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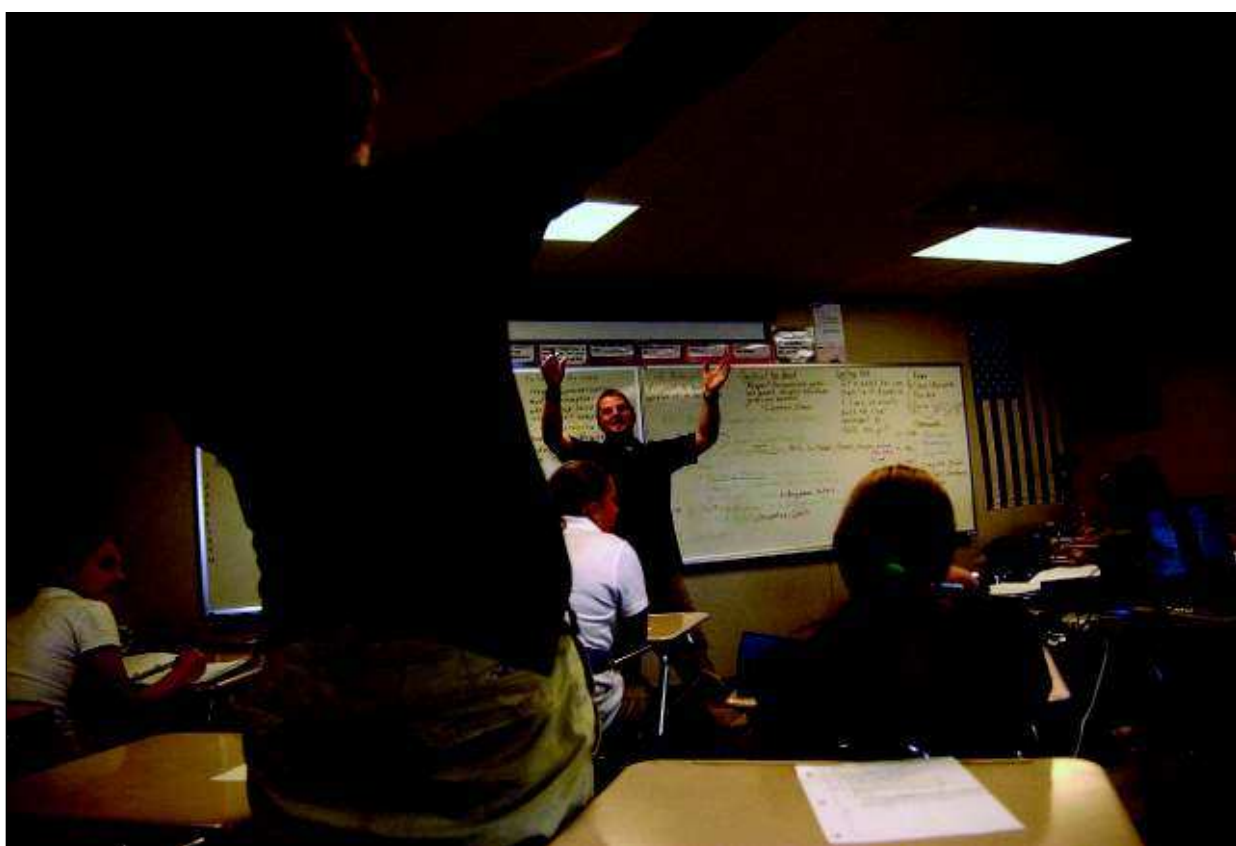
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'AN EXCITING TIME'



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Xavier history teacher Brian Loosli lets his class stretch during the closing minutes of class Friday at Xavier Charter School in Twin Falls.

Xavier Charter School grows, plans new building

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

Xavier Charter School has started the school year with twice the enrollment of last year, and plans are in the works for a new building in Twin Falls that will open next year.

This year, Xavier Charter School has 600 students, while last year's enrollment was slightly below 300, said Cindy Fulcher, the school's principal. At the same time, the charter school's building will take shape in the months ahead and house all of Xavier's students when the school year begins in the fall of 2010.

"We doubled in size this year," Fulcher said, adding that the school won't double in size again.

When the new 46,734-square foot school building opens for class in the fall of 2010, Xavier can have up to about 800 students total in kindergarten through 12th grade.

"It's an exciting time," Fulcher said of the school's plans.

As for this year, Xavier Charter School has added the high school sophomore



A student raises her hand during Brian Loosli's history class Friday at Xavier Charter School.

and junior grades to its classes.

To provide more space for students this year, Xavier placed eight new modular buildings for kindergarten through sixth-graders at the 8.8-acre site of the

future school building, located on the west end of North College Road.

Seventh- through 11th-grade students, meanwhile, are taking classes at a different location in classes at

771 N. College Road, where

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all the school's students attended last year.

The addition of modular classrooms freed up space that allows the school to grow this year and add some students from its waiting list before Xavier's new building opens next school year.

Younger students were placed in the modular classrooms because those grades tend to spend their day in one classroom, Fulcher said. Older grades, meanwhile, are better suited for the school's current building, where it's less cumbersome to change classes, she said.

The ultimate goal is to have all grades in one building, which provides the advantage of older students serving as role models for younger students, Fulcher said.

"The older kids have told me already they miss the

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Pharmacy owner sues ISP

Fuchs claims state illegally removed him from alcohol license waiting lists

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

A Twin Falls pharmacy manager claims that the Idaho State Police recently overstepped its authority by removing him from waiting lists for liquor licenses in a handful of Idaho cities.

Daniel Fuchs, of Dick's Pharmacy in Twin Falls, is suing the state police Bureau of Alcohol Beverage Control for allegedly denying him due process in its enforcement of a two-year-old administrative rule prohibiting people from holding more than one spot on waiting lists for liquor licenses.

Idaho limits liquor licenses to one per 1,500 residents in a city. By-the-drink liquor

licenses are subject to annual renewal and can't be transferred for two years. The state's alcohol beverage control bureau compiles "priority lists" for cities that don't have liquor licenses up for sale. To get on a list, people fill out an application and pay half of the licensing fee.

Before beverage control used the rule against Fuchs on July 24, his name had appeared 22 times on alcohol license waiting lists in Bonneville, Blaine and Twin Falls counties.

The ISP said that violates an administrative rule endorsed by state House and Senate committees in 2007. In July, the state reimbursed fees paid by Fuchs with a \$5,175 check after deleting his name 16 times from city waiting lists in Sun Valley, Ketchum, Hailey, Idaho Falls and Bellevue.

The state's beverage control bureau let Fuchs keep his highest-ranking spots on

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More money for conservation work

NRCS to offer more incentives to Idaho landowners

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

Once again this year, a federal conservation agency is offering incentive payments to Idaho landowners, though there is a fairly short sign-up window for the money.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service wants to hear from agricultural producers interested in maintaining or beginning conservation projects. Depending on the type of land involved, NRCS will provide certain per-acre payments through the Conservation Stewardship Program to encourage producers to develop stewardship plans.

The program was funded through the 2008 farm bill and replaced a similar program used in several previ-

ous years, said Idaho NRCS spokeswoman Alexis Collins. Among other changes, she said, Congress broadened the program to allow anyone to sign up instead of just producers working in a few specific watersheds. It also now includes producers working in forested lands, not just traditional agriculture.

"When Congress revamped the security program, I think they wanted to make it more accessible to all producers," Collins said.

Of course, a revised program had a few kinks to work out. NRCS' 2010 fiscal year starts Oct. 1; due to the need to draft new rules and other delays, the 2009 program didn't get going before Aug. 10, Collins said. The agency is now encouraging producers to sign up before the end of September for the 2009 funding, noting in announcements that there will likely be less competition on the list for the funds this month. People can still apply after that date for the

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T.F. plans to amend document to secure Evel Knievel jump

Times-News

The Twin Falls City Council is scheduled to hold a public hearing tonight to amend an agreement that allows the city to exchange property near the Evel Knievel jump site.

The move is needed in order for the city to continue efforts to open up access along the Snake River and allow people to visit the dirt ramp Evel Knievel used in 1974.

The public hearing begins at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 305 Third Ave. E. The regularly scheduled

council meeting is at 5 p.m.

In many ways, the unsuccessful rocket jump by the world's best-known daredevil put Twin Falls on the map, and the city has long sought to make it available for tourism.

In May 2007, the city entered into a land exchange agreement with Casper Southgate LLC in which the city would trade nearly 7 acres for land that includes the jump site, nearby land for parking and access to Hankins Road. The developer would also build the city a

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Police say syringes will help stop DUIs

By Rebecca Boone
Associated Press writer

BOISE — When police officer Darryll Dowell is on patrol in the southwestern Idaho city of Nampa, he'll pull up at a stoplight and usually start casing the vehicle. Nowadays, his eyes will also focus on the driver's arms, as he tries to search for a plump, bouncy vein.

"I was looking at people's arms and hands, thinking, 'I could draw from that,'" Dowell said.

It's all part of training he and a select cadre of officers in Idaho and Texas have received in recent months to



Phoenix Police Department Detective Kemp Layden, of the DUI Squad, shows part of a DUI blood testing kit at a testing station inside a police precinct in Phoenix on Sept. 3.

AP photo

draw blood from those suspected of drunken or drugged driving. The federal program's aim is to deter-

mine if blood draws by cops can be an effective tool against drunk drivers and aid in their prosecution.

If the results seem promising after a year or two, the

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Dale Turnipseed, of Twin Falls, discusses the application being considered by the Idaho Lands Board for title transfer of nearly three acres of Snake River frontage north of Buhl from the public trust during Tuesday's Citizens Protecting Resources meeting Tuesday in Jerome.

Environmental group opposes land transfer process

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — A longstanding procedure used by the Idaho Department of Lands to transfer parcels of land along state rivers to upland property owners is getting a closer look by the activist group Citizens Protecting Resources.

Nearly every month acres are added to the roll of land transferred out of the public trust and into the hands of private individuals; from February 2006 through August of this year, around 513 acres have been removed from the public trust.

CPR's interest was stoked after an application for ownership transfer was filed with the lands board by Dan and June Miller of Washington for more than 2.6 acres of Snake River property north of Buhl.

On Tuesday a group of concerned citizens approached CPR for help in protesting both the transfer process and the application, likely to be approved by the lands board during its October meeting in Moscow.

While some of the transfers may be appropriate, the process needs more oversight and public awareness, Dave Ericson said.

"These may be small pieces of land but they are sacred and should be protected," Ericson said.

Another concerned citizen, Phil Smith, of Buhl, who owns property adjacent to the proposed transfer site, said the Miller application shows, "what is inherently wrong with the disclaimer procedure in general," and said IDL is engaging in "cafeteria style jurisprudence."

"According to the disclaimer procedure lands that have been altered 'must remain in the public trust,' the Millers were cited by the (Idaho Department of Water Resources) for working ... in the bed of the

ISP worried about drunk driving statistics

By Laurie Welch
Times-News writer

A May crash involving a drunk driver in Minidoka County that claimed the life of the driver and two children exemplifies the human cost of crash statistics recently released by the Idaho Transportation Department.

Idaho State Trooper Tyler Barrett, who lives and works in the Mini-Cassia area, said the 2008 study shows the two most common causes of crash fatalities are aggressive drivers and drivers under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

"The triple fatal crash in May hit the Mini-Cassia community very hard," Barrett said in a Tuesday ISP news release. "One of the main goals we have as troopers is to aggressively seek out and arrest impaired drivers

and cite aggressive drivers."

