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Vineyard Lake, located above the Snake River on the Jerome County side of the canyon, is a popular hiking destination. The lake, like many other sources of water around the valley, is on a list of possible sources for use by the city of Twin Falls for drinking water.

Experts keep water options open

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — If you ask most people in Magic Valley where Vineyard Lake is, you're likely to get an answer something like, "Oh, at the end of a dirt road by a farmer's field."

But few can seem to recall exactly where that dirt road or farmer's field is — other than it's not far from the Hansen Bridge that separates eastern Twin Falls and Jerome counties. Those who do find Vineyard Lake encounter a deep, spring-fed body of water tucked inside the walls of the Snake River Canyon.

Nothing about Vineyard Lake ever seems to change much — right down to the skinny, weathered log perched precariously between two rock ledges that

you have to cross at the lake's entrance if you really intend to get close to the water.

It's likely the lake won't be changing much. The main reason is that the Idaho Water Resourced Board owns the water rights to Vineyard Lake, which means it will remain untouched in its environmentally pristine state.

But that doesn't mean that people aren't looking at Vineyard Lake as a possible source for the city to mine for drinking water. The water could be captured after it has exited the lake into Vineyard Creek, which empties into the Snake River. The city could treat that water and pipe to the Blue Lakes, engineer Bill Block said.

Vineyard Lake is included on a long list of water sources being

considered by local engineering firms and a committee of local city residents who have been involved in Twin Falls water issues for several years. They are engaged in mulling down a sustainable water supply for Twin Falls for the next five decades.

The water from Vineyard Lake won't be completely discounted until all of the sources have been evaluated, Block said.

"What we want to do is not throw out anything initially," Block said.

The water shortage

Just five short years ago, the city of Twin Falls thought it had accumulated enough water sources to last for 50 years.

Then a four-year drought hit, alerting southern Idaho resi-

dents from King Hill to Ashton that the even the water in perhaps the nation's largest aquifer is limited. In light of that diminishing supply, the city now finds itself pretty much starting over its plans for a guaranteed 50-year supply.

But since the first plan was devised, rounding up that water has become more complicated. According to the federal government, Twin Falls has a new water quality problem and must lower arsenic levels in about 40 percent of its supply.

"So now we have two concerns," said local hydrologist Chuck Brockway. "We're facing both quantity and quality issues."

He and others on a special water committee assigned, the

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Attacks expose Russia, West rift

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — The fight against terror was supposed to unite Russia and the West, pulling the last nail into the coffin of the Cold War.

But three years after the Sept. 11 attacks, a series of stunning assaults on Russia, has pried the lid open, prompting angry accusations that the West is hindering Moscow's battle against terrorists — and dark suggestions that it may even be aiding them.

The attacks here, culminating in a hostage-taking raid that killed more than 330 people at a school, brought an international outpouring of sympathy for a grieving Russia. In Chechnya, however, the Kremlin's handling of the crisis, and its policies in Chechnya, have also sparked criticism from abroad — followed in turn by an irate Russian reaction. The explosion has exposed deeply differing visions of Russia's future that threaten to overshadow unity against a common foe.

"There was a great wave of condolences and sympathy toward Russia," said Sergey Yavlinsky, head of the Heritage Foundation's Moscow office. "But as for the reasons for this tragedy, the deep roots of Russia's position and the position of the West still differ greatly."

Russia has accused Western governments of interference, demanded they hand over Chechen rebel figures who have been granted asylum, and denounced foreign calls for dialogue with separatists.

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Vladimir Putin.

Aftermath of Hurricane Ivan: Label recommendation prompts drug caution

The Associated Press

PENSACOLA, Fla. — Jim Hegman's entire fortune and future were tied up in his home. A 37-foot sailboat he restored with his own hands and lived in off the shores of Pensacola.

If a man's house is his castle, Hegman's Tavanna 37 was a floating palace — its gleaming teakwood deck sanded and shined, a kitchen cabinet he built over the sink below, a tower he constructed for the radar and wind generator.

Where other men carry photos of wives and kids in their wallets, Hegman displays one of his boat. "It used to be a beautiful thing," he said, standing before the ruins of his home, left with only a pickup truck bed to sleep in and a few diesel-soaked tokens of the past.

"What do you move on to?" the 50-year-old sailor asked. Three days after Ivan cut a path of destruction across the Gulf Coast, thousands were struggling with the same question.

There are the tangible losses: No water for showers. No power for cooking. No gas to get around. And there is something far less



Eating a Granny Smith apple, the only food he has had in more than a day, Jim Hegman sits on the tailgate of his pickup truck, next to his sailboat and home 'Coda,' Friday afternoon in the Perdido Key area of Pensacola, Fla.

visible but just as palpable: The uncertainty of what comes next and how to begin starting over. After Ivan roared ashore along the Gulf Coast early Thursday with 130 mph wind, tomatoes and towering waves, it cut a path of destruction across the South and Northeast that left 44 people dead, 16 of them in Florida. Earlier, it was blamed for 70 deaths in the Caribbean.

Hundreds of urban search and rescue workers scoured de-

molished neighborhoods, some using tracking dogs to look for victims in the rubble and along flooded river banks.

More than a million people were without power across 13 states, including more than 340,000 homes and businesses in Florida, state officials said Saturday.

The business of rebuilding was underway in earnest on Saturday. Road crews worked

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The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Alarmed at a recommendation that antidepressants for children carry a strict new warning label, some parents are not letting their kids take the drugs as part of a clinical trial for young people who have attempted suicide.

Government health advisers said last week the labels on these drugs should have bold warnings surrounded by a black box to draw attention and say that, in some cases, the medication increases suicidal thoughts and behavior.

A study financed by the National Institute of Mental Health is designed to determine whether treatment — medication or behavioral therapy, alone or combined — can prevent future suicide attempts.

Children enrolled in the small pilot study have attempted suicide previously, which normally would exclude them from such scientific trials.

Dr. Graham Emslie, principal investigator at one of the study's five sites, said only 15 percent of children diagnosed as depressed take medication. "We're trying to increase the number who are treated," said

Emslie, who works in Dallas, and the black box warning "is definitely not going to help."

The Food and Drug Administration said it generally supports the recommendation from the advisory panel that labels on antidepressants have warnings about increased risk of suicidal thoughts and behavior.

For every 100 children taking antidepressants in controlled clinical trials, an additional two to three experienced increased suicidal tendencies. In the trial, the parents of a child who had attempted suicide within the previous 15 days — a requirement to participate in the study — refused to let researchers use an antidepressant as planned.

In a second instance, divorced parents could not agree whether their suicidal child should take the medication. Emslie said two refusals by parents in a single week, each citing the advisory panel's comments, mark the beginning of a worrisome trend. "I don't think it was isolated. I think it will continue," Emslie said.

On Capitol Hill, lawmakers are pushing for greater disclosure

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Arthritis and fibromyalgia sufferers can co-exist with it.

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Here's how.

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Forty years of wilderness creates ample opportunity in Idaho.

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Thousand Springs Festival returns to Minnie Miller's island next weekend.

Friday

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They're making a move.

Saturday



Old pilots
A bunch of long-ago Navy aviators look back in ardor.

Sunday

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Caution

Continued from A1. Sure of the results from drug clinical trials. The FDA said last week it has begun to adopt more strident warning labels for all antidepressants, not only those involved in pediatric clinical trials.

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Russia

Continued from A1. President Vladimir Putin, in a televised address to the nation, suggested that some in the West - Cold War "throwbacks bent on weakening Russia - are helping terrorists.

Water

Continued from A1. task of finding water to see the city through the next 50 years are fairly sure there will be some blending of water sources in order to lower arsenic levels in all of the city's drinking water.

distrust the West, a longstanding point of view encouraged by the state-run media. They resent Western condescension, and many share the authorities' testiness about foreign interference.

"This is serious business," Block said. "The city is serious, and we're serious that we've got to look at all the options."

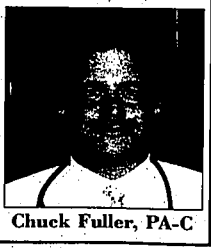
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'CURE:' A FOUR-LETTER WORD

Doctors avoid pronouncing patients cured in cases of cancer

The Associated Press

There wasn't any doubt six years ago that Doug Jensen had cancer.

The Oregon engineer's blood was clogged with the immature cells that are sure signs of leukemia. Treatment with a new wonder drug, Gleevec, made them disappear.

Since then, doctors repeatedly have searched his blood, even individual molecules, for bits of DNA and other substances that would reveal he still had the disease. None has been found.

"They don't use that word," said Jensen, who would dearly love to hear it.

Ironically, at a time when more people are cured of cancer than ever before, fewer doctors seem willing to say so. They call the cancer undetectable, or in remission. They tell patients they can quit seeing cancer specialists. They quote statistics and say chances are slim that the disease will come back.

They say these things because the simple truth is, they can't tell when or if someone has been cured. Even the most widely used benchmark — being alive five years after diagnosis — has no real basis in science, experts admit.

There's a label for people like Jensen who are in cancer limbo — "survivor."

