter dash.

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# Vinegar Can Be Used For WHAT?

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For instance, grandma said putting diluted vinegar in the ears would ward off infections. The American Academy of Otolaryngology's doctors - who specialize in treating infections like swimmer's ear - now recommend using a vinegar mixture as a preventative.

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game, and one of the biggest problems with the last few U.S. teams has been the way its rosters were constructed. None of the players from the NBA champion Boston Celtics will be in Beijing, though other stars—including Kobe Bryant, LeBron James, and Dwyane Wade—will. Defensive stars like the Pistons' Tayshaun Prince and shooters like Milwaukee's Michael Redd will balance Coach Mike Krzyzewski's team. If there's a concern going in, it's that

## Many NBA stars will sit out the Beijing Games

the U.S. might not be strong enough under the basket, with Dwight Howard of the Orlando Magic the only true center on the squad.

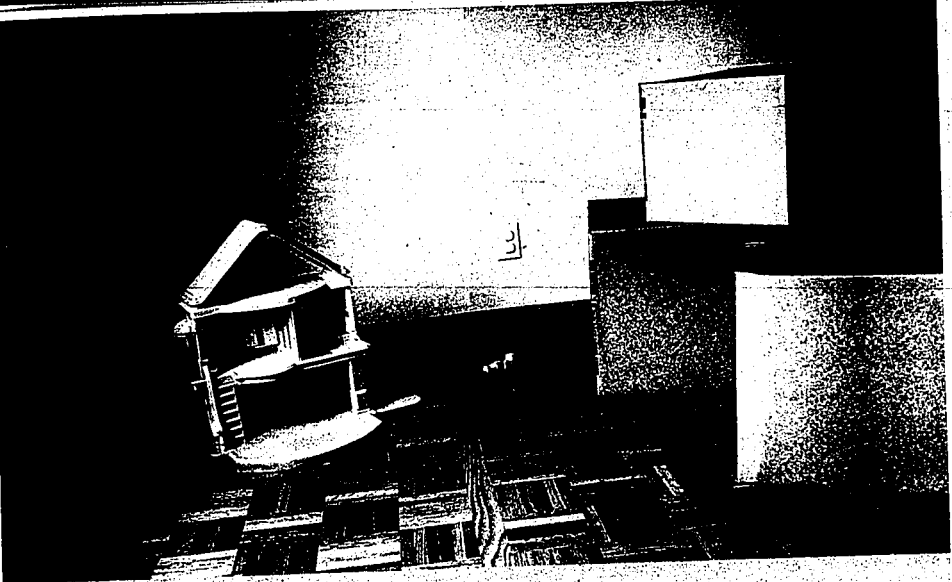
## Women's Teams Will Reign Supreme

American women's teams are the defending gold medal-winners in basketball, soccer, and softball, but they'll face challenging competition. The women's basketball team, led by four-time Olympian Lisa Leslie and fellow WNBA star Diana Taurasi, suffered an upset loss to Russia in the 2006 world championships. The women's soccer team has had tremendous success over the past decade but came up short at the 2007 World Cup, which was won by Germany.

The Olympics are so vast and have so many aspects—personal, cultural, political, athletic—that, try as you might, you can't do justice to all of them. But this could be one of the most significant and memorable Olympics ever. **EE**

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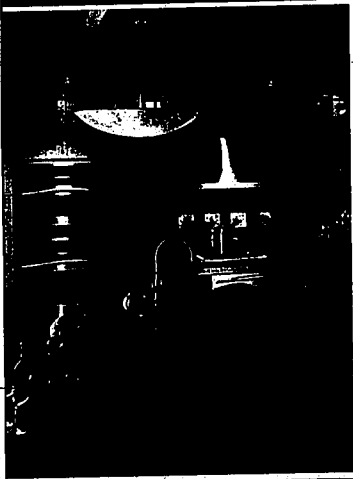
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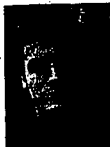
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# How To Fight Traffic



It's not your imagination—traffic in our country is getting worse. From 1982 to 2003, the total hours spent by Americans in traffic delays increased 529%. Tom Vanderbilt, author of the new book *Traffic*, explains why.

### Is traffic worse in the U.S. than in other countries?

No, traffic is bad everywhere. Our population is growing, and the number of cars on the roads has risen. So has the number of cars owned by each household. We're also driving farther than ever before.

driving, because they do the bulk of trips taking kids places. With men, it doesn't matter if they have no kids or two kids—they tend to drive the same amount. Because women are on the roads so much more, they end up suffering from traffic more.

