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Investigation yields misdemeanor gambling charges

By Cassidy Friedman
Staff writer

A year-long investigation into a gambling ring in Twin Falls consumed "an extraordinary amount" of police manpower but has produced much less than police anticipated — a total of 12 misdemeanor charges against three men, according to Idaho State Police officials.

Authorities say their case was hampered by apparent tip-offs to targets of their investigation, though a subsequent probe of those leaks

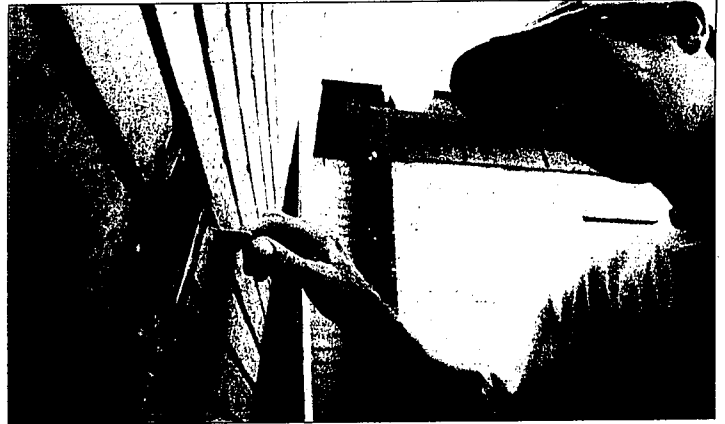
went nowhere.

The charges stem from a 2007 undercover operation that resulted in seizure of 17 video gaming machines from the Pioneer Club, 1517 Kimberly Road, and from a house at 445 Second Ave. S. Investigators allege the devices were used much like slot machines, with winners paid by attendants.

"Originally, what we were looking at was charging a felony of racketeering and money laundering," said ISP Sgt. Gary Kaufman. "When

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TWIN FALLS COUNTY BUDGET RETOOL



Tad Miles, of Pratt Masonry, works on the Twin Falls County coroner's building project to create an autopsy wing behind the Department of Motor Vehicles office at 260 Fourth Ave. N.

County spends a little more; no concern over uncertain Vollmer construction costs

By Jared S. Hopkins
Staff writer

Twin Falls County commissioners re-opened the current year's budget Monday to pay for more than \$60,000 in unexpected costs, including a construction project with an undefined budget.

The changes included adding \$150,000 to the capital improvement fund for future cost of remodeling the County Coroner's office and the recently-acquired Vollmer building, though there's no precise budget or estimate for the work.

Commissioners George Urie and Terry Kramer said they aren't concerned about the lack of an overall estimate for work on the building at the corner of Third Avenue North and Gooding Street.

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— Commissioner Terry Kramer

They said the project's being done in-house; any contracted services are under the \$25,000 benchmark the state law requires for bids; and they have enough money to cover any bills.

"It's a work in progress," Kramer said. "We have capital improvement money to do the projects."

Kramer said it could cost more than \$20,000 but costs are so fluid that he said an overall price tag is unknown.

"We don't really want to guess, either," Urie added.

About 20 employees will be housed in the Vollmer building, which was bought for \$600,000. Commissioners

have said the building will be used to consolidate county commission services. Kramer said he expects the building to be operational Oct. 1.

Meanwhile, for several months the coroner's office has undergone a facelift that commissioners estimate at around \$380,000, partly funded by grants. The expanded wing of the office will include an autopsy lab and area to store bodies; currently autopsies are performed in Boise.

Construction at the corner of the office is supposed to be done by mid-September, Kramer said.

"In other budget adjust-

ments, the commissioners:

- Added \$30,000 to the sheriff's budget for unexpected higher fuel and maintenance costs, Kramer said. The sheriff has a total budget of \$170,000 for fuel, the commissioners said.
- Bumped up their own budget by \$12,000 to expand a part-time secretary's position to full-time.
- Increased by \$10,000 the county's tax fund, which covers costs not entirely covered by insurance. Among the unforeseen incidents was \$1,500 of roof damage to the CDC building; nearly \$17,000 water damage to the courthouse; and a handful of damaged windshields to county vehicles.

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First report of West Nile in Twin Falls County

Staff report

A Twin Falls County man is recovering from West Nile virus, the first probable human case reported in south-central Idaho in 2008, the South Central Public Health District said Monday.

The man, in his 60s, was not hospitalized, health officials said in a written statement.

Officials are reminding Idaho residents that the virus is presently a threat to public health in the Magic Valley.

"It's been a reality for the past few years," said Cheryl Resker, South Central Public Health District epidemiologist manager. "This particular virus is endemic in our community."

The first positive tests for the virus in the state were reported in Payette County and Bonneville County in late July.

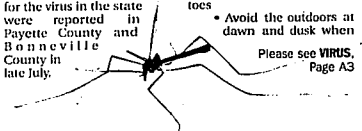
Last year, state health officials attributed 132 infections and one death to West Nile. Two years ago, Idaho led the nation with about 1,000 West Nile infections, which contributed to 23 deaths.

West Nile is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito. Though four out of five people infected show no symptoms, those who do may experience flu-like symptoms three to 14 days after being bitten by an infected mosquito. Severe infections may involve the central nervous system, the release states.

Public health officials remind individuals to protect themselves and their families against mosquito bites by taking the following steps:

- Drain any standing water that may produce mosquitoes.
- Avoid the outdoors at dawn and dusk when

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A funeral and a birth

EDITOR'S NOTE — Troops and families at home count the many milestones missed and made. Third of a seven-part series on the longest deployment of the Iraq war.

By Sharon Cohen
Associated Press writer

for the long haul

Iran and a long separation

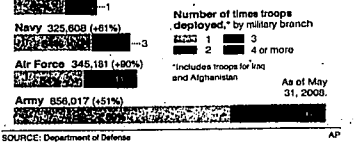
Army families, lives changed

Wheel, tears, at extension

troops a hero

Iranians, struggles and starting over

Two-thirds of soldiers deployed once



Robert knew if Josh had just been injured he'd get details on the phone. But the caller had news that had to be delivered in person.

Gripping the wheel,

Robert didn't know whether to hurry home, or slow down and delay the inevitable.

Finally, the Hansons

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Neighbors concerned by deadly assault

Authorities still investigating home invasion near Rupert Saturday

By Andrea Jackson
Staff writer



The Rupert mobile home where a fatal assault unfolded Saturday is shown Monday.

Rupert residents living near a quiet mobile home where a fatal assault unfolded Saturday said they aren't sleeping well as the loose Monday.

Minidoka County authorities said a husband and wife were assaulted with a baseball bat or a large flashlight in their home at 100 West 270 North after it was invaded by an unknown, light skinned, heavy-set man before 3 a.m.

The husband, identified by police as Merced Jose Rodriguez, 24, died at a Boise hospital later on Saturday. The wife, Karina Rodriguez, was treated for her injuries, and the unknown attacker probably had blood on his

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until the investigation is completed.

Neighbor and mother of four Angela Chandler said she isn't sleeping well and she's keeping her windows closed after Saturday's attack unfolded one house up the road from hers.

"It's really scary," she said. "I'm more alert at night. I won't open my windows now."

Authorities don't know if the Rodriguez's knew their attacker, or vice-versa.

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Roosters nabbed in Gooding cockfighting ring to be euthanized. SEE PAGE A5

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

'Sousalcal the Musical,' presented by Oakley Valley Arts Council, 7:30 to 10 p.m., Howell's Opera House, 118 N. Blaine Ave., Oakley, 58, 677-2787.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Magie Valley Toastmasters meeting and no-host lunch, with a focus on teaching and encouraging members in communication and leadership skills, noon, Golden Corral, 1823 Blue Lakes Blvd., Twin Falls, new members welcome, 361-8534. Snake River Flats meeting, an all-male singing group, 7:30 p.m., Harmony Hall, 123 K St., Rupert, 436-6047.

FESTIVALS AND FAIRS

Funder's Fair, one-day workshop which brings federal and state agencies and private entities to the community to provide information about funding available for various projects; includes class presentations requiring R.F.V.'s, booths and grant writing tips, 9:30 a.m. registration, College of Southern Idaho Training Administration bldg., 315 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, no cost, (208) 734-7219 or Linda.culver@mail.house.gov.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 734-4068. Blaine County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Halley, 788-5500. Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700. Albion City Council, 7 p.m., community center, 124 S. Main, 673-5352. Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1401 Overland Ave., 878-2224. Jarome City Council, 5:30 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A, 324-8189. Kimberly Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., community center, 120 Madison W., 423-4151. Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 624 F St., 436-9600. Shoshone City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W., 836-2030. Filer City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 300 Main St., 326-5000.

HEALTH AND RECOVERY

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10 to 11 a.m., Living Waters Presbyterian Church, 821 E. Main St., Wendell, no cost, 737-5988. Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m., First Segregation Fire Station, Eden, no cost, 737-5988. Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by Magie Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2977. SilverSneakers Fitness Program, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Human-injured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384. 'Strong Women Stay Young,' exercise and nutrition program taught by Rhea Laning, noon to 1 p.m., Twin Falls County Extension Office, 246 Third Ave. E., Twin Falls, \$15 one-time fee, weights provided, (208) 734-9590 or rlaning@uidaho.edu. Adult Children Anonymous (A.C.A.) meeting, for individuals recovering from alcoholic or dysfunctional family environment, 6 p.m., Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services, 228 Shoup Ave. W. (west entrance), Twin Falls, no cost, 308-5656. Mini-Casita Shelter for Women & Children women's support group, 6 p.m., 1233 S. C. St., Rupert, (208) 338-5577. Celebrate Recovery, a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behaviors, 7:30 p.m., Magie Valley Evangelical Free Church, 821 H Ave. E., Jerome, 324-7237.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Corner Quilters Guild meeting, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., The Fat Quarter Quilt Shop, 112 W. Main, Wendell, open to public, no cost, (208) 934-4591.

HOME AND GARDEN

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

LIBRARY

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

MUSEUMS AND PARKS

Faulkner Planetarium Sky Quest/Live Sky Tour at 2 p.m.; 'Mysteries from the Depths of Space' at 7 p.m.; and 'Lad Zeppelin: Maximum Volume 1' at 8:15 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$3 for families, 732-8655. To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail at sbrowne@magievalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, Box 508, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

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MORNING BRIEFING

You don't say ... Steve Crump

Muzzie and the boys harmonize again

His name was Eustacius ... Really ... Eustacius Braun, a musician from North Dakota, and his wife Becky moved to Twin Falls in the 1950s in order to make a living playing Cactus Pates and other Jack-pot casinos ... Musty, as he was called, eventually landed a permanent gig at Club 83 six nights a week ... Musty rigged a stage for his three sons in the basement of their Twin Falls home, and eventually the boys formed a rock 'n' roll band called The Syndicate, which played teenage dances ... Eventually, they switched to country and western ... One of the brothers, Muzzie, struck out on his own, traveling the West in his Champion Motor Coach accompanied by his wife, JoAnn, and their children ... It soon became a family country swing act, and wonder of wonders, ended up on 'The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson' ... They played at the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko, Nev. ... The Tonight Show eventually launched the boys on their own musical careers ... Cody and Willy moved to Austin, Texas, and hooked up with other musicians as the honky-tonkin' band Reckless Kelly ... Younger brothers Gary and Micky followed soon after and formed a group called Micky and the Motorcars ... And Musty? ... Well, he never really left Clayton, Idaho, where he and JoAnn, raised the boys, except for gigs around the region ... The couple now runs a bed and breakfast there ... But every August, the clan gets back together for a musical reunion ... This year's edition starts Thursday in Challis ... It draws about 7,000 spectators to a town of 850 people ... This year, the reunion will include Robert Earl Keen, the Texas singer-songwriter with a string of Nashville hits to his credit ... He'll perform Friday at 9 p.m. ... Reckless Kelly will play Friday at 10:30 p.m., Micky and the Motorcars on Saturday at 9:15 p.m., Cross Canadian Railroad on Saturday at 7:45 p.m., George Devore on Friday at 7:45 p.m. and Pinto Bennett on Saturday at 3:45 p.m. ... The Brauns are scheduled to perform at the fair on Saturday at 6:30 p.m., and the Randy Rogers Band at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday ... A free street dance and barbecue, with music by the Brauns and Randy Rogers, will start things off Thursday at 8:30 p.m. ... Tickets, available at the gate are \$40 a day, and \$15 for children. The event usually sells out, so plan to arrive early ... Modley Crue co-founder Nikki Sixx, who grew up in Jerome and Twin Falls in the early 1970s as Frank Ferrina, has a new book out, called 'The Heroin Diaries' — the actual diaries in kept back in the day when he was an opium addict ... More about the book next week, but I thought you'd be interested in an excerpt from 1987 ... 'I was thinking about last Christmas Eve when I picked up that girl in a strip club, brought her back here on my bike, took her home

Show and tell

If it's quirky, funny, odd, poignant, weird or new in southern-central Idaho, I want to hear about it. Call me at 735-3223, or write to me at scrump@magievalley.com.

the next day, then had Christmas dinner all by myself in McDonald's ... I haven't made much progress, I see ... For the record, Sixx — who will turn 50 in December — has graduated from rehab, launched his own clothing line and is working with the charity Covenant House, which provides for teenage runaways in 21 big cities across the country ... But the rebel rock star completely gone: He's dating tattoo artist Kat von D, of TLC's 'Miami Ink' and 'LA Ink' ...

Former KMYT-TV reporter Rhonda McBride has been named rural advisor to Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin ... McBride, who worked for the Twin Falls station in the early 1980s, will serve as the principal liaison between the governor's office and rural communities, as well as Palin's chief advisor on issues affecting rural Alaska ... McBride has been working in TV journalism in Alaska since 1988, most recently with the Anchorage NBC affiliate, KTUU-TV. Besides KTUU, McBride worked at KOLN-TV in Reno, Nev., and KTNV-TV in Las Vegas ...

Steve Crump is the Times-News opinion editor.

AROUND THE NATION

WASHINGTON Officials: top suspect in anthrax attacks was obsessed with sorority

The top suspect in the 2001 anthrax attacks was obsessed with a sorority that sat less than 100 yards away from a New Jersey mailbox where the toxin-laced letters were sent, authorities said Monday. Multiple U.S. officials told The Associated Press that former Army scientist Bruce Ivins was long obsessed with the sorority Kappa Kappa Gamma, going back as far as

his own college days at the University of Cincinnati.

The officials all spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the case publicly.

The bizarre link to the sorority may indirectly explain one of the biggest mysteries in the case: why the anthrax was mailed from Princeton, N.J., 185 miles from the Army biological weapons lab the anthrax is believed to have been smuggled out of. He was a member to the Kappa Kappa Gamma chapter at Princeton University confirmed she was interviewed

by the FBI in connection with the case.

MICHIGAN Obama embraces some offshore drilling, tapping petroleum stocks

LANSING — Barack Obama put forward a broad energy plan Monday designed to end U.S. reliance on imported oil within 10 years and shore up his standing among a fighting white House coalition of high-anxiety over gas prices. Obama's proposal, though, includes two significant

reversals of positions he has taken in the past: He had steadfastly fought the idea of limited new offshore drilling and was against tapping the nation's emergency stockpile to relieve pump prices that have stubbornly hovered around \$4 a gallon in Michigan.

The Democratic presidential nominee in waiting also endorsed long-term work on hybrid cars and renewable energy sources. 'Breaking our oil addiction is the greatest challenge our generation will ever face,' the Illinois Democrat said. — The Associated Press

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 5, the 218th day of 2008. There are 148 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight: On Aug. 5, 1858, the first trans-Atlantic telegraph cable, the dreamchild of American inventor Samuel Cyrus Field, was laid between Newfoundland and Ireland. (However, after several weeks of use, the cable burned out.) On this date: In 1864, during the Civil War, Union Adm. David G. Farragut led his fleet to victory in the Battle of Mobile Bay, Ala.

In 1894, the cornerstone for the Statue of Liberty's pedestal was laid on Bedloe's Island in New York Harbor.

In 1914, one of the first, if not the first, electric traffic light systems was installed in Princeton, N.J., at the intersection of 105th Street and Euclid Avenue.

In 1962, actress Marilyn Monroe, 36, was found dead in her Los Angeles home; her death was ruled a probable suicide from an overdose of sleeping pills.

In 1963, the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union

signed a treaty in Moscow banning nuclear tests in the atmosphere, in space and underwater.

Ten years ago: Iraqi President Saddam Hussein began cooperation with U.S. weapons inspectors and demanded the commission monitoring the weapons be reorganized. Marie Noel of Philadelphia was arrested on her cooperation in the murder, accused of smothering eight of her children to death between 1949 and 1968.

Five years ago: Episcopal

leaders in Minneapolis voted to approve the election of the Rev. V. Gene Robinson, an openly gay clergyman, as bishop of the Diocese of New Hampshire.

One year ago: President Bush and Afghan President Hamid Karzai began meeting at Camp David to discuss security issues in Afghanistan. Louise Lethbridge-Stein was crowned Miss Open — the first woman's professional tournament played at venerable St. Andrews — for her first major title.

HOROSCOPE BY JERALDINE SAUNDERS

IF AUG. 5 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You do not need to carry a rabbit's foot to feel as though you have a lucky charm in your pocket. Throughout this month you will find that people who are good for you can worm their way into your presence — so if plans change it is probably for the best. For the next two months your business savvy will place you in the forefront with work, job, career or finances, but you need to dig your heels in as October approaches. October is the worst month for decision-making, key changes or new starts. Next March, April and May your imaginary lucky rabbit's foot is back to help you with any critical matter. ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your pulse under fire will make those around you stand up and take notice. You're at your best when the heat is on in a competitive situation. Only

romantic interlude may exceed your expectations. TAURIUS (April 20-May 20): You'll get much further using kind words and tact than with harsh and critical remarks. Focus on business and finances just as much as matters of the heart that pique your passions. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Use your own good taste to make the proper choice rather than going for what's "in." Save that major purchase for later in the week if it involves anything mechanical. CANCER (June 21-July 22): Be prepared to share tender, poignant moments with a very special someone as you are well suited to love and all its accoutrements. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Avoid showing off or boasting that could give rivals ammunition to use for a future attack. Don't take on any

major projects. Instead, focus on matters of the heart. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Let the affection welling up within flow from you towards the one you hold most dear. Put business on the back burner for now and strengthen bonds of love. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): It is a poor time to embark upon a new job or relationship because you might fall under an unrealistic spell. An evening with good friends might be just what the doctor ordered. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): It's not whether you win or lose; it's how you play the game. However, people prefer winners and that winner will be you. Good fortune will draw others to you and possibly set the scene for a romantic encounter. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You have the optimism to see your project suc-

ceed but you'll need far more to make it a reality. Be prudent and don't jump into anything too quickly. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A labor of love is no labor at all. Show appreciation toward someone who works hard to please you and you will have a night to remember. Your casual generosity and sincerity will be noticed. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Love may have your heart aflutter, but one should be careful to keep their responsibilities in order first. Find the proper balance between work and play. You can get something truly want. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A lightning bolt is your best bet today. Avoid getting entangled by spur-of-the-moment business or financial matters or sudden amnesia. Focus your attention on whatever you enjoy most.