During the May 17 crash Roman Hunt, 41 of Rupert, along with Isaiah Luna, 11, of Rupert, Austin Almendarez, 11, of Twin Falls, and Jeremy Almendarez, 14, of Twin Falls, were traveling on 900 E. at 400 N. when Hunt lost control of the 1994 Chevrolet Blazer on their way to a nearby archery range. The Blazer went off the road and was submerged in a canal full of water. The two 11-year-old boys and Hunt drowned. Jeremy Almendarez was able to free himself from the submerged vehicle and scramble up an embankment, where he flagged down a passing motorist.

A routine blood-alcohol analysis was performed on Hunt, which came back at .136, according to the ISP release. The legal blood-

alcohol limit to drive in Idaho is .08.

Barrett said through July 2009 there have been 86 driving under the influence arrests in Minidoka County and 69 DUI arrests in Cassia County.

Barrett said the ISP study showed that Idaho had an 8 percent decrease between 2007 and 2008 but the two most common causes, aggressive and impaired drivers, didn't decrease. Aggressive drivers caused 54 percent of Idaho's 2008 vehicle fatalities and impaired drivers accounted for 41 percent, according to the study.

"Of the 232 people killed in fatality crashes in Idaho in 2008, 196 were either driving aggressively or driving under the influence of alcohol," said Barrett.

Barrett said the ITD study also showed that the failure to wear a seat belt was a major contributing cause of crash fatalities. Only 33 percent of a vehicle's occupants killed in 2008 crashes were wearing seat belts, according to the study.

Barrett also said incidents of excessive speeding and hazardous moving violations have increased this past summer.

"Troopers are also seeing a high number of seat belt violations, especially in Minidoka and Cassia counties," Barrett said. "Unfortunately an alarming number of seat belt violators are young drivers."

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Gov. Otter leads groundbreaking of T.F. alternate route

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

Break out the golden shovels.

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter will lead today the groundbreaking ceremony of the Twin Falls Alternate Route project.

The 10:30 a.m. ceremony will be held at 4100 N. 2660 E.

The project had lingered on the transportation waiting lists but moved up in priority with the assistance of the federal stimulus package.

The project is estimated to sustain or create around 500 jobs, according to the Idaho Transportation Department. The winning bid to the \$26.6 million project went to a Utah company.

The six-mile project is from Pole Line Road to 2400 East Road and heads south to the U.S. Highway 93-U.S. 30 junction. It includes a four-lane bridge over Rock Creek Road.

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Joining Otter will be Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, Senate Transportation Committee Chairman John McGee, R-Caldwell, Twin Falls Mayor Lance Clow and Glanbia Inc. President and CEO Jeff Williams.

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2 Utah areas on list of West's 'imperiled' land

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A sportsmen's group has placed two Utah wildlife areas on a list of the West's 10 most imperiled places to hunt and fish because of threats posed by oil and gas development.

Utah's Uinta National Forest east of Provo and the Book Cliff's region in eastern Utah are among the areas considered irreplaceable landscapes vital to fish and wildlife and prized by hunters and anglers.

The designation is part of the "Hunting and Fishing Imperiled" report released Thursday.

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Police grant request OK'd

Times-News

The Twin Falls Police Department will be able to better investigate Internet crimes now that the governing board of Idaho Internet Crimes Against Children approved a grant request made by the police department.

The grant, which is expected to start Oct. 1, will pay for the ICAC investigator position for three years and will help accomplish several objectives, including increasing the investigative capabilities of law enforcement entities in the Magic Valley tasked with investigating Internet crimes against children.

The investigator will train and assist other departments and ICAC task forces with their investigations and prosecutions. More proactive Internet crime investigations will be conducted, ensuring more prosecutions. The investigator also will develop public awareness and Internet crime prevention programs throughout southern Idaho.

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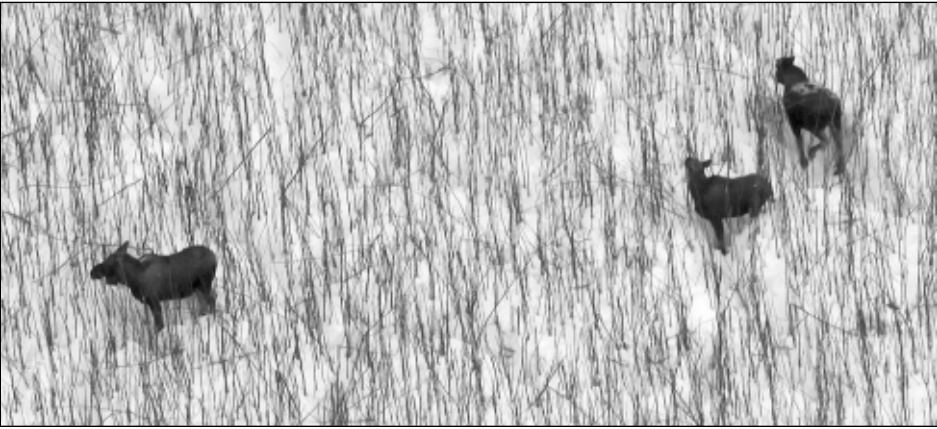
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Three moose browse near Anvik, Alaska on March 13. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game says moose and caribou numbers in several areas have increased due to the predator control program in Alaska in which over 1,000 wolves and hundreds of bears have been killed.

Alaska: Wolf, bear hunts increasing moose, caribou

By Mary Pemberton
Associated Press writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — An Alaska wildlife management program in which wolves are shot from low-flying airplanes and black bears are baited and snared is helping to increase the numbers of moose and caribou, state wildlife officials say.

The program has long been the target of wildlife conservation groups who view it as state-sponsored slaughter. Last fall, one of those groups launched an ad criticizing then-Gov. Sarah Palin, the Republican vice-presidential candidate, for expanding the program.

State officials contend the program is aimed at helping rural Alaskans, who rely on hunting to survive and had complained there wasn't enough game to hunt and eat.

The program began under Palin's predecessor, Gov. Frank Murkowski. Private citizens are permitted to shoot wolves from the air or conduct land-and-shoot hunting of wolves in six rural areas of the state.

Since the program began in 2003, over 1,000 wolves

and hundreds of black bears have been killed in an effort to drive down the number of predators.

"I think there are some real success stories here," Bruce Bartley, a spokesman for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, said.

The agency recently released its 2008-2009 predation management summary that indicates that moose and caribou numbers in six predator control areas have increased. The agency points to two areas in particular as examples of where the program is showing strong results: the Nelchina Basin area and the southern Alaska Peninsula.

The program is getting substantive results in the McGrath area, where it began in December 2003. Last winter and spring, 28 wolves were killed in the McGrath area. Nineteen were taken under the program and nine were hunted and trapped.

The agency said the moose population there has grown from 2,774 in 2004 to an estimated 5,500 moose now. The goal is to reach 6,000 to 8,000 moose.

"Moose numbers have come up substantially,"

Bartley said.

In the Nelchina Basin area — one of the more contentious predator control areas because it is accessible to urban hunters from the Anchorage area — 119 wolves were killed. Fifty-five of those were taken under the control program and the other 64 were hunted or trapped.

That, the state said, helped the moose population increase 27 percent. The harvest, meanwhile, went up 18 percent.

The situation is so improved in the Nelchina Basin that for the first time in more than a decade non-resident hunters will be allowed to hunt bull moose.

Bartley said the 50-percent, nonresident hunt should not interfere with the supply of moose for Alaskans because it is being allowed in more remote areas only. Nonresident hunters have been "frozen out" of hunting in that area of the state for years, Bartley said, and there is a benefit to the state to have them in it.

"Everybody loves to beat up on the ugly, old nonresident but the fact is they pay a lot of the game management bills in Alaska," he said.

Researchers track 3K pieces of Seattle trash

By Phuong Le
Associated Press writer

SEATTLE — Where does that coffee cup, disposable razor or unwanted television end up once it's tossed to the curb?

Using an electronic tracking device about the size of a matchbook,

MIT researchers are tagging about 3,000 pieces of Seattle trash to get people thinking about what they throw away and where it ends up.

"Seeing where your trash goes allows you to change your behavior," said Assaf Biderman, associate director of MIT's SENSEable City lab and a project leader. "Will you refill a cup instead of throwing away a disposable one?"

Researchers are visiting the homes of hundreds of Seattle volunteers to affix electronic tags on about 10 to 15 pieces of their household trash, such as pizza boxes, Styrofoam cups, slippers and scrap metal. The volunteers will dispose of the item as they normally would.

The battery-operated smart tags rely on cell phone technology to send information back to MIT computers, allowing researchers — and the public — to monitor the trash in real-time as it moves through the waste stream to its final destination.

The public will be able to follow the trash migration at an exhibit that opens at Seattle's Central Library Sept. 18.

Jennifer Giltrop of Seattle said she's curious to see what happens to the empty wine bottle, a used printer cartridge and a plastic bag that she recently had tagged.

"We know where we purchase our items from, but we're not always as aware of what happens when we throw things away," said Giltrop, 38, who is assistant director of Seattle's main library. "We're aware of recycling, but what's the process?"

Biderman said the project will allow researchers to study in detail how efficiently, or inefficiently, the waste removal system works.

Does recycling end up being recycled rather than in the landfill? Does it take weeks rather than hours or days for trash picked up from one Seattle neighborhood to get to the transfer station?

"We're definitely a throw-away society that sets it and forgets it," said Brett Stav, planning and development specialist with Seattle Public Utilities. "A lot of people forget about what happens to the things that they throw away and they don't really factor in their impact."

In Seattle, about 789,608 tons of waste is discarded each year. About half of that ends up in the landfill, while the rest is recycled, reused or composted.

But about two-thirds of the city's garbage that ends up in the landfill, including food and yard waste, can be recycled, according to the latest figures from 2006.

"We're interested in improving our collection system," Stav said, noting the city collects garbage from 150,000 homes on different routes five days a week.

Hunt is on for wasting disease in Wyo. wildlife

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — Additional state workers along with federal employees are being assigned to check animals killed during the fall hunting season in northwest Wyoming for chronic wasting disease.

The disease affects the nervous system of members of the deer family, causing infected animals to act abnormally, waste away and die.

The Wyoming Game and Fish Department said one person for six months and redistributing some permanent biologists to help collect samples.

Grand Teton National Park biologists and rangers will participate in sample collection from checking stations, hunting camps,

meat processors and taxidermy shops.

"We haven't put a lot of effort into getting tissue samples (there) before," said John Henningsen of the Game and Fish Department.

A moose in Star Valley tested positive for chronic wasting disease in October 2008, marking the first time the disease was detected in an area near elk winter feeding grounds in northwest Wyoming.

Environmentalists worry the disease — invariably fatal — could spread rapidly at the grounds in the Yellowstone region.

Workers making the checks are being trained to remove retro-pharyngeal lymph nodes from the necks of deer, elk and moose. The infectious agent in chronic

wasting disease can accumulate in the nodes.

"Typically it's one biologist that takes a bare-bones amount of information from hunters," said Henningsen.

He said he would like to collect about 350 samples from the Jackson Elk Herd, 100 samples from the Fall Creek Elk Herd, and 50 samples from the Star Valley/Greys River region.