### Could better engineering eliminate traffic?

It's unlikely. Affluence leads to traffic. The capital of North Korea, which is poor, does not have a traffic problem. Now, with high gas prices, we are seeing a 4% reduction in traffic coming into places like New York City. The truth is that 90% of our roads aren't congested 90% of the time. But since most of us go to work and come home at the same time, there always will be bottlenecks.



One big cause of urban congestion: The search for parking.

### What could cities do to reduce traffic?

Anywhere from 30% to 75% of urban traffic is caused by drivers searching for parking. Instead of using congestion pricing, we could cut down on the number of metered spots. If people know they can't find cheap parking, many of them will go to a garage or not drive at all.

### What can we do to cope better with being in traffic?

Take it easy. In study after study, the time saved by aggressive driving, such as switching back and forth between lanes, has been shown to be negligible. A rule of thumb: The heavier the traffic, the less you gain by changing lanes. And don't get distracted. One study found that almost 80% of crashes occurred when drivers' attention drifted for three seconds or less.

—Daryl Chen

### Who suffers the most in traffic?

U.S. Census researchers have found that with women, each additional child they have results in more

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**GOVERNMENT WATCH**

# Why Is Congress Doing So Little?



National Converte Day. "It's probably not the best use of our time," he says, "but we have to do something. These resolutions make it look like we're working."

Stimulus blames the Democrats for failing to introduce more substantive legislation. Democrats, in turn, blame Republicans for blocking key votes, contending that Senate Republicans have attempted a record number of filibusters this session. "If there's anything Americans are tired of, it's partisanship," says Steve Bilos of TCS. "If they're not passing substantive laws, Congress should be conducting oversight, making sure our tax dollars are spent wisely. Frivolous bills and resolutions distract attention from what voters sent them to Washington to do." —*Sharon Male*

**T**he current Congress has enacted less legislation than any within the last decade, according to a new analysis from the nonpartisan Taxpayers for Common Sense (TCS). The 110th Congress has passed just 260 laws—and 74 of those were remaining post offices. But they have passed hundreds of resolutions, including one to recognize soil as an "essential resource" and another to congratulate the UC-Irvine volleyball team. Rep. John Shimkus (R., Ill.) introduced a resolution to recognize June 30 as

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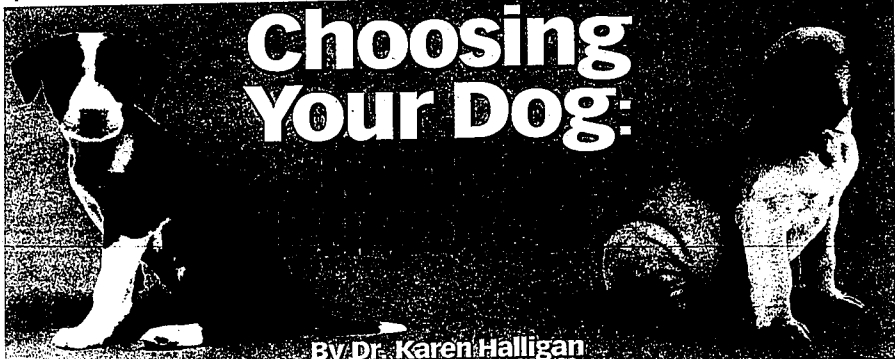
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# Choosing Your Dog:



By Dr. Karen Halligan

**OK,** YOU'RE READY TO ADOPT A dog. But now you can't decide whether to bring home a mutt from a local shelter or invest in a purebred pup from a breeder. Here are some things to consider as you make your choice.

## A Unique Surprise vs. A Predictable Pooch

Mixed breeds, or mutts, are combinations of different breeds—one-of-a-kind dogs with unique looks and characteristics. Mutts come in all shapes, sizes, and colors and usually have quirky characteristics, such as a terrier's whiskers on a Dalmatian's face, or a pug's head on a whippet's body. As a result, their ancestry can be a bit of a guessing game. In most cases, you won't know who a mutt's mom and dad were, so you may not be able to predict what it will look like or how big it will be as an adult.

Purebreds, on the other hand, have been selectively bred to look and act a particular way. All their ancestors are members of the same breed, so you can evaluate their genetic history and predict their temperament, size, and appearance pretty accurately. Pups that come from a reputable breeder also have been screened for health problems and probably will have received pre- and post-natal care. One thing to note, however: Although genes determine personality and grooming needs, good manners depend on good training.