Some wear it with pride, having fought the enemy and lived



Registered nurse Lisa Kruse draws blood from cancer patient Doug Jensen, as oncologist Brian Druker, center, watches Aug. 26 at Oregon Health and Sciences University in Portland, Ore.

to tell about it. Others think it drags them into a club to which they don't want to belong — Veterans of Forever Wars.

Nearly 10 million Americans have battled cancer, including 1.4 million who had it more than 20 years ago and are called "long-term survivors" by those afraid to call them cured.

Their ranks include Lance Armstrong, who heads a survivorship foundation and boasts of beating testicular cancer that had spread to his lungs and brain. Can he ever be declared cured, or must he always carry "survivor" with his Tour de France titles?

"The medical community has backed off the term 'cured,'" said Julia Rowland, a psychologist who directs the federal Office of Cancer Survivorship.

which was started in 1996, the year Armstrong began treatment.

The reasons involve more than just semantics, she and others say. Cure is a term with emotional and medical meanings about which there is little agreement.

In many people, the cancer is gone and is not going to come back. But some cancers — certain lymphomas and leukemias in particular — never go away com-

Surviving cancer

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Relative five-year cancer survival rate

CANCER	1974-78		1992-99	
	PERCENT	CHANGE	PERCENT	CHANGE
Breast	75%	87%	16.0%	
Colon	50	52	24.0	
Leukemia	34	46	35.3	
Lung / bronchus	13	15	15.4	
Melanoma of the skin	80	90	12.5	
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	47	56	19.1	
Ovary	37	53	43.2	
Prostate	67	98	46.3	

SOURCE: American Cancer Society

Professor faces psychological tests

POMONA, Calif. (AP) — A college professor convicted of staging a hate crime by spraying his own car with racist slurs was ordered to undergo 90 days of psychological testing at a state prison.

Pomona Superior Court Judge Charles Horan on Friday delayed Kerri Dunn's sentencing, but called her a "bald-faced liar."

Dunn, 39, of Redlands, was convicted of a misdemeanor

count of filing a false police report and two felony counts of attempted insurance fraud. She could face up to 3.5 years in prison when she returns for sentencing on Dec. 15.

The Claremont McKenna College psychology professor reported the slurs on her car on March 9, prompting college officials to cancel classes the next day as thousands of students took part in demonstrations calling for tolerance.

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Guard deployments may affect election

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — President Bush has come under fire recently over questions about his Vietnam War service, but the repeated deployments of National Guard and Reserve troops to fight in Iraq and Afghanistan may have a bigger effect on the outcome of November's presidential contest.

Those deployments have put a strain on Guard and Reserve troops, their families and their employers. And the campaign of Democratic nominee John Kerry is hoping that strain will get some of the normally Republican-leaning military voters to consider backing the Massachusetts senator.

Both Bush and Kerry made direct appeals to Guard troops and their families last week, signaling the political sensitivity of the issue in the final two months of the campaign. In a speech Thursday before the National Guard Association in Las Vegas Kerry accused the president of using the Guard to cover for an overstretched military and of shortchanging



President Bush

Guard soldiers with outdated equipment and poor support back home.

"Right now members of the Guard who are serving overseas are losing paychecks here at home," Kerry said. "Some are passed over for promotions and returning to find that jobs that they once held are gone. I think that's wrong. And we have to change it with a different policy about how we create jobs and protect people who serve their country."

Kerry campaign officials note many of the Guard and Reserve troops being called to Iraq are police officers, fire fighters and other first responders needed at home in the event of a terrorist attack.

Bush and his campaign leaders recognize the potential threat of having unhappy service members and constantly laud their role in the war

on terrorism.

"I know this time of call-ups and alerts and mobilizations and deployments has been difficult for Guard members and their families and employers," Bush said, in a speech Tuesday to the same gathering of the National Guard Association. Bush's speech was much better received than Kerry's, with the president interrupted by standing ovations a number of times.

"You've taken the battle to our enemies abroad. The National Guard has played a critical role in every aspect of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. More than 185,000 Guard members have been called to serve on every front in the war on terror," Bush said.

During his speech, Bush did not address questions about whether he satisfied his service in the National Guard during the Vietnam War. Those questions, which were raised during the 2000 campaign, include allegations that Bush failed to show up for duty while in the National Guard in Alabama and Massachusetts.

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NATION

Deportation proves immense task

Government agencies struggle in face of illegal immigrant numbers

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Thirteen government agents pile into unmarked sport utility vehicles and dark sedans in the basement garage of downtown's federal building. Their assignment: Crash the homes of 16 illegal immigrants and deport them.

It is an increasingly common scene across the nation. The federal government wants to catch the nearly half-million immigrants who either have ducked deportation orders or are targets for removal because they were convicted of a crime. The size and complexity of the mission is staggering. Even as the government pours millions into enforcement, each year the number of new fugitives far exceeds the number of immigrants removed.

One spring evening in San Diego shows why. The agents are eager to start knocking on doors. Each wears a bulletproof vest with "POLICE" emblazoned on back or a blue Department of Homeland Security jacket. But only four are full-time agents with Fugitive Operations, a unit founded in 2002 to track these immigrants — the other nine either work days processing deportation orders or are Border Patrol agents on overtime. The cobbles-together teams have five hours to finish the job.

By night's end, they've apprehended six of their 16 targets, with a seventh picked up the next morning. Given that the teams fan out just several times a week, it's barely a dent in the region's backlog of 5,000 cases.

Orders from Washington are to pursue violent criminals, a fraction of all the fugitives, but the San Diego agents catch who they can. Four of their seven had convictions unrelated to immigration, including battery, theft, sex with a minor and drunken driving.

Alvina Martinez, a 54-year-old homemaker whose husband works in construction, had no such record. Martinez was deported in 1998 for being in the United States illegally; a second offense would make her a felon. Agents talked their way into her small, single-story home and deported her to Mexico the next day.

San Diego has one of 18 Fugitive Operations teams, and with more than 550 apprehensions ranks near the top of the 22 cities where Homeland Security agents have caught fugitives since October. Others



Immigration and Naturalization agents are briefed in the garage of the Federal Building in San Diego, before going out to serve warrants on illegal immigrants who have been ordered deported.

Deporting illegal immigrants daunting

Federal officials are seeking to clear the backlog of about 460,000 immigrant "absconders" who have been ordered deported from the United States.

Fugitive Operations Program

Budget, in millions	
Oct. 1, 2003 - Sept. 30, 2004	\$16.8
Request for fiscal 2005	\$66.8
Fugitive apprehensions	
October 2002 to September 2003	3,471
October 2003 to August 2004	9,571
Enforcement	
New fugitives each year	40,000
Operation agents	90
	Estimated figures



► The Department of Homeland Security created the program to capture illegal immigrants with deportation orders or have them report to immigration officials.

► Program wants to expand from its 18 teams deployed nationally to 48.

SOURCE: Department of Homeland Security

AP

include Los Angeles, Boston, Miami and Chicago.

In all, Homeland Security wants to round up about 460,000 fugitive immigrants, about 80,000 of whom have criminal records unrelated to immigration. The Associated Press asked in May for a database with details about these fugitives, but Homeland Security hasn't ruled on that Freedom of Information Act request.

Authorities hope to eliminate their backlog by 2009, but it will be hard.

Federal agents will have detained nearly 10,000 fugitives during the fiscal year that ends Sept. 30. It's impossible to know how many of those deported have already returned to the United States. During the same period, an estimated 40,000 new fugitives were added — so the list has actually grown longer.

The explanation is straightforward. Homeland Security only has

about 19,500 detention beds, nationwide. While local jails hold some of the overflow, overwhelmed immigration courts often release immigrants who are challenging their deportation and trust they'll show up for court.

Some do. And many who are captured and threatened with deportation voluntarily return home. But agents acknowledge it's not surprising many skip hearings that likely would lead to their removal.

In April, the department expanded a pilot program to jail immigrants while their cases wind their way through the courts. That effort, begun in Connecticut and expanded to Atlanta and Denver, has drawn criticism from immigration lawyers who say it punishes noncriminals who are simply exercising their legal rights.

Authorities also are experimenting with new ways to track people before they disappear. In June, Homeland Security began using electronic ankle

bracelets in eight cities, among them Denver, San Francisco and Portland, Ore. The department also launched a limited program under which immigrants out on bail or parole check in by telephone, with voice-recognition software verifying they are who they say they are and that they're calling from home.

When immigrants do go on the lam, Fugitive Operations agents must pursue "this population that has been out there flouting the law," said Victor Cerda, who oversees detention and removals at Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement division.

Agents spend hours building dossiers: staking out homes to determine when best to come knocking, interviewing apartment managers, checking credit reports and loan applications. Some agents rely on

tips to enter people's homes, knowing they're unlikely to be let in if they explain their true intentions. It's called "knock and talk."

Homeland Security's \$4 billion spending plan for fiscal year 2005 requests \$69 million for Fugitive Operations, a four-fold increase from \$17 million this fiscal year. The department wants to expand the number of squads, each typically with five

members, from 18 to 48 nationally. Homeland Security officials said that, as a matter of policy, they won't reveal where those squads are stationed.