"Hopefully we can get a lot more deer samples," Henningsen said. "Ideally, we would flip our sample sizes and get more deer than we do elk."

In wild populations, deer carry the disease at a higher rate than elk or moose. In an area where the disease has never been found, it would most likely appear in deer first, Henningsen said.

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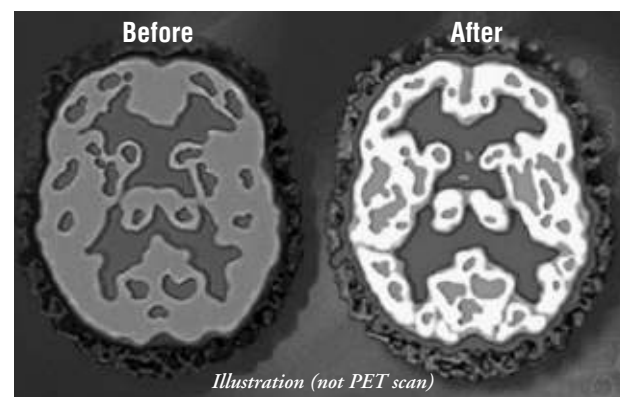


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Study: New drug fights flu as well as Tamiflu does

By Marilynn Marchione
Associated Press writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Researchers delivered a double dose of good news Sunday in the fight against flu: successful tests of what could become the first new flu medicine in a decade, and the strongest evidence yet that such drugs save lives, not just shorten illness.

A single intravenous dose of the experimental drug, peramivir, cleared up flu symptoms as well as five days of Tamiflu pills did, a large study in Asia found. An IV treatment is badly needed because many sick people can't swallow pills and because illness hinders the body's ability to absorb oral medicines.

Several other studies showed the value of treatment with Tamiflu. In one study of hundreds of people stricken with bird flu around the world, half of those given Tamiflu survived, while nearly 90 percent of those not given flu medicines died. Other research showed Tamiflu improved survival from regular seasonal flu, too.

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Awards given for leukemia treatment, DNA advances

NEW YORK (AP) — Five scientists have won prestigious research awards for developing a life-saving leukemia treatment and for advances in "reprogramming" DNA, which led to a new kind of stem cell.

The \$250,000 Lasker Awards will be presented Oct. 2 in New York by the Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation. In addition, New York mayor Michael Bloomberg will receive a Lasker prize for public service.

The clinical medical research award is shared by three scientists for work related to Gleevec, a drug that transformed chronic myelogenous leukemia from a fatal cancer into a manageable chronic condition.

The honorees are Brian Druker, 54, of the Oregon Health & Science University; Nicholas B. Lydon, 42, formerly of Novartis AG; and Charles L. Sawyers, 50, of the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York.

Druker and Lydon's research led to development of the drug, which gained federal approval in 2001, while Sawyers led efforts to overcome resistance to the drug that arises in some patients.

All three worked on studies in patients that began in 1998 and produced "astounding results," the foundation said.

114-year-old N.H. woman becomes oldest American

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — A 114-year-old New Hampshire woman who loves the Boston Red Sox, Hershey's Kisses and ice cream is believed to be the oldest American.

Mary Josephine Ray secured the title of the oldest person in the US after the death of Gertrude Baines on Friday in Los Angeles.

According to the Gerontology Research Group, which tracks claims of extreme old age, the only person in the world known to be older is Kama Chinen of Japan. Chinen was born on May 10, 1895, seven days before Ray.

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Mayor: Blagojevich fundraiser said he overdosed before he died

By Mike Robinson
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — A former chief fundraiser for ousted Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich told a police officer before he died that he overdosed on a prescription drug, the mayor of the south Chicago suburb of Country Club Hills said Sunday.

Mayor Dwight Welch did not say what drug Christopher Kelly told police he ingested, but he said authorities found a variety of drugs in Kelly's

vehicle. Kelly, 51, died Saturday at John H. Stroger Jr. Hospital in Chicago, and Welch said police are investigating the death as suicide.

The Cook County medical examiner's office performed an autopsy but did not immediately disclose the results.

Welch also said police want to interview Clarissa Flores-Buhelos, 30, who identified herself as Kelly's girlfriend and told police



Kelly

she drove him to Oak Forest Hospital Friday night after finding him slumped over the steering wheel of his Cadillac Escalade at a Country Club Hills lumber yard.

Flores-Buhelos, of Chicago, told investigators Kelly called or text-messaged her to come to the lumber yard, Welch said.

Police also want to talk to a man who came to Oak Forest Hospital looking for Kelly's Escalade.

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Rodgers brings Pack back for 21-15 win



AP photo

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Aaron Rodgers brought the Packers back late in the fourth quarter, heaving a 50-yard touchdown pass to Greg Jennings with 1:11 remaining to give Green Bay a 21-15 victory over the Chicago Bears in the season opener Sunday night.

Facing third-and-1 at the 50-yard line, Rodgers faked play action and heaved a rainbow of a throw deep to Jennings, who ran in for the go-ahead score. Rodgers found Jennings again for a 2-point conversion.

Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers reacts after throwing a 50-yard touchdown pass to Greg Jennings during the second half against the Chicago Bears on Sunday in Green Bay, Wis. The Packers won 21-15.

The Bears lost a big game to their division rivals and lost several key players to injury. Brian Urlacher left with a wrist injury in the third quarter after fellow linebacker Pisa Tinoisamoa left in the first half with an injured knee.

Rodgers finished 17 of 28 for 184 yards for the Packers, and his big throw ruined the debut of Bears quarterback Jay Cutler, who had a career-worst four interceptions.

With the suspended Michael Vick watching from a luxury suite, Kevin Kolb finished the game at quarterback.

SAINTS 45, LIONS 27

NEW ORLEANS — Drew Brees tied a New Orleans record with six touchdown passes and threw for 358 yards in a 45-27 victory Sunday that extended the Detroit Lions' regular-season losing streak to 18.

Two of Brees' touchdown passes went to Jeremy Shockey, who hadn't scored since being traded from the New York Giants to New Orleans last season.

Brees connected with Marques Colston for 9 yards, Robert Meachem for 39, Shockey for 1 and 15, Devery Henderson for 58 and Heath Evans for 13.

BRONCOS 12, BENGALS 7

CINCINNATI — Brandon Stokley caught a tipped pass and outran Cincinnati's shocked defenders for an 87-yard touchdown with 11 seconds left.

After Cedric Benson's 1-yard run put Cincinnati ahead 7-6 with 38 seconds left, Kyle Orton — in line to shoulder the blame for a Denver loss — threw a desperate pass into a crowd at the sideline, hoping Brandon Marshall would somehow come down with it.

GIANTS 23, REDSKINS 17

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Eli Manning threw a 30-yard touchdown pass to Mario Manningham, and defensive end Osi Umenyiora ran back a fumble 37 yards in his return from a knee injury.

Lawrence Tynes added three field goals, including a 45-yarder in the fourth quarter set up by an offside penalty by Redskins \$100 million defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth, who had an average game in his Washington debut.

Washington, which trailed all game, drew within 23-17 with 1:30 to play on a 17-yard touchdown pass from Jason Campbell to Chris Cooley.

49ERS 20, CARDINALS 16

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Shaun Hill and the rest of San Francisco's offense had an awful second half, except for one magnificent possession.

Hill directed a 15-play, 80-yard drive for the winning touchdown on a 5-yard pass to Frank Gore, and the 49ers regained control with the drive that used up nearly half of the final quarter.

EAGLES 38, PANTHERS 10

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Donovan McNabb limped to the locker room with a cracked rib, but it was a dominant performance by Jake Delhomme's five turnovers.

Victor Abiamiri picked up Delhomme's fumble, caused by Trent Cole's sack, and plunged 2 yards for the go-

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Some might have called this the mother of all upsets, but by the time she reached the final, against the resilient but still-learning 19-year-old from Denmark, it was hard to view it that way.

Clijsters beat both Williams sisters and two players seeded in the teens. She matched Venus and Serena power shot for power shot and showed she could play Wozniacki's patient game — and play it better. "She's playing because she thinks it's fun and because she likes it," said Wozniacki, who is too young to have played Clijsters during her first career. "I really think she might be a better player now than I was."

BEST SHOT OF HIS LIFE MOVES FEDERER TO FINAL

Roger Federer punctuated his latest U.S. Open victory Sunday with a shot he called, quite simply, the greatest of

Open

his life: a between-the-legs, back-to-the-net, court runner from the baseline.

A point later, with the crowd in hysterics and opponent Novak Djokovic still in shock, the world's top-ranked player closed out the victory, 7-6 (3), 7-5, 7-5, to move one win from his sixth straight U.S. Open title. "OK, who's got next?" Juan Martin del Potro is the lucky guy whose first career Grand Slam final will come Monday against Federer, who made his 17th in the last 18. Earlier in the day, No. 6 Del Potro beat No. 3 Rafael Nadal, 6-2, 6-2, 6-2.

Fourth-seeded Djokovic fought for more than 2 1/2 hours on a day that grew increasingly windy at Arthur Ashe Stadium, hanging with Federer and even grabbing two break points late in the third set to briefly see a glimmer of hope. Some things, though, there are no answers for.

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"... when you actually see the flags ... (it's) a visual impact of those lives."
 — Nikki Marlette on the Ohio Statehouse lawn, where nearly 3,000 small U.S. flags were placed in memory of Sept. 11

EDITORIAL

In tough times, let's cull some state commissions

The Legislature could eliminate the 175 boards and commissions in the executive branch of Idaho state government and still not come up with enough savings to rescue the public school, higher education, health and welfare or corrections budgets next year.

But, jeepers — do we still need a State Board of Barber Examiners? A Bingo-Raffle Advisory Board? Separate Building Code and Modular Building advisory boards? A Child at Risk Task Force and a Children's Trust Fund Board? Couldn't the Criminal Justice Commission also handle the duties of the Criminal Justice Grant Review Board? Does the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, which is run by a director appointed by the governor, really need its own board?

In a recession, might we not combine the state Arts and Humanities councils? Is there still a critical public need for the Keep Idaho Green Committee and the Lewis and Clark Trail Committee?

How about merging the Board of Psychologists Examiners and the Board of Professional Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists? And wouldn't the Workforce Development Council be a natural fit for the Department of Labor?

These are old questions. Idaho legislators and others for years have been trying to halt commission-creep, but it never stops. Each of these boards has a constituency that defends it fiercely.

In fairness, these commissions are filled mostly by unpaid volunteers, their budgets are modest and some spend no public money at all — they're supported by industry. Others operate with federal money or grants, and still others use dedicated state funds that may come from fees and other sources. Many conduct their meetings by teleconference to minimize travel.

But they do spend a significant number of taxpayer dollars. Some boards and commissions have paid staff, and offices in Boise.

Question is, could that money be better used elsewhere?

Even keeping the commissions filled — and vetting candidates — is an expensive and time-consuming chore for the governor's office. The state's chief executive appoints most state commissioners and advisory board members.

By and large, they're men's clubs — only three in 10 commissioners are women. Of the eight most important state boards — Education, Environmental Quality, Transportation, Water Resources, Fish and Game, Public Utilities and the Tax and Industrial commissions — men outnumber women 41-5.

That's absurd. At the very least, these panels need some new blood. But wouldn't it be better if there were only half as many a year from now?