Israeli parents forget 3-year-old daughter at airport

By Mark Lavie
Associated Press writer

JERUSALEM—An Israeli couple going on a European vacation remembered to take their duty-free purchases and their 18 suitcases, but forgot their 3-year-old daughter at the airport, police said Monday.

The couple and their five children were late for their flight to Paris Sunday and made a mad dash to the gate. In the confusion, their daughter got lost.

Police spokesman Mickey Rosenfeld said a policeman found her wandering in the duty-free area at Ben-Gurion airport, Israel's bustling main international air port. He said

the officer alerted airline staff, but the flight had already taken off.

The incident happened on what Israeli media said was one of the busiest days of the year at the Israeli airport, with thousands of people leaving for summer vacations abroad. The Haaretz newspaper reported that 2.6 million passengers are expected to pass through the airport in July and August, an increase of 12 percent compared to the same period last year.

Israeli media said the parents of the forgotten girl were an ultra-Orthodox Jewish couple but did not give their names.

Rosenfeld said the parents were unaware they had boarded the aircraft with only four

children instead of five until they were informed by cabin staff after 40 minutes in the air.

The child, accompanied by an airline staffer, took the next flight to Paris, where she was safely reunited with her parents.

Running the story on its front page Monday, the *Yediot Ahronot* daily quoted an unnamed police officer as saying, "A very cute little girl grabbed my leg and asked 'where are my parents, where are my brothers?'"

A female police officer identified only by her last name, Ben-Eden, checked records for the girl's name. "I saw her parents and brothers were on a plane that was set to take off in three minutes," she told the paper.

Ben Eden picked up the girl and rushed to the gate for the flight to Paris. "I ran quickly because I knew that every minute mattered. At the same time, the police tried to contact the flight attendants to get them to stop the plane. When I reached the gate, the plane was no longer there."

Rosenfeld said police would question the couple when they return from vacation, on suspicion of parental negligence.

Inaretz quoted the girl's grandmother, who took the family to the airport, as saying, "We're in shock. They're very responsible and organized, top-notch people. Apparently one relied on the other, and this is what happened."

Gambling

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We completed our investigation ... the (Attorney General) reviewed the case and determined that the only thing that the county could prosecute would be misdemeanor gambling."

Kaufman said he believed the evidence built through surveillance and sting operations carried out by state and local law enforcement last summer showed clear racketeering but that prosecutors didn't agree.

Twin Falls Prosecuting Attorney Grant Loeb was on vacation Monday and could not be reached for comment. Bob Cooper, spokesman for Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden, also declined comment, deferring to Loeb.

State police spearheading the investigation encountered several obstacles, according to Kaufman and court papers.

For example, one of the men charged, Pioneer Club owner Marvin Pierce, told police he knew the man was coming two weeks before they showed up with a warrant, according to court

records, Pierce declined to reveal his source, and an investigation into the alleged lead yielded no results. ISP investigators told the court. Court records also show that state law enforcement officials received multiple tips about video gaming machines at another, now-defunct Twin Falls bar but took no action. Kaufman said no attempt was made to find machines at the second bar because word of the investigation likely arrived there ahead of police.

In court records, Pierce is quoted as telling investigators "Don't waste your breath...The machines (are) gone."

Pierce, Erik Jonsson, owner of the house at 445 Second Ave. S., and Dale Black, the former owner of the now-shuttered Dale's Dogs restaurant on Blue Lanes Boulevard, each face two misdemeanor gambling charges and two misdemeanor charges of possession of slot machines.

Kaufman said Loeb issued summonses for the men last week, but has not sought arrest warrants.

Jonsson, 35, declined comment Monday. Black, 40, could not be reached through Loren Bingham, an attorney representing him on an unrelated civil matter. Pierce could not be reached Monday evening.

According to court records, undercover detectives carrying hidden video and audio equipment on Aug. 2, 2007, went to the Pioneer Club, bought beer and sat down at a table next to four people playing at six machines. The detectives played and cashed out, court records show.

Law enforcement officers later seized seven video gaming machines and paraphernalia used to record payouts. According to court records, Pierce told them that the machines had been in the bar for eight years and that Black owned all but one, which was owned by Jonsson. Pierce told authorities that Black would clean out the machines every morning and split the money with him.

Pierce also told investigators that several attorneys had advised Black that the machines were legal.

After obtaining a search warrant from 5th District Magistrate Roger Harris on Sept. 10, 2007, Kaufman, an AG's office investigator, a sheriff's investigator, four Twin Falls police detectives and two U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement special agents entered the house at 445 Second Ave. S., which is called gambling house "DOA" in court records. They seized 10 gaming machines, controllers wired to the machines, two payout receipts, printer tapes of payouts and hundreds of dollars in cash, according to court records.

They also found a sign reading "Rules of the House," and provided Jonsson's cell phone number for "service, jams and refunds."

Brian Conger, who told investigators he lived in and operated the DOA house in exchange for free rent, identified Jonsson as the owner of the machines, which paid out at five cents per credit, court records said.

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Rupert

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"There's no way of telling," said Minidoka County Sheriff Kevin Halverson. But Cannon and Halverson said they're determined to solve the case.

"I have no reason, based on our investigation, to believe anyone else might be targeted," said Cannon. "I understand everyone's concern."

Police are actively patrolling and investigating any suspicious circumstances that concern authorities stressed.

The Rodriguez's were quiet

people and had lived at the house — which before them had high tenant turnover for just under a year, said Chandler.

An American flag twisted

in the breeze Monday outside the Rodriguez's' modest home. Potted flowers rested gently on the back stoop next to a kitten flicking its tail.

"I never thought it would

happen here," said Chandler.

Andrea Jackson may be reached at 208-735-3380.

Virus

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mosquitoes are most active • Wear long sleeves and pants when outdoors • Use insect repellent and follow repellent directions • Check that door and window screens are in good condition and will prevent mosquitoes from coming indoors

Anyone experiencing symptoms of West Nile should contact their local health care provider. Information is available online at www.pwdhs.idaho.gov or www.westnile.idaho.gov.

"We know it's here and to practice prevention is what we're asking people to do," Becker said.

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reached their house deep in the woods outside Dent, Minn. They didn't have to walk long.

Within minutes, two officers in dress uniforms knocked on the door.

It was their sad duty to report the death of Staff Sgt. Joshua Robert Hanson.

On Saturday, Sept. 9, 2006, several hundred people filed into the gym of Pelican Rapids High School for Hanson's funeral, paying tribute to him with prayer and song.

Classmates, teachers, friends and family remembered the high school linebacker whose football team won the state's 1997 AA championship. The duck, pheasant and deer hunter who loved the outdoors and rubbing on the Otter Tail river. The Tae Kwon do black belt who collected a row of trophies. The happy-go-lucky guy who was always smiling and got a kick out of making up funny words. "Twin in unity" was a favorite phrase.

At the end, there was a rendition of "Amazing Grace."

"Was grace that brought us safe thus far," sang Josh's younger brother, Jake. "And grace will lead us home."

The funerals mounted recently, but he could be seen at the happy occasions the soldiers missed during what's been called the longest deployment of the Iraq war.

At the end of the week, recitals and soccer tournaments, holiday dinners and anniversaries. Small events, maybe, in normal times but magnified to those closest in a time of war.

As fall approached, Sgt. 1st Class Janelle Johnson scheduled home leave so she could take her 5-year-old daughter, Elizabeth, to her first day of kindergarten.

It was a two-week chance to be a mother again. She shipped with Elizabeth for a pink jumper, curled her daughter's hair and watched her step aboard the yellow school bus. She marveled that her 18-month-old daughter, Emily, who had no hair and blue eyes when she last saw her, had blossomed into a blonde-haired, green-eyed, walking, talking toddler.

Her husband, Chad, was doing a great job. But in the blink of an eye, the two weeks were over. Before Janelle could begin to settle in, she was back in Iraq — and, strangely, at a school that made her think of the kindergarten back home.

Her unit was delivering soccer balls and backpacks stuffed with school supplies, another mission

designed to give an Iraqi community a helping hand.

The school was little more than a collection of desks in a mud building surrounded by a dirt yard and a fenced children who couldn't attend because they didn't own shoes watched forlornly outside as the soldiers arrived with their offerings.

Later, when Janelle received a photo scrapbook of Elizabeth's first months at school, she thought about what she had seen and she was grateful for her daughter's fortunate life at Knight Elementary School in Randall, Minn. She sent a thank you note to Elizabeth's teacher with a special gift: an American flag that had flown over her base.

"As the days got long ... there was always one thing that would brighten my day: seeing the American flag," she wrote. "Every morning it was raised and reminded me of what a great nation I come from. ... I hope this flag also brings you and your class the joy and contentment it has brought me."

Seth Goshing had prepared for fatherhood, as best he could from a war zone.

He had monitored his wife's pregnancy with photos she had sent by e-mail, storing them chronologically in computer folders. The doctors even obliged by providing ultrasound images with labels for the baby parts.

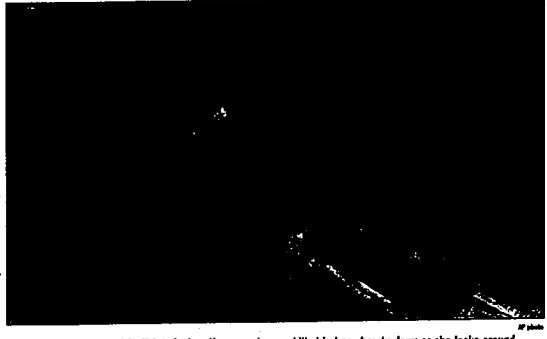
In another era, a father-to-be would have to wait weeks for letters and, if he was lucky, a snapshot or two. But Seth and Alicia were in constant, electronic contact. They milled over possible names for their son. Alicia sent a list of possible of strong "cowboy" names before they settled on Kolton.

On a November afternoon, returning from patrol, Seth got the word from his platoon sergeant: The Red Cross had relayed the message that Alicia had gone to the hospital.

He quickly dialed the cell phone of his mother, who'd proxied for him at his wedding and now proxied for the delivery room doctor.

"Congratulations!" she declared. "You're a father."

Within hours, Seth got e-mail photos of his new son taken by Alicia, who held black-haired Kolton in her arms and snapped pictures with her cell phone.



Kathy Hanson, mother of Staff Sgt. Joshua Hanson, who was killed in Iraq, breaks down as she looks around Joshua's room in Dent, Minn., Feb. 27. Nearly two years have passed since her son's death, but Kathy Hanson and her husband Robert say they sometimes still expect him to call or walk into the house.

On Nov. 22, Col. David Elicerio turned 49 — and the commander of the 1st Brigade, along with a small group of his soldiers, journeyed to a remote spot in the desert for a special treat.

"My friend, this is for you," a local sheik named Ali told Elicerio, handing him the reins of a camel. "I understand this is your birthday. We've come to celebrate."

He also handed Elicerio an Arab headdress, a shawl, a robe — and a shotgun. Elicerio had confided to the sheik earlier that he loved the shak and hunting wild game. And so here they were, in the middle of a war, all chasing wild rabbits. It all seemed unreal.

When they were done, a sheep in the back of one of the trucks was slaughtered, and there in the desert, Elicerio sat at a campfire, eating the roasted meat with flat bread, tomatoes and onions.

The year before, he had spent his birthday with his family, in Las Vegas.

A few days later, an Army convoy rolled up in a swirl of dust toward a concrete slab of a building on the edge of Qaryat al Majarrah, a village of squat yellow brick houses.

"Mister, mister!" some Iraqi kids yelled, following the truck. "What are you doing? Why are you here?"

The answer to their questions could be glimpsed in the vehicles, which looked like a movable flea market bearing piles of medical supplies, clothes, soccer balls and Beanie Babies.

Stepping from one truck

in exchange for several thousand dollars.

As patients filed in, Burns felt like a frontier doctor. He knew what was wrong, but couldn't do much to help.

When a 7-year-old Iraqi girl born with her heart on the right side asked, through an interpreter, if the Americans could do anything, Burns told her no, especially the opposite.

When she said her 15-year-old sister, frail and bundled in a long coat and a head scarf, was tired and cold all the time, Burns felt the girl's neck for a pulse. Her heart rate was 110, about 50 percent above normal, even when she sat still.

Checking her heart with a stethoscope, Burns heard an incredibly loud sound: Whoosh-whoosh-whoosh, like a washing machine.

He suspected the girl had had rheumatic fever that had scarred her heart valves so the blood didn't flow as quickly as it should. He drew the girl a picture on a scrap of paper showing her the valves and explaining her illness.

Burns shared his duty with an Iraqi doctor, a colonel who told him a harrowing story — his 11-year-old son was kidnapped near his school and released only

not have money. He also knew she wasn't likely to get help.

His final visitor was a father in his 30s, dressed in white flowing robes, his face creased by the sun. He was clutching CAT scans.

He said his 15-month-old daughter had become ill months earlier. The symptoms — stiffness, a high fever, aching limbs — sounded like meningitis to Burns.

By the time the father had arrived with his daughter at an Iraqi hospital, she was blind and having seizures. The Iraqi doctors told him she needed a brain wave test and a brain scan. They also prescribed medicine.

Burns studied the CAT scans, holding them up to a dust-caked window for light. He saw no abnormalities. He assured the father the medicine she was prescribed was good.

But the father had a request: Could they fly his sick daughter to America for the brain tests?

The Iraqi doctor, who was treating another patient, said nothing. He and Burns shared a knowing glance — no tests would change the daughter's prognosis now.

Burns put a comforting hand on the man's shoulder. No father wants his children to suffer, he said, adding that he had four children himself. The best thing to do, Burns said, is continue giving her the medicine.

The father thanked him, took the CAT scans and left.

Had the girl's mission done any good? Burns wondered.

"How much different will things be for Iraq as a result of today?" he wrote in his journal. "Will the insurgents have a less receptive hiding place? Will IEDs become less frequent? Will the children of this town be more likely to have a future with less hatred?"

Joe Burns hoped so, but that was about all he could do.

And in the weeks to come, hope became much harder to sustain.

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Otter will talk roads today in Twin Falls

Governor seeks input on how to pay for revenue shortfall

By Jared S. Hopkins
Staff writer

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter is scheduled to visit Twin Falls today to discuss transportation issues with local government officials and the public

at a question-and-answer forum in the evening.

The public meeting will be 4 to 7 p.m. at the Red Lion Canyon Springs Hotel. Those attending can ask questions and offer comments, according to the Idaho Transportation



Otter

Department. In the morning, Otter is scheduled to meet with local public officials, according to Twin Falls County commissioners. The public forum is the sixth in a series of statewide meetings that Otter, now in his second year as chief executive, is holding to seek input on how best to pay for an estimated \$240 million annual revenue shortfall. Officials credit the funding issue to rising construction costs, declining revenue and increased road use. "This is too big a challenge to tackle all at once. It isn't even going to get resolved in a year or two, so the dollar figure we've been using is just a

target — a goal," Otter said in a statement. "But without starting now to identify new revenue sources, enhance existing sources or some combination of the two, Idaho's highways will keep deteriorating. We need to act now."

Earlier this year, Otter and the Idaho Legislature failed to agree on how to fund road improvements. Otter had proposed increasing vehicle registration fees to \$150, which

was rejected by lawmakers. Funding proposals by legislators late in the session were unsuccessful.

Otter, lawmakers and transportation officials have said they hope the meetings will produce a consensus for legislators when they meet for the 2009 Legislature.

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Man indicted in firearms sting still unidentified

By Jared S. Hopkings
Staff writer

The identity of a Utah man who was indicted in July after a sting recovered more than \$8,000 in stolen firearms at an Idaho truck stop is not expected to be released until the man is arrested, the U.S. District Attorney's office said Monday.

The Gooding Police Department and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives last year recovered 13 stolen guns at an Idaho truck stop, Gooding police said Sunday in a press release. The year-long investigation resulted in a July indictment of a Utah man suspected of selling the stolen guns to an informant working with Gooding police.

But the man's identity must remain sealed because he has not been arrested and exposure might jeopardize the case, said

Michelle Mullan, an assistant U.S. Attorney in the Pocatello office.

"I have no idea why they would release news like that," she said.

Gooding Police Detective Sjun Burderson said Monday the press release was issued with the authorization of the ATF. The case has been turned over to the ATF.

The guns were being transported from a Salt Lake City warehouse to a Sportsman's Warehouse in Oregon. When the truck arrived in Oregon, an inventory discovered 27 guns were missing, including the 13 that were sold to the Gooding Police informant. The other 14 have not been recovered, said Burderson.

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Twin Falls budget adjusted by \$1M

Some city council members think public doesn't understand funding sources

By Jared S. Hopkins
Staff writer

Twin Falls has scaled back its 24 percent proposed budget increase to a 2.1 percent bump over current year's spending.

Now \$41 million, the city's budget would rise to about \$50 million if approved by the Twin Falls City Council.

The drop is due predominantly to reducing proposed sewer and water rates, said City Finance Director Gary Evans. Next year's projected water rate hikes declined from 20 percent to 6.5 percent, and sewer rate increases declined from about 13 percent to 3 percent. "But some council members said at Monday's meeting they don't think the public understands where the source of spending is. Most projects are funded with reserve funds or grant

money, not large tax increases.

Councilman David E. Johnson said during the meeting the large budget increase has led the community to believe it will be heavily taxed. He blamed the council for not informing citizens, including how the city's reserves and grants are keeping impact on taxpayers minimal. "That should be a positive report, not a negative report," he said. "But it seems that it turns negative because the perception of the public is we're going and asking them for 24 percent more dollars and we're really not. There's got to be a better way to articulate this in a way the average citizen really understands what we're asking for in a new budget cycle."

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WHAT'S ON THE LIST?



David Frick, an officer with the Twin Falls Police Department, contacts the city's dispatch center with his radio Monday while on a motorist assist stop along Blue Lakes Boulevard North.

T.F. police look at expanding dispatch center

By Jared S. Hopkins
Staff writer

As the city of Twin Falls continues to refine what appears to be a record 21.6 percent budget increase to \$50 million, the Twin Falls Police Department has its own list of needed items.

In addition to its general budget, the department seeks more than \$440,000 for upgrades and special projects — one of the largest departmental capital budgets, according to a copy of the city's preliminary budget.