Agents used to track the freshest cases first, figuring they'd be easiest to find, said Doris Meissner, President Clinton's top immigration official.

"I think it is, by and large, a losing battle to go out and try to find people," said Meissner, now senior fellow at the Migration Policy Institute in Washington.

The top priority has become getting felons — not those with simple immigration law violations.

Homeland Security officials say felons represent 47 percent of the fugitives removed this year, short of their goal of 70 percent. About 11 percent of apprehended fugitives have committed sex offenses or other violent crimes, and about 15 percent were drug offenders.

Some critics say the government relies too much on enforcement instead of addressing the fundamental reasons immigrants come. In some other cases, the critics say government is stoking anti-immigrant sentiment.

"By trying to characterize undocumented immigrants as criminals, it makes it easier to scapegoat them," said Gail Perdicola, associate director of an immigration project at the National Lawyers Guild.

Jaime Garcia Zuniga is the kind of criminal Homeland Security wants to deport. The 23-year-old Mexican, who has been convicted of fighting in public and having sex with a minor, was perhaps the biggest catch for the San Diego agents that evening.

While agents were chatting with someone who was answering the door, Garcia removed a screen and sneaked out the window of his first-floor apartment.

"We've got a runner!" one agent shouted.

Agents cornered Garcia in an alley where he surrendered.

The agents returned to their cars, still catching their breath — one down, more than 400,000 to go.

Tour plan for barrier island revs up battle

ATLANTA (AP) — Cumberland Island is the largest undeveloped barrier island on the Eastern Seaboard and about half of it is federal wilderness area, meaning visitors and National Park Service employees are supposed to hike rather than drive. But the island has a handful of permanent residents who are free to drive on the three roads.

Now members of Georgia's congressional delegation are sponsoring legislation to clear up legal ambiguity — by essentially allowing motorized tours of the Cumberland Island National Seashore.

Tours run by the Park Service, and an island inn have been the frequent target of litigation by environmental groups. Some environmentalists oppose the legislation, believing that lifting the wilderness designation from the roads could set a precedent for other wilderness areas.

"If you can do it here, why wouldn't you try to do it somewhere else?" said Julie Mayfield, vice president of the Georgia Conservancy.

A House subcommittee heard testimony on the legislation Tuesday in Washington.

Once a series of plantations, the island later became a stomping ground for the rich, and descendants of the Candler, Rockefeller and Carnegie families still maintain estates on it. About 50 people live on the island year-round and the wedding of John F. Kennedy Jr. and Carolyn Bessette was held there.

The Carnegie family donated vast tracts that formed the basis of the Cumberland Island National Seashore, designated by Congress as a federal wilderness area in 1982.

Although about half of the largely wooded island is officially considered wilderness, Cumberland is replete with a mix of historic structures and very modern buildings.

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Hurricane Ivan's remnants blow into Northeast

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furiously to bulldoze debris to the side of byways in Florida, while several major thoroughfares stayed closed to travelers. Other streets remained an obstacle course of tree limbs and power lines.

Utility workers managed to restore a major generating plant and some 150 miles of transmission lines, but "there is still an unbelievable amount of hot, hard and dangerous work ahead," Gulf Power spokesman John Hutchinson said.

"Even before sunup, thousands lined up at a Pensacola shopping center where Florida National Guard members distributed meals—ready-to-eat water and ice from semi-trucks. Cars stretched for miles on one side of the parking lot. On the other, hundreds of people—including pregnant women and young kids—waited on foot for supplies.

With Ivan the third hurricane to strike the state in a matter of weeks, Panhandle residents urged their neighbors to the south in learning to cope with the aftermath of disaster.

"I think the biggest problem that Florida is going to face is fatigue," FEMA director Michael Brown said Saturday. "When you think about these three hurricanes, the continuing rains and storms, and just the heat, people are going to get worn out."

Some folks juggled cleanup projects, working on what was left of their own homes before heading to a relative's or neighbor's to lend a hand. Even those who escaped the storm unscathed fought back frustration as life as they knew it ground to a halt.

"It doesn't matter that we didn't get damage. With no power, we can't work," grumbled 35-year-old Tim Vann, who owns a tanning salon in Pensacola. He lost his power, and he got no fridge. You lay in bed in the heat.

"There's only one thing you can do," Vann said, "try to relax." For those in waterfront neighborhoods that took the brunt of Ivan's wrath, relaxation is a long way off.

Michelle Wheeler and her husband, Randy, packed up their lives only a year ago to move from Colorado to Pensacola. They settled in a two-bedroom, wood-frame house less than a block from a sparkling patch of water called "Grand Lagoon."

When they returned home from an aunt's house after the storm, the couple breathed a sigh of relief upon finding the front of their house intact. Even the plywood sign they had nailed to a window was still hanging, along with a taunting message: "Hit Me With Your Best Shot Ivan."

Then the couple walked around back, and saw the storm had answered their challenge. The south side of the house is gone, as if someone took a chain saw from the roof to the foundation and cut it clean off.

"There's no saving this," said Michelle, 40, as she peered in at kitchen cupboards still stocked with Jif peanut butter and a can of Green Giant peas. A boat—she has no idea whose—is parked almost right beside the pantry, a blender sitting inside.

"It's ugly, isn't it?" 46-year-old Randy added. "You see things like hurricanes and tornadoes on TV, but it doesn't really make any sense until it's yours. You don't understand until you actually stand inside your house, and it's gone."

Only a few blocks down the road, where the Rod & Reel Marina once stood, Jim Hegman was trying to figure out his next move. He had no insurance.

Before the hurricane struck, Hegman towed his boat from the water and secured it up off the ground on a 30,000-pound lift in a vacant shipyard. When he returned, he found the vessel smashed to the dirt on the starboard side—the fiberglass hull cracked and splintered, the mast snapped in two.

He couldn't bring himself to leave it.

The first night after the storm passed, Hegman slept on a tool box in the back of his pickup, parked right beside his prized possession. However, sleep escaped him as he stared up at a sky of stars that shone even more brightly throughout the blackened city.

"Man, I loved that boat," he said, his eyes suddenly clouding with tears. "I just had that wondering, 'What am I doing?'"

He hoisted himself onto his boat and worked his way below deck, taking in the toppled floorboards, before returning to the truck for another sleepless night on the coast of Pensacola—an other night of many to come staring at the stars.

"A couple days from now, I'll feel better, I'll be OK," he said. "But things are a mess right now. Things are really a mess."

WHEELING, W.Va. (AP) — Doug Patterson spent part of Saturday shoveling a wall of sand along the outside of the bank where his wife works, one of a small army of people working to protect businesses from the rising Ohio River, swollen by the remnants of Hurricane Ivan.

Across the street, water covered the city's riverfront park and amphitheater so deeply that only the very tips of light poles and trees marked its location.

"The whole place is pretty messed up, to be honest with you," said Patterson, 43.

As the broad area of rain that remained from Ivan streamed off through New England on the way to the North Atlantic, the National Weather Service predicted the Ohio River would crest Sunday at 46 feet, about 10 feet above flood stage and close to its record.

By early afternoon Saturday, it was already at 41.7 feet, the National Weather Service said. The river had submerged the northern tip and southern half of the city's Wheeling Island, which holds residential neighborhoods and Wheeling Island Race track and Gaming.

"We've been plucking people out of here left and right," firefighter David Schaffer said. "People are waiting until the last minute, and then they see the water come up and they get panicked."

Downriver, residents were urged to evacuate parts of Moundsville, and big flood gates were closed at Parkersburg, where the river was expected to crest Sunday at five feet above flood stage.

All around West Virginia, flooding and mudslides had blocked 207 roads and damaged hundreds of houses, authorities said.

Ivan and its remnants had been blamed for 45 deaths in the United States, 16 of them in Florida. The storm also was blamed for 70 deaths in the Caribbean.

On Saturday, President Bush declared disaster areas in Georgia and North Carolina, where the storm caused heavy flooding in some areas and a total of at least 12 deaths. Bush previously declared disasters in Mississippi.



Bree Bennington, of Lansing, Ohio, takes a photo of what had been U.S. Route 40, Saturday in Lansing. The road washed out Friday night due to floodwaters from the remnants of Hurricane Ivan.

Alabama, Louisiana and Florida, freeing up federal money for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans and other programs. Utility companies said more than 1.1 million homes and businesses still had no electricity Saturday from Florida north to Pennsylvania.

Upriver in western Pennsylvania, downtown Pittsburgh's

Point State Park was underwater Saturday where the Monongahela and Allegheny rivers join to form the Ohio. Dozens of boats that had broken free of their moorings were floating down the fast-rushing river.

Elsewhere, streams had started to recede in hard-hit western North Carolina as others rose in New York.

Paris of northern New Jersey and eastern New York measured 5 inches of rain Saturday. A mobile home park had to be evacuated because of flooding in Ravenna, N.Y., 13 miles south of Albany.

Williamsport, Pa., collected 6.5 inches of rain in 24 hours and Pittsburgh got a record 5.95 inches Friday.