Our view: It strains credibility that Idaho needs nearly 1,500 state commissioners and advisory board members to run things. **What do you think?** We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

America's candor gap on health care reform

WASHINGTON — We cannot, it seems, have a candid national conversation on health care. President's Obama speech the other night was a brilliant performance, and it may improve prospects for congressional passage of his "reform." But no possible plan will fix the "health care problem" for all time. When Obama says that "I am not the first president to take up this cause, but I am determined to be the last," he is indulging his ambition for a special place in history and illustrating why Americans don't discuss health care honestly.



Robert Samuelson

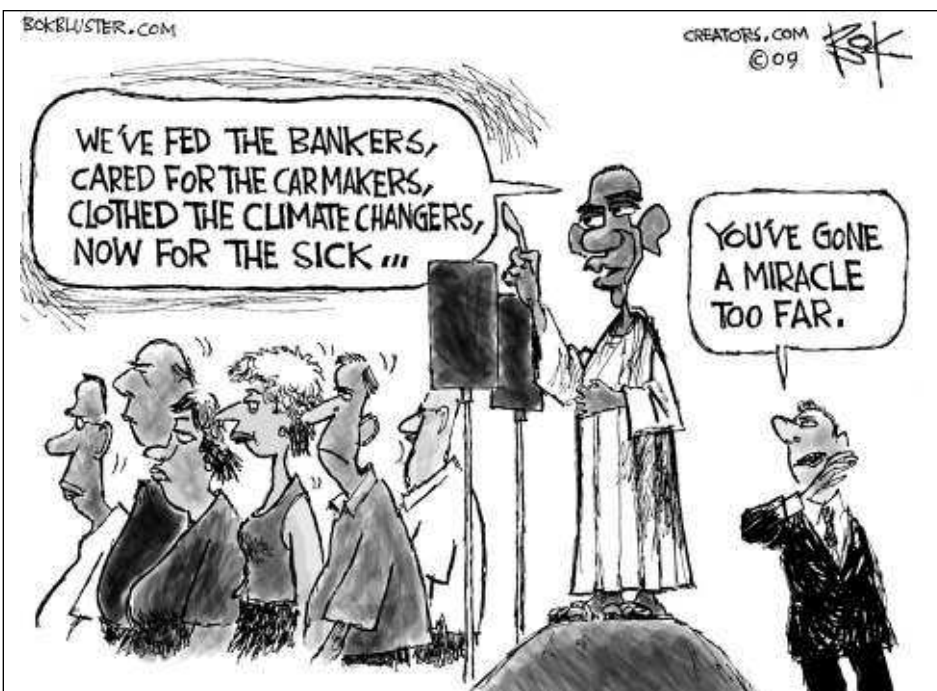
The political problem was simple: Support for "reform" was collapsing.

In April, 43 percent felt they'd be better off with his "reform" and only 14 percent didn't, according to a poll by the Kaiser Family Foundation. By August, it was 36 percent to 31 percent. To restore momentum, Obama needed to convince more people that his program would help them.

Americans generally want three things from their health care system.

First, they think that everyone has a moral right to needed care; that suggests universal insurance. Second, they want choice; they want to select their doctors — and want doctors to determine treatment. Finally, people want costs controlled; health care shouldn't consume all private compensation or taxes.

Appealing to these expectations, Obama told Americans what they want to hear. People with insurance won't be required to change plans or doctors; they'll enjoy more security because insurance companies won't be permitted to deny coverage based on "pre-existing conditions" or cancel policies when people



get sick. All Americans will be required to have insurance, but those who can't afford it will get subsidies.

As for costs, not to worry. "Reducing the waste and inefficiency in Medicare and Medicaid will pay for most of this plan," Obama said. He pledged to "not sign a plan that adds one dime to our (budget) deficits — either now or in the future." If you believe Obama, what's not to like?

Universal insurance. Continued choice. Lower costs.

The problem is that you can't entirely believe Obama. If he were candid — if we were candid — we'd all acknowledge that the goals of our ideal health care system collide. Perhaps we can have any two, but not all three.

If we want universal insurance and unlimited patient and doctor choice, costs will continually spiral upward, because there will be no reason or no one to stop them. We have a variant of that today — a cost-plus system, with widespread insurance and open-ended reimbursement.

Higher costs push up premiums and taxes. That's one reason health spending has gone from 5 percent of gross domestic product in 1960 to 16 percent in 2007. (Other reasons: new technologies, rising incomes.) But controlling spending requires limits

on patients and doctors.

Studies of various health proposals conclude that their long-term costs exceed their long-term financing. In its second decade (2020-2029), H.R. 3200 — the main House bill — would increase federal budget deficits by \$1 trillion, estimates the consulting firm Lewin Group. Total health spending would reach 28 percent of GDP by 2029. How can Obama claim to control costs and never add to the deficit? Well, he'd adopt a provision requiring "more spending cuts if the savings we promised don't materialize." Sound convincing?

It isn't. Congress often enacts automatic triggers to control spending. The triggers usually don't work. When they might bite, Congress delays or modifies them. Consider one trigger: the "sustainable growth rate" (SGR) that Congress created in 1997 to control doctors' spending under Medicare. Since 2002, the SGR formula has consistently called for annual cuts in doctors' reimbursements. Congress has routinely overridden the formula. Now, there's pressure to scrap the whole SGR.

Obama's selling of "reform" qualifies as high-class hucksterism, but in fairness, many conservative opponents match or exceed his exaggerations and distor-

tions with low-class fear-mongering.

These critics charge that Obama would curtail Medicare benefits or create "death panels" to deprive ill seniors of desirable care. Not only are these charges mainly false (as Obama says), but they wrongly suggest that we put some important subjects off-limits. Medicare represents one-fifth of personal health spending. Why shouldn't we debate what should be covered and who should pay? Similarly, doctors, patients and families should discuss end-of-life care. It's not just that 25 percent to 30 percent of Medicare spending occurs in patients' last year. Expensive, heroic care often compounds suffering.

The candor gap reflects a common condescension. One side believes it must fool Americans into thinking "reform" will do more than it will; the other thinks it must frighten Americans into believing that it will harm them in ways that it won't. Given Americans' contradictory expectations, any health care proposal can be criticized for offending some popular goal.

We refuse to face unavoidable — and unpleasant — choices.

Newsweek columnist Robert Samuelson writes about economics.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ITD district managers should also be removed

I enthusiastically support the ITD board and the Legislature on their changes at the Idaho Transportation Department. My only thoughts are that they stopped too soon with removing only the director; they should have gone into the districts and removed some district managers also.

ITD doesn't know or care about winter road maintenance. As a former police officer, I was repulsed at the fact I had to go knocking on someone's door and tell people their loved ones weren't coming home again for want of a few shovelfuls of sand. ITD's responses to our call for sand and plows were, "We'll get to it when

we get to it or it will melt."

As a professional truck driver, I am tired of traveling all over the USA and encountering the worst roads in my home state. We pay people to keep the snow off the roads. They are not doing their jobs! We need someone who will. The worst roads in the whole USA that you can be on in the winter time is U.S. 20 from Ashton to the Montana border. Your life's in your one hands if you go up there.

Last winter, I finally tried to call in to let them know they were going to kill some people if they didn't do something with their road. I finally got in touch with Karen Hiatt, the district manager in Rigby. She told me, "It was a freak storm; we did our best, Sorry!" The

National Weather Bureau had been forecasting the storm for a week. We had been in it all the way from Green Bay, Wis. Other states handled it just fine. "Sorry;" doesn't cut it, Ms. Hiatt, when you're dealing with human lives.

Here in Idaho, we feel a human life is worth more than a few shovelfuls of sand. It's your job to keep the roads clean in the winter. Do your job!

To file a complaint with ITD, you better have a phone book ready and lots of time. It's best just to get in touch with your Congressperson. I feel the whole ITD machine needs a baseball bat taken to it and applaud our ITD board and Legislature for addressing it.

DANNY CRAFTON Hansen

Different standard for women on sex crimes

I am having a hard time with the sentence given to Ms. Bettencourt for her actions with a 16-year-old boy that she is supposed to have authority over.

If she had been a 19-year-old male having sex with a 16-year-old girl, she would have been spending time in prison. We do seem to have a different standard for women than for men.

If she was going through a bad time and wanted some attention, she could have gone to a bar and found some.

She bought beer for some boys. There is another crime. What next?
DONNA DAVIS Bellevue

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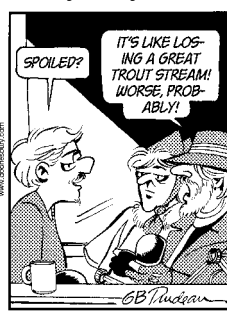
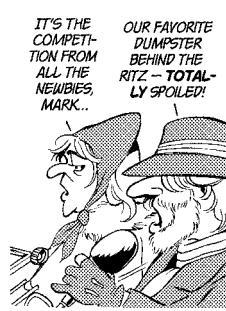
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Obama says he's expecting 'good health care bill'

By Steven R. Hurst
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — President Obama said he is confident Congress will pass "a good health care bill," as months of rancor over reforming the nation's health care system seemed to be easing Sunday, with the White House playing down an immediate role for a government insurance option.

At the same time, Obama was critical of Republican opponents who he said were trying to block an overhaul of the nation's health care system for political gain.

"I believe that we will have enough votes to pass not just any health care bill, but a good health care bill that helps the American people, reduces costs, actually over the long-term controls our

deficit. I'm confident that we've got that," Obama said in an interview broadcast Sunday on CBS' "60 Minutes." "There are those in the Republican party who think the best thing to do is just to kill reform. That that will be good politics."

Obama has retaken the offensive on his key domestic policy issue, most notably with a speech last week to both houses of Congress. And sought to turn down the heat over a government-run health insurance plan.

"The public option is only a means to that end and we should remain open to other ideas that accomplish our ultimate goal," he said.

Obama is trying to push opposing lawmakers away from positions — both left and right — that were threatening stalemate. That's what

happened when Bill Clinton, the last Democratic president, tried to push through an overhaul in the 1990s.

Obama's spokesman, Robert Gibbs, drove home that point again Sunday.

The president "prefers the public option," Gibbs said. "However, he said what's most important is choice and competition."

And Sen. Olympia Snowe, the Maine Republican who could be the party's only senator who votes with Democrats, believes choice and competition can be ensured without the public option.

"It's not on the table. And it won't be," she said Sunday. "We'll be using the co-op as an option at this point, as the means for injecting competition in the process," she said.

Snowe sits on a six-member panel — three from each party — of the Senate Finance Committee that is writing a version of the health care overhaul bill.

Instead of the government running a program that provides low-cost health insurance, Snowe and fellow negotiators are considering a not-for-profit cooperative system. Those backing the measure contend it would substantially lower health insurance premiums by cutting out private-industry profits and guarantee coverage to all who want it.

Such systems exist in some areas of the country but their success has been spotty.

And Obama will have to be convinced that such a plan can succeed.

"I have no interest in having a bill get passed that fails.

That doesn't work," Obama told CBS. "You know, I intend to be president for a while and once this bill passes, I own it."

Obama wants to make sure that any overhaul imposes strict measures to ban companies from refusing insurance to people with existing medical conditions, dropping coverage when policyholders become ill and imposing caps on what a person can claim for one illness or in his lifetime.