Among the items: • \$124,035 for the fourth of seven annual installments for construction of the exist-

ing communication center. The payments began several years ago when the city pulled out of participating in the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center, said Twin Falls Police Lt. Craig Stotts. The figure includes interest, according to the city's finance department.

• \$68,000 for a fourth dispatch station. There are currently three dispatchers, but a fourth would swing into action in emergencies, said Twin Falls Police Capt. Bryan Krear.

Typically during the busiest time of the day there are two dispatchers. But during large incidents — a structure fire or a damaged water line, for example — three are used. Krear said. The city has a total of 12 dispatchers.

• \$30,000 for an electronic citation program that allows police to administer and inventory tickets more efficiently. The program is in conjunction with the Idaho Supreme Court and the Twin Falls County Sheriff's office, Krear said. There's also grant money, giving city police a program with a budget in the ballpark of \$50,000, Krear said.

• \$100,000 for four Dodge Charger patrol vehicles. The specific model for the vehicles — which are upgrades

and not replacements — could change as police fine-tune the process to use cost-effective vehicles, perhaps including hybrids.

• \$28,400 for 10 police mobile data terminals, which are advanced information terminals officers use in the field. Krear said they are favored over laptops because they are more cost-effective.

"The laptops are nice and they've done a great job for us. But they're expensive," said Krear.

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Humane Society to euthanize seized cockfight birds

Director says aggressive nature prevents birds from being adopted

By Andrea Jackson
Staff writer

The Idaho Humane Society today intends to euthanize 19 roosters seized a week ago from a cockfight busted by Gooding County Sheriff's deputies, officials said.

"The roosters were bred to fight and are extremely combative," said Idaho Humane

Society Executive Director Jeff Rosenthal, a veterinarian.

"These birds will be euthanized in the most humane way we know," said Rosenthal, citing a barbiturate injection. "We're dealing with the result of criminals and the fate they handed their animals."

The birds had been put in a barnyard because of their

propensity to fight each other, and can't be used as meat due to stimulant injections, said Rosenthal.

Also the Idaho Humane Society doesn't have a facility to house the roosters. "We're not a sanctuary," said Rosenthal.

The organization also wants to ensure the birds don't return to fighting. It has

received calls from around the state from men asking to rescue the birds, which Rosenthal said was suspicious. Typically, rescue calls come from women, he said.

The birds, including one that died from its fighting injuries, were valued at \$100,000, said Gooding County Sheriff Shaun Gough. The organization received

and euthanized 19 roosters last year.

Chickens are rarely euthanized at the Idaho Humane Society. "I can't recall, except for fighting birds, euthanizing a chicken," Rosenthal said, adding chickens are adopted for egg production and not food.

Gough said he is disappointed the roosters are being euthanized, but understands the predicament.

More than 4,000 roosters were euthanized after they

were seized last year in a California cockfighting ring, according to news reports.

Cockfighting is considered cruel to animals and is a misdemeanor crime in Idaho.

The most recently seized birds were tested Monday for diseases including Newcastle disease and avian influenza. The results haven't been returned yet, said Rosenthal.

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Raymond R. (Ole) Olson

On July 31, 2008, with his daughter and grand daughter at his side, Raymond went to join his wife Joyce in the Kingdom of Heaven.



Raymond was born Sept. 27, 1917, to Ronald and Arntine Olson. He was the fifth born of nine children. Raymond started working when he was about 11 or 12 and was known to be reliable, loyal, honest and hard-working.

Raymond graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1933. Shortly thereafter, he met his soul mate, Joyce Bradshaw, and they married Sept. 3, 1955. In 1957 Raymond moved to Moscow, Idaho, and attended the University of Idaho. He graduated in 1961 after earning his degree in education. Shortly thereafter, Raymond landed a teaching job at Washington School in Rupert. Ray worked for seven and a half years as a seventh- and eighth-grade science teacher at East Minico Junior High in Rupert. He was recognized as the Young Outstanding Educator for the Minidoka County School District in 1972. He had many friends from the Minidoka School District.

With eyesight failing, Raymond retired and moved to Milner in 1986. He loved the outdoors, especially camping and fishing near Stanley. Raymond treasured his family and always looked forward to family reunions each summer. He was a wonderful brother, loyal friend, devoted husband, loving father and an awesome grandpa. He will be

dearly missed by all. Ray was preceded in death by both of his parents; his wife of 51 years, Joyce Anne Olson; two brothers, Pete Olson and Lars Olson of Twin Falls; brothers-in-law, Cliff Owens and Ben Briggs of Twin Falls; Bud Stanley of Hansen and Joe Hawkins of American Falls. He is survived by his only daughter, Kristen Haxby; son-in-law, Mike Haxby; and three grandchildren, Karissa, Jakob, and Shebba of Boise. Raymond is also survived by his only son, John Olson (Linda) of Boise and John Olson (Maxine) of American Falls. Surviving sisters include Jenny Owens and Alice Briggs, both of Twin Falls; Susie Bradshaw of Hansen and Rosie Hawkins of American Falls. Also surviving are sisters-in-law, Alice Lind of Boise, Eleanor Hoxley of Burley, Rose Bradshaw of Milner and Marjorie Bradshaw of Milner. Surviving brothers-in-law include Bernard Bradshaw of Hansen, Harold Bradshaw of Parker, Colo., Richard Bradshaw of Phoenix, Ariz., and Larry Mahler of Twin Falls as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, at the First United Methodist Church in Twin Falls, where Raymond and Joyce were married. Burial will be immediately following the service at Sunset Memorial Park. A viewing will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6, and one hour prior to the service in lieu of flowers. Donations may be made to the United Methodist Church. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary, Chapel by the Park, in Twin Falls.

Man pleads guilty of drug trafficking

Fairfield resident faces Jan. 20 sentencing

Staff report
Ian Ireland, 46, of Fairfield, pled guilty on July 22 in federal court to conspiracy to manufacture, distribute and possess with intent to distribute marijuana, along with conspiracy to launder money. Monte Sites, assistant U.S. attorney, said Monday. Sentencing is set for Jan. 20, 2009, before U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winnill in Boise. Ireland faces a maximum of 10 years in prison and a fine of \$4 million on the first charge, along with a maximum of 20 years and a \$500,000 fine on the second.

Authorities found Ireland in possession of 75 pounds of marijuana at the time of his arrest in California, while 27 pounds of marijuana was found at his Fairfield home. Ireland admitted to manufacturing and distributing marijuana and cocaine over a 10-year period. Money from the sale and distribution of the drugs was illegally laundered in real estate in Idaho, California and elsewhere. Arrangements will be announced by federal officials said. Ireland also admitted to smuggling and arranging for

smuggling of drugs into Canada, and was involved in a Bull marijuana growing operation raided in December 2003. The four-year investigation was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Gooding County Sheriff's Office and IRS Criminal Investigation. Property seized as a result of the arrest will be auctioned at the Gooding County Fairgrounds at 11 a.m., Aug. 6.

HELP FOR ACCIDENT VICTIM



Emma McQuern was involved in a motorcycle/truck accident July 25. She is currently in a hospital in a drug-induced coma as a result of her injuries. The Emma McQuern Trust Fund has been set up at the First Federal Bank in Burley. Contributions can be made for Emma and her family at any First Federal Bank.

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Twin Falls County
AUG. 4 ARRAIGNMENTS
Joseph Johnson, 27, Twin Falls; domestic battery, malicious injury to property, resisting arrest; two counts of battery; pleaded not guilty; public defender appointed; \$5,000 bond.
Jeffrey Burnham, 58, Twin Falls; burglary; public defender; \$100,000 bond; preliminary hearing Aug. 15.
Christopher Stephens, 31, Twin Falls; battery; pleaded not guilty; pretrial Aug. 26; public defender appointed.
Christopher Galvin, 18, Twin Falls; petit theft; \$100 bond; public defender appointed; pleaded not guilty; pretrial Aug. 26.
Christopher Matthews, 30, Twin Falls; petit theft; \$500 bond; pleaded not guilty; pretrial Sept. 16.
Steve McGee, 44, Twin Falls; malicious injury to property; battery; pleaded not guilty; \$300 bond; public defender appointed; pretrial set for Sept. 16.
Scott Pufahl, 33, Twin Falls; disturbing the peace, unlawful entry; pleaded not guilty; public defender appointed; pretrial set for Sept. 19.
Patricia Hathaway, 31, Kimberly; domestic battery; pleaded not guilty; \$300 bond; public defender appointed; pretrial set for Sept. 16.
Christopher Michael Mathews, 38; battery; pleaded not guilty; pretrial set for Sept. 16; public defender appointed.

Basil Lester Zink

DIAGHERMAN — Basil Lester Zink, age 84, of Hagertown died Saturday, Aug. 2, 2008, at Gooding. Basil was born April 5, 1924, in Naper, Neb. He was the seventh of nine children born to Royal Hawley and Vera Mae Zink. He graduated from Naper High School and joined the Navy.

After the Navy, he moved to Nevada, where he met and married Myrtle Ilyde on Sept. 1, 1948. Basil is survived by his wife, Myrtle of Hagertown; daughter, Roseanna (Ralph) Wigle of Winnemucca, Nev.; sons, Neil (Michelle) Zink of Woodland Park, Colo., and Dale Zink of Wells, Nev. He is also survived by a sister, Mildred (Lawrence)

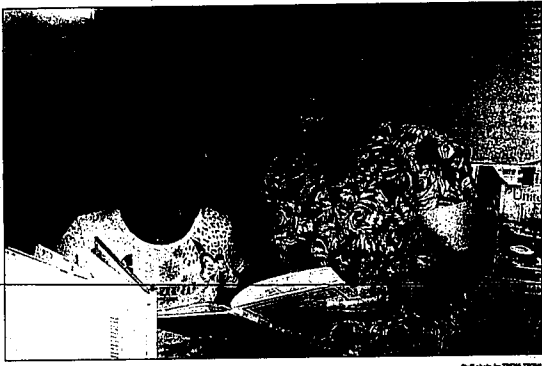
Burley gets new children's librarian

By Trena Tegan Staff writer

The Burley Public Library has a new children's librarian. Valerie Bame of Burley is now working in the children's area of the library in addition to organizing special events and activities, including weekly story time, the summer reading program and after school programs.

Story time for preschool age children is at 10 a.m. each Friday and will be expanded to include an evening story time in the fall. Those attending not only have stories read to them but also learn finger plays and do a craft or art project. After-school programs run throughout the school year and include tutoring and homework help.

Prior to taking the position at the library, Bame had worked as the librarian for eight years at Mountain View Elementary School in Burley. She is currently attending the



Valerie Bame, the new children's librarian at the Burley Public Library, helps Serrina Hobe find a book about animals. Bame will also be coordinating various library programs and events.

College of Southern Idaho studying library science.

"This was such a great opportunity," Bame says. "It's a lot of work, but a lot of fun, too."

SERVICES

G.L. (Gleaves Lester) Turner of Dietrich, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Demary's Shoshone Chapel.

Loretta E. Kerr of Oak Harbor, Wash., and formerly of Twin Falls, funeral today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Ben Wolfe of Emmett and formerly of Gooding, service at 1 p.m. today at the Potter Funeral Chapel in Emmett; burial at 3 p.m. today at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery in Boise.

Jayne Cruz VanCasteren, infant daughter of Joshua and Lizeth VanCasteren of Utah, graveside service at 4 p.m. today at the West End Cemetery in Utah (Parker Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Thomas Leland Pierce of Boise, memorial service at 10 a.m. Wednesday at United Methodist Church in Rupert (Summers Funeral Homes, Boise Chapel).

Grace E. Fahrenwald Roberts of McClary, Wash., and formerly of Gooding, graveside service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Charles 'Bob' Eggleston of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls; visitation from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Minton 'Mint' Vitale of Boise, celebration of life at 4 p.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Barbara Ann McKain of Twin Falls, funeral at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Richard S. High of Boise, burial service at 11:30 a.m. Friday at Sunset Memorial Park in Burley.

Jo Ann Meredith of Reno, Nev., and formerly of Buhl, funeral at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Church of Jesus Christ in the Desert of 3175 Golden Way in Sparks, Nev.

Leona Woodward of Alma, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at Grand Junction LDS 3rd and 6th Ward Church, 543 Melody Lane (29th Road and Orchard) in Grand Junction, Colo.; visitation from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the Church of Jesus Christ in the Desert of Burley.

DEATH NOTICES

Erik T. Sinnitt

CHUBBUCK — Erik Travis Sinnitt, 13, of Chubbuck, died Wednesday, July 30, 2008, at a youth group activity at the American Falls Reservoir. The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5, at the Tyhee LDS Ward Chapel in Chubbuck (Colonial Funeral Home in Pocatello-funeralhome.com).

Jose M. Rodriguez

RUPERT — Jose Merced Rodriguez, 24, of Rupert, died Saturday, Aug. 2, 2008. A funeral Mass will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6, at the St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 402 F St. in Rupert; a vigil will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5, at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.

Natsuyo Tominaga

HEYBURN — Natsuyo "Natchi" Yamada Tominaga, 82, of Heyburn, died Sunday, Aug. 3, 2008, at Pioneer Medical Center East Campus in Pocatello. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, at the Rupert United Methodist Church, 605 H St.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8, at Rasmussen Funeral Home,

Dorothy Burke

1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Christopher K. Crabbs

BEAVERTON, Ore. — Christopher Calvin Crabbs, 47, of Beaverton, Ore., died Thursday, June 5, 2008, at his home.

Barbara A. Barnes

LAVERNIA, Texas — Barbara Ann Barnes of Laveronia, Texas, and formerly of Twin Falls, died June 28, 2008, in San Antonio, Texas, of leukemia. A memorial and burial service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 10, at the Monastery of the Ascension, 541 E. 100 S. in Jerome.

Harry Beninghof

KIMBERLY — Harry Beninghof, 70, of Kimberly and formerly of St. Maries, died Saturday, Aug. 2, 2008, at the Mountain View Care Center in Kimberly. Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Mary Lou Plew

Mary Lou Plew, 75, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Aug. 3, 2008, at Visions of Home Hospice in Jerome.

Darrel Hasch

Darrel Hasch, 64, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Aug. 3, 2008, at home. Arrangements will be announced by Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

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Idaho-beekeeper looks to demystify honeybees

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Jack Knox has a lot of respect for honeybees. The 60-year-old guy has taught me an awful lot," Knox told the *Coeur d'Alene Press*. "They know a lot of stuff that we don't. If mankind was as organized as bees are, we wouldn't have nuclear wars. We wouldn't have wars."

Knox tries to spread his message to neighbors, and to local schools to teach children about bees, honey and backyard ecosystems.

Giving away free honey helps the cause.

"I've never sold a pound of honey in my life," he said. "I give it away to friends, family and various charities. It's a gift that you can't get anywhere else."

Because each hive has a three-mile territory, Knox keeps his other two hives on private land owned by a friend. The three hives contain about 120,000 bees, with each hive producing about 60 pounds of honey a year.

Knox often doesn't wear protective gear when he pulls honey-covered trays from the hive, a process that invariably leads to a few bees getting killed.

"I hate to kill any bees," he said. "I try not to think of them as pets, but it's hard. You can't avoid killing a few every time you check your hive. Some beekeepers think they're bees recognize them, but I wouldn't go that far."

Neighbors have also stopped by to thank him for his help the bees have given their gardens through pollination.

A neighbor who moved in last year took an interest in his bees, and now Lisa Houston keeps two hives of her own.

"I started watching Jack and asking him questions," Houston said. "He was excited to show how the hive functions and after a little while he helped me get certified. It's a great hobby, but an expensive one. I tend to spoil my bees with sugar syrup."

Knox's father kept bees at their ranch in central Montana. When Knox retired in 1995 he started keeping bees. One hive sits in the front yard of his Coeur d'Alene home that overlooks the Spokane River.

Judge: Lawyers must help Duncan select jury

BOISE (AP) — A federal judge has ruled that the standby counsel for Joseph Edward Duncan III must help select a jury if he asks them to do so for his death penalty sentencing hearing.

On Monday, U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge rejected the standby lawyers' argument that they shouldn't be forced to represent Duncan because it could put them in a position to render ineffective assistance.

Earlier this year, Duncan asked the court to allow him to represent himself. A three-month delay followed during which evaluations determined Duncan was mentally competent to do so.

Lodge granted Duncan's

request last week, making Duncan's defense team standby counsel to assist him with any legal questions.

Mark Larranaga, Thomas Monaghan and Judy Clarke — objected to the proposal that they help select a penalty jury.

Lodge has now rejected their argument, clearing the way for jury selection to resume on Wednesday.

Duncan, a convicted pedophile from Tacoma, Wash., pleaded guilty in December to 10 federal charges related to the kidnapping of Shasta Greene, then 8, and her brother Dylan, 3. The children were taken from their Coeur d'Alene home in May 2005 after Duncan fatally

bludgeoned the children's mother, Brenda Greene, their 13-year-old brother Shale, and the mother's fiance, Mark McKenzie. Three of those 10 charges carry a potential death penalty.

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

Duncan earlier pleaded guilty in state court to murdering McKenzie and Shale and Brenda Greene. Sentencing on those state counts is not at issue here.

Duncan has said he wants to serve as his own attorney because his defense lawyers

couldn't ethically represent his "ideologies."

But Duncan asked also Lodge whether the court could conduct the jury selection — also called "voir dire" — without the participation of either prosecutors or himself. If that wasn't possible, Duncan said, he would like his standby attorneys to handle his part of the jury selection process.

Lodge rejected Duncan's request that Lodge take part in selecting the jury writing, in his ruling that, "Having exercised his right to self-representation, Mr. Duncan is now in control of the presentation of his case and may choose to conduct his own voir dire or may request that his standby counsel do so."

Archaeologists scour N. Idaho tunnel for artifacts

KELOGG (AP) — In 1910, U.S. Forest Ranger Ed Pulaski led a 45-member crew to safety in an abandoned mine tunnel as one of the worst fires in northern Idaho history raged around them.

He beat out flames at the front of the tunnel and had to stop panicking and running outside to sure death as flames swept through the creek valley. All but six crew members survived.

New archaeologists are excavating the tunnel entrance as part of Pulaski Project. Organizers eventually want to build an observation deck at the end of the two-mile Pulaski Tunnel Trail, which begins about half a mile south of Wallace.

"I can't even imagine being in that situation," project

director Alicia Valentino said. "The trail is hard enough for me. I can't imagine running for my life without the trail."

The Big Blowup, as the fire was called, killed at least 85 people, destroyed entire towns and blackened about 4,700 square miles along the northern Montana-Idaho border. It prompted the U.S. Forest Service to begin fighting wildfires more aggressively for the rest of the 20th century.