Across the Ohio River from West Virginia, Ivan also had caused flooding in eastern Ohio. About 1,500 residents of Belmont County were out of their homes on Saturday, and some 2,700 were told to boil their tap water because of fine bacteria, said Rob Glenn, a spokeswoman for the Ohio Emergency Management Agency.

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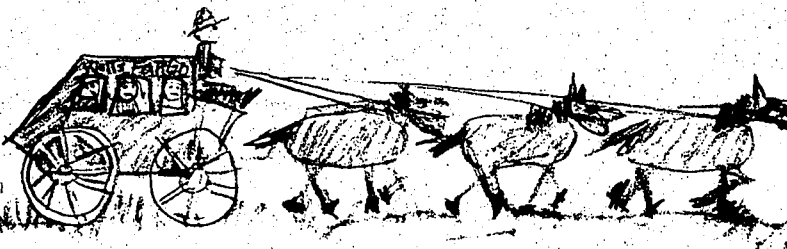
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Debates could prove pivotal to race outcome

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Because Sen. John Kerry is the challenger andlags President Bush in most national polls, he seems to have the most to gain from a strong performance in the upcoming fall debates. Some Democrats see the face-offs as the last chance for a Kerry breakout.

But presidential debates present pitfalls as well as opportunities. Unscripted moments and gaffes can backfire on incumbent and challenger alike. At Gore's heavy sighs in 2000, the first President Bush's checking of his watch in 1992, Michael Dukakis' passionless answer to a question about the hypothetical rape and murder of his wife in 1988, President Ford's 13-year-early liberation of Poland from Soviet domination in 1976.

Barring any major developments in Iraq or on the frontier of economic fronts, the debates could be more important than usual this year because of their potential impact on remaining voters who still count themselves as undecided and because of the closeness of the race.

In a poll by the Pew Research Center, 29 percent of those surveyed said the debates would matter in deciding how they would vote. Some 68 percent said their minds were already made up.

Those undecided voters could make a huge difference. According to a Nielsen survey, 16.6 million people watched the first debate between Bush and Gore in 2000. The second and third debates drew audiences of 37.6 million, and 37.7 million, respectively.

"This year's debates in totality are more important than the two conventions," said Democratic adviser Sen. Greenberg said. "You could not go through the 2000 election without understanding that the debates matter. Al Gore went from a five-point lead prior to the debates to being five points behind after the debates," Greenberg said.

The candidates' differences are also more clearly pronounced this year than usual in major issues that divide the country: Iraq, job losses, rising health care costs and the mushrooming federal deficit.

"It will be one of the few times when George Bush will have to defend his record," said Kerry adviser Joe Lockhart, a former press secretary to President Clinton. "It's proved very deft at slipping and sliding when it comes to his own record."

But University of Virginia political scientist Larry Sabato suggests that Bush will have one big advantage in that he's constantly underestimated. This is where the intense dislike for Bush among Democrats backfires on them. They insist that he's dumb as a post, and when he demonstrates he's not, he wins.

Negotiations were continuing into the weekend between the Bush and Kerry camps over terms of the debates. The first one recommended by the bipartisan Commission on Presidential Debates is set for Sept. 30 at the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Fla. The panel has recommended two additional presidential debates — Oct. 8 in St. Louis and Oct. 13 in Tempe, Ariz. — and an Oct. 5 vice presidential debate in Cleveland.

The Kerry campaign has agreed to all four the Bush campaign has been noncommittal. President Clinton in 1996 agreed to only two debates in his race against Republican Bob Dole, and many expect Bush to follow the same route — likely sidestepping the proposed second debate at Washington University in St. Louis, with its proposed town-hall format in which undecided

Bush focuses on women voters

Los Angeles Times

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — With polls showing his support among female voters has improved, President Bush sought to consolidate those gains Friday, telling a town hall-style gathering of mostly women supporters here that his agenda has made their lives safer and more prosperous.

He promised to pursue an even more women-friendly agenda in a second term.

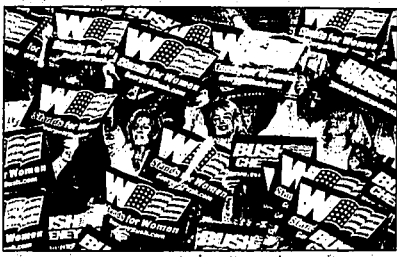
Using one of his favorite formats, Bush shared a stage with four local women who had been screened by his campaign and provided enthusiastic testimonials of how their lives have improved in the past four years or would get better if the president's full agenda were carried out. Each focused on a topic that underscored a basic element in the president's message.

In the fortnight since the Republican convention, several polls have found that Bush was narrowing or even eliminating the edge that Democrats traditionally have enjoyed over Republicans among women voters in presidential elections.

Four years ago, exit polls found that Democrat Al Gore won 46 percent of the female vote to Bush's 43 percent.

This year, a Gallup poll right after the Democratic convention in late July found that likely women voters favored Sen. John F. Kerry over Bush, 51 percent to 46 percent. But after the GOP convention, 49 percent of likely women voters favored Kerry while 48 percent favored Bush.

A Time magazine poll, conducted two weeks before the Republican convention showed



Women supporters wave signs as they sway to music before President Bush arrives at a town meeting in Charlotte, N.C., on Friday.

Kerry led Bush by 14 points among women. But the most recent Time poll found that Kerry had fallen below the president among women voters by one point.

The historic Democratic edge among women is crucial, because Republican presidential candidates, and especially Bush, have enjoyed stronger support from men — by large margins. During the hour-long "Focus on Women's Issues" event in Charlotte, the president offered no specific initiatives aimed at women, but in delivering a version of his basic stump speech, he stressed his agenda's benefits to women.

For instance, in arguing that his across-the-board tax cuts are helping small business owners, most of whom pay income taxes at the individual rate, Bush noted that women own 10 million small businesses around the country. He also said that 45 percent of small businesses in North Carolina are owned by

Bush says he doesn't recall documents

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine (AP) — President Bush has reviewed disputed documents that purport to show he refused orders to take a physical examination in 1972 and did not recall having seen them previously, a White House official said Saturday.

The long-running story on Bush's Texas Air National Guard service took an unusual twist when CBS broadcast a report on what it said were the newly discovered records. The authenticity of the documents has come into doubt.

In his first public comment on the CBS documents controversy, the president told The Union Leader of Manchester, N.H., "There are a lot of questions about the documents, and they need to be answered."

Other records, released Friday by the Pentagon, showed that one commander took a strong interest in the congressman's son during his basic training.

The officer in charge of the unit where Bush took his basic training wrote to then-Rep. George H.W. Bush in 1968. The officer's letter was not released Friday, but the elder Bush's reply was: "That a major general in the Air Force would take interest in a brand new Air Force trainee made a big impression on me."

Democrats called the exchange proof of presidential misconduct. A stream of documents has been released about President Bush's service three decades ago during the Vietnam War.

Poll: Bush leads Kerry in six key states he carried in 2000

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — President Bush has pulled ahead of John Kerry in six closely contested swing states that he carried in 2000, shifting the electoral landscape rightward and making it more difficult for challenger Kerry to win the White House, according to a new Knight Ridder-SNBC poll.

Bush leads in six of the seven battleground states he won four years ago and which were considered among the most competitive this year. He leads Kerry in Arizona 50 percent to 39 percent, in Missouri by 48-41; in Nevada by 49-45; in New Hampshire by 45-40; in Ohio by 49-42; and in West Virginia by 45-44.

A seventh swing state from the Bush coalition in Florida, couldn't be surveyed accurately this week because of the disruption caused by three hurricanes.

The seven states are critical. Assuming they go to the most vulnerable of the states that voted for Bush in 2000 — as Democ-

rants, Republicans and independent analysts agree — winning them all would likely ensure that Bush would win at least the same states he carried in 2000 and another majority of the Electoral College, and thus re-election.

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Not up for debate

The number of Americans watching presidential debates on television has dropped in recent years.

YEAR	CANDIDATES	VIEWERS
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	Carter - Reagan	62.7
1980		80.6
	Reagan - Mondale	65.1
1984		67.3
	Bush - Dukakis	65.1
1988		67.3
	Bush - Clinton - Perot	62.4
1992		66.9
	Clinton - Dole	46.1
1996		36
	Gore - Bush	46.6
2000		37.7

SOURCE: Nielsen Media Research, AP.

voters pose questions. Wayne Fields, a professor at Washington University who specializes in presidential rhetoric, said a format with undecided voters could be tougher on Bush, particularly in defending his Iraq policy.

It's one thing for a moderator to ask about rising U.S. casualties, "but if the question comes from somebody who has a son or daughter, husband or wife in Iraq, it personalizes the question for the viewing audience," he said.

Bush advisers also are mindful of Bush's father's 1992 town hall debate with Bill Clinton and Ross Perot at the University of Richmond. The elder Bush stumbled over a question about whether any of his friends had suffered during the 1991 recession, then glanced at his watch — an awkward image that made him look flustered and anxious for things to end.

But it isn't given that Kerry would perform any better than Bush in such a format.

Kerry's saying he had voted for \$97 billion to help pay Iraq war costs "before I voted against it," a remark that the Republicans turned into an anti-Kerry ad, came in response to a question from the audience at a town hall-style meeting.