## Affordability vs. Pedigree

If cost is a concern, consider adopting a mutt from your local shelter. You'll still have to pay, but the initial investment will be lower than with a purebred. Fees can be as little as \$25 and usually include an exam, vaccinations, deworming, and spaying or neutering. Further, when it comes to pet insurance, mutts generally face fewer exclusions for hereditary ailments. They also may be seen as less of a liability: Some insurance companies will not write homeowners' insurance for households with purebreds such as Rottweilers or Doberman pinschers.

If your priority is pedigree, however, opt for the prestige and status of a purebred. Aristocratic purebreds, such as the Pembroke Welsh corgi made famous by King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II, can fetch a high price.

## Availability

Mutts are easily available and, unfortunately, in plentiful supply at shelters and on the streets. It is estimated that as many as 4 million animals are euthanized annually in the U.S. because there aren't enough homes. Therefore, adopting a mutt also is saving a life. In contrast, well-bred dogs take time and effort to find. (Surprisingly, an estimated 25% of shelter dogs are pure-

breeds, but there are no papers to prove it.) Females can get pregnant once or twice a year at most, so you may encounter a waiting list for your purebred pup.

## Form and Function

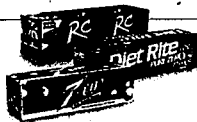
Before buying a dog, consult veterinarians, trainers, and owners to help you choose the right breed for your family and lifestyle. If you want your dog to compete, for example, pick from one of the more than 150 kinds of purebreds out there. While some agility contests are open to mixed breeds, most top-level competitions are reserved for purebreds. Find one that matches your preference—whether it's a certain

size, a certain type of coat (short, silky, nonshedding), or a certain temperament (high- or low-energy). If you need a dog to herd, choose a pup that was bred for that type of work, such as an Australian shepherd. Keep in mind, though, that certain traits may lead to health problems such as joint disease, blindness, or allergies. And remember that all dogs need to be loved, valued, and cared for—regardless of pedigree. **11**

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A settlement has been proposed in a class action lawsuit regarding warranties on certain tires manufactured by Continental Tire North America ("Continental").

The United States District Court for the District of New Jersey has authorized this notice. The Court will hold a hearing to consider final approval of the settlement.

### ARE YOU AFFECTED?

You are a Class Member and may be eligible to receive a payment if you purchased or entered into a lease transaction for certain Chrysler, Dodge or other vehicles between January 1, 2003 and July 14, 2008 that came equipped with tires manufactured by Continental or if during this time period you purchased certain Continental tires as proper replacement tires.

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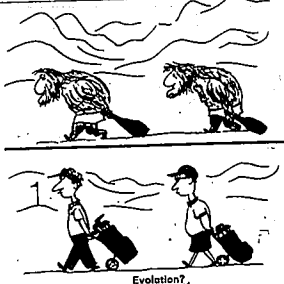
### WHAT ARE YOUR OPTIONS?

If you are a Class Member, you may (1) do nothing; (2) send in a claim form; (3) exclude yourself; or (4) object.

If you don't want to be legally bound by the settlement, you must exclude yourself by letter postmarked by September 15, 2008. If you exclude yourself, you can't get a payment from this settlement, but you can sue Continental on your own for these claims. If you stay in the Class, you may object to the settlement if your objection is received by September 15, 2008. The detailed notice describes how to file a claim, object, or exclude yourself and provides other important information. The Court will hold a hearing in this case (*McGeer v. Continental Tire North America, Inc.*, No. 2:06-cv-00234 (D.N.J.)) on October 21, 2008 at 12:00 noon in the Federal Courthouse, courtroom 4E, Trenton, NJ to consider final approval of the settlement, payment of attorneys' fees and expenses of up to \$2.25 million and related issues. You may appear at the hearing, but you don't have to.

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The lawsuit alleged that Continental breached certain warranties and violated-a consumer fraud statute relating to the tires listed above between 2003 and 2008. Continental denies all wrongdoing. The Court did not decide which side was right. Instead, the parties have decided to settle this case. The parties believe that the proposed settlement is fair, reasonable and adequate and that it will provide substantial benefit to the Class.

### WHAT DOES THIS SETTLEMENT PROVIDE?

The settlement will provide between \$5 million and \$8 million to pay claims to eligible Class Members, subject to certain terms, requirements and deductions as described in the Settlement Agreement.