He told CBS he didn't want Americans to say in the future: "You know what? This hasn't reduced my costs. My premiums are still going up 25 percent, insurance companies are still jerking me around."

"I'm the one who's going to be held responsible," Obama said. "So I have every incentive to get this right."

Obama is trying to sweeten the deal for Republicans by indicating he is open to their ideas.

In his Wednesday speech and again in the CBS interview, the president signaled he was open to the idea of so-called tort reform. Under current practice, doctors and hospitals must pay huge amounts to insure themselves against malpractice lawsuits by patients seeking large court-ordered settlements for poor treatment.

Democrats, thanks to heavy backing from lawyers, have not supported Republican efforts to limit such payments. Doctors — and Republican politicians — say the current system drives up costs through unneeded medical procedures ordered by physicians who fear being sued.

Peru emerges as counterfeiting's new hub

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — A flood of high-quality counterfeit U.S. money from Peru is perplexing federal authorities, who say the shadowy networks that are responsible are also engaging in other criminal activity that poses a threat to U.S. security.

Over the past year, authorities and banks have recovered at least \$7.8 million in fake U.S. notes across the United States that they believe were manufactured in Peru, according to Secret Service statistics. Another \$446,280 in fake U.S. cash from Peru was seized before it was spent in the United States during that same period, and more than \$18.2 million more during raids in Peru, the Secret Service said.

"And that's just a fraction of the notes that we can ally to Peru," worldwide, said John Large, the assistant special agent in charge of the Secret Service's Criminal Division at its headquarters in Washington. "It's a form of economic terrorism."

Besides costing U.S. citizens and businesses millions in losses, Large said the international counterfeiting rings undermine confidence in U.S. currency. That is especially the case in countries in South America and elsewhere that have "dollarized" economies, in which U.S. bills are accepted as an official form of currency.

The Secret Service launched a special task force in February in partnership with the Peruvian National Police, and stepped up training for Peruvian officials and bankers in how to go after counterfeiters. The State Department issued a warning to travelers last month, saying that "counterfeit U.S. currency is a growing and serious problem in Peru."

A similar crackdown in Colombia in recent years helped authorities sharply reduce the rampant counter-

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— Kris Buckner, a former Los Angeles County sheriff's deputy

feiting of U.S. currency. As much as 70 percent of the counterfeit U.S. currency passed annually in the United States had been from Colombia, but law enforcement initiatives have dropped that level to about 5 percent domestically, Secret Service statistics show. Counterfeiters in Colombia still print millions in fake U.S. dollars.

Those successes, however, resulted in at least some of the Colombian counterfeiters moving over to Peru, which does not have as robust an anti-fraud force and system of anti-counterfeiting laws in place.

The Secret Service noticed a trickle of fake bills coming out of Peru in 2003. Two years ago, agents began reporting a steady stream of fake currency in Miami, some of it smuggled in by human "mules" who hid it on their bodies or in packages and even in greeting cards.

One woman was observed passing seven counterfeit \$100 notes at a Macy's in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., according to

Secret Service officials. They said further investigation revealed that she had been traveling to Lima monthly, and she was arrested at Miami International Airport while trying to smuggle in \$47,300 in counterfeit \$100s, which were concealed in her luggage and on her body.

Kris Buckner, a former Los Angeles County sheriff's deputy, said groups spreading counterfeit money from Peru have been active in Southern California for some time but that it is hard to get good intelligence on them. "The guys who are selling the counterfeit money are also selling guns and drugs and counterfeit goods. It's a never-ending cycle of criminal activity," said Buckner, who now works for Investigative Consultants, a Los Angeles-area group that tracks counterfeiting and piracy.

Large and other U.S. and Peruvian officials say some of the Peruvian counterfeiters are also engaged in drug trafficking and making fake passports, visas and other documents. They fear that terrorists could use the documents, and even the fake cash, to make their way to the United States.

In one recent raid in Peru, authorities seized passports from 16 countries.

Large and other authorities say they have made 24 arrests and taken down 17 counterfeiting plants in Peru during the raids that netted the \$18.2 million in fake U.S. currency since February.

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More believe media's biased

NEW YORK (AP)—More bad news for journalists: The percentage of people who believe their work is inaccurate and biased continues to grow.

Nearly two-thirds — 63 percent — of Americans surveyed by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press believe that news stories are often inaccurate. That's a flip from when Pew first asked that question in 1985, when 34 percent of respondents believed stories were frequently inaccurate.

Pew also found that 74 percent of respondents believe stories tend to favor one side of an issue over another, up from 66 percent two years ago.

Those trends tend to go hand in hand, said Andrew Kohut, the Pew center's director.

"If people believe that news reports are often biased, they will say they're inaccurate," he said.

The slippage in attitudes toward the press is primarily due to Democrats. Republicans have long

been critical of the news media, and now Democrats are joining them. Most Democrats (59 percent) say that news reports are often inaccurate, compared with 43 percent two years ago, Pew said.

Partisan attitudes toward cable news networks have hardened in the past two years, just as many of their programs become more overtly partisan.

Nearly three-quarters of

Republicans surveyed (72 percent) view Fox News Channel positively, with 43 percent of Democrats feeling that way, Pew said. CNN had the opposite results: 75 percent of Democrats view the network favorably, while 44 percent of Republicans do. MSNBC, which has become more overtly liberal in prime-time over the past year, has 60 percent approval from Democrats, with only 34 percent from Republicans.

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DEATH NOTICES

Delma Greener

HEYBURN — Delma Pack Greener, 75, of Heyburn, died Sunday, Sept. 13, 2009, at her home. The funeral is pending and will be announced by the Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Leon Tittsworth

Leon Tittsworth, 91, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Sept. 12, 2009, at his home in Twin Falls. Services are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary, Twin Falls.

Shirley E. Presley

Shirley E. Presley, 63, of

Gooding, died Sunday Sept. 13, 2009, at her residence. Arrangements are under the direction of Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

Evelyn Wilen

Evelyn Wilen, 69, of Twin Falls, died Sept. 12, 2009, in Twin Falls. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Scott L. Cutler

WENDELL — Scott L. Cutler, 61, of Wendell, died Sept. 13, 2009, in Boise. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

SERVICES

James Budd of Twin Falls, memorial service at 10 a.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Gary Rex Bowers of Blackfoot, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Hawker Funeral Home, 132 S. Shilling Ave. in Blackfoot; visitation one hour before the service today at the mortuary; interment at 3 p.m. today in the Gem Cemetery, 2435 Overland Ave. in Burley.

Cathy L. Snyder of Buhl, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Lorna Bolton of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; visitation one hour before the service at the mortuary.

John Robert Severa of Buhl, funeral at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Buhl; rosary at 7 p.m. today at the church (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Laurel Dean Ploss of Jerome, funeral at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome; visitation

from 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before the service Tuesday at the mortuary.

Varian Kent Worwood of Burley, funeral at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Burley LDS 2nd and 4th Ward Chapel, 515 E. 16th St. in Burley; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

Verla Vonna Fenster-maker McLaws of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Burley LDS West Stake Center, 2420 Parke Ave.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Thelma Emma Bayne of Gooding, funeral at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Kimball LDS Ward, 744 N. 600 E. in Firth (Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Wai Wan Lee of Jerome, funeral at 2 p.m. Thursday at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour before the service Thursday at the mortuary.

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Borlaug, who saved millions from hunger, dies

By Matt Curry and Betsy Blaney
Associated Press writers

DALLAS — Scientist and Nobel Peace Prize winner Norman Borlaug rose from his childhood on an Iowa farm to develop a type of wheat that helped feed the world, fostering a movement that is credited with saving up to 1 billion people from starvation.

Borlaug, 95, died Saturday from complications of cancer at his Dallas home, said Kathleen Phillips, a spokesman for Texas A&M University where Borlaug was a distinguished professor.

"Norman E. Borlaug saved more lives than any man in human history," said Josette Sheeran, executive director of the U.N. World Food Program. "His heart was as big as his brilliant mind, but it was his passion and compassion that moved the world."

He was known as the father of the "green revolution," which transformed agriculture through high-yield crop varieties and other innovations, helping to more than double world food production between 1960 and 1990. Many experts credit the green revolution with averting global famine during the second half of the 20th century and saving perhaps 1 billion lives.

"He has probably done more and is known by fewer people than anybody that has done that much," said Dr. Ed Runge, retired head of Texas A&M University's Department of Soil and Crop Sciences and a close friend who persuaded Borlaug teach at the school. "He made the world a better place — a much better place."



AP file photo

Norman Borlaug, visiting professor at Texas A&M University, and the 1970 Nobel Prize recipient, looks over some sorghum tests in this Oct. 30, 1996, file photo taken in one of A&M's teaching greenhouses, in College Station, Texas. The Nobel Prize-winning agricultural scientist has died in Texas at age 95.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack called Borlaug "simply one of the world's best. A determined, dedicated, but humble man who believed we had the collective duty and knowledge to eradicate hunger worldwide."

Borlaug began the work that led to his Nobel in Mexico at the end of World War II. There he developed disease-resistant varieties of wheat that produced much more grain than traditional strains.

He and others later took those varieties and similarly improved strains of rice and corn to Asia, the Middle East, South America and Africa. In Pakistan and India, two of the nations that benefited most from the new crop varieties, grain yields more than quadrupled.



AP photos

This June 29 photo shows Gianni Bisoli during an interview in Verona, Italy. Bisoli has accused Verona's late bishop, Monsignor Giuseppe Carraro, who is being considered for beatification, of molesting him on five separate occasions while he was a student at Verona's Provolto Institute for the deaf, which he attended from age 9 to 15.

Right in its BACKYARD

Italy grapples with priest sex abuse allegations

By Nicole Winfield
Associated Press writer

VERONA, Italy — It happened night after night, the deaf man said, sometimes in the priest's bedroom, sometimes in the bathroom, even in the confessional.

When he was a young boy at a Catholic-run institute for the deaf, Alessandro Vantini said, priests sodomized him so relentlessly he came to feel "as if I were dead." This year, he and dozens of other former students did something highly unusual for Italy: They went public with claims they were forced to perform sex acts with priests.

For decades, a culture of silence has surrounded priest abuse in Italy, where surveys show the church is considered one of the country's most respected institutions. Now, in the Vatican's backyard, a movement to air and root out abusive priests is slowly and fitfully taking hold.

A yearlong Associated Press tally has documented 73 cases with allegations of sexual abuse by priests against minors over the past decade in Italy, with more than 235 victims. The tally was compiled from local media reports, linked to by Web sites of victims groups and blogs. Almost all the cases have come out in the seven years since the scandal about Roman Catholic priest abuse broke in the United States.

The numbers in Italy are still a mere trickle compared to the hundreds of cases in the court systems of the United States and Ireland. And according to the AP tally, the Italian church has so far had to pay only a few hundred thousand euros (dollars) in civil damages to the victims, compared to \$2.6 billion in abuse-related costs for the American diocese or euro1.1 billion (\$1.5 billion) due to victims in Ireland.

However, the numbers still stand out in a country where reports of clerical sex abuse were virtually unknown a decade ago. They point to an increasing willingness among the Italian public and — slowly — within the Vatican itself to look squarely at a tragedy where the reported cases may only just be the tip of the iceberg. The Italian church will not release the numbers of cases reported or of court settlements.