"Kerry needs to speak to voters in plain simple English and he needs to get on message, and not sound like he's giving a seminar at Harvard," said Penn State political scientist Stephen I. Cimballa. "Bush has the ability to stay on message with a simple and direct and repetitive message."

The debates could be particularly crucial in 10 or so closely contested states that both parties identify as battlegrounds. New Hampshire is one of those, and Tom Rutt, state Republican national committeeman, said he expects state TV viewers to pay particularly close attention.

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Militants threaten hostages

Car bombs kill 20 Iraqis, two Americans

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — An al-Qaida-linked group threatened in a videotape Saturday to beat two Americans and a Briton within two days, and insurgents carried out a new string of car bombings, killing at least 20 Iraqis and two American soldiers.

The unrelenting violence has taken 300 lives in the past week. The videotape was the first word on the fate of Americans Jack Hensley and Eugene Armstrong and Briton Kenneth Higley since the three construction workers were kidnapped from their Baghdad home two days earlier.

"My job consists of installing and furnishing camps at Taji base," each man said in turn after identifying himself, "as all three sat on the floor, hunched, slightly bowed but apparently unharmed. At one point, a militant's rifle pointed down at the head of the man who identified himself as Hensley.

The Tawhid and Jihad group, led by Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, claimed responsibility for the abduction and demanded the release of Iraqi women detained in two American prisons.

The videotape was broadcast by Al-Jazeera shortly before it revealed a fresh kidnapping claim. Another group claimed it had kidnapped 10 workers for an American-Turkish company and threatened to kill them in three days if their firm didn't leave Iraq.

Kidnappings and spectacular bombings have become the signature weapons of insurgents waging a 17-month campaign against U.S. and Iraqi forces, a conflict that has paralyzed since the interim government of Prime Minister Ayad Allawi took power in June.

Nevertheless, Allawi insisted U.S. and Iraqi forces were winning the fight and said progress would be made to calm the violence before crucial elections set for January.



An Iraqi soldier stands near the remains of a car bomb that exploded as a crowd of people were waiting to apply for jobs with the Iraqi National Guard in Kirkuk, Iraq, on Saturday.



This is an image made Saturday, from a Web site known for its Islamic militant content which shows a man apparently taken hostage on Thursday in Iraq who identified himself as Eugene Armstrong an American. The authenticity of the tape could not be verified.

The insurgency is "not getting stronger; it's getting more desperate. We are squeezing out the insurgency," Allawi said, speaking in an interview due to be aired Sunday on ABC's "This Week."

"We are winning. We will continue to win. And we are going to prevail," he said.

Guerrillas have struck with increasing sophistication in Baghdad, the center of Allawi's authority and have dealt punishing blows against Iraq's security forces — which are the lynchpin of the U.S.-Iraqi strategy for fighting the insurgency.

On the road to Baghdad's airport Saturday, insurgents set off

a car bomb near an overpass as a U.S. convoy passed, wounding three U.S. soldiers. When other American troops moved to the scene, another car bomb exploded, killing two soldiers and wounding eight more.

In the northern city of Kirkuk, a car sped at a crowd of wounding recruits lined up at the offices of the Iraqi National Guard. Guardsmen opened fire on the vehicle and it exploded, leaving the street strewn with bloodied bodies, twisted metal and shards of glass.

At least 19 people were killed and 67 wounded, the Health Ministry said.

It was the third bombing this week targeting the beleaguered security forces, seen as collaborators with the United States and its allies.

The attack occurred as recruits lined up to read the lists of those who had passed the physical fitness test, said Rustem Abdallah, one of the job-seekers who suffered burns to his face and chest.

"I am a graduate from the oil institute," Abdallah, 33, said from his hospital bed. "But there are no jobs available in the oil sector, and I was forced to join the guard force because of the difficult economic situation."

Earlier Sunday, a roadside bomb exploded in a small side street in central Baghdad, killing one Iraqi man and seriously wounding two, police and witnesses said.

The hostage videotape showed the American and British captives aired in part on Al-Jazeera television before it was posted in full on a Web site known for carrying Islamic militant material.

In the tape, a masked militant dressed in black stood behind the men and read from a statement, saying the three were kidnapped because they offer logistic support to American troops. He threatened to kill them unless Iraqi women detained at the Abu Ghraib and Umm Qasr prisons are freed within 48 hours.

A U.S. military official said only two Iraqi women were in U.S. custody.

The militant accused Allawi of enabling "infidel foreigners" to "violate the honor of Muslim women, humiliate people and suck up the riches of the country" and gave the United States and Britain 48 hours to release Iraqi women detained at Baghdad's Abu Ghraib prison and Camp Bucca at Umm Qasr in the British controlled south.

If the demand is not met, the speaker warned: "By the name of God, these three hostages will die nothing from us except their throats slit and necks chopped, so they will serve as an example."

In Armstrong's home town of Hillsdale, Mich., his brother, Frank Armstrong, said he'd spoken with the FBI about the abduction but declined to comment further.

"We only know what they're showing on television," said Minnie Davis, Armstrong's cousin. "We just know there are just a lot of prayers for him." Gulf Supplies and Commercial Services, the employer of the kidnapped Americans and Briton, refused to comment on the tape when contacted by The Associated Press.

Both the prison facilities named in the video are run by American forces. Abu Ghraib is the prison where U.S. soldiers were photographed sexually humiliating male prisoners. Fears about the safety of women inmates have multiplied since then.



Insurgents cheer and gesture victory signs at Tal Afar, near Mosul, northern Iraq, in this Sept. 5 photo.

Battle for Tal Afar reveals ethnic muddle

TAL AFAR, Iraq (AP) — After Najaf and Fallujah, suddenly it has been Tal Afar's turn to follow the familiar pattern: militants move in, U.S. forces fight to drive them out and local leaders get caught in the middle trying to broker a peace.

The battle for this northern Iraqi city has highlighted the tangle of ethnicities that is dealing with the fragility of its control over the country.

From Shiite strongholds in Basra, Nasiriyah, Kut and Najaf through the so-called "Sunni Triangle" of Fallujah, Ramadi and Samarra, coalition forces for 17 months have been waging a bitter battle against insurgents with varying degrees of success, rarely registering any big, clear-cut victories.

Tal Afar, near the Syrian border, posed a different challenge. The city of 250,000 is an ethnic stew of Turks intermarried with Arabs, embracing their Turkish roots after years of submission to Saddam Hussein's efforts to "Arabize" the country. Then there are the Kurds near the door who claim Tal Afar as part of their enclave.

There's also another big and important neighbor in the picture — Turkey, a U.S. ally which is deeply suspicious of the Kurds and supportive of the ethnic Turks of Tal Afar.

Moreover, the Americans said — and townspeople confirm —

that foreign fighters had moved in, though it is hard to know who they were. Duraid Kashmoula, governor of surrounding Nineveh province, likens Iraq's insurgency to "a pack of cards whose colors keep changing."

American troops and Iraqi forces laid siege to Tal Afar in early September after it fell under insurgent control, and most of its inhabitants fled. On Sept. 12, they attacked with warplanes, helicopters and tanks.

The blockade was lifted Tuesday. Although Kashmoula believes the truce will hold, people returning to Tal Afar are not as confident. They fear that, like Fallujah and Najaf, they face a protracted war between the U.S. Army and militants.

Violence continues almost daily in Fallujah, west of Baghdad, even though U.S. forces have struck several deals with local leaders to end the conflict. In the holy city of Najaf, two months of violent insurgency by Muqtada al-Sadr's Mahdi Army militia ended with a series of truces, flared anew on Aug. 5 and was halted with a peace agreement leaving the Shiite cleric's forces intact.

Last week, U.S. troops entered Samarra for the first time since May 30 after cutting a deal with local officials to reopen the city in return for an end to attacks on Americans.

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NATION

U.S. arms teams face up to 'ordinary reality'

By Charles J. Hanley
The Associated Press

In Washington, in the tense months before war in Iraq, Charles Duelfer was confident. Of course he is developing his weapons of mass destruction.

In Baghdad, however, Hans Blix was much less convinced. The U.N. weapons inspector, on the eve of his departure, remarked sadly on the likelihood that arms would be

Analysis: "waging the war at a tremendous cost, and in the end find there was very little."

In the end, as a hurricane distracted Americans, as terrorist car bombings and U.S. air strikes bloodied Iraq, the findings of a Duelfer-led investigation were quietly leaked in Washington. And after 16 months of trying, what his teams have found is less than little.

In fact, the only unconventional weapon turned up in Iraq wasn't turned up by the Americans at all, but by the other side, Iraq's shadowy resistance. In May, in an incident causing no serious injuries, insurgent fighters in Baghdad rigged an old artillery shell as a roadside bomb, apparently unaware it was loaded with sarin nerve agent.

Otherwise, two or three stray shells have been discovered with traces of degraded agent — far short of the 100-500 tons of usable chemical weapons that Colin Powell warned of on Feb. 5, 2003, as he sought a U.N. blessing for the U.S.-British invasion.