The next year, Pulaski invented a device — the Pulaski tool, part ax and part hoe — that is still used in fighting forest fires today.

Steve Matz, a Forest Service archaeologist, said he hopes the dig will find more artifacts to support historical accounts.

"They are the things archaeologists can pull together to tell the story," Matz told the *Spokesman-Review*. "Even the smallest

scraps can be important."

Archaeologists have so far unearthed what appears to be pieces of a car or wheelbarrow just outside the tunnel entrance.

Crews have also been trying to locate the site of a cabin that once stood in the area. Experts from Northwest Archaeology Associates Inc. in Seattle, along with four high school students, excavated layers about 4 inches at a time.

Budget

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In recent weeks, City Manager Tom Courtney has said he couldn't recall as large an increase as the 21.6 percent since he joined the city 30 years ago. Even before the adjusted budget, he said it'd be a "status quo" budget of around a 5 percent increase without the large, capital projects.

But Courtney and staff have not yet been in and out-of-public-meetings the budget's projects have been discussed in the past and the funding comes mostly from reserves or grants. For example, water fund reserves — which are typically saved tax revenue — exceed \$5.8 million, according to the preliminary budget.

Projects from grant or reserve money include the widening of Washington Street North and several airport projects. And during the meeting, Mayor Lance Clawson said the College of Southern Idaho Safety Initiative — installing a traffic signal on Falls Avenue — was only possible if the city served as an agent for the grant money, which increased the budget by default.

Courtney, Evans and staff reports have also cited that while the city's property tax share increases residents will see an overall decrease due to the statewide homeowner's exemption.

After the meeting, Johnson contacted the *Times-News* to

say he just wants clearer financial numbers from the city.

"I'm saying, please don't bury the average person in minutiae the average person doesn't understand," he said. "I'm saying there's still things in our budgeting process that

aren't as clearly explained as they should be."

On Monday, the council agreed to hold a public hearing on the budget Aug. 18.

Jared S. Hopkins may be reached at 208-735-3204 or jhopkins@magicvalley.com.

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EDITORIAL

Why investigate referee in the middle of the game?

Some surface water users in south-central Idaho don't like some of the Department of Water Resources' decisions in their long-running dispute with groundwater pumpers. So they're going to court to challenge them.

Perfectly reasonable, but we think their additional request for a legislative committee to investigate IDWR Director Dave Tuthill and his staff for involving politics in their decision-making process is inappropriate.

Saying he speaks for a number of water users across the region, Randy MacMillan, vice president of research at Clear Springs Foods, has asked an interim committee of the legislature to begin a performance review of the IDWR. The request, MacMillan said, comes because of a "growing lack of trust" in the agency's handling of water-rights issues, and is not tied to a water call he's involved in that is about to move to court system.

"We think that politics has become too much of a part of their decision-making process," MacMillan told the Times-News last week, adding that he's perfectly willing to accept that he could be wrong.

Tuthill has a difficult job sorting out water rights claims, even with the recommendations of special hearing officer Gerald Schroeder, a former Idaho Supreme Court justice. The director has angered some people in the past two years, but accusing Tuthill and his department of playing politics simply overstates the case.

It's difficult to believe MacMillan would be complaining about how IDWR does its job if the surface users had gotten everything they wanted from Tuthill. It's even a bit unclear what MacMillan and other surface users want now. Sen. Chuck Coiner, R-Twin Falls, and other members of the interim committee want to ensure investigators aren't asked to review previous IDWR decisions or items that were hashed out in court.

MacMillan's request for legislative review smacks of intimidation, so here's our suggestion: Let the process run its course. If Tuthill and his staff get it wrong, MacMillan won't have to ask the legislature to investigate IDWR. Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter will have somebody else running the agency.

Our view: Let Idaho Department of Water Resources Director Dave Tuthill and his staff do their jobs.

What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Straight Talk Express derails

SEATTLE — Sen. John McCain used to provide a hearty tonic to cure those allergic to politicians, speaking his mind.

He was one Republican who'd see talking to Indian leaders. He used a New York Times op-ed piece to decry fellow Republicans for abandoning environmental preservation. He earned the nickname "Captain Climate" for holding Senate hearings on global warming with the White House in denial.

Of late, sadly, McCain is saying goodbye to all that.



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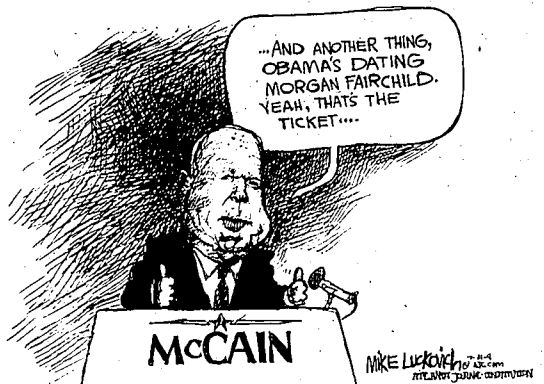
The once bullish optimist is starting to come across as a chirlish messager.

McCain's presidential campaign is evolving into non-stop attacks on Sen. Barack Obama, salted with distortion and innuendo. After years as a media darling, the candidate has taken to complaining about his opponent's press coverage.

What's happened? An infusion of political talent from the Bush operation; Karl Rove-trained operatives have hijacked the Straight Talk Express and are driving it into the mud.

In so doing, they are transforming a public servant who long stood tall into a politician who could hide in a field of stubble. The McCain campaign has begun airing new TV hits, dubbed "Celebs," that ridicules Obama's appearance before 200,000 people in Berlin, and likens the Democrats' nomination in waiting to celebrity-headed celebrities Britney Spears and Paris Hilton. The hit comes on top of a patently untrue charge — by McCain on "Larry King Live" — that Obama snubbed wounded soldiers in Germany by cancelling a visit to a military hospital.

A new law was released



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when McCain's campaign emailed a statement from retired Sgt. Maj. Craig Layton, who once worked as a commander at the hospital, saying if Sen. Obama isn't comfortable meeting wounded American troops without his entourage, perhaps he does not have the experience necessary to serve as commander in chief. "The sneer came despite the fact that Obama did visit a combat hospital in Baghdad, without entourage.

What happened to the McCain who pledged over and over again that he would not question opponents' patriotism? We are now hearing him bluster that Obama "would rather lose a war to win a political campaign," and that he "does not understand" the war in Iraq ... this from a guy who predicted in 2003 that U.S. troops would be greeted as liberators.

But why? McCain isn't trailing that far behind — Obama in head-to-head polls. The candidate's approval ratings run high every time the Radio commentators gush about his reformist record while air-brushing his gaffes.

McCain was supposed to be above all that, an adult who reached across the aisle in the Senate to champion bipartisan reforms. As well, he was brutally smeared by Rove's boys in the Republicans' 2000 South Carolina presidential primary, complete with questions about mental stability and a false fatherhood charge.

McCain is one Republican who never had cause to bash the media. He has basked in adoring press coverage ... and still does, for instance, if you listen to supposedly liberal National Public Radio commentators gush about his reformist record while air-brushing his gaffes.

John Weaver, McCain's

longtime — now exiled — political strategist, has raised alarm at this tiger's discomfit. Last week, Weaver described the celebrity TV spot as "childish," adding that the attack strategy "diminishes John McCain" and "reduces McCain on the stage." Over the past eight years, the Bush administration has deliberately exploited and deepened American divisions for political gain, while questioning the patriotism of those who questioned its policies.

The 2008 race was shaping up as a choice between the great of goods, the rare opportunity to race the blood of democracy; to motivate the country and get it cooperating again. Obama continues to take the high road, talking about fixing that needs to be done by the 43rd president. It's time to get the Straight Talk Express back on the high road. Or as John Weaver put it, "For McCain's sake, this tonfology needs to stop." And for the country's sake.

Joel Connelly is a columnist for the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Western states put at mercy of wolf extremists

Wyoming has it right! It's too bad that it's come to this but I hate to say this is exactly what many of us have been predicting would happen.

Now we are at the mercy of the pro-wolf extremists and liberal judges. Realize that the goal of the wolf extremists is to develop a wolf breeding corridor from Canada to New Mexico with a minimum viable population of 5,000 to 7,000 wolves. Their ultimate goal is to repopulate the entire West with wolves and, in the process, eliminate hunting opportunities and ruin livestock growers off of public lands. They will not stop until they achieve their objective.

I appreciate that sportsman, hunters, outdoorsman and ranchers in general are a good lot of people and play by the rules. We have all negotiated in good faith and have trusted the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to look out for our best interests. Well, in

Fish & Game owes us apology over wolves

Have you ever made a double dumb mistake and just hate to admit it? Well, the Idaho Fish and Game is in that position of wolf introduction disaster.

Balance of nature? They have just admitted it does not work in the need to harvest wolves. With this latest ruling by a Montana judge that will not allow wolf harvest, things could get mighty scary.

If nature were balanced, we would have the same rainfall every year, the same late frost in the spring and the first frost in the fall. The same hatch on pheasants, quail and chucker, the same number of big game born and the same water fowl migration every fall.

It takes human intelligence and proper action to feather out those yo-yo conditions. We have a wolf that is not native and is in ready supply in Canada and Alaska, no fear of extinction.

The result of this stupid move is millions spent on

introduction, more millions spent on unnecessary management and damage payments.

A large decline in hunter success that affects licenses sold and hunter enjoyment.

Money wasted that could have been used in improving habitat, fish planting, improving access roads, boat dock facilities and camp grounds.

If Fish and Game does its job surveying the need for harvest, it is a simple matter to allow more tags or less in areas that need controls. All free with bonus tag sales no wasted money on trying to control an uncontrollable animal.

Older hunters that in the past received free licenses for their support in all the years they have hunted and fished could again be given licenses to hunt and fish on their meager incomes.

Come on, Fish and Game, get up and admit your mistake. We would all be very proud of you and enjoy the benefits of your confession. MATT SMITH Twin Falls

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Legally armed citizenry is a safer citizenry

"The sky is falling," suggests columnist Joel Connelly, by proclaiming carrying concealed weapons without a permit are lawbreakers subject to arrest and conviction. Mr. Connelly should place more emphasis on criminal control rather than controlling God-given human rights of law-abiding citizens.

As a former boss myself, I didn't always agree with my managers on a position. Sometimes they didn't have all the facts. In this case, those opposed to the proposal do not and will not accept the fact that a legally armed citizenry is a safer citizenry. MIKE TYLKA Jerome

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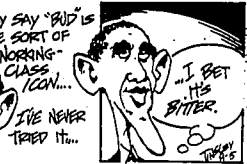
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THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS

GOP betting the ranch on 'values' voters

Social and religious conservatives are placing an increasingly large wager on a strategy they believe could overcome their constituents' lack of enthusiasm for Sen. John McCain, giving him a competitive edge over Sen. Barack Obama even in states as deeply blue as California. Essentially, the strategy is a reprise of one Karl Rove used to push George W. Bush to victory in 2004, when he helped place measures banning same-sex marriage on the ballot in 11 key states. The Republican incumbent carried them all as religious conservatives, particularly evangelical Protestants—flocked to the polls to support the initiatives. This time around, similar measures denying marriage to gay and lesbian couples will be on the ballot in California, Florida and Arizona.

The Family Research Council, which supports all three propositions, believes that McCain could win in California. "It's been a long time since California was in play for a Republican," said David Nammo, who directs the council's legislative efforts. In part, his optimism is based on a private survey in which 50 percent of all likely voters said they "would be more likely to support a presidential candidate" who



TIM RUTTEN

favors banning same-sex marriage.

McCain supports the proposed amendment to the California Constitution for banning same-sex marriage; Obama opposes it, as does Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. This time around, however, religious and social conservatives aren't banking on opposition to gay marriage alone. Across the country, nearly 100 statewide questions have qualified for the ballot in the November election. As many as 60 could be added. Many of these involve social questions about which ideological and religious conservatives have strong feelings.

Colorado—a pivotal swing state—has two. One would define the moment of conception as life's legal beginning; the other would require affirmative action in college admissions and government hiring. South Dakota will consider banning abortion except in cases of rape, incest or threats to the mother's health. California will

(once again) vote on parental notification in abortion cases. Arizona will weigh a proposal to deprive employers who hire illegal immigrants of their business licenses. Missouri will decide whether to make English its official language. Oregon will consider drastic restrictions on bilingual education.

Some conservative strategists believe that ostensibly liberal measures to legalize stem cell research in Michigan and to permit assisted suicide in Washington state ultimately will also work to the Republicans' advantage—signal by drawing to the polls social conservatives who wouldn't necessarily turn out just to support McCain.

To a large extent, Republicans are being encouraged to rely on this sort of state-by-state strategy because they see the election shaping up as less a contest between Obama and McCain and more as a kind of referendum on the presumptive Democratic nominee, his character and fitness for office. If they're right, Obama would face a larger-than-expected number of voters likely to take a skeptical view of his credentials.

Ballot propositions involving hot-button social issues not only are likely to turn out evangelical voters in large

numbers, they might force Obama to take specific positions on the issues as he campaigns across the country. If he's forced to declare himself on when he begins or on assisted suicide, he risks alienating either the left wing of his own party or the faith-formed voters his campaign has spent so much time courting.

Still, a couple of this election's unseasoned strongest trends are working in Obama's favor. One is the overwhelming support the Illinois senator enjoys among one of the electorate's most important emerging constituencies—Hispanics. According to a nationwide survey conducted last week by the nonpartisan Pew Hispanic Center, registered Hispanic voters favor Obama over McCain 66 percent to 23 percent. Like other registered voters, Hispanics are far more worried about economic issues than they are about immigration reform or the war in Iraq. Hispanics are a particularly strong voting group in California, Florida and Colorado, and also in New Mexico and Nevada, states regarded as "in play."

At the same time, surveys of all voters find that economic anxieties are strong among this election's other emergent (and pro-

Obama) constituency: voters younger than 30. Six in key states across the country, this election might come down to a contest between the economic voters' dissatisfaction and the

values voters' old-time political religion.

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A million new Latino voters could decide election

Since January, millions of citizens have registered to vote across the country, a surge that voting trend observers claim was triggered by the intense and history-making candidacies of Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama.

This is a fascinating time to be aware of politics, and alone participate in the elections. What has been truly encouraging is the one million new voters who registered by the first week of the year who identified themselves as Latino. These are not citizens who were prompted to register by a concerted, organized voter registration effort. Something compelled these folks to register to vote, and I'm not one to speculate about the reason.

We've noticed, though, that the prolonged Clinton-Obama race drew the attention of many people who would not have otherwise given the electoral process a second glance. It's difficult to ignore the historic significance of a black man running for his party's nomination against a woman.

One million Latinos have registered to vote without being lobbied by the numerous organizations that, every four years, turn to voter registration. These initial one million voters had nothing to do with the countless voter registration drives that meander from city to city, some of them intent on generating bottom-line numbers of registrations with no regard to the legitimacy of the registration.

One million new voters is a good platform from which to launch an ambitious, \$5 million non-partisan voter registration effort. The national voter registration project put together by nine Latino community and grass-roots organizations announced this morning that 2 million new Latino voters would be registered by Election Day, and they further announced that they expect five times that number of Latino voters to register on Election Day.



VICTOR LANDA

There's a problem, though, for the two presumptive presidential nominees who have spent so much time and effort visiting with Latino leaders and organizations in an effort to win their vote. The problem is that these are maverick voters who have no track record.

They're mavericks because they've registered to vote on their own and because no one knows how they'll vote. Barack Obama and John McCain don't know them, no one does. There's no voting record to follow, no history of what they'll do come November, and when they're grouped with the other million Latino voters who will be registered between now and Election Day, they become incredibly important.

Here's something else to drop in the mix: A report in the *Los Angeles Times* cites a government study that the number of Mexican immigrants who became citizens last year grew at a 50 percent faster rate than in previous years. These aren't workers and voters who were prompted to move toward citizenship because of a political season.

These people more than likely were motivated by the likes of Lou Dobbs and their rabid anti-immigrant ilk that have filled the airwaves with fear.

They've become the negativity by reacting to citizens, and you can be sure they'll be going to the polls in November.

There are far too many Latinos with no known voting record for any candidate to take for granted. But the latest Pew Hispanic Center poll says that Latino voters favor Obama over McCain by a three-to-one margin. There's no indication that the surge in registered voters, new citizens and weekly

polls will subside any time soon. And the news that we've gotten so far about interest in politics and voter participation bodes well for whatever is to come in November. While the projection is that 10 million Latinos will vote in

November, it wouldn't surprise me if the actual number were much greater than that.

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AROUND THE WORLD

WASHINGTON
Before Antarctica froze over it had tundra with mosses and insects, researchers find

Mosses once grew and insects crawled in what are now barren valleys in Antarctica, according to scientists who have recovered remains of life from that frozen continent. Fourteen million years ago the now lifeless valleys were tundra, similar to parts of Alaska, Canada and Siberia — cold but able to support life, researchers report.

Geoscientist Adam Lewis of North Dakota State University was studying the ice cover of the continent when he and co-workers came across the remains of moss on a valley floor. "We knew we shouldn't expect to see something like that," Lewis said in a telephone interview.

The moss was essentially freeze dried, he said. Unlike fossils, where minerals replace soft materials, the moss tissues were still there, he said.

TEXAS
Tropical Storm Edouard heads for Texas-La. coast, could near hurricane strength

GALVESTON — Residents along the Texas and Louisiana coasts prepared Monday for Tropical Storm Edouard, which was rolling through the warm waters of the Gulf and threatening to reach near-hurricane strength before making landfall.

In Louisiana, Gov. Bobby Jindal declared a statewide emergency, and two communities in the western part of the state, Vermilion Parish and Cameron Parish, asked thousands of residents to evacuate low-lying coastal

areas that are prone to flooding. The storm was expected to hit Tuesday morning anywhere from western Louisiana to Port O'Connor, Texas.

For vacationers, the timing of the storm couldn't be worse: The Texas coast bunks on tourism at this time of year, with much of the state basking in 100-degree weather. The storm also comes in the wake of Hurricane Dolly, which took aim at the resort community of South Padre Island on July 23.

"This is not the time of year for anyone along the Texas coast to be interrupted by these storms," said Dan Quandt, executive director of the South Padre Island Convention and Visitors Bureau. "A lot of people come just to get out of the heat."

Forecasters say Edouard is likely to hit west of Galveston, which is in the peak of its tourist season, when the city's population of about 60,000 doubles. While the storm-seasoned towns were watching the storm, no evacuations were ordered and local officials were merely urging caution.

CHINA
Brazen attack kills 16 police in China's far west days before Olympics

BEIJING — In an audacious and deadly attack just days ahead of the Beijing Olympics, two men from a mainly Muslim ethnic group rammed a truck and hurled explosives at jogging policemen in China's restive far west Monday, killing 16.