The implications of priest abuse loom large in Italy: with its 50,850 priests in a nation of 60 million, Italy counts more priests than all of South America or Africa. In the United States — where the Vatican counts 44,700 priests in a nation of 300 million — more than 4,000 Catholic clergy have been accused of molesting minors since 1950.

The Italian cases follow much the same pattern as

the U.S. and Irish scandals: Italian prelates often preyed on poor, physically or mentally disabled, or drug-addicted youths entrusted to their care. The deaf students' speech impairments, for example, made the priests' admonition "never to tell" all the more easy to enforce.

In this predominantly Roman Catholic country, the church enjoys such an exalted status that the pope's pronouncements frequently top the evening news, without any critical commentary. Even those with anti-clerical views acknowledge the important role the church plays in education, social services and caring for the poor.

As a result, few dare to criticize it, including the mainstream independent and state-run media. In addition, there's a certain prudishness in small-town Italy, where one just doesn't speak about sex, much less sex between a priest and a child.

"It's a taboo on top of a taboo," said Jacqueline Monica Magi, who prosecuted several pedophilia cases in Italy before becoming a judge. "This is the provincialism of Italy."

Breaking the conspiracy of silence, 67 former students from Verona's Antonio Provolto institute for the deaf signed a statement alleging that sexual abuse, pedophilia and corporal punishment occurred at the school from the 1950s to the 1980s at the hands of priests and brothers of the Congregation for the Company of Mary.

While not all acknowledged being victims themselves, 14 of the 67 wrote sworn statements and videotaped testimony, detailing the abuse they say they suffered, some for years, at the school's two campuses in Verona, the city of Romeo and Juliet. They named 24 priests, lay religious men and religious brothers.

Vantini said he, too, was silent for years.

"How could I tell my papa that a priest had sex with me?" Vantini, 59, told the AP one afternoon, recounting through a sign-language



This June 29 photo shows Carlo De Gresti, spokesman of the Antonio Provolto Institute in Verona, Italy.

interpreter the abuse he said he endured. "You couldn't tell your parents because the priests would beat you."

Vantini named two priests and two lay brothers — three of whom are still alive — but asked that their names not be printed for fear of legal action. He spoke with the nervousness and agitation he says has accompanied him all of his life from being raped as a child by a priest.

"I suffered from depression until I was 30," said Vantini, who attended the school from age 6 to 19. "My wife said it was good that I spoke out because it lifted this weight from my chest."

Vantini's one-time schoolmate, Gianni Bisoli, 60, named the same men in his written declaration and in an interview, as well as 12 other priests and brothers from the Congregation, accusing them of sodomizing him, forcing him to have oral sex and to masturbate them.

In his declaration, Bisoli also accused Verona's late bishop, Monsignor Giuseppe Carraro — who is being considered for beatification — of molesting him on five separate occasions while he was a student at Provolto, which he attended from age 9 to 15.

A diocesan probe cleared Carraro of sex abuse. But the investigation interviewed none of the alleged victims, limiting testimony to surviving members of the Congregation, other school personnel and their affiliates, and documentation from Verona diocese.

The late bishop's beatification process was suspended pending the investigation, but is now going ahead to the Vatican's saint-making office.

Five decades later, Bisoli still recalls the route he said he took from the institute, located on a quiet street named for the congregation's founder, Don Antonio Provolto, along the serpentine Adige river to the bishop's residence tucked behind Verona's Piazza del Duomo.

Bisoli, who became deaf at age eight, said he was accompanied by one of his abusers and walked past the red brick Castelvechio, an imposing 14th-century citadel, then along the main Corso Cavour thoroughfare or the more out-of-the-way pedestrian shopping street Via Mazzini.

"They brought me inside the curia (the diocese headquarters)," Bisoli recalled in an interview. "There was a servant who opened the door, then someone brought me inside. It was dark."

Bishop Carraro appeared, he recalled. "The bishop started to touch me, grope me," he said, running his hands up and down his body, pulling at his shirt and shorts to demonstrate. "I pulled away. But he continued to touch me for 15, 20 minutes. I didn't know what to do."

On a subsequent occasion, Bisoli said, the bishop tried to sodomize him with a banana. Another time, they were on the sofa and he sodomized him with his finger, offering him candy to appease him, Bisoli said.

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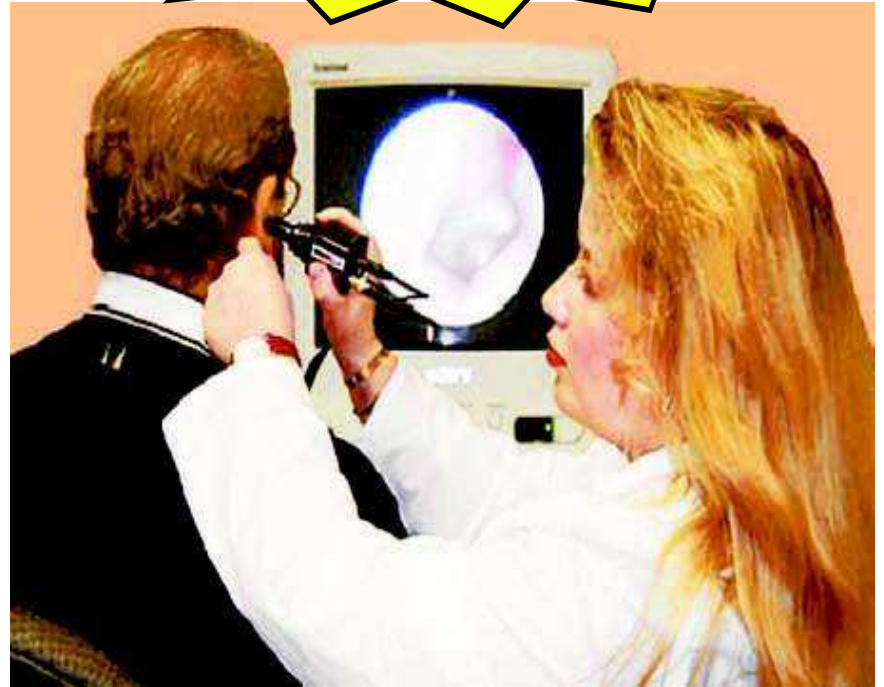
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SWEAT ASSESSMENT



Instructor Kay Parker teaches her first 'Kettlebells & Kore' class at the YMCA in Twin Falls on Thursday.

Photos by DREW GODLESKI/For the Times-News



By Melissa Davlin
Times-News writer

Before Thursday, I thought I was in good shape. I exercise a few times a week, usually. I lift weights, sometimes. I don't eat *that* badly. I'm certainly not out of shape, I figured. Then fitness instructor Kay Parker showed me how horribly, painfully wrong I was. I attended her first "Kettlebells & Kore" session, part of the new class lineup at Twin Falls' YMCA. The class features 30 minutes of working with kettlebells — which look like small cannonballs with handles — and a short core-strengthening workout at the end. Kettlebells originated in Russia and have been around for centuries but have gained popularity in the U.S. in recent years. A proper kettlebell routine works 65 to 75

Kettlebells kick reporter's keister

percent of the body's muscles, Parker said. Combined with cardio, it packs a huge calorie-burning, muscle-building punch. Most kettlebell workouts are geared toward men, but after seeing kettlebell workouts for women online, Parker unleashed her new class on unsuspecting Y members.

What went down

The class is held in one of Canyon Rim's large, mirrored fitness rooms. The two other participants and I chose kettlebells, which ranged in weight from 5 to 15 pounds. Though the exercises took only one kettlebell, I grabbed both 5- and 10-pounders so I could downsize or upgrade as needed.

Parker put on some music and warmed us up with marching in place and squats. She walked us through the kettlebell exercises, many of which involved swinging the weight between our legs and over our heads. Super easy, I thought, switching to the 10-pound weight.

How wrong I was. The swinging moves evolved into holding the weight over our heads for longer than I was prepared for. I switched back to the 5-pounder, hoping no one noticed, and felt better when a classmate did the same.

That wasn't even the hardest part of the class. I assumed that a kettlebell class would be a lot like weight lifting, but it reminded me of a hardcore cardio class. My legs shook, my heart pounded, my lungs burned. I loved it, but I struggled to keep up.

No worries there, though. Throughout the class, Parker encouraged us to work at



Times-News reporter Melissa Davlin gets a workout during 'Kettlebells & Kore' at the Twin Falls YMCA.

our own levels. When I slowed down because of back pain, she told us the best way to protect our backs during the workout.

After 30 minutes of kettlebells, we launched into the ab routine. We didn't work on our cores as much as I thought we would, which was OK. By the end, I felt like I was going to puke or die or both from the intensity. My abused, overworked arm gave out in the middle of a plank move, sending me crashing into my mat and into

See **KETTLEBELLS**, H&F 2

SWEAT ESSENTIALS

- **What:** 'Kettlebells & Kore'
- **When:** 5:30 p.m. Thursdays
- **Where:** Canyon Rim YMCA, 1881 Pole Line Road, Twin Falls
- **Cost:** Free for YMCA members; day pass for \$5
- **Also new:** The YMCA introduced two other classes as part of its new fall lineup: "Zumba" and "Power Pump." It also added more sessions of its popular classes. For the new schedule, visit ymcatf.com.

Duke Morton, 68, enjoys his twice-weekly aquatics therapy sessions in Gooding's indoor pool. The weights he uses are extremely light out of the water but provide 25 pounds of resistance when submerged. One-on-one aquatic therapy with a licensed physical therapist is offered at the pool twice a week.



BLAIR KOCH/
For the Times-News

A little water goes a long way

New aquatic therapy makes a splash

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

GOODING — Duke Morton's declining health has been a long time coming, his need for a wheelchair no surprise.

Morton, 68, battled polio when he was 5 years old and has used a motorized chair since taking a bad fall about a year ago.

But his health isn't keeping Morton, mayor of Gooding, from living a full and active life. To optimize his physical therapy regimen, Morton enrolled in North Canyon Medical Center's aquatic therapy program about eight weeks ago.

The *Times-News* caught up with Morton at the hospital's pool in downtown Gooding recently to

"My goal is to one day jump in the pool like I did as a kid."

— **Duke Morton, who has battled health problems and attends North Canyon Medical Center's aquatic therapy program**

observe a 30-minute aquatic therapy session with physical therapist Jeremiah Yates.

"Morton said. "It's a safe medium, you can't fall and the water enables me to exercise in ways that I couldn't in a gym."

What Morton lacks in physical abilities he makes up for in spirit. "My goal is to one day jump in

GET WET

Information on North Valley Medical Center aquatic therapy in Gooding: 934-9884.

the pool like I did as a kid," Morton said.

For now, Morton is assisted from his chair to a patient lift he jokingly calls "the crane," which lowers him gently into the water.

Once submerged, Morton looks like anyone else, buoyancy taking over support of his body. Relaxing into the water, Morton sways his arms, creating ripples.

The relaxing doesn't last long as Morton and Yates delve into the sometimes grueling routine.

See **THERAPY**, H&F 2

Personal trainer spills secrets of Michelle Obama's sculpted arms

By Darlene Superville
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — At last, the secret to first lady Michelle Obama's sculpted arms? Tricep pushdowns and hammer curls.

So says Cornell McClellan, Mrs. Obama's longtime personal trainer, who described the workout routine of his famous client in the October issue of Women's Health magazine. She began working with McClellan in 1997 at his Chicago fitness studio.