"Leaving Saddam Hussein in possession of weapons of mass destruction for a few more months or years is not an option," the U.S. secretary of state declared that day to the U.N. Security Council.

President Bush's rationale for war — that Iraq's alleged doomsday arms posed an imminent threat — faded steadily in the months after the March 2003 invasion, as official U.S. rhetoric switched from "stockpiles" of weapons to "programs" to make them.



Charles Duelfer

By Thursday, as Duelfer's upcoming report was broadly outlined to reporters in Washington, the focus had switched again, to Iraq's intent — before the invasion — to what were described as hopes among Iraq leaders during the Saddam regime of someday reviving Iraqi weapons-making.

Duelfer's Iraq Survey Group, some 1,200 military and intelligence specialists and support staff, had focused much of its effort on Iraq's "dual-use" chemical and biological industries — factories and laboratories whose equipment and products might be converted quickly to making weapons.

In March, in an interim report to U.S. senators, Duelfer gave an example: An agricultural center south of Baghdad that was researching bacteria potentially useful in developing anthrax weapons. But he offered no evidence of plans to use the material for anything but its standard commercial purpose, as a pesticide.

As for chemical weapons, every industrial nation, rich or developing, has plants producing chlorine, phenol and other compounds with myriad commercial uses that also could help make sulfur mustard, sarin or other poison gases.

An international watchdog agency, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, counts 4,000-5,000 such dual-use plants in scores of countries. Again, no evidence has emerged that the Iraqis planned to make weapons in theirs.

Even if they did, it would not have been easy.

Since 2002, official U.S. statements have consistently obscured the fact that the Iraqis would have remained under close, on-scene monitoring for years to come, if Blix's U.N. inspection regime had not been short-circuited by the American invasion.

Two Army soldiers face military trials

FORT CARSON, Colo. (AP) — Two soldiers face courts-martial over the alleged drowning of an Iraqi civilian forced to jump off a bridge.

1st Lt. Jack Saville and Sgt. 1st Class Tracy Perkins will be tried in a military court on charges of manslaughter, assault, conspiracy, making false official statements and obstruction of justice.

Saville and Perkins, both

based at Fort Carson, face 5 1/2 years to 26 1/2 years in prison if convicted. No dates have been set for the courts-martial, ordered Friday by commanding officer Major Gen. James D. Thurman.

Capt. Robert Ayers, who presided over Perkins' hearings on the charges, had recommended the manslaughter charge be dropped because there was no proof the Iraq

drowned. Ayers recommended the other charges go to court martial.

The Army and family members of 19-year-old Zaidoun Hassoun contend Hassoun drowned Jan. 3 near Samarra when he and his cousin were forced to jump in a river. The soldiers maintain that both Iraqis, who were stopped for breaking curfew, made it safely to shore.

Defense attorneys have disputed that Hassoun was killed.

They said investigators bungled the case by not exhuming the body and doing an autopsy.

Investigators admitted they never saw the body, saying they relied on the word of relatives, and a videotape made by the man's family that shows a corpse in a coffin.

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GOOD MORNING

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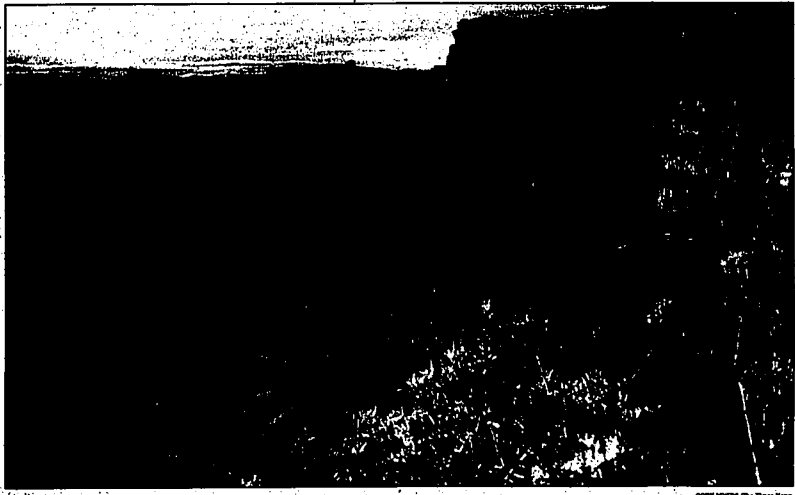
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TO THE LAST DROP



Vineyard Lake, located above the Snake River on the Jerome County side of the canyon, is a popular hiking destination. The lake, like many other sources of water around the valley, is on a list of possible sources for use by the city of Twin Falls for drinking water.

Experts keep water options open

By Julie Ponce Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—If you ask most people in Magic Valley where Vineyard Lake is, you're likely to get an answer something like, "Uh, at the end of a dirt road by a farmer's field."

But few can seem to recall exactly where that dirt road or farmer's field is — other than it's not far from the Hansen Bridge that separates eastern Twin Falls and Jerome counties. Those who do find Vineyard Lake encounter a deep, spring-fed body of water, tucked inside the walls of the Snake River Canyon.

Nothing about Vineyard Lake ever seems to change much — right down to the skinny, weathered log perched precariously between two rock ledges that

you have to cross at the lake's entrance if you really intend to get close to the water.

It's likely the lake won't be changing much. The main reason is that the Idaho Water Resource Board owns the water rights to Vineyard Lake, which means it will remain untouched in its environmentally pristine state.

But that doesn't mean that people aren't looking at Vineyard Lake as a possible source for the city to mine for drinking water. The water could be captured after it has exited the lake into Vineyard Creek, which empties into the Snake River. The city could treat that water and pipe to the Blue Lakes, engineer Bill Block said.

Vineyard Lake is included on a long list of water sources being

considered by local engineering firms and a committee of local city residents who have been involved in Twin Falls water issues for several years. They are engaged in nailing down a sustainable water supply for Twin Falls for the next five decades.

The water from Vineyard Lake won't be completely discounted until all of the sources have been evaluated, Block said.

"What we want to do is not throw out anything initially," Block said.

The water shortage

Just five short years ago, the city of Twin Falls thought it had accumulated enough water sources to last for 50 years.

Then a four-year drought hit, alerting southern Idaho resi-

dents from King Hill to Ashton that the even the water in perhaps the nation's largest aquifer is limited. In light of that diminishing supply, the city now finds itself pretty much starting over its plans for a guaranteed 50-year supply.

But since the first plan was devised, rounding up that water has become more complicated. According to the federal government, Twin Falls has a new water quality problem and must lower arsenic levels in about 40 percent of its supply.

"So now we have two concerns," said local hydrologist Chuck Brockway. "We're facing both quantity and quality issues."

He and others on a special water committee assigned the

Attacks expose Russia, West rift

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — The fight against terror was supposed to unite Russia and the West, pounding the last nail into the coffin of the Cold War.

But three years after the Sept. 11 attacks, a series of stunning assaults on Russia has pried the lid open, prompting angry accusations that the West is hindering Moscow's battle against terrorists — and dark suggestions that it may even be aiding them.

The attacks here, culminating in a hostage-taking raid that killed more than 358 people at a school, brought international outpouring of sympathy for a grieving Russia.

But the Kremlin's handling of the crisis and its policies in Chechnya have also spurred a sharp criticism from abroad — followed in turn by an irate Russian reaction. The exchange has exposed deeply differing visions of Russia's future that threaten to overshadow unity against a common foe.

"There was a great wave of condolences and sympathy toward Russia," said Yevgeny Volk, head of the Heritage Foundation's Moscow office. "But as for the reasons for this tragedy, the deep roots, Russia's position and the position of the West still differ greatly."

Russia has accused Western governments of interference, demanded they hand over Chechen rebel figures who have been granted asylum, and denounced foreign calls for dialogue with separatists.

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Vladimir Putin

Aftermath of Hurricane Ivan: 'What do you move on to?'

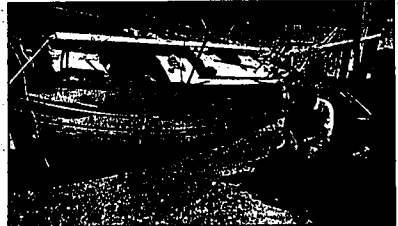
The Associated Press

PENSACOLA, Fla. — Jim Hegman's entire fortune and future were tied up in his home. A 37-foot sailboat he restored with his own hands and lived in off the shores of Pensacola.

If a man's house is his castle, Hegman's Bayana 37 was a floating palace — his gleaming teakwood deck sanded and shined, a kitchen cabinet he built over the sink below, a tower he constructed for the radar and wind generator.

Where other men carry photos of wives and kids in their wallets, Hegman displays one of his boat. "It used to be a beautiful thing," he said, standing before the ruins of his home, left with only a pickup truck bed to sleep in and a few diesel-soaked tokens of the past.

"What do you move on to?" the 50-year-old sailor asked.



Eating a Granny Smith apple, the only food he has had in more than a day, Jim Hegman sits on the tailgate of his pickup truck, next to his sailboat and home 'Coda,' Friday afternoon in the Perdido Key area of Pensacola, Fla.

visible but just as palpable: The uncertainty of what comes next and how to begin starting over.