The attack in a city near the Afghanistan-Pakistan border brought an immediate response from China's Olympic organizers, who pronounced security precautions ready to ensure safety in Beijing and other Olympic venues when the games open Friday.

Yet the timing so close to opening day heightened the attack's shock value and bore

the hallmarks of local Muslim militants, said Li Wei, a counterterrorism expert affiliated with the government.

It also came as athletes, Olympic dignitaries and journalists poured into Beijing for an Olympics that some Chinese want to leverage to get the government to address festering grievances. Migrant workers cheated on pay for construction, homeowners angry about pollution and other disgruntled residents believe the government would help them rather than see the Olympics disrupted.

CUBA
Jury deliberations begin for bin Laden's ex-driver at Gitmo

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE — America's first war crimes trial since World War II went to the jury Monday as a panel of six U.S. military officers began deliberating whether to send Osama bin Laden's former driver away for life.

The jurors, who were hand-picked by the Pentagon, were reviewing evidence from a two-week trial at the Guantanamo Bay Navy base that has become the first full test of the Bush administration's system for prosecuting alleged terrorists.

They met behind closed doors for about 45 minutes before recessing until Tuesday morning.

Salim Hamdan, a Yemeni held here since May 2002, faces a maximum sentence of life in prison if convicted of conspiracy and supporting terrorism.

In closing arguments, prosecutors said Hamdan's service to the al-Qaida chief over five years in Afghanistan helped his boss execute terrorist plots including the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on New York and Washington.

— The Associated Press

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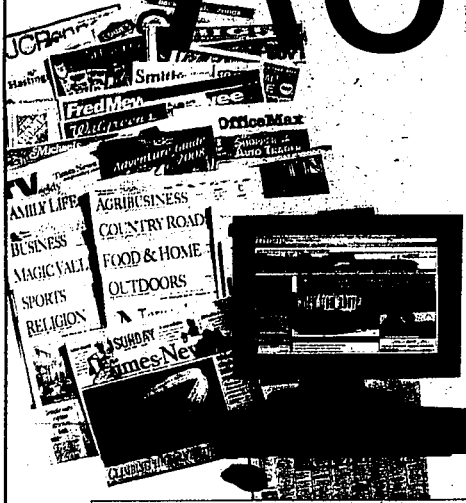


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Jackpot may be getting closer to joining IHSAA

Jaguars received permission to depart NIAA

By Bradley Guire Staff writer

Jackpot (New) High School wants to compete in Idaho's District IV, and Wednesday's meeting of the Idaho High School Athletic Association Board of Directors could move Jaguars athletics one step closer to that goal.

On the August meeting

agenda, the specific item regarding the Jackpot's proposed move to Class 1A Idaho high school athletics is "approve or deny the Membership Criteria for Out of State Schools."

According to Ty Jones, Jerome athletic director and IHSAA board member, Jackpot simply has to meet the same requirements of any other member school.

The most recent school from District IV admitted as a member school was 13thhouse Christian in 2006. Jackpot wanted to join as early as this fall, but Jones said the District IV board isn't

On the Web
READ: The IHSAA August meeting agenda at: <http://www.ihsoa.org/BoardMeetings/Agenda.pdf>. Also, Elko Daily Free Press sports editor Martin Harris' story at <http://www.elkodaily.com/articles/2008/02/13/sports/prep1> and his follow-up column at <http://www.elkodaily.com/articles/2008/02/14/sports/sports2.txt>.

making any rushed judgments.

"There's some strong interest, but it's wait and see," Jones said. "Nobody in the conference has said 'no way.' Chances are decent to get a good look."

If Jackpot is admitted, it will not join Idaho until the

2009-10 school year.

Jones said the Jaguars football program wants to compete in the Snake River Conference, which is a Class 1A Division I large-school conference.

Castleford, Hagerman, Hansen, Lighthouse Christian, Oakley, Raft River,

Shoshone, Sho-Ban and Challis are current conference members.

However, Jackpot's enrollment of less than 100 students would place it in the Class 1A D-II conference, currently comprised of Camas County, Carey, Dietrich, Murtaugh, North Gum, Rockland and Richfield.

As reported in the *Elko Daily Free Press* in February, Jackpot petitioned the Elko County School District Board of Trustees to move the football team and possibly the entire athletic program from the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association to

IHSAA and received permission.

Jackpot Athletic Director Kim Smith told the *Free Press* that competitive balance and player safety were primary concerns.

Smith could not be reached for immediate comment.

While a small number of Idaho schools compete inside other states' associations, no out-of-state school competes as a member of IHSAA.

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Favre flying under radar in Green Bay

By Chris Jenkins Associated Press writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. — There was no parade, no motorcade, and no photo opportunity hardly the way you'd expect Brett Favre to return to the Green Bay Packers after spending most of the past month as the league's longest-running daytime drama.

Favre did report to the Packers as expected Monday, none of the fans and media members staking out several entrances to Lambeau Field managed to catch a glimpse of him.

And while a team security official told a few hundred fans gathered near the entrance to the players' parking lot that Favre already was in the building shortly after he was expected to report at 1 p.m. EDT, Packers officials weren't immediately available to confirm that Favre was present.

The team announced Monday afternoon that Favre had been reinstated and returned to the Packers' active roster, as was expected. To make room for Favre, the team placed cornerback Condred Allen on injured reserve with a knee injury.

Coach Mike McCarthy had scheduled a news conference for 9:30 p.m. EDT to talk about his plans for Favre. But the news conference was called off because McCarthy was still meeting with Favre.

Meanwhile, NFL commissioner Roger Goodell ruled Monday that he found no violations of league policy in the Packers' tampering complaint against Minnesota Vikings. And Minnesota coach Brad Childress denied reports that the Vikings have talked to the Packers about a potential trade for Favre.

"We haven't had any contact" with the Packers, Childress said. Vikings coaches apparently did have contact with Favre in the offseason, but Goodell found that their conversations didn't violate league tampering rules. In a statement, Goodell said, "None of those conversations suggest that Favre was soliciting a job or that other teams were soliciting his services."

In a statement, the Packers said they consider the matter closed.

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Not a kid anymore



Kimberly cowboy Joshi Young, pictured atop Congar Kitten during last weekend's rodeo in Jerome, is currently ninth in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys' Association world standings for bareback riding.

Bengals get fall camp up and running

Zambrin era enters Year 2

By Mark Lipka Correspondent

POCATELLO — The weather was hot, there was little shade in sight and the realization that college football was here struck everyone like a blast of the summer sun.

Year 2 of the John Zambrin era at Idaho State kicked off with full-squad workouts on the fields right next to the Holt Arena Monday afternoon.

A team that made a one-game improvement last season to 3-8 and isn't expected to do much in the Big Sky Conference didn't act like it, at least not on the first day.

Players were enthusiastic despite only wearing helmets. Bodies were thrown around, talk was being passed back and forth and individuals were going all out.

They know Zambrin, along with his staff, is

watching. And that's exactly the way the head coach drills.

"I really like the competition that our depth in certain spots is going to create, on both lines, at defensive back and at running back," Zambrin said. "Competition is always a healthy thing," said Zambrin.

"We're always watching how guys approach the drills. The guys who are in shape, who looks like they worked on speed over the summer," Zambrin said. "The Bengals bring back most of their offense from last season, led by sophomore quarterback Russel Hill who threw for more than 2,300 yards, and receiver Eddie Thompson, who caught 83 passes for more than 800 yards."

Late last week LSU also got a boost by running back depth as former University of Idaho running back Jayson Bird was cleared for immediate transfer by the NCAA. In his time in Moscow he rushed for over 1,500 yards.

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Local cowboy aiming for big close to rodeo season

By Diane Philbin Staff writer

Joshi Young has come a long way from the high school freshman that was, in his own words, "so stinking small" to a 6-foot world-class bareback rider.

Now living in Kimberly, this 26-year-old professional rodeo cowboy sits ninth in the Aug. 4 world standings in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association. With that lofty position, Young is looking ahead to the National Finals Rodeo, the professional cowboy's premier championship, held this year from Dec. 6-13 in Las Vegas.

The NFR features the top 15 competitors in the final year-long money lists from seven events: saddle bronc riding, bull riding, bareback riding, calf roping, team roping, steer wrestling and barrel racing. Steer roping's world champion is decided before the NFR, as not all rodeos carry steer roping as an event.

The championship all comes down in money earned, with plenty to be made in Las Vegas. Just winning a go-round is worth \$17,000 — there are 10 go-rounds in total and the cowboy with the best average over 10 rounds collects an additional \$40,000. With all the money that can be pocketed from a successful week, Young has

more than an outside chance of winning the world title and the much-coveted gold buckle despite trailing standings leader Steven Dent, of Mullen, Neb., by a little less than \$30,000. And Young isn't interested in just helping to fill out the field.

"In the last six to 10 years, it took about \$55,000-\$60,000 to qualify for the NFR and I've made just over \$62,000," said Young. "I've had a good year but I don't just want to qualify, I'm going for the world title. I hope to get it done this year."

Young's father, Mickey, was an 11-time NFR qualifier in bareback, and it seemed only natural for his son to follow in his dad's footsteps.

"My dad is the greatest coach because he is just so positive and personable," said Young. "He was a real go-getter when he competed. He taught me everything I know. My parents have made me the person that I am."

The Jerome native competed in District V in every event except bull riding in high school, and qualified for the state finals rodeo in at least one event each year.

After graduating from Jerome, Young spent a year at Idaho State University before moving on to California for a short time to "get away from Idaho," he said.

He then returned to Twin Falls to rodeo for Shawn Davis at the College of Southern Idaho, where he qualified for a trip to the college national finals rodeo in both bareback and team roping.

Although he has found success in bareback riding this year, the event doesn't necessarily get the cowboy's nod as his favorite — that goes to team roping. Sometime in the future, he would like to qualify for the big show in both events.

"I've been focusing mainly on bareback this year but I still love to rope," said Young. "In fact I started roping before I rode, and I always had a rope in my hands."

Committing to ride in three or four rodeos in different cities on a single weekend can result in a hectic travel schedule. Around the Fourth of July holiday, Young was entered in 10 rodeos in six days.

"With the high gas prices, more guys are traveling together in vans and even borrowing horses," said Young, who once had to charter a plane to make an event.

Like most cowboys, Young has had his share of minor bumps and bruises, ranging from broken bones to a herniated disc and a ruptured spleen.

But like most cowboys, that hasn't deterred Young from getting back out there and giving the fans a thrill. As he prepared to ride Cougar Kitten at the Jerome County Fair and Rodeo on Saturday night, Young was confident about coming out in the top spot and was high on his hand.

"She has been a good horse but she is also young and might do anything — she may even freak out," said Young.

Young made the most of his opportunity delighting the local folks with an B-point ride, good enough to split the bareback riding title with Royce Ford of Briggsdale, Colo.

"It worked out," said Young. "She was a nice little horse."

Afterwards, father and son stood side-by-side re-hashing the ride, and how lost had developed into a top-class rider.

"He was born only three blocks from (the rodeo)," Mickey Young said with a smile. "Our styles are alike, but he does it better."

After a being able to relax at home for a few days and sleep in his own bed, Young is on the road again next weekend, traveling to rodeos in Lovington, N.M., Hermiston, Ore., and Missoula, Mont.

In two weeks, Young returns to Idaho to compete in the Gooding Pro Rodeo and the Caldwell Night Rodeo.

Indians deal Rays setback in race for AL East

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Cliff Lee tied the major league lead with his 15th win and the Cleveland Indians stayed unbeaten against the AL East-leading Tampa Bay Rays this season with a 5-2 victory on Monday night.

Lee (15-2) went seven innings, giving up two runs and eight hits. The left-hander (8-2) is in 13 road starts.

Tampa Bay's five-game winning streak ended. The Rays began the day three games ahead of Boston in the AL East.

David DeLuca hit his 100th career homer for the Indians, who improved to 20-36 on the road. Cleveland is 5-0 against the Rays this season, including a four-game sweep at home July 10-13.

ROYALS 4, RED SOX 3
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Gil Meche won his fourth straight start and Alex Gordon homered to help surging Kansas City hold off Boston.

Meche (10-9) struck out nine in six innings for Kansas City, which won its seventh win in eight games. The right-hander improved to 4-0 in five home starts against the Red Sox. Dustin Pedroia had a double and

two singles, extending his road hitting streak to 25 games — the most by a Boston player since Hall of Famer Tris Speaker 95 years ago.

BLUE JAYS 6, ATHLETICS 1
TORONTO — Roy Halladay pitched eight strong innings and Toronto handed Oakland its season-high seventh straight loss.

Oakland is a major league-worst 2-14 since the All-Star break, and 9-23 since June 28.

Halladay (13-0) had retired eight in a row and led 16 overall when Bobby Crosby ended his shutout bid with a homer to left in the eighth. It was Crosby's fifth of the year. Halladay gave up four hits, walked one and struck out eight.

RANGERS 9, YANKEES 5
ARLINGTON, Texas — Marlon Byrd hit a two-out grand slam in the eighth inning and the Texas Rangers, long after Jose Chamberlain fell to a shoulder injury, snapped a 10-game home losing streak to the Yankees.

NATIONAL LEAGUE STRONG STORM DELAYS CUBS-ASTROS GAME

CHICAGO — A powerful storm halted Monday night's game



Cleveland Indians shortstop Jhonny Peralta, left, misses the throw from catcher Kelly Shoppach as Tampa Bay Rays' Willy Aybar, right, steals second base during the second inning of a baseball game Monday in St. Petersburg, Fla.

between the Houston Astros and Chicago Cubs, but fans at Wrigley Field were advised to take cover on the concourse during the early stages of the delay.

After the rain subsided and the field was made playable by the

grounds crew, the game resumed after a 2-hour, 45-minute delay.

The game was stopped at 7:39 p.m., CDT, because of the rain with Houston leading 2-0 in the top of the sixth inning. The game was still in progress at press time.

The National Weather Service issued a tornado warning for downtown Chicago, and a siren went off in the neighborhood surrounding Wrigley Field at about 8:05.

There was an announcement over the ballpark's public address system, and a message on the large scoreboard in center field advising fans to leave the stadium. Most left the upper stands and went into the lower deck, though some stayed in their seats.

A couple of fans ran on the field and started body sliding on the turf. There were cheers and yells from the crowd as thunder and spectacular lightning cracked in the sky.

The siren ceased about 8:10, then resumed and stopped again.

After the warnings, rain came in a torrent across the field with high winds, reducing visibility to zero. The warning track and the area behind home plate were soaked within minutes.

REDS 6, BREWERS 3
CINCINNATI — Right-hander Bronson Arroyo lasted six innings on a muggy night and hit a bases-loaded double to leave the Brewers with a near-to-nothing lead in the NL wild card race.

— The Associated Press

Buckeyes hope this is the year for their national title

The Associated Press

Ohio State's James Laurinaitis peeked at a reporter's notebook while giving an interview and noticed a mistake.

You spelled my name wrong," Laurinaitis interrupted, finding a missing "n" in his last name.

Quite the perfectionist, that All-American linebacker.

The loaded Buckeyes are favored to win the Big Ten for a fourth straight year. But while conference crowns are nice, Ohio State wouldn't mind erasing the memories of lopsided losses in the last two BCS title games with a national championship.

The perfect ending to a season has been elusive for these Buckeyes.

"I've never gotten complacent," he said recently. "Let's face it, when you're in Columbus, you're the team down there. It's something where you are a part of

something special."

Other interesting story lines abound around the Big Ten.

Joe Paterno's 372 wins are one behind only Florida State's Bobby Bowden for most among major college football coaches. But the age-old question has emerged again at Penn State: Will this be the 81-year-old Paterno's last season on the sideline?

Michigan is in transition as new coach Rich Rodriguez installs his vaunted spread offense, will out a proven quarterback.

Illinois will try to prove it's not a one-year wonder, while Purdue coach Joe Tiller hopes his high-flying offense can make its way into the upper end of the standings in his final season.

Yet all that may take a backseat to another BCS title run by the Buckeyes. Their schedule starts return for coach Jim Tressel, including Laurinaitis and bullish 1,000-

yard rusher Chris "Beanie" Wells. Tressel also added super-recruit Terrelle Pryor, who could have an all-purpose role on offense while playing understudy to quarterback Todd Beckman.

Still for all their talent, the Buckeyes weren't good enough to beat LSU in the BCS title game last season, or Florida the year before.

That has renewed debate by some college football fanatics about the strength of a conference viewed by critics as slow and plodding against the speed of the SEC or elite programs such as Southern Cal.

The Big Ten went 3-5 last year in bowl games, including 0-2 in the BCS — the other loss being Illinois' 49-17 stinker to USC in the Rose Bowl.

Perhaps no team wants to change the mix of Big Ten naysayers more than the Buckeyes. They'll get their first chance on Sept. 13 at USC.



Ohio State linebacker James Laurinaitis (33) pressures Kent State quarterback Julian Edelman (1) during a college football game in Columbus, Ohio on Oct. 13, 2007.

Harr wins Clear Lake Championship

Staff reports

Jake Harr bid the final hole to win the Clear Lake Country Club Championship last weekend, beating the defending champion Chris Tarter by a single stroke.

Harr shot rounds of 75 and 70 for a 145 gross, and Tarter shot two rounds of 73 for a 146 finish. Linda Fennem won the Ladies' championship, carding 69 and 61 for 165.

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Tom Kuylen	67-65-132
David Frantz	70-73-143
Fred Kuylen	75-73-148
Frank Hunter	84-87-171

Camp

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Defense is where the majority of the questions are heading into the opener.

Even so, seven starters are back from last year. Linebacker Ryan Phipps and cornerback, and all-conference preseason pick, D.J. Clark head up that unit.

"Asked what he was most excited about on Day 1, Zamberlin smiled, then said: "Getting back on the

field, being around the guys. It's the excitement that comes with being out here."

Zamberlin is also doing something this season he hadn't done before with LSU.

In addition to being the head coach, he's now the linebacker coach.

"It's the funnest day I've had since I've been here," he said. "I don't just stand around watching practice making

comments, now I've more involved."

ISU puts on pads for the first time Friday, with its first intra-squad scrimmage set for Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m.

The Bengals open the season on the road against powerhouse Boise State on Aug. 30.

Their home opener is Thursday, Sept. 18, against the Fighting Sioux from the University of North Dakota.

Severe injury forces Seahawks lineman Gray into retirement

KIRKLAND, Wash. — Seahawks offensive lineman Chris Gray has retired on the eve of his 16th NFL season because of a lower back and spine injury that threatened his ability to walk.

Seattle's record holder for consecutive games played at 121 at guard and center from 1999 to 2006 made his announcement nine days after he felt his back pop while hitting a blocking sled in training camp.