"She's truly committed herself to the importance of health and fitness," he says.

McClellan said that at the end of an intense routine of cardio workouts and weight training, Mrs. Obama finishes with the "arm-shaping superset" of tricep pushdowns and hammer curls to tone one of the most commented-upon pair of arms in the world. Mrs. Obama often wears sleeveless outfits.

How to get arms like hers?

Perform one set of tricep pushdowns using a straight bar attached to the high pulley of a cable station and then, without resting, follow with a set of hammer curls using dumbbells. Immediately repeat the entire process until two or three sets of both exercises have been completed.



Mrs. Obama cited small changes to her family's diet that she says have made a difference. They include eliminating processed foods, cutting back on sugary drinks, eating more fresh fruits and vegetables, eating together more as a family and teaching her daughters how to read food labels.

pupils who have been involved with the White House garden.

Obama said he works out six days a week: two cardio days and four weightlifting days split between the upper and lower body. He also discussed his effort to overhaul the U.S. health care system and his late mother's bout with cancer.

"My blood pressure is pretty low, and I tend to be a healthy eater," he said in the interview. "So I probably could get away with cutting (my workouts) back a little bit. The main reason I do it is just to clear my head and relieve me of stress."

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fresh fruits and vegetables, eating together more as a family and teaching her daughters how to read food labels.

She said she tries to be conscientious about health and fitness because her family is like many others — too busy to think about it every day.

"But health and fitness and how we eat and thinking about it has become part of our lives, because of our kids," she told Children's Health. "We are their primary role models. And if they see me exercising and thinking about what I'm eating, if they see their father, as busy as he is, getting to the gym and playing sports, when they grow up they'll understand that this is a natural part of being an adult."

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By Linda Searing
Special to The
Washington Post

Quick Study

The topic: Alzheimer's disease

High cholesterol at midlife may contribute to later dementia

THE QUESTION

Might cholesterol, known for its effect on heart disease, also play a role in Alzheimer's?

THIS STUDY

It analyzed data on 9,844 men and women whose cholesterol levels were measured when they were 40 to 45 years old. Decades later, when they were 61 to 88 years old, Alzheimer's had been diagnosed in 469 of them. The higher the cholesterol reading had been at middle age, the greater the risk for Alzheimer's. People whose cholesterol had measured 240 milligrams per deciliter of blood (mg/dL) or above were 57 percent more likely to have developed Alzheimer's than were people with cholesterol of 200 mg/dL or lower.

WHO MAY BE AFFECTED?

Adults with borderline to high cholesterol levels. A certain amount of cholesterol, which is made by the body and taken in through food, is needed for the body to function properly, but too much cholesterol is a major risk factor for heart disease. Its relationship to dementia has been less studied.

CAVEATS

The study suggested a link between cholesterol and Alzheimer's but did not prove that it's a cause of the disease. Data were not available on low-density lipoprotein (LDL) and high-density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol levels, nor were there data on whether people in the study took cholesterol-lowering drugs, which might have affected their risk.

FIND THIS STUDY

It's in the August issue of Dementia and Geriatric Cognitive Disorders.

LEARN MORE

Learn about Alzheimer's disease at www.nia.nih.gov and www.alz.org.

The research described in Quick Study comes from credible, peer-reviewed journals. Nonetheless, conclusive evidence about a treatment's effectiveness is rarely found in a single study. Anyone considering changing or beginning treatment of any kind should consult with a physician.

Flu's not the only ill that might merit a preventive shot

By Rachel Saslow
The Washington Post

All the vaccine buzz is about the H1N1 virus right now, but the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is reminding Americans to make sure all of their vaccinations are up-to-date. The CDC encourages adults to guard against vaccine-preventable diseases such as shingles, human papillomavirus (HPV), tetanus, meningitis, whooping cough and pneumococcal disease.

If getting those shots hadn't occurred to you, you're not alone. A survey released this summer by the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) found that about three-quarters of American adults were extremely or very familiar with only two vaccine-preventable diseases: influenza and chickenpox.

Young adults, defined as ages 18 to 26 for the survey, tend to be especially complacent about vaccination. "This is not that surprising, because they have been well-protected against these diseases and have little or no experience with the manifestations," says Susan J. Rehm, the medical director of NFID.

For example, less than half

WHEN TO GET WHICH SHOTS

Recommended vaccinations for preventable diseases:

Pneumococcal disease: a bacterial infection that can cause pneumonia.

One dose for those age 65 and older, and for those with underlying medical conditions including heart disease, cancer and alcoholism.

Human papillomavirus (HPV): a sexually transmitted infection that can lead to cervical cancer.

Three-dose series over a six-month period for females age 11 to 26.

Influenza: a virus that kills more Americans than any other vaccine-preventable disease.

Annual autumn vaccination for people older than 50, pregnant women, health-care workers and those with chronic medical conditions.

Tetanus/diphtheria: Tetanus, sometimes called lockjaw, is a bacterial infection affecting the nervous system.

Diphtheria is a bacterial infection that affects the upper respiratory tract.

A combination booster every 10 years.

Pertussis, or whooping cough: a highly contagious respiratory tract infection.

Every adult should receive one dose of pertussis vaccine, which is given in combination with one of the tetanus/diphtheria boosters.

Hepatitis B: a liver disease that, if it develops into a chronic infection, can cause cirrhosis, liver cancer and death.

Three-dose series over a six-month period for unvaccinated people who have HIV or are at risk for sexually transmitted disease. (Most Americans born since the early 1990s were vaccinated as infants.)

Shingles: a painful skin rash. One dose at age 60 or older.

Meningococcal disease, or meningitis: an infection of the fluid that surrounds the spinal cord and the brain.

One dose for adults with certain risk factors, such as living in close quarters or having a damaged spleen.

SOURCES: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (www.adultvaccination.org)

of the young adults surveyed knew that tetanus causes lockjaw and that one should

be vaccinated against tetanus every 10 years; 84 percent of adults 50 and older knew this.

Study: Kudzu root may thwart hypertension

By Shari Roan
Los Angeles Times

Kudzu, the wild vine that has overtaken almost 10 million acres in the southeastern U.S., may be more nutrient than nuisance. Previous studies have suggested a chemical in the vine may help alcoholics curb their addiction. Now a study, also in rats, shows kudzu can help regulate blood pressure, glucose metabolism and cholesterol levels.

Kudzu root, which is called *Radix puerariae*, contains polyphenols, substances that are known to have a range of positive health effects. Kudzu is already available in health food stores as a dietary supplement marketed to women for menopausal symptoms.

In the new study, researchers gave half of a rat population kudzu root extract and compared them with rats that didn't receive the extract. All of the rats were females prone to strokes (a type of lab rat often

used as a model for human metabolic syndrome).

The findings, the authors wrote, "suggest that polyphenols in kudzu root may provide a nonpharmacological complement to traditional approaches for treating hypertension. The ability of a well-tolerated, safe and low-cost food additive to decrease hypertension is of considerable interest."

However, they add, stud-

ies in humans will be needed to evaluate the true worth of kudzu. And supplements now sold in stores may be poorly absorbed and may also vary in concentration from bottle to bottle.

The study was conducted by researchers at the University of Alabama and Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, and published in the Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry.

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IS IT WORKIN'?

NOT YET.

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

GIVE ME A KISS GOODNIGHT.
UM, WOULD IT BE OKAY IF I JUST GAVE YOU A HUG INSTEAD?
I... GUESS SO.
ARE YOU SURE?
OF COURSE! IT'S FINE! NO PROBLEM AT ALL!
BANWWWWW!

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

WHAT WILL YOU DO WHEN YOU GET OUT OF THE ARMY, SARGE?
WHERE WOULD I GO?
THE ARMY IS MY FAMILY.
CAN I USE THE JEEP TONIGHT, DADDY?

Blondie By Dean Young & Stan Drake

I CAN'T SLEEP! WOULD YOU MIND SWITCHING SIDES WITH ME?
WHY?
BECAUSE YOU ALWAYS SLEEP SO SOUNDLY... IT MUST HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH YOUR SIDE OF THE BED.
THAT'S CRAZY, BUT I'M TOO TIRED TO ARGUE ABOUT IT.
SUDDENLY I'M HUNGRY!

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The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

Where to for lunch today, Boone?
I already made a PB&J, Dusty...
Hmm... That does sound good, don't it?
Yeah, I had a hankering...
Hey!
What? Ya don't expect me to fix mah own lunch on an empty stomach, do ya?

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

SWEET DUST!
SWEET SWEET CLEAN!
SWEET SWEET CLEAN!
SWEET SWEET CLEAN!
SWEET SWEET CLEAN!
SWEET SWEET CLEAN!

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DRIP SPILL
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CRUMBLE

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

ARRGH, THAT'S A STRANGE DEVICE YE HAVE THERE!
ARRGH, 'TIS AN "AYE-PHONE"!

Garfield By Jim Davis

BARK!
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Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE IS AT THE GATE, SIR.
WHAT DOES HE WANT?
I'LL GO ASK HIM, SIR.
HE WANTS YOUR CASTLE AND ALL THE FURNITURE IN IT, SIR.

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

WITH SIX PEOPLE IN THE HOUSE, IT SEEMS LIKE I'M ALWAYS DOING LAUNDRY!
THERE'S GOT TO BE A BETTER WAY!
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I THINK ADAM AND EVE ALREADY TRIED THAT.

Luann By Greg Evans

THAT WAS YOUR DAD'S ADVICE ON TONI? "GO SLOW"?
IT'S THE SMART MOVE, T.J., UNTIL I KNOW IF SHE'S IN LOVE WITH ME OR WITH AN IMAGE OF ME.
BRAD, MAN UP, WILL YA? STOP THINKING ABOUT TONI, AND GO DO SOMETHING WITH HER!
LOVE IS A RARE AND PRECIOUS THING. WHEN IT COMES ALONG, GRAB IT! RUN WITH IT! ENJOY IT!
YOU MAKE IT SOUND SO FUN

Classic Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

IT WAS MY FIRST DAY IN KINDERGARTEN. SEE... SUDDENLY, THE TEACHER ANNOUNCED THAT IT WAS SNACK TIME...
SO I ASKED HER IF I COULD HAVE A CHOCOLATE SUNDAE... YOU KNOW WHAT I GOT? A CRACKER!
THAT HAPPENS ALL THE TIME WHEN YOU'RE A DOG..

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, RAT?
I'M JOHNNY MIGRAINE, REBELLIOUS PUNK SUPERSTAR. HERE TO TOUR THE STATES.
OH, GREAT... AND HOW DO YOU REBEL?... BY TRASHING YOUR HOTEL ROOM LIKE EVERY OTHER 'REBELLIOUS' BAND?
BY KEEPING IT TIDY.
OKAY, THAT IS KINDA REBELLIOUS.
ROCK AND ROLL, BABY!

Pickles By Brian Crane

LOOK AT THAT CLOUD UP THERE. IT LOOKS JUST LIKE MY GALLBLADDER.
YOU'RE RIGHT, AND THERE'S ONE THAT LOOKS SORT OF LIKE MY APPENDIX.
HA! THAT ONE NEXT TO IT REMINDS ME OF THAT REMINDS I HAD REMOVED FROM MY NECK.
AREN'T THERE ANY CLOUDS THAT DON'T REMIND YOU OF PARTS OF YOUR BODIES THAT HAVE BEEN REMOVED?