After Ivan roared ashore along the Gulf Coast early Thursday with 130 mph wind, tornadoes and towering waves, it cut a path of destruction across the South and Northeast that left 44 people dead, 16 of them in Florida. But it was blamed for 70 deaths in the Caribbean.

Hundreds of urban search and rescue workers scoured demolished neighborhoods, some using tracking dogs to look for victims in the rubble and along flooded river banks.

Label recommendation prompts drug caution

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Alarmed at a recommendation that antidepressants for children carry a strict new warning label, some parents are not letting their kids take the drugs as part of a clinical trial for young people who have attempted suicide.

Government health advisers said last week the label on these drugs should have bold warnings surrounded by a black box to draw attention and say that, in some cases, the medication increases suicidal thoughts and behavior.

A study financed by the National Institute of Mental Health is designed to determine whether treatment — medication or behavioral therapy, alone or combined — can prevent future suicide attempts.

Children enrolled in the small pilot study have attempted suicide previously, which normally would exclude them from such scientific trials.

Dr. Grahm Emslie, principal investigator at one of the study's five sites, said only 15 percent of children diagnosed as depressed take medication.

"We're trying to increase the number who are treated," said Emslie, who works in Dallas, and the black box warning "is definitely not going to help."

The Food and Drug Administration said it generally supports the recommendation from the advisory panel that labels on antidepressants have warnings about increased risk of suicidal thoughts and behavior.

For every 100 children taking antidepressants in controlled clinical trials, an additional two to three experienced increased suicidal tendencies.

In the trial, the parents of a child who had attempted suicide within the previous 45 days — a requirement to participate in the study — refused to let researchers use an antidepressant as planned.

In a second instance, divorced parents could not agree whether their suicidal child should take the medication.

Emslie said two refusals by parents in a single week, each citing the advisory panel's comments, mark the beginning of a swiftness trend. "I don't think it was isolated. I think it will continue," Emslie said.

On Capitol Hill, lawmakers are pushing for greater disclosure.

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7 days, 7 reasons to read

Living with pain

Arthritis and fibromyalgia sufferers can co-exist with it.

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More choice

Windows monopoly opens a crack.

Tuesday

Tending your garden

Here's how.

Wednesday

Wilderness in Idaho

Forty years of wilderness creates ample opportunity in Idaho.

Thursday

On the river

Thousand Springs Festival returns to Minnie Miller's island next weekend.

Friday

People of Our Savior Lutheran Church

They're making a move.

Saturday

Old pilots

A bunch of long-ago Navy aviators look back in ardor.

Sunday

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Unseasonably cool with scattered showers. Highs near 60. Tonight: Continued chance for rain showers, perhaps mixing with a little snow. Lows in the mid 30s. Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy and cooler with occasional showers. Highs, middle 50s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Cloudy and quite cool with occasional showers. Highs, upper 50s. Tonight: Occasional rain showers, maybe mixing with a little snow. Lows, upper 30s. Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy and cooler with occasional showers. Highs, middle 50s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. It will be cloudy, cool, and unsettled as a slow moving storm system moves across the region. Snow levels will drop to about 6,500 feet with some snow mixing with the rain below 6,500 feet.

BOISE Skies will be mostly cloudy and there will be scattered showers around today and tomorrow. Conditions will improve late Tuesday and Wednesday and showers will diminish.

NORTHERN UTAH It will be cloudy, wet and cold through Tuesday. Conditions will start to improve by Wednesday.



Weather's 8th Extreme: 79 in Idaho Falls. Low: 30 in Burley. Other weather extremes: 120 in Boise, 110 in Boise, 100 in Boise, 90 in Boise, 80 in Boise, 70 in Boise, 60 in Boise, 50 in Boise, 40 in Boise, 30 in Boise, 20 in Boise, 10 in Boise, 0 in Boise, -10 in Boise, -20 in Boise, -30 in Boise, -40 in Boise, -50 in Boise, -60 in Boise, -70 in Boise, -80 in Boise, -90 in Boise, -100 in Boise, -110 in Boise, -120 in Boise.

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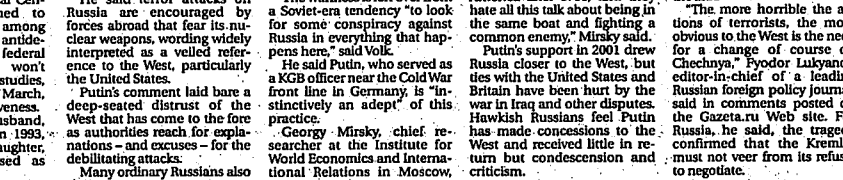
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Caution

Continued from A1. The FDA said last week it has begun to adopt more strident warning labels for all antidepressants, not only those involved in pediatric clinical trials: Celeza, Effexor, Lexapro, Paxil, Prozac, Remeron, Serzone, Wellbutrin and Zoloft. The agency has not yet said whether that will be a black-box warning as the advisory panel recommended. Last week's public hearings on the issue have led to changes already in how antidepressants are prescribed. For psychiatrists like Dan Medeiros, the push to ensure that doctors first discuss the medication's risks and benefits simply reinforces what he has done for 14 years. Medeiros runs a day treatment program for New York teenagers who skip school or fail because of depression. Medeiros' warnings already include the risk that an antidepressant can boost energy. "People can be so depressed they don't even have the energy

to get out of bed. If the medication starts improving energy level... you then have the means to commit suicide," he said. John March, chief of child and adolescent psychiatry at Duke University Medical Center, said he's inclined to prescribe Prozac first among the new generation of antidepressants. The federal recommendations "won't change that since three studies, including one led by March, point to Prozac's effectiveness." Kathy Bruce's husband, Marty, killed himself in 1969, and her 10-year-old daughter, McLain, was diagnosed as bipolar in May. For the past month, the girl has taken Zoloft, which is linked to increased suicidal thoughts among children. When prescribing the drug, McLain's doctor mentioned a "small risk" associated with the antidepressant, Kathy Bruce said. "It was a risk I was willing to take," Bruce said from her home near Atlanta. "She's coming home every day happy and loving school."

Russia

Continued from A1. President Vladimir Putin, in a televised address to the nation, suggested that some in the West's Cold War throwbacks' bent on weakening Russia - are helping terrorists. He said recent attacks on Russia are encouraged by forces abroad that fear its nuclear weapons, wording widely interpreted as a veiled reference to the West, particularly the United States. Putin's comment laid bare a deep-seated distrust of the West that has come to the fore as authorities reach for explanations - and excuses - for the debilitating attacks. Many ordinary Russians also

distrust the West, a longstanding point of view encouraged by the state-run media. They resent Western condescension, and many share the authorities' testiness about foreign interference. The wariness is left over from a Soviet-era tendency "to look for some conspiracy against Russia in everything that happens here," said Volk. He said Putin, who served as a KGB officer near the Cold War front line in Germany, is "instinctively an adept" of this practice. George Mirsky, chief researcher at the Institute for World Economics and International Relations in Moscow,

said Putin's startling statement was a nod to a vehemently anti-American camp among his strongest supporters. "They hear, their souls protested against Putin proclaiming his solidarity with America after 9/11, and they hate all this talk about being in the same boat and fighting a common enemy," Mirsky said. Putin's support in 2001 drew Russia closer to the West, but ties with the United States and Britain have been hurt by the war in Iraq and other disputes. Fewish Russians feel Putin has made concessions to the West but received little in return but condescension and criticism.

Since the school raid, Russian anger has been compounded by foreign insistence that the Kremlin policy in Chechnya has contributed to the rise of terror in Russia. Putin and other officials deny the link. "The more horrible the actions of terrorists, the more obvious to the West is the need for a change of course on Chechnya," Fyodor Lukyanov, editor-in-chief of a leading Russian foreign policy journal, said in comments posted on the Gazeta.ru Web site. For Russia, he said, the tragedy confirmed that the Kremlin must not veer from its refusal to negotiate.

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Water

Continued from A1. task of finding water to see the city through the next 50 years are fairly sure there will be some blending of water sources in order to lower arsenic levels in all of the city's drinking water. For example, if the water from the Blue Lakes springs is considerably below the 10 parts per billion federal mandate, that water could be blended with the water with arsenic levels of 17 parts per billion from the wells south of town so that the overall levels from both sources wind up below 10 ppb.

rights in order to purchase them, among other ideas. "We put everything on the table," Brockway said. One possibility in which the group is particularly interested is plugging a hole in one of the Blue Lakes. There is a continuous loss of about of about 35 to 40 cubic feet per second of the lower Blue Lake through a hole in the lake bottom. Some of that water then heads toward the Snake River through Alpheus Creek. Brockway and Block recently estimated \$7,500 for the City Council to pay for out-of-state divers who will investigate the possibilities of plugging the hole. The Blue Lakes supply has diminished by 30 percent over the past 50 years. Block said the city's new water conservation ordinance coupled with this year's cooler summer resulted in

less water being used from the Blue Lakes. If it had not been for those two changes, the city could have easily imposed on the senior water rights of others, Block said.