The 38-year-old Gray said three team doctors told him Saturday that the risked paralysis if he continued playing. He said that made his decision clear but not easy.

He added he'd been crying for two days while telling people of his forced retirement.

SMITH RETURNS, APOLOGIZES
SPARTANBURG, S.C. — A subdued Steve Smith apologized to his Carolina Panthers' teammates, coaches and fans Monday, three days after he punched teammate Ken Lucas at practice, leaving the starting cornerback with a broken nose that will require surgery.

Smith, who was suspended without pay for the first two regular-season games, spoke to reporters for about four minutes after his first practice with the team since the incident. He did not answer questions.

"I'm not going to get into who's right, who's wrong. I'm completely wrong," Smith said.

"It was an asinine decision. And I'll move forward better than I probably have ever had to. It's the first time in my life that I really haven't forgiven myself."

DOLPHINS TAB MCCOWN NO. 1
DAVIE, Fla. — Josh McCown is listed as Miami Dolphins' No. 1 quarterback for now.

The Dolphins released their first depth chart for the season Monday per NFL policy, putting the seven-year veteran at the top.

Dolphins coach Tony Sparano was quick to point out that the depth chart is ever-changing, and that second-year man John Beck and rookie Chad Henne haven't been ruled out to start at quarterback for Miami's preseason opener against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Saturday night.

T.O. GETS ANOTHER BREAK
OXNARD, Calif. — Terrell Owens was still on the field, going to the edge of the huddle to listen to some of the plays being called by Tony Itono.

For the second consecutive practice, however, Owens didn't run routes or catch any passes Monday morning at training camp. It didn't even wear his No. 81 Dallas Cowboys jersey.

T.O. was given another break by coach Wade Phillips, a chance to refresh a bit as the Cowboys practiced for the 11th straight day since opening camp.

"It wasn't like I was looking for a day off... I'm just doing what the coaches are telling me to do," Owens said after the morning session.

BRADSHAW TO DO MORE JAIL TIME AFTER SEASON
ALBANY, N.Y. — New York Giants halfback Ahmad Bradshaw said Monday he will serve another 30 days in jail after the season for vio-

lating terms of a probation he received as a 15-year-old. Bradshaw, who led the Super Bowl champions in rushing as a rookie during the playoffs, served the first of two 30-day sentences in June and July at the Abingdon (Va.) Regional Jail.

FLORIDA CHARGES AGAINST LIONS' PEARSON DROPPED
TAMPA, Fla. — Domestic violence charges against Detroit Lions safety Kalvin Pearson have been dropped. The Hillsborough County state attorney's office said Monday.

Pearson, who played for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers from 2005-07, was arrested April 26 and charged with aggravated battery on a pregnant woman and domestic battery by strangulation, both felonies.

FLA.GDST TO MISS GAME
ARIZONA — Arizona Cardinals receiver Anquan Boldin will miss Thursday's preseason opener against the New Orleans Saints with a right hamstring injury.

The two-time Pro Bowl selection remains day-to-day for practice, Arizona coach Ken Whisenand said Monday.

ANDREWS BATTLES DEPRESSION
PHILADELPHIA — Eagles guard Shawn Andrews said he is battling depression and might end his training camp holdout this week.

Andrews told the Philadelphia Daily News in an exclusive interview Monday that he has decided to get professional help and is on medication.

— The Associated Press

Dewberry makes five suspensions for No. 1 Georgia

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — High expectations for Georgia were overshadowed by off-field troubles as the Bulldogs held their first practice Monday.

Coach Mark Richt fielded questions from reporters for about 45 minutes, most of them about players being arrested, dismissed or suspended since Georgia finished last season with a dominant victory over Hawaii in the Sugar Bowl.

"The reputation of this team has been damaged, no question," Richt said. "I don't think it's beyond repair and I don't think the reputation has been ruined, but certainly it has taken some hits."

On Monday, Richt announced backup linebacker Darfus Dewberry was suspended for the first two games of the season, making him the sixth player to be suspended or dismissed in the offseason.

On Saturday night, Richt announced the indefinite suspensions of two players — snapper Jeff Henson, following his second alcohol-related arrest, and safety Donovan Baldwin, who needed stitches after he was injured in a fight in Athens early Saturday.

The 236-pound Dewberry went to St. Mary's Hospital to check on Baldwin and another teammate, linebacker Marcus Davidson, after both suffered cuts when hit with beer bottles at a fight in an Athens bar.

Dewberry broke a barrier on a control arm at the parking lot — with his hands; not his car — and also broke four plant pots.

Richt said Dewberry "was very distraught about a teammate getting hurt badly." Dewberry has agreed to pay for the damages and the hospital is not pressing charges.

Richt said Dewberry must perform 20 hours of community service, undergo counseling and work a part-time job — including on the Saturdays while he finishes the first two games — to pay for damages.

Dewberry said he apologized to an official at the hospital on Monday. He participated in Monday's practice and then issued a public apology.

"I would like to let everybody know that I apologize for my actions," Dewberry said. "I apologize to St. Mary's and I apologize to my teammates and to Bulldog fans. ... I made a bad decision. My teammates were hurt and I just reacted."

Even with all the misdeeds and discipline handed out by Richt, Georgia is headed into one of the program's most anticipated seasons.

The Bulldogs have 11 returning starters from an 11-2 team which finished No. 2 in the final AP poll, has

already been picked as preseason No. 1 in the USA Today/Coaches' poll, and will no doubt be among the top teams in the AP poll when it's released on Aug. 16.

Richt acknowledged that "all too often, actually" he's been left with "a sickening feeling" after learning of another arrest, fight or other incident.

"You feel sad and sick that one of the guys you're an authority figure over and you care about got himself in trouble," he said. "You also hate the fact those guys do represent this program and this program represents this university and this university represents this state. It represents anybody who claims to be a Bulldog. I feel sick about that."

Richt said former Georgia defensive end and All-American, dismissed from the team last month following an arrest for misdemeanor battery

and felony aggravated battery also was charged with underage drinking at the hospital this weekend.

Baldwin was arrested and charged with driving under the influence in January and already had been suspended for one game.

Henson, Georgia's snapper on punts the last two seasons, missed last season's Sugar Bowl following a DUI arrest.

"It's certainly been a distraction," Richt said. "I mean there's no way you can say it hasn't been a distraction, because it has been." Richt said he talked to his players about the problems on Sunday. "I've already read them the riot act," Richt said before adding he doesn't want to kick players out of the team just to get rid of the names of Georgia players included on the Athens-Clarke County police blotter.

AUTO RACING

Table with columns for driver names, teams, and race results. Includes NASCAR Sprint Cup and other series.

SCOREBOARD

Table showing scores for various sports including football, basketball, and baseball.

GAME PLAN

Table detailing game plans for basketball and tennis matches.

TV BASKETBALL

Table listing TV basketball games, networks, and times.

TRANSACCIONS

Table listing various transactions, transfers, and personnel changes.

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Baseball remembers broadcaster Skip Caray after his death Sunday

ATLANTA — Skip Caray, a voice of the Atlanta Braves for 33 years and part of a family line of baseball broadcasters that included Hall of Famer Harry Caray, died in his sleep on Sunday night. He was 68.

The cause of death was not immediately known, but various health problems had limited Caray to calling only Braves home games since this season.

"We all lost a very good friend," Braves manager Bobby Cox said. "For me, he was a good buddy — at the park and away from the park. We always had a lot of great laughs. He will be very sorely missed."

Caray was drawn into broadcasting by his father, Harry, the longtime voice of the Braves on Sunday. He was a member of the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

changes of attempted accessory to robbery and attempted burglary.

He filed one of five men who accompanied Simpson during a confrontation in September with two sports memorabilia dealers at a casino hotel room.

He's now the fourth to take a plea deal, leaving four members of the 2006 Kentucky robbery, facing trial with Simpson beginning Sept. 8.

Yonto dies at 83

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Longtime Notre Dame assistant football coach Lou Yonto, who worked under Ara Parseghian, Dan Devine and Lou Holtz, died Monday. He was 83.

Sports Shorts

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The Pretrackers. Prado has more than 6,000 wild and curries of more than \$200 million.

He joins the latest class of Hall inductees along with trainer Carl Nafziger, Jockey Ismael Valenzuela and horses inside Information, Manila and Ancient Ties also are new members of the hall.

MAGIC VALLEY

Times-News requests information

TWIN FALLS — The Times-News requests that high-school athletic directors submit information regarding new coaches for fall varsity sports teams to the sports desk as soon as possible, in order to facilitate coverage for the upcoming fall season.

Information can be faxed to 734-5538, called in to 735-3239, or e-mailed to Times-News sports writer Bradley Gue at bguere@magvalley.com.

Public meeting at 7 p.m., tonight at Turley Junior High School

Topics include the season, the election of officers and reports from all board members.

For more information, call Mike Alcocer at 313-22390.

Minico holds football meeting

RUPERT — Minico High School will hold a football meeting for players and parents at 6:30 p.m. tonight at the school.

The first day of practice is Monday, Aug. 11. All students in grades 9 and 11 will need a physical on record prior to the first practice. Players in grades 10 and 12 who did not participate in athletics last year will also need physicals.

Rapids hold registration night

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Rapids Soccer Club will hold a registration and uniform night from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday at Accot's Fields.

FOOTBALL

O.J. co-defendant pleads guilty

HORSE RACING

Nafziger, Prado enter Racing Hall

FOOTBALL

BABA holds public meeting

FOOTBALL

BURLEY — The Burley Amateur Baseball Association is holding its annual end-of-season public meeting.

FOOTBALL

ATP Countdown Classic

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly sunny with hazy skies from regional forest fire. Highs 90 to 95.
Tonight: Clear skies, but remaining hazy. Warm overnight temperatures from 60 to 65.
Tomorrow: Another hot day with scattered clouds and a smoky haze. Highs 93 to 97.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

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IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS. Partly to mostly sunny skies today and Wednesday, but there will be a smoky haze drifting through from regional forest fires. Temperature will remain warm. Isolated storms are possible Wednesday.

Today: Highs 74 to 86; Troughs: Lows 58 to 67.
Wednesday: Highs will be in the 70s; Lows will be in the 50s. Hazy sunshine today and Wednesday. The haze will be caused by smoke from regional forest fires. It will remain hot and dry.

NORTHERN UTAH Today: Highs/Lows 85 to 87 to 87 to 87.
Northern Utah will see a slight chance of thunderstorms today. These chances will increase on Wednesday.



REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
You live to be a hundred. I want to live to be a red fire on the 1st day, so I never have to change a day without you.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 2 columns: City, High/Low. Lists weather for various cities like Burley, Rupert, etc.

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Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Includes sunrise and sunset times.

MOON PHASES

Table showing moon phases for August: Waxing Crescent, First Quarter, Waxing Gibbous, Full Moon, Waning Gibbous, Last Quarter, Waning Crescent.

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table with 2 columns: Moonrise, Moonset. Lists times for today and tomorrow.

U.V. INDEX

Table with 2 columns: U.V. Index, Description. Shows index of 4 (Moderate) and 5 (High).

REGIONAL FORECAST

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NATIONAL FORECAST

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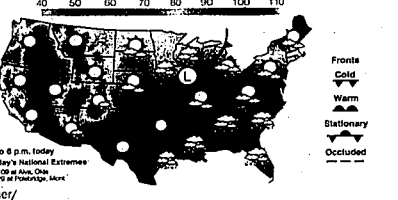
WORLD FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists weather for various international cities.

CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists weather for various Canadian cities.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



More Magic Valley weather at www.magicvalley.com/weather/

Fond memories linger for Europeans at Oakland Hills

BLOOMFIELD TOWN-SHIP: MICH. (AP) — To walk up the stairs to the locker room at Oakland Hills is a swift journey through history, the kind that most Americans would like to forget.

Go up the first flight and there on the wall is a color-framed photograph of Colin Montgomerie, posing after another flawless swing. More large photos are at every turn, from Sergio Garcia starting down another flag to Luke Donald thrusting both arms in the air to Bernhard Langer posing with a gold cup. The final photo shows a champagne-soaked celebration at Oakland Hills.

The last major competition here was the 2004 Ryder Cup, and it wasn't much more than a singles match — Europe 18½, United States 9½.

"I got here this morning to play and there wasn't a soul out here," David Tomms said Monday. "It was a lot different from the last time I walked off this golf course."

For eight Europeans from that winning team, there are no other memories. They are nothing but happy memories. And that might be one reason odds are better than ever of a European winning the PGA Championship for the first time in 60 years. Its longest drought in any major.

"It was one of the most memorable weeks I've ever had, certainly on that golf course," said Ian Poulter, who won his singles match against Chris Riley in 2004. "And it will be nice to go back to a golf course that I know, that I've played well on, and refresh my memory."

Poulter also can take good memories from the last major, where he challenged Padraig Harrington at Royal Birkdale with a birdie on No. 16 and a 15-foot par on the final hole that turned out to be good enough for the silver medal.



Padraig Harrington practices before his greens during a practice round for the 90th PGA Championship at Oakland Hills in Bloomfield Township, Mich., on Monday.

Europe's record-setting victory in 2004 did not qualify for the PGA Championship — Paul McGinley, Thomas Levet and David Howell, whose 6-iron to 18 feet on the 17th hole was among the signature shots that week.

Even so, their collective spirits have never been this high. Harrington has led the way, ending Europe's eight-year drought in the majors by winning at Carnoustie, then becoming the first European in 52 years to win the British Open in consecutive years.

Lee Westwood came within a 15-foot of forcing a playoff at the U.S. Open and last week at a World Golf Championship event. Garcia, who has never been to be the best player without a major, won the next best thing to a major when he captured The Players Championship in May.

Robert Karlsson of Sweden is the only player who has finished in the top 10 at all three majors this year. Tomms was among the few Americans to use alternate stairs to reach the locker room, for Oakland Hills has far more history than an exhibition between continents. This is where Tomms won the U.S. Open in 1951 and gave the course its nickname, finishing at 7-over 207 and saying he was glad he brought "this monster" to his knees.

Words is missing his second straight major after season-ending surgery to rebuild his left knee, although PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem said the world's No. 1 player is starting to regain his touch.

Despite that 1-2-3 finish by Americans in the '96 U.S. Open, the most recent memories of Oakland Hills aren't all that great. Phil Mickelew played two matches with Woods, hitting a 3-wood into an unplayable lie on the final of a four-somes match, getting benched by U.S. captain Hal Sutton and hitting into the water on the 16th to lose his singles match to Sergio Garcia.

Chris DiMarco was the crowd favorite with a winning record that week, but that seems so long ago. DiMarco tied for 12th last week at Firestone, his best finish in a year, moving him up to 104 on the list.

But there is one big difference, namely the golf course. Rees Jones, the latest architect to get his hands on this Donald Ross original, stretched it an extra 318 yards, meaning the "Monster" now measures 7,395 yards, the longest ever for a par 71.

"I haven't seen it since I played it in '04," said Paul Casey, who was 1-1 at that Ryder Cup. "It's just an incredibly tough golf course. From a strategic standpoint, it requires all the shots. You've got to move the ball left to right, right to left. You need to hit it long, you need to hit it straight, you need to putt up these areas and some of the most difficult greens I've ever seen. So it takes absolutely everything."

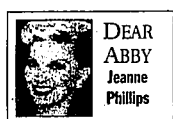
Tomms was among the few Americans to play 18 holes on Monday. Most players were playing the recognized additional length, not by the card but by the number of times he was taking the cover off his hybrids and fairway metals. He was asked his most vivid memory of 2004, which was worth noting for the PGA Championship. "I was in our first match, and the first question Mark Rolfing of NBC Sports asked me was, 'How can you explain not making any birdies?'" Tomms said. "I told him it was a tough course."

Cheating is rampant in and out of the classroom

DEAR READERS: When I printed the letter about cheating in school from "Valedictorian Contender" on May 27, my staff and I were deluged with mail. If you're interested in what folks had to say, here is a sample:

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I recently retired from teaching at a highly rated, competitive Midwestern public school. Cheating was rampant, from copying homework to text-messaging during tests in the classroom.

When confronted, the cheaters were surprised and usually asserted that "every-one else does it." And they were right. Cheating occurs in the classroom, in sports, in extracurricular activities and in the hallways, and has become more acceptable among students than ever before. Teachers are practically powerless to control it.



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: In recent years it seems cheating is encouraged by parents. I have seen it when teaching Sunday school to seventh-graders. The father of one of the Scouts in our local Scout troop, even called cheating "just a form of competitive advantage."

For a long time I have carried a quote in my wallet that is my favorite saying: "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." The person who said it was

the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. — TONY S., NEW MILFORD, CONN.

DEAR ABBY: After teaching in public and private schools for 44 years, I believe that most students are honest the majority of the time. However, I would advise "Valedictorian" to pay attention. Many of the names of her classmates who cheat every chance they get. Do not forget who they are. She will be meeting them all the rest of her life.

If they go into business, shop elsewhere. If they become bankers, put your money elsewhere. If they go into the service industries, get your car or your teeth repaired somewhere else.

Above all, do not let your siblings marry one of them — marriage is the biggest "test" of all. — E.B., LINDEN, ALA.

DEAR ABBY: Your reply to "Valedictorian" was, as usual, on target. The notion of (personal) responsibility is another term that should be taught in school. — WAY TO GO IN MONTANA

DEAR WAY TO GO: Thank you for the kind words, but I beg to differ. Responsibility for one's actions should be taught in the home, by example, by the parents. Readers, more on this tomorrow.

Favre

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that we had, the Packers thought it was appropriate to bring this matter to the league's attention," the team said. "We respect the commissioner's investigation of this matter and we now consider it closed."

Vikings officials said they respected the "thoroughness" of the investigation. "We provided the league with all information requested so they could be comprehensive in their decision making," the Vikings said in a statement. "Our focus has been and will continue to be on our football team and having a successful season."

After being reinstated and added to the Packers' active roster, Favre was to take a physical examination. Former White House press secretary

The Packers reluctantly embraced Favre's farewell tour to the football field Sunday, after failing to come to a financial agreement that would manage to make Favre happy while staying retired. And while it's not yet clear what role Favre will play for the Packers, current quarterback Aaron Rodgers says he's ready for a potential competition with Favre after serving as a backup for three seasons.

"I know if they do open it up to competition, not a lot of people give me a chance, but I believe in myself and I'm going to be the best I can be and let coach decide from there," Rodgers said Sunday. As the Favre saga continues to take unexpected twists and turns, the Packers apparently are turning to an expert in crisis management: Former White House press secretary

Arli Fleischer. Fleischer gave a lecture to Packers players last week about media relations — an event that was scheduled before Favre got the so-called "itch" to play again — but the team apparently thought highly enough of Fleischer's advice that they decided to keep him around.