Rose is Rose By Pat Brady

WEEEEE
FORTUNATELY, THE WEATHER COOPERATED ON THE FINAL DAY OF THE AFTER-SCHOOL POOL SEASON!

Non Sequitur By Wiley

SHEESH... ANOTHER ARTICLE ON WOODSTOCK... I'M REALLY TIRED OF THIS OBSESSION BY BABY BOOMERS.
I MEAN, IT WAS JUST A ROCK CONCERT... WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?
WELL, I GUESS YOU HAD TO BE THERE, DEAH.
HEY, I WASN'T AT THE MOON LANDING EITHER, BUT...
WAIT... YOU WERE AT WOODSTOCK?!
A-YEH.
GRAN'MA'S A HIPPIE?
THAT'D ANSWER SO MANY OF MY GENE POOL QUESTIONS...
"BROCCOLI AGAIN? WE ALREADY HAD IT ONCE THIS YEAR!"

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

SPARE A FEW COINS FOR A POOR BEGGAR?
HERE
BUT I ALREADY HAVE A CUP.
THAT ONE'S FOR TAX PURPOSES.

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

SITTIN' IN MY ROOM SINGIN' 'BOUT...
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Official: Dozens of Taliban killed after U.S. deaths

By Rahim Faiez
Associated Press writer

KABUL — About 50 Taliban militants died in a battle in western Afghanistan after an insurgent ambush killed three U.S. troops, an Afghan official said Sunday.

The fighting took place in a region controlled by militants that has been the site of huge battles in the past, some that have caused high numbers of civilian casualties. In Saturday's clash, a militant-fired rocket struck a home and killed a woman and a teenage girl, Afghan police said.

The battle followed an

insurgent ambush that killed three Americans and seven Afghan troops, said Afghan army spokesman Maj. Abdul Basir Ghorri. The ambush involved two roadside bombs, gunfire and rocket-propelled grenades, the U.S. military said Sunday.

Fighting — which included NATO airstrikes — continued for six to eight hours after the ambush, U.S. military spokeswoman Capt. Elizabeth Mathias said. She couldn't provide casualty figures and no other Afghan officials immediately confirmed the death toll.

"The combined ISAF and Afghan force was receiving

significant small-arms, RPG and indirect fire throughout that time frame," she said, referring to the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force.

Saturday's violence came the same day Afghan officials said 50 other civilians, security forces and militants were killed in a spate of attacks around Afghanistan, including 20 noncombatants killed in two roadside bomb explosions.

Violence has risen steadily across Afghanistan in the last three years, and militants now control wide swaths of the countryside.

The U.S. and NATO have a record number of troops in

New plan lets Afghan detainees question detention

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon has begun putting into place a new program under which hundreds of prisoners being held by the military in Afghanistan will be given the right to challenge their detentions, a defense official said Sunday.

Prisoners at Bagram

military base are all to be given a U.S. military official to serve as their personal representative and a chance to go before new Detainee Review Boards, to have their cases considered, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to be able to discuss a program that has

not been formally announced.

The initiative amounts to the first time prisoners will be able to call witnesses and submit evidence in their defense. There are some 600 detainees at the facility, some who have been held for up to six years.

the country, and the top commander in Afghanistan, Gen. Stanley McChrystal, is likely to soon request thousands more. A record number of U.S. and NATO troops have died in Afghanistan

already this year.

Also Sunday, an ISAF official provided more information about the rescue of a New York Times reporter from Taliban captors in Kunduz province

earlier this month. Afghan journalists were angered that the British-Irish reporter was rescued but his Afghan translator died during the operation and his body was left behind.

Apollo moon rocks lost in space? No, lost on Earth

By Toby Sterling
Associated Press writer

AMSTERDAM — Attention, countries of the world: Do you know where your moon rocks are?

The discovery of a fake moon rock in the Netherlands' national museum should be a wake-up call for more than 130 countries that received gifts of lunar rubble from both the Apollo 11 flight in 1969 and Apollo 17 three years later.

Nearly 270 rocks scooped up by U.S. astronauts were given to foreign countries by the Nixon administration. But according to experts and research by The Associated Press, the whereabouts of some of the small rocks are unknown.

"There is no doubt in my mind that many moon rocks are lost or stolen and now sitting in private collections," said Joseph Gutheinz, a University of Arizona instructor and former U.S. government investigator who has made a project of tracking down the lunar treasures.

The Rijksmuseum, more noted as a repository for 17th century Dutch paintings, announced last month it had had its plum-sized "moon" rock tested, only to discover it was a piece of petrified wood, possibly from Arizona. The museum said it inherited the rock from the estate of a former prime minister.

The real Dutch moon rocks are in a natural history museum. But the misidentification raised questions about how well countries have

safeguarded their presents from Washington.

Genuine moon rocks, while worthless in mineral terms, can fetch six-figure sums from black-market collectors.

Of 135 rocks from the Apollo 17 mission given away to nations or their leaders, only about 25 have been located by CollectSpace.com, a Web site for space history buffs that has long attempted to compile a list.

That should not be taken to mean the others are lost — just that the records kept at the time are far from complete.

The AP reviewed declassified correspondence between the State Department and U.S. embassies in 1973 and was able to locate ten additional Apollo 17 rocks — in Switzerland, Belgium, Italy, Barbados, France, Poland, Norway, Costa Rica, Egypt and Nepal.

But the correspondence yielded a meager 30 leads, such as the name of the person who received them or the museum where they were to be initially displayed. Ecuador and Cyprus are among several that said they had never heard of the rocks. Five were handed to African dictators long since dead or deposed.

The outlook for tracking the estimated 134 Apollo 11 rocks is even bleaker. The locations of fewer than a dozen are known.

"NASA turned over the samples to the State Department to distribute," said Jennifer Ross-Nazzari, a NASA historian, in an e-mailed response to questions. "We don't have any records about when and to whom the rocks were given."

"The Office of the Historian does not keep records of what became of the moon rocks, and to my knowledge, there is no one entity that does so," e-mailed Tiffany Hamelin, the State Department historian.

That may seem surprising now, but in the early 1970s, few expected Apollo 17 would be the last mission to the moon. With the passage of time, the rocks' value has skyrocketed.

NASA keeps most of the 382 kilograms (842 lbs) gathered by the Apollo missions locked away, giving small samples to researchers and lending a set of larger rocks for exhibitions.

Apollo 11 gift rocks typically weigh just 0.05 grams, scarcely more than a grain of rice. The Apollo 17 gift rocks weigh about 1.1 grams. Both are encased in plastic

globes to protect them and ease viewing.

Each U.S. state got both sets of rocks, and Gutheinz said he and his students have accounted for nearly all the Apollo 17 rocks, though some are in storage and inaccessible. They have only just begun researching Apollo 11 rocks in the states.

In one known legal sale of moon samples, in 1993, moon soil weighing 0.2 grams from an unmanned Russian probe was auctioned at Sotheby's for \$442,500.

Gutheinz, the former U.S. investigator, says ignorance about the rocks is an invitation to thieves, and he should know.

In 1998, he was working for the NASA Office of the Inspector General in a sting operation to uncover fake rocks when he was offered the real Apollo 17 rock — the one given to Honduras — for \$5 million.

The rock was recovered and eventually returned to Honduras, but not before a fight in Florida District Court that went down in legal annals as "United States vs. One Lucite Ball Containing Lunar Material (One Moon Rock) and One Ten Inch By Fourteen Inch Wooden Plaque."

AP photo

This July 20, 1969, file photo shows astronaut Edwin E. 'Buzz' Aldrin Jr. standing beside the U.S. flag deployed on the moon during the Apollo 11 mission.



China military spotlighted in national day parade

BEIJING (AP) — China's biggest military parade in a decade will show off an army bristling with formidable new capabilities and deliver a potent message to the U.S. and others not to underestimate Beijing's determination to defend its interests at home and abroad.

The military display is expected to be the centerpiece of a grandiose parade through Beijing on Oct. 1 to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic. A preview rumbled through the Chinese capital a week ago, giving an excited citizenry and foreign military analysts

a first-time glimpse at some cutting-edge weaponry.

Upgraded intercontinental DF-31 nuclear missiles capable of striking Washington rolled on long-bed trucks along with advanced short-range DF-11 and DF-15 missiles, sea-skimming YJ-83 anti-ship missiles and DH-10 long-range cruise missiles — intended to strike targets in rival Taiwan and deter the U.S. Navy from coming to the island's defense. Not seen in the preview but expected to appear in a fly-over above Tiananmen Square are domestically produced J-10 jet fighters.

The advanced equipment



In this photo taken Sept. 6, Chinese made Self-propelled 155mm Howitzers at left and trucks with a DF21 medium range ballistic missile, in front and a DF31 Intercontinental Ballistic Missile, at right making their way to a military parade rehearsal for the 60th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic held in Beijing, China.

is the fruit of a 20-year military buildup fueled by annual double-digit percentage increases in defense spend-

ing and buoyed by rapid economic growth that has enabled the government to spend lavishly.

The Communist leadership's willingness to put so much equipment on public display reflects its growing faith in the People's Liberation Army's capabilities and its belief that the defense muscle will translate into new strength for Beijing internationally.

"The exercise is aimed at not only showing the Chinese people some of the symbols of China's new great power status, but also showing foreigners that policies based on the presumption of Chinese weakness must be changed," said Denny Roy, an expert on the Chinese military at Hawaii's East-West Center.

Civilian contractor shot dead on U.S. base in Iraq

BAGHDAD (AP) — A civilian contractor was shot and killed Sunday on an American military base in the Iraqi city of Tikrit and a U.S. soldier has been detained in connection with the incident, the military said.

The contractor was shot at 8:30 a.m. at Camp Speicher, the military said in a statement.

Houston-based KBR confirmed the man killed was one of its employees, 27-year-old Lucas Vinson from Louisiana. No hometown was available.

"As the Army is leading the investigation of the incident, KBR is not providing further comment at this time," spokeswoman Heather Browne said in an e-mailed statement. "We are of course fully cooperating with the Army on its continuing investigation."

Maj. Derrick Cheng, a public affairs officer, said a soldier had been detained in connection with the incident, but that he could not divulge any more information while the investigation is ongoing.

"We offer our sincere condolences to the family of the individual," he said.

6 Hong Kong workers die in elevator shaft fall

HONG KONG (AP) — A construction platform inside an elevator shaft collapsed Sunday, sending six workers falling about 20 stories to their deaths inside a Hong Kong skyscraper, officials said.

The accident occurred at the International Commerce Center, which will be 118 stories high when completed next year, making it one of the world's tallest buildings and the highest in Hong Kong.

Speaking at the scene in the Kowloon district, Hong Kong leader Donald Tsang told reporters the men fell after the platform they were working on collapsed in the elevator shaft.

All six workers died, police spokesman Michael Kwan said. The workers were believed to have fallen from around the 30th floor to the 10th floor, he said.

The building's developer, major Hong Kong property company Sun Hung Kai, has agreed to pay each of the victims' families 1 million Hong Kong dollars (\$128,000) on top of normal compensation payments, Hong Kong Labor Secretary Matthew Cheung told local media.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

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

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table showing national weather forecasts for cities like Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, and New York.

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Jumble word game advertisement with a grid and instructions: Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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