### HOW DO YOU ASK FOR A PAYMENT?

To be eligible for a payment if you are a Class Member, you must send in a completed claim form postmarked by September 15, 2010.

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By Marilyn vos Savant



Do some people really have "big bones," or are they just making an excuse for being overweight?

—Ron Upton, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Body-frame sizes do differ, but big or heavier skeletons don't make their owners overweight or even appear that way. Still, if you're looking for an excuse, here's how to tell if you indeed have "big bones."

Just have someone else—not you—measure your wrist with a cloth tape measure. (At this spot on your frame, muscles and fat won't interfere.)

If you're a man taller than 5 feet 5, and your wrist measures more than 7.5 inches,

you have big bones. For women taller than 5 feet 5, the figure is 6.5 inches. Women between 5 feet 2 and 5 feet 5 have big bones if their wrists measure more than 6.25 inches. For women less than 5 feet 2, that figure is 5.75 inches.

On a package of raw bacon, does the calorie content refer to cooked or uncooked bacon?

—James Taylor, Denver, Colo.

It refers to raw bacon. If you cook the bacon and discard the fat, the calorie count plummets. A medium slice of raw bacon contains about 125 calories. After broiling, it contains only 35 calories.

## WordTeaser

This week's word is: ZABRA  
What's the definition?

- A) The Egyptian goddess of fencing.
  - B) A type of harp strummed with the tongue.
  - C) A deep-fried dumpling filled with a garlic paste.
  - D) A sailing ship used by the Spanish in the 16th and 17th centuries.
  - E) An animal that is exactly like a zebra but with the opposite coloring.
- The answer appears below.

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The mission control rooms at Kennedy Space Center and Johnson Space Center look huge on TV, but when I visited in person, they seemed much smaller. Why?  
—John Booglin, Fort Worth, Tex.

To shoot a panorama of an interior scene, a camera-person may use a wide-angle lens. The result offers the viewer more information, but it also presents a wider image that creates a misleading impression of greater size.

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OR SEVEN YEARS, SHE STARRED ON THE hit series *Gilmore Girls*. Now 26, the lovely but shy Alexis Bledel has focused on the big screen. She has a new movie coming from Fox called *The Post-Grad Survival Guide* and an independent film called *The Good Guy*. But you can see her returning to theaters right now with those magical blue jeans in the *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2*, based on a popular young-adult book series about four friends.

On a recent day off, Alexis conceded, "Part 1 wasn't necessarily the box office, but the DVD was huge. In Part 2, we [the four girls who share a friendship and those extraordinary pants] are all a little older and we're off to college and new challenges."

Some actors blather on endlessly about themselves, but Alexis is reticent, skipping out on the usual movie-tail. In fact, she first got into acting at a community theater in Texas because her parents thought it would make her less bashful.

For several years, she dated *Gilmore* cast member and now *Heroes* star Milo Ventimiglia. But she won't discuss him, and when asked, "Anyone new come along yet?" Alexis said, "I want to go there, but I'm happy."

She became a print model at 14 and a world traveler before being accepted to the prestigious Tisch School of the Arts—and dropping out to take on *Gilmore Girls*.

"Since her mom is Mexican and her dad is Cuban, I asked if Bledel was a stage name or my real name," she said. "My father is Danish and migrated to Argentina."

How does she spend her free time? Does she work out? "I was particularly athletic, but now that I have a personal trainer, I finally I hate muscles," Alexis said. How did that happen? "It's a combination of karate and boxing that really caught me." And now I regularly play soccer. But I love cooking. That's the best thing—cooking and having friends over for dinner.

BRADY BESS

Since her former TV character, Rory Gilmore, studied at Yale, I wondered if Alexis spent much time in New Haven. "No," she said. "The only way I ever would have gotten into Yale was fictionally. The show's exterior shots were all stock footage of the campus. We never did any filming there. But I found it very flattering when Yale invited me to visit. And I got a lot of fan mail from alumni." She spoke candidly about work and studying scripts for future movies. Alexis told me she hasn't totally abandoned TV. "It's not right for now," she said. "But maybe someday I'd go back and do another series. But only if it's the right thing, the right role."

## Personal

Born Sept. 16, 1981, in Houston, Tex. Single.

## Why You Know Her

She played the intelligent and introspective only daughter of a single mom for seven years on *Gilmore Girls*.

## What You Don't Know

Growing up, Alexis spoke Spanish first. She didn't learn English until she began attending school.

**P**  
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