"Can't you tell?" McCarthy quipped Sunday night, after he was asked about a Fox Sports.com report that the Packers were employing Fleischer for one month. "I don't know the specifics," McCarthy said. "If he is, I might go to see him when I'm done here." Since leaving the White House, Fleischer has gone on to become president of Arli Fleischer Sports Communications, a joint venture with IMG.

Stocks fluctuate after oil falls sharply

(AP) Stocks fluctuated in the final hour of trading Monday after a big drop in oil prices offset some investors' concerns about a government report on inflation.

Dow Jones Industrials	42.17 11,284.15	Nasdaq composite	25.40 2,285.56	Standard & Poor's 500	-11.30 1,249.01	Russell 2000	-12.02 704.14
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FUEL REPORT

Fuel prices in south-central Idaho continued their decline, reflecting the price-driven drop in U.S. fuel demand. The average price for a gallon of regular-grade gas in the region fell more than 5 cents last week to \$4.09. The Burley area reported the highest average price at \$4.12, while Twin Falls and Jerome both reported an average of \$4.06 per gallon. The average price for a gallon of diesel fuel in the region remained unchanged at \$4.75 a gallon. The national average for a gallon of regular gas was \$3.881 on Monday evening. Gas prices fell 5.6 percent since hitting an all-time high above \$4 a gallon on July 17. However, prices have not followed oil's steep descent — suggesting that filling stations are still saddled with gas bought when crude prices were higher.

- Gas prices**
- Twin Falls: Mavrik, 120 Sixth Ave. W.: \$4.06
 - Jerome: Flying J, 5350 U.S. Highway 93: \$4.06
 - Burley: Smith's Fuel, 837 E. Main St.: \$4.12

- Diesel prices**
- Twin Falls: Fil Mart Phillips 66, 1612 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.: \$4.70
 - Jerome: Flying J, 5350 U.S. Highway 93: \$4.64
 - Heyburn: Loves Country Store, 260 Centennial Drive: \$4.64
- *Price quotes by Mapquest.com as of Monday afternoon. Subject to change at anytime.

COMMODITY PRICES

Dairy

Block	Close	Change
Average price	\$1.961	-.087
Barrel		
Average price	\$1.841	-.098
Butter		
Average Price	\$1.547	+.011
Whey protein concentrate		
Average price	\$6.30	-.07
Class III milk		
Average price	\$20.25	—
Class IV milk		
Average price	\$15.92	—

Feed

Corn (Per 100 pounds)

Dunn Supply	\$11.00	—
Land O'Lakes	\$11.00	—
Rangen	\$10.50	—

Barley (Per 100 pounds)

Rangen	\$9.20	—
Ogden	\$10.53	—
Pocatello	\$8.00	—
Burley	\$9.50	—

Hay (Mid/Ton)

Alfalfa(Supreme)	Low N/A	High N/A
Alfalfa(Good)	Low \$205	High \$205
Alfalfa(Fair)	Low \$150	High \$200

Small grain

Soft white wheat

Rangen	Ask	N/A
Wendell Elevator Co.	\$6.45	—
Ogden	\$6.87	—
Pocatello	\$6.58	—
Burley	\$6.43	—

Dry beans (per 100)

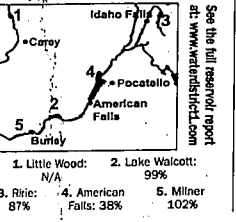
Rangen	—	—
Pinto	\$34.00	—
Small Red	\$40.00	—
Pink	\$33.00	—
Soranco	—	—
Pinto	\$34.00	—
Small Red	\$40.00	—

ADM(Not releasing prices)

Price quotes as of Monday afternoon. Prices subject to change at any time. To be included in this table, call Joshua Palmer at 208-735-3231.

More commodities on C2

RESERVOIR LEVELS



Glanbia to help employees offset fuel costs

Company giving fuel allowance for commuters, carpool voucher available

By Joshua Palmer
Staff writer

Glanbia Foods announced Monday that it will help its employees offset rising fuel expenses by providing a fuel allowance for hourly employees who commute over 20 miles, as well as a carpool voucher for all

employees who sign-up to participate in a carpool program. "Glanbia decided to put these two helpful programs into place as a means to ease the impact high fuel prices are having on our employees and to help them save money while being more environmentally friendly," said Shawn Athy, vice president of human

resources and organizational development at Glanbia. "Over several weeks, we educated our employees on the economic as well as environmental benefits they would enjoy for participating in one or both of these programs." Glanbia's Fuel Allowance Program provides a daily allowance for hourly employees based on how far the employee commutes each day to work from their city of residence. Hourly employees commuting at least 20

"The fuel reimbursement is a big help as is carpooling which saves wear and tear on my car."
— Connie McDonnell who lives in Jerome and works at Glanbia's Richfield facility, a 74-mile round trip

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"Our guys feel that a contract's a contract. CRP should be for environmentally sensitive land, not just a supply and demand mechanism."
— Travis Jones, executive director of the Idaho Grain Producers Association

No early out for CRP



A farmer collects hay in a field south of Twin Falls Monday afternoon. The U.S. Department of Agriculture said it will not release land from CRP without penalties.

USDA not releasing land from conservation program

By Cindy Snyder
Correspondent

Falling grain prices and an improving outlook for the 2008 corn crop have prompted a federal agency to keep a popular conservation program in place. Livestock and grain processor had asked the U.S. Department of Agriculture to allow land to be released penalty-free from the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). They wanted more land in production to boost commodity supplies and reduce price pressures. But the USDA said falling crop prices show the move isn't necessary. While commodity prices remain above historic levels, prices are moderating. Cash prices are down 25 percent for corn and 14 percent for soybeans from record highs set last month. Wheat prices have fallen more than a third from peaks set earlier this year. Drier and warmer weather in the Corn Belt is also improving the outlook for the 2008 corn crop. Private forecasts are now predicting corn yields could top 150 bushels per acre and may go as high as 155 to 156 bushels per acre. The futures market found some support in the USDA's announcement in July that it would not release acres from CRP without penalty. December corn futures closed up 7-

3/4 cents per bushel following the announcement to \$6.21-1/4 per bushel. But one month later, December corn futures had fallen to \$5.55-1/2 per bushel. December wheat futures in Chicago closed at \$7.08-3/4 Monday, the first time since June that the contract closed below \$8 per bushel. In a teleconference to announce the decision, Schafer said USDA projections for 2009 indicate that more acreage of corn will be coming back into production and going away from soybeans. Only a little more than a fourth of the expiring CRP acres this year will be in the top five corn producing states. "If market conditions are allowed to operate properly and there are no unusual conditions, that acreage between soybeans and corn is going to be re-adjusted to a more traditional acreage," Schafer said. Grain growers in Idaho support the USDA's decision. Travis Jones, executive director of the Idaho Grain Producers Association, said members of the state's largest grain organization approved a resolution in November that supported keeping the penalty for exiting a CRP contract early. "Our guys feel that a contract's a contract," Jones said. "CRP should be for environmentally sensitive land, not just a supply and

Conservation Reserve Program by the numbers

- 780,308 acres CRP land in Idaho
- 24,827 acres set to expire on Sept. 20, 2008
- 34.7 million acres enrolled in CRP nationwide
- 1.1 million acres to expire nationwide on Sept. 30, 2008
- 3.8 million acres to expire on Sept. 30, 2009
- 4.4 million acres to expire on Sept. 30, 2010

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Agriculture

demand mechanism." Nationwide, 288,726 acres have been taken out of CRP in the last 18 months and a penalty paid. Secretary of Agriculture Ed Schafer

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AGRIBUSINESS BRIEFS

MAGIC VALLEY
WWW Cattle Company joins American Angus Association
FILER — WWW Cattle Company, of Filer, announced Monday that it has joined the American Angus Association. The American Angus Association, with more than 36,000 active adult and junior members, is the largest beef cattle registry Association in the world. Its records include detailed information on nearly 16 million registered Angus, said Bryce Schumann, chief executive officer of the national breed registry. The Association records ancestral information and keeps production records on individual animals for its members. The records help members select the best animals in their herds to produce high quality, efficient breeding cattle which are then recorded with the American Angus Association.

IDAHO
Jeff Burwell appointed state conservationist

BOISE — Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has chosen Jeff Burwell to serve as the state conservationist in Idaho, providing overall leadership for agencies operations statewide. Burwell began his duties June 23. Burwell comes to Idaho from Colorado where for the last seven years he worked for NRCS as the state resource conservationist. He graduated from Colorado State University with a degree in range and forest management. Shortly after graduation, he joined NRCS as a range conservationist working in Greeley, Colorado. After that, he was promoted to State Conservationist. He also worked in four different locations throughout Colorado. He also served as the NRCS Liaison to the Society for Range Management, where he developed the Rangeland Management Professional Certification Program.

— staff and wire reports

States help graying farmers find successors

By Steve Sobotka
Associated Press writer

RICHMOND, Va. — Mike Cullipher used to juggle his farm check and a full-time job working 275 acres on nights and weekends. Now he's trying to make a go of it as a full-time farmer, and he's wondering about his father's plans

for the property. But when he asks 73-year-old Louis Cullipher, who is still active on the Virginia Beach farm, how he will divide the business among his three children. "He just puts his hands up and says 'we'll talk another day,'" the younger Cullipher says. "It's not a pleasant thing for any-

On the Web:
Virginia Farm Link: <http://www.vafarmlink.org>

one to talk about, when you sit down and face your own mortality," Mike Cullipher said.

Farm transition — the shift to

the next generation of farmers and ranchers — has become a huge issue with the graying of the American farmer, whose average age is in the mid-50s. Many farmers, like Louis Cullipher, love what they do and don't want to give it up. Some can't

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

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Farmers

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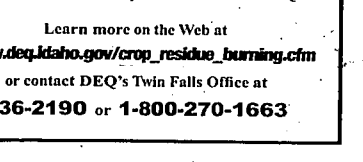
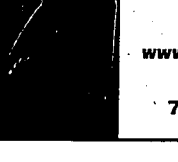
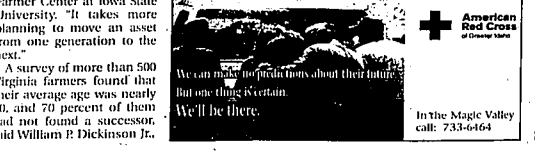
Pulaski County. "Emotion — that's what's complicated." Still, he plans to talk to his three children, ages 7, 9 and 13, about the seventh generation of Guthries in farming...

Costs

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News for Idaho Growers: Crop Residue Burning Program Launched

Effective September 2, farmers may conduct field burning when approved by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. Training, permit, and fee required. Register at least 30 days in advance with DEQ.



Blueberry boom

Blueberry growers await upshot of acreage increase

By Shannon Dlinny
Associated Press writer

BURBANK, Wash. — Ten years ago, Jim Lott had never even tasted a blueberry, let alone thought about planting the fruit at his southeast Washington farm.

Then came reports about the fruit's health benefits, an onslaught of consumer demand and blueberry-laden products, and research showing that soil additives such as sawdust could help give the bushes the acidic soil they crave.

Today, Lott has 125 acres of juicy blueberries to harvest. He isn't alone. Blueberry acreage has exploded worldwide — from British Columbia to South America and the United States, to China — leaving some to wonder how much growth the market can bear.

Maine is the nation's leader in the production of wild, or low-bush, blueberries, which are smaller than cultivated berries and deeper in color. Most of the nation's blueberries are grown on the state's fields and barrens, yielding an annual crop valued at more than \$75 million.



Jose Contreras, center, the foreman at Jim Lott's blueberry farm in Burbank, Wash., examines the crop being picked by his wife, Maria Contreras, right, and other workers. Blueberry acreage worldwide has doubled in the past decade, raising concerns among some growers about an oversupply driving down prices.

Prices for fresh blueberries have begun to level off after several record years, and processors are waiting longer before committing to buy from growers. Fruit marketers, too, are trying new tactics, including promoting blueberries in China and Canada — not to increase U.S. exports, but to keep those countries' blueberries inside their own borders.

But more growth is on the horizon, raising worries of a market crash. "The whole industry has been doing really quite well, but it has grown so fast over the last couple of years that returns are starting to drop pretty sharply," Lott said. "All of a sudden, there'll just be too many blueberries one year, and they won't be

worth anything." Worldwide blueberry acreage has more than doubled in the past decade, from 62,800 acres in 1997 to 144,800 acres last year, according to the U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council. Most of that growth was in the Western Hemisphere — some 50,200 additional acres in South America and 32,000 more acres in North America, primarily the U.S. and British Columbia. The harvest is expected to keep growing, since commercial blueberry bushes need four to five years to come into full production. Add in the fact that most blueberry farmers grow only the one crop, and it's easy to understand their concerns about oversupply.

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By Ag Weekly	915 lb. \$99	595 lb. \$103.50
	758 lb. \$111	599 lb. \$98.50
	715 lb. \$110.50	473 lb. \$101
	763 lb. \$110	455 lb. \$100
Jerome	784 lb. \$108.75	
HOLSTEIN STEERS	772 lb. \$108.25	
275-400 lbs., \$41-\$55	760 lb. \$107	
400-500 lbs., \$50-\$88	705 lb. \$107.75	
500-600 lbs., \$51-\$57.50	726 lb. \$106	
600-700 lbs., \$52-\$55	675 lb. \$112.25	
700-800 lbs., \$68-\$74	680 lb. \$111.75	
800-1000 lbs., \$65-\$76.50	633 lb. \$109.75	
	665 lb. \$109	
CHOICE STEERS	635 lb. \$108.75	
300-400 lbs., \$121-\$125	631 lb. \$108.50	
400-500 lbs., \$109-\$125	691 lb. \$108	
600-700 lbs., \$101-\$107.50	556 lb. \$111	
700-800 lbs., \$101-\$109	535 lb. \$110.50	
800-1000 lbs., \$97-\$105	575 lb. \$110.25	
	583 lb. \$107	
CHOICE HEIFERS	490 lb. \$101	
600-700 lbs., \$94-\$102	452 lb. \$109	
700-800 lbs., \$89-\$99.50	438 lb. \$106	
800-1000 lbs., \$88-\$99.50	461 lb. \$105	
Baby and Starter Calves	490 lb. \$102	
Hot calf cls, \$5-\$20	390 lb. \$110	
Started bull, steer cls, \$60-\$290	360 lb. \$109	
Started hfr cls, \$90-\$220	395 lb. \$105	
Bk, utility, com cows, \$55-\$68.25	338 lb. \$103	
cut, can, cows, \$45-\$53		
Shelly/lite cows, \$35-\$43		
Slaughter-butts, \$37-\$72		
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	792 lb. \$103.75	
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	716 lb. \$102.75	
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	Top Springer, \$2,410	
	Top 10 springers, \$2,340	
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	Breeding bulls, \$70-\$89	
	Twin Falls	
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	Feder cows, \$45-\$53	
	Heifers, \$58-\$68	
	Bulls	
	Commercial/utility, \$65-\$73.50	
	Feder bulls, \$52-\$85	

As crops burn, farmers increasingly use sunscreen

By Tracie Cone
Associated Press writer

FRESNO, Calif. — Just like people damage their skin in the sun, fruits and vegetables also can get nasty burns. That's why farmers are increasingly applying sunscreen to their crops to prevent skin blistering, heat stress and blemishes.

"With the costs of production going up, growers are looking to increase their margins wherever they can," said farmer Ed Lagrutta, an adviser for Western Farm Services who farms 20 acres and runs tests on hundreds more.

Climate change and CRP

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said the number of acres withdrawn with penalties this spring was more than 50 percent higher than last year. Costing out of a CRP contract early is expensive. Cooperators must pay back all the cost-share money to install the practice plus interest from the time the cost-share money was paid. Additionally, cooperators must repay all the rental payments plus interest. A liquidation damage fee equal to one-fourth of the first year's rental payment is also assessed, said Sherrie Brooks, who manages the CRP program for the USDA-Farm Service Agency in Idaho.

The average CRP rental payment nationwide is \$49 per acre. In Twin Falls County, the average rental rate is \$20.05 per acre, while Cassia County is \$30.33 per acre. Through CRP, landowners receive rental payments for 10 or 15 years to idle environmentally sensitive land. No general sign-up for CRP was authorized for 2007-2008, although land owners with CRP contracts that are expiring may enroll part of those acres into the Continuous CRP program which emphasizes riparian buffers, windbreaks and wildlife habitat. Congress capped the CRP at 32 million acres nationwide in the 2008 Farm Bill.

drought in Australia and California's Central Valley have meant challenging growing conditions for farmers that are affecting the quality, yields and price of produce. Sunscreens alleviate at least one worry for farmers, who lose money with each fruit or vegetable that develops sun damage.

"Under climate change, heat stress will become a bigger issue for plants, especially when it creates new heat-released disease," said Eric Wood, a professor of civil and environmental engineering at Princeton University.

Plants react to sun stress like humans. They perspire — a process called transpiration — which means the more temperatures rise, the more water they need. As drought grips several of the world's key growing regions, scientists are

looking at ways to conserve by helping plants use less.

Liquefied clay has been used for years, but now a California company is finding positive results with an SPI-45 product made of multicrystalline calcium carbonate crystals that are engineered to specifically deflect ultraviolet and infrared light from the plants and trees on which it is sprayed. The product keeps out the bad light, but lets in the good photosynthesis rays that aid ripening.

The sunscreen has been tested in Australia and Chile, where UV rays affect production, and is in the second year of field tests in California.

Tests show its immediate impact is increasing yields by diminishing stress and heat-related defects, but the company that makes it hopes the product also can play a role in

water and energy conservation by increasing a plant's water efficiency.

"The sunshield, Purshade, made by Purfresh Inc., recently lured 20 U.S. and international farm product researchers and advisers to a walnut grove near Visalia, Calif.

The product also is being tested on tomatoes, grapes, kiwis and lychees in Australia," said Kerrie Mackey, who works for a company that sells crop protection products in Queensland, which she says is in 140-year drought.

"Sunburning is a big problem for us," she said, watching

Lagrutta compare the telltale yellowing on one block of walnuts with a uniformly green plot sprayed with Purfresh. "We have some of the highest UV intensity in the world. With drought and climate change, finding ways to use water more efficiently is always important to us."

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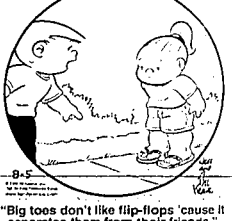
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502 Homes For Sale

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Manufactured Homes

BUHL For sale by owner... 1985 manufactured home on foundation...

Unfurnished Homes

FILER 2 bdrm, fenced yard... HAGERMAN 1 bdrm cottage style home...

Furnished Apts. and Duplex

WHO can help YOU rent your apt?... TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 1 bath...

Unfurnished Apts. and Duplex

WHO can help YOU rent your apt?... TWIN FALLS 1 bdrm, 1 bath...

Unfurnished Apts. and Duplex

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JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Arginton and Jeff Knurk. Includes a grid of letters and a cartoon character.

Read The Classifieds Every Day!

601 Furnished Homes... CASTLEFORD Remodeled 2 bdrm...

602 Unfurnished Homes

HAGERMAN 4 bdrm, 2 bath, large kitchen... HAGERMAN 2 bdrm, 1 bath...

603 Unfurnished Apts. and Duplex

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604 Unfurnished Apts. and Duplex

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer... WHAT THE GROOM DID WHEN HE MARRIED THE MATH TEACHER.

606 Unfurnished Homes

HAGERMAN Totally remodeled 1 bdrm... HAGERMAN 4 bdrm, 2 bath...

607 Unfurnished Homes

HOLLISTER 2 bdrm, 1 bath... JEROME 2 bdrm, 1 bath...

608 Unfurnished Homes

JEROME 2 bdrm, 1 bath... JEROME 3 bdrm, 2 bath...

609 Unfurnished Homes

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610 Unfurnished Homes

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616 Roommates Wanted

TWIN FALLS school term... roommates wanted...

611 Unfurnished Homes

KIMBERLY Ranch Gate back 40... available 1.5-4 acre lot...

612 Unfurnished Homes

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701 Live/stock/ Poultary

BOER goat yearling registered... BUFFALO (2) females, well fed...

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620 Unfurnished Homes

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702 Dairy Cattle and Supplies

JEROME Office space 700 sq ft... Office Space 700 sq ft...

621 Unfurnished Homes

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624 Unfurnished Homes

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625 Unfurnished Homes

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703 Horse and Tack

HORSES gray, mare, 8 years old... CHARMAC 4-horse goose neck tacker...

626 Unfurnished Homes

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627 Unfurnished Homes

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630 Unfurnished Homes

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704 Real Estate Wanted

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home.
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6 All, once
10 Judge's garb
14 Musical
16 Carmichael
15 Upward slope
16 Region
17 Tito's country
19 Skier's low
20 Track lifter
21 Call before a
court
23 Fight illness to
avoid work
27 Irritate
28 Goddess of
fertility
29 Untrained
31 Checked out, in
a way
32 Walled area in
Middle Ages
35 Red figure
37 D.C. VIP
38 Large flatfish
40 That ... blows!
43 Divided country
44 Homesteader
46 Rathbone of
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47 Actress Tyler
8 Most populated
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9 Long (for)
10 Knocking
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11 Circles the
Earth
15 Small hound
13 Deserved
18 Carry with
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22 Repeat aloud
23 Russ. fighter
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24 Arthur of tennis
25 Legal claim
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a dandy
34 Dingy mover
36 Dinner roll
39 Singer Peggy
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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace."
—George Washington

Today's deal was played in four spades-at-both-tables in a team game. In both rooms the opening lead was the heart king. At the first table East realized that a diamond ruff was the most likely way to get the game, but that West could not know that. So he thoughtfully overtook the opening lead to shift to a diamond. Declarer did not see the risk, so he won in dummy and played a trump. East took his ace, underled his hearts, and received his diamond ruff, setting the contract down one.

In the other room, the defense started in the same way for the first two tricks. However, this North was rightly suspicious. He therefore decided to try a Scissors Coup, a play that snaps the communications between the defenders' hands. (There was a reasonable chance that West might not have an entry outside the heart suit.) To succeed, declarer would need to find East with both of the missing black-suit honors.

Accordingly, declarer won trick two and played off dummy's two top clubs, discarding a heart from hand. Then he advanced the club jack, crossing his fingers while he did so. When East produced the queen, South discarded his last heart, thereby cutting communications between the two defenders' hands.

East could win an early trump trick at lead heart, but declarer could simply ruff and draw trumps.

NORTH ♠ 10 3
♥ 6 4
♦ A K Q 9 6
♣ A K J 2

EAST ♠ A 7 5
♥ A J 10 5 3
♦ 3
♣ Q 7 6 4

SOUTH ♠ K Q J 9 6 2
♥ 9 8 2
♦ J 7 2
♣ 8

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: East
The bidding: South West North East
2 ♣ Pass 4 ♠ All pass
Opening lead: Heart king

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds: ♠ 10 3
♥ 6 4
♦ A K Q 9 6
♣ A K J 2

West North East
1 ♣ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♣ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

ANSWER: It is tempting to drive the hand to game by jumping to four spades, but my instincts are merely to invite game by bidding three spades. After all, your partner knows better than you whether he has a maximum or a minimum for his bidding and will act accordingly.

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INTO THE DARKNESS

When appaloosas go blind



Kacie Howell of Twin Falls gives a young relative a ride on Cotton, an appaloosa horse that went blind due to equine recurring uveitis, a disease that strikes the breed more than others. The Howells, fearing for Cotton's safety, had the horse euthanized in late June.

Disease affects state horse more than most breeds

By Ariel Hansen
Staff writer

Ten years ago, one of Kathleen Truscott's horses started losing sight in his right eye. The pale, spotted appaloosa, then about 8 years old, is named Gus after a "Cinderella" character, and he's a favorite for his personality.

"Gus is an excellent horse; you can put anybody on him even with his disability with his eyes," the Twin Falls woman said.

Riders need to be aware he's a little fuzzy on that right side, she said, and she uses a flymask to protect his sensitive eyes from the sun and gives him eye drops during the driest times of the year. "We had to retrain him a little different, because he only sees shadows in the one eye."

It's a danger with the spotted horses, Truscott's veterinarian told her. "I was told that's not uncommon for an appaloosa."

Appaloosas, more than other breeds, are affected by equine recurring uveitis, also called moon blindness, a chronic disease that causes sight impairment and eventually complete blindness. Scientists don't know why ERU hits the Idaho state horse more than others, but it is likely a flaw in the breed passed down along bloodlines.

"Nobody knows for sure. The speculation is they may have a genetic susceptibility in their immune system," said Lynne Sandmeyer, associate professor of ophthalmology in the veterinary program at Canada's University of Saskatchewan. She is one of the scientists with the Appaloosa Project Team, which researches the breed's unique qualities, including this ocular disease.

What causes ERU isn't certain either, but it's suspected to be a failure of the immune system that causes the horse's system to attack its own eye cells.

"Probably the most recent theory right now is the body produces antibodies, specialized white blood cells, that can attack the tissues of the eye, causing infection. It's quite complicated, and it's into the underlying..."



Kacie Howell of Twin Falls rides her appaloosa, Cotton, in a rodeo event.

thing I would stress to people is that this is the kind of disease that is insidious in many cases, so keeping a close eye on their horse's eyes is the best thing they can do, and not ignoring little signs of discomfort. A lot of times they go blind without people even knowing."

An adjustment to blindness

For Nancy Howell of Twin Falls and her daughter Kacie, that was the case. Their appaloosa, Cotton, had an old eye injury that reduced her sight in one eye, but a few years ago she began acting oddly.

"It just started when we were trying to load her into the horse trailer, getting her through the gates, she would swing her head a lot. She just didn't want to load at all," Howell said. "When we had the vet come out, she'd gone completely blind in her good eye. We were trying to figure out a place that could take her..."

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— Lynne Sandmeyer, associate professor of ophthalmology in the veterinary program at Canada's University of Saskatchewan

being blind." Just two days before the diagnosis, Kacie rode Cotton in a barrel racing demonstration — and did great, Howell said, because the horse trusted her rider. Cotton also followed a companion horse around, using people or the other horse as her "eyes," but she soon began running into things and tripping. As Howell watched Cotton's blindness affect the horse more and more, she

Blooming beans, budding relationships

Community gardens offer ground for growing and atmosphere for friendship

By Blair Koch
Correspondent

If Annette Cross ends this growing season without a bounty of fresh produce, she still is confident that the time she and her husband have tolled in the College of Southern Idaho's community gardens has been well spent.

For their first time, the Crosses rented a 25-by-50-foot plot at the gardens. As vegetables grow, she said, so do their friendships.

"We've made a lot of friends out here," said the bookkeeper. "We talk about everything, not just gardening."

Bob Messner, a retired Twin Falls resident, said that while he isn't "boozing buddies" with his fellow green thumbs, time tending his own plot has been enriched by the gardens' community atmosphere.

Community garden scorecard

- **Biggest plot of planted red potatoes:** Danny Niccum of Twin Falls
- **Latest lettuce harvest:** Charlie Bergman of Twin Falls
- **First gladiolus bloom:** Kyle Hoodley of Twin Falls
- **Biggest cabbages:** Doug Thorlock of Twin Falls

Interested in something," Messner said between chuckles.

Messner takes pride in keeping the weeds out of his rows of corn, beans, peas and potatoes. He doesn't like weeds, dead or alive, in the garden walkways either.

"The 62-year-old doesn't mind giving 'neighborly advice' when he deems it necessary."

"I don't like it when some people throw their pulled weeds into the walkway ... Some of us have pride in our gardens, and the entire community garden, and like to keep it clean," he said. "Once, I gathered up all the weeds that had been thrown into the walkway and

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Doug Thorlock of Twin Falls checks the intricate system built for his plot at the College of Southern Idaho's community gardens off North College Road in Twin Falls. Thorlock says he is the only gardener there who uses flood irrigation.

Two days left in photo contest

Staff report

Every few months, the *Times-News* showcases some of its readers' best photographs of rural topics. We don't offer prizes, but we publish our favorites along with our judges' comments.

In the current round, we're particularly interested in the stuff of summer — a fishing trip with Grandpa, perhaps, or a funny image of country kids keeping cool. And just two days remain for you to capture the winning picture and get it into our hands.

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Marigolds often border vegetable gardens because of their insect-repellent properties. Annette and Carmon Cross of Buhl planted many of the bright, blooming plants around their 25-by-50-foot raised plot in the community gardens. While certain insects are deterred from the couple's plot, fellow community gardeners are welcome to visit anytime.

Garden

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chucked them back into the garden they came from."

Problem solved, he said. Instead of weeds, Doug Throckmold likes to leave extra produce in the walkways when he has an abundant harvest.

"Everybody seems to share a little when they have too much. Last year I gave my neighbors beans," said the Twin Falls resident. "I don't know how much extra we'll have this year. We all lost plants early on, because of the cold, and had to replant."

Another challenge to tending a garden neighboring another planted plot is keeping water under control, says Rod Niccum of Twin Falls.

"When I had the sprinkler going some of the water was going into the next garden," he said. "And they told us to keep your water to yourself," said his wife, Liz Niccum. "We understood why they were upset. They told us about the problem but it wasn't an angry thing. For the most part everybody is really friendly."

While sharing is standard fare, she said, the Niccums don't like it when people are harvesting into their own hands.

"Last year we heard that there were people coming into the gardens and helping themselves. It isn't a big deal because there was probably more than enough

to go around. But if they want to help themselves, come and help weed," she said.

The Twin Falls couple's son, Danny Niccum, 8, loves potatoes. So the family planted lots of them — about half a plot's worth.

The youngster said he appreciates food more now that the family raises more of its own produce.

"Potatoes are my favorite, and I like beans, too," he said. The Niccums like eating what they grow. With fond prices and recalls on the rise, they say gardening is becoming more popular.

"This year there aren't any empty plots here, and last year there were quite a few," said Liz Niccum.

Community gardeners are even planning for next year. Remember the seven Twin Falls residents of the Seven Friends Farm? These folks collaborating to tend a single plot were highlighted in the *Times-News* in June, and the sun is still smiling on the chard and kohlrabi, the group is tracking what works and what doesn't. They now know not to plant large shading plants, like sunflowers, in front of cucumbers.

Between their harvests of radishes, spinach, beets, chard and kohlrabi, the group is tracking what works and what doesn't. They now know not to plant large shading plants, like sunflowers, in front of cucumbers.



The community gardens are a great place to grow produce and relationships. Here, Annette Cross of Buhl, left, visits with Twin Falls gardener Bob Messner on a recent Saturday morning.



String beans are ready for harvest in the Niccum family plot. The Twin Falls clan is reeling two plots and working with another family to grow produce to put up for winter.

"There's always challenges, but we are keeping a notebook so we know what works for next year," Sandi Standley said.

Like others at the community garden the seven are glad that the experience

of tending a garden and sharing its bounty has been a bonding experience instead of driving them apart.

"We've had our ups and downs, but I think we'll be OK," Scott Standley said. In the meantime, Sandi Standley is still waiting on her beloved pattypan squash but reports it's blooming and right on track.

With so many generous green thumbs at the community gardens, she could probably find another fresh vegetable to tame her watering mouth. Just be sure to ask, first.

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Chemical-free ways to repel pests

By Jessica Damiano Novaday



Sure, you can douse your plants with chemicals. But your wallet — and the environment — may suffer. And if we're talking about organic, so-called natural pest control, most plants produce their own chemicals to fend off insects and disease, and if you familiarize yourself with them, you can strategically use them to your advantage.

Here are 20 plants that deter pests:

- Basil:** Repels aphids, flies, mosquitoes and mites; also has fungicidal properties.
- Borage:** Repels tomato worms.
- Catnip:** Repels ants, fleas, mosquitoes.
- Chamomile:** Repels cabbage moths.
- Chives:** Plant around roses and lettuce to repel aphids.
- Feverfew:** Repels moths.
- Lavender:** Repels slugs.
- Marigolds:** Pests find their

scent repulsive, so plant them throughout your vegetable garden. French and African varieties eliminate nematodes from the soil.

Mint: Repels aphids, cabbage moths and cabbage worms. Plant in containers, though, or it will take over your garden.

Nasturtium: Repels aphids and whiteflies. Plant around fruit trees, cucumbers and squash.

Onion: Repels ants.

Peppermint: Repels cucumber beetles.

Pennyroyal: Repels ants, leafhoppers, Mexican bean beetles.

Radiola: Plant around cucumbers and squash to trap beetles.

Rosemary: Deters cabbage moth, bean beetles and carrot fly.

Sage: Repels Japanese beetles, flies, bees and ants. Keep away from basil, though, because neither will grow if planted together. (Also repels cats and keeps them from your cats.)

Tansy: Repels ants.

Thyme: Deters cabbage worms and slugs.

Tomatoes: Plant around asparagus to repel asparagus beetles.

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Blindness

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 tried to find a place where the appaloosa could live more safely. She contacted Trolling Frog Ranch in Nevada, which has 20 blind horses — 12 of which are appaloosas.

"We get these calls all the time from people with a blind appaloosa. It truly is heartbreaking," said Steve Smith, co-founder of the animal sanctuary. "When an animal first goes blind, it can be a very scary, traumatic experience. That poor animal has no idea why the world is going dark, so that can definitely be an anxious, fearful time for the horse. That's when they can be frightened, and that's in the period when most people look at the animal and they extrapolate: 'That's no way to live, the best thing to do is euthanize it.' Not that animal needs is just time to adjust to the disability."

Horses with mild personalities will likely do well with a high degree of care. Horses will continue to be stressed and are more likely to injure themselves, Smith said. In a safe environment without such dangers, they're likely to live as long and as happily as sighted horses.

"There isn't anything that a blind horse can't enjoy out of life that a sighted horse can," he said. "When people come out here and they see these blind horses, they can't believe these are blind animals."

Looking for help

Smith said there has been anecdotal evidence for a long time that the breed is affected more deeply by ERU than other types of horses.

"Nobody was aware of the data behind the problem they were seeing, and most vets didn't know it. We're calling on the Appaloosa Horse Club to acknowledge there is this problem with the breed, and we are going to do something about it," he said. "It could be possible to trace the incidence of uveitis in the breed to see if it follows certain bloodlines. That wouldn't cost them anything."

Howell contacted the club, a Moscow-based international registry for the breed. She was told the club, that the club wasn't interested in funding or otherwise supporting research into ERU. "You expect things like colic ... but blindness is something they could probably research and find out why. The appaloosa club isn't even acknowledging there is a problem," Howell said.

Tafu Donberger, assistant editor of *Appaloosa Journal*, the club's magazine, said the club is not researching the disease or tracking its frequency in the club's registry. "All the members are interested in it, and the board knows it's there and it's obviously a concern for appaloosas," she said.

A state's pain

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family decided that the risk that Cotton would hurt herself — running through a fence, stepping in a hole and breaking a leg — was too high. "If she'd gotten hurt, we would have felt really bad," Howell said.

So at the end of June, they had Cotton euthanized.

"We won't buy another appaloosa knowing there's a chance it'll go blind," Howell said. "It's more than an animal we ride, they're our pets. I'd just like to see something done about it. ... We experienced it with a horse we cared a lot about, and especially since it's our state horse, we should be somewhat concerned in Idaho."

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Where have all the blue flowers gone?

By Scott Aker
 The Washington Post

Q. My five-year-old hardy geranium, Johnson's Blue, flowers more of a fuchsia shade these days. Can I encourage blue flowers again?

A. I think a seedling of your original plant has taken its parent's place, so you don't have the variety Johnson's Blue anymore. Some cranesbill geraniums

(not to be confused with the annual geraniums, botanically known as *Pelargonium*) seem to persist without frequent division and replanting. This is not the case with Johnson's Blue, which tends to run out of steam if it is not lifted and divided every four or five years.

You might want to replace the plant with one of the newer geraniums. Rozanne is an improvement over

Johnson's Blue in terms of its shorter, sturdier stems that never flop and its longer bloom period.

Many perennial varieties produce seeds that don't grow true to type. To prevent the loss of desired varieties through seedling, you might want to deadhead (shear off

the faded flower heads before seeds have a chance to develop). This is particularly important for yarrow, columbine, asters and daylilies.

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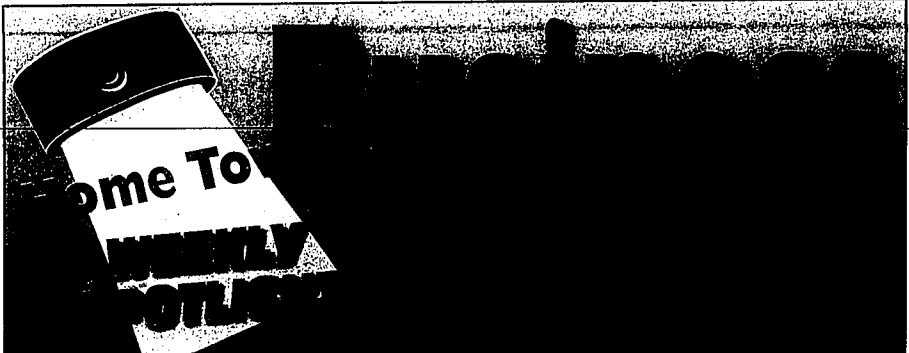
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