Shaking out the possibilities. Cleaning drinking water from wastewater treatment effluent admittedly isn't a popular solution, Block said. "It's maybe not politically doable," he said. In addition, capturing the Vineyard Lake water probably isn't going to make the "A" list of ways to solve Twin Falls water shortage. Vineyard Creek is about 10 miles east of Twin Falls, so piping the water to a treatment plant could become prohibitively expensive, Brockway pointed out.

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'CURE:' A FOUR-LETTER WORD

Doctors avoid pronouncing patients cured in cases of cancer

The Associated Press

There wasn't any doubt six years ago that Doug Jensen had cancer.

The Oregon engineer's blood was clogged with the immature cells that are sure signs of leukemia. Treatment with a new wonder drug, Gleevec, made them disappear.

Since then, doctors repeatedly have searched his blood, even individual molecules, for bits of DNA and other substances that would reveal he still had the disease. None has been found.

"They don't use that word," said Jensen, who would dearly love to hear it.

Ironically, at a time when more people are cured of cancer than ever before, fewer doctors seem willing to say so.

"They call the cancer undetectable, or in remission. They tell patients they can quit seeing cancer specialists. They quote statistics and say chances are slim that the disease will come back cured."

They say these things because the simple truth is, they can't tell when or if someone has been cured. Even the most widely used benchmark — being alive five years after diagnosis — has no real basis in science, experts admit.

There's a label for people like Jensen who are in cancer limbo — "survivor."

Some wear it with pride, having fought the enemy and lived



Registered nurse Lisa Kruse draws blood from cancer patient Doug Jensen, on oncologist Brian Druker, center, watches Aug. 25 at Oregon Health and Sciences University in Portland, Ore.

to tell about it. Others think it drags them into a club to which they don't want to belong. Veterans of Forever Wars.

Nearly 10 million Americans have battled cancer, including 1.4 million who had it more than 20 years ago and are called "long-term survivors" by those afraid to call them cured.

Their ranks include Lance Armstrong, who heads a survivorship foundation and boasts of beating testicular cancer that had spread to his lungs and brain. Can he ever be declared cured, or must he always carry "survivor" with his Tour de France title?

The medical community has backed off the term "cured," which was started in 1996, the year Armstrong began treatment. The reasons involve more than just semantics, she and others say. Cure is a term with emotional and medical meanings about which there is little agreement.

To many people, it means that the cancer is gone and is not going to come back. But some cancers — certain lymphomas and leukemias in particular — never go away com-

pletely yet are controlled so that they're no longer life-threatening. Some call that a remission, but others consider it a cure.

Other cancers look like they've gone away — no signs of them can be found by exquisitely sensitive and sophisticated tests — but recur many years later, suggesting that they weren't really cured after all. Breast cancer is notorious for this.

"What today does 'cure' really mean?" asked Dr. Len Lichtenfeld, deputy chief medical officer of the American Cancer Society. "Does that mean there's no cancer cells in your body from this cancer any more, or does that mean that at this particular time, there's only 2, 3, 4, 5 percent chances it's going to come back?"

"I know this time of call-ups and alerts and mobilizations and deployments has been difficult for Guard members and their families and employers," Bush said, in a speech Tuesday to the same gathering of the National Guard Association. Bush's speech was much better received than Kerry's, with the president interrupted by standing ovations a number of times.

"You've taken the battle to our enemies abroad. The National Guard has played a critical role in every aspect of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. More than 185,000 Guard members have been called to serve on every front in the war on terror," Bush said.

During his speech, Bush did not address questions about whether he satisfied his service in the National Guard during the Vietnam War. Those questions, which were raised during the 2000 campaign, include allegations that Bush failed to show up for duty while in the National Guard in Alabama and Massachusetts.

Surviving cancer

Nearly 10 million Americans have battled cancer, including 1.4 million who had it more than 20 years ago and are called "long-term survivors" by those afraid to call them cured.

Relative five-year cancer survival rate

CANCER	1974-78	1992-99	CHANGE
Breast	75%	87%	16.0%
Colon	50	62	24.0
Leukemia	34	46	35.3
Lung / bronchus	13	15	15.4
Melanoma of the skin	80	90	12.5
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	47	56	19.1
Ovary	37	53	43.2
Prostate	67	88	46.3

SOURCE: American Cancer Society

"The medical community has backed off the term 'cured.'"

— Julia Rowland, psychologist who directs the federal Office of Cancer Survivorship

Guard deployments may affect election

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — President Bush has come under fire recently over questions about his Vietnam War service, but the repeated deployments of National Guard and Reserve troops to fight in Iraq and Afghanistan may have a bigger effect on the outcome of November's presidential contest.

These deployments have put a strain on Guard and Reserve troops, their families and their employers. And the campaign of Democratic nominee John Kerry is hoping that strain will get some of the normally Republican-leaning military voters to consider backing the Massachusetts senator.

Both Bush and Kerry made direct appeals to Guard troops and their families last week, signaling the political sensitivity of the issue in the final two months of the close campaign.

In a speech Thursday before the National Guard Association in Las Vegas, Kerry accused the president of using the Guard to cover for an overstretched military and of shortchanging



Guard soldiers with outdated equipment and poor support back home. "Right now members of the Guard who are serving overseas are losing paychecks here at home," Kerry said. "Some are passed over for promotions and returning to find that jobs that they once held are gone. I think that's wrong. And we have to change it with a different policy, about how we create jobs and protect people who serve their country."

Kerry campaign officials note many of the Guard and Reserve troops being called to Iraq are police officers, fire fighters and other first responders needed at home in the event of a terrorist attack.

Bush and his campaign leaders recognize the potential threat of having unhappy service members and constantly laud their role in the war

Professor faces psychological tests

POMONA, Calif. (AP) — A college professor convicted of staging a hate crime by spray-painting her own car with racist slurs was ordered to undergo 90 days of psychological testing at a state prison.

Pomona Superior Court Judge Charles Horn on Friday delayed Kerri Dunn's sentencing, but called her a "bald-faced liar."

Dunn, 39, of a Redlands, was convicted of a misdemeanor

count of filing a false police report and two felony counts of attempted insurance fraud.

She could face up to 3.5 years in prison when she returns for sentencing on Dec. 15. The Claremont McKenna College psychology professor reported the slurs on her car on March 9, prompting college officials to cancel classes the next day as thousands of students took part in demonstrations calling for tolerance.

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Deportation proves immense task

Government agencies struggle in face of illegal immigrant numbers

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Thirteen government agencies pile into unmarked sport utility vehicles and dark sedans in the basement garage of downtown's federal building. Their assignment: Crash the homes of 16 illegal immigrants and deport them.

It is an increasingly common scene across the nation. The federal government wants to catch the nearly half-million immigrants who either have ducked deportation orders or are targets for removal because they were convicted of a crime.

The size and complexity of the mission is staggering. Even as the government pours millions into enforcement, each year the number of new fugitives far exceeds the number of immigrants removed.

One spring evening in San Diego shows why.

The agents are eager to start knocking on doors. Each wears a bulletproof vest with "POLICE" emblazoned on back or a blue Department of Homeland Security jacket. But only four are full-time agents with Fugitive Operations, a unit founded in 2002 to track these immigrants — the other nine either work days processing deportation orders or are Border Patrol agents on overtime. The combined-together teams have five hours to finish the job.

By night's end, they've apprehended six of their 16 targets, with a seventh picked up the next morning. Given that the teams fan out just several times a week, it's barely a dent in the region's backlog of 5,000 cases.

Orders from Washington are to pursue violent criminals, a fraction of all the fugitives, but the San Diego agents catch who they can. Four of their seven had convictions unrelated to immigration, including battery, theft, sex with a minor and drunken driving.

Alvina Martinez, a 54-year-old homemaker whose husband works in construction, had no such record. Martinez was deported in 1998 for being in the United States illegally; a second offense would make her a felon. Agents talked their way into her small, single-story home and deported her to Mexico the next day.

San Diego has one of 18 Fugitive Operations teams, and with more than 550 apprehensions ranks near the top of the 22 cities where Homeland Security agents have caught fugitives since October. Others



Immigration and Naturalization agents are briefed in the garage of the Federal Building in San Diego, before going out to serve warrants on illegal immigrants who have been ordered deported.

Deporting illegal immigrants daunting

Federal officials are seeking to clear the backlog of about 460,000 immigrant "absconders" who have been ordered deported from the United States.

Fugitive Operations Program	
Budget, in millions	
Oct. 1, 2003 - Sept. 30, 2004	\$261.8
Request for fiscal 2005	\$66.8
Fugitive apprehensions	
October 2002 to September 2003	2,341
October 2003 to August 2004	9,571
Enforcement*	
New fugitives each year	40,000
Operation agents	190

* Estimated figures



► The Department of Homeland Security created the program to capture illegal immigrants with deportation orders or have them report to immigration officials.

► Program wants to expand from its 18 teams deployed nationally to 48.

SOURCE: Department of Homeland Security

include Los Angeles, Boston, Miami and Chicago.

In all, Homeland Security wants to round up about 460,000 fugitive immigrants, about 80,000 of whom have criminal records unrelated to immigration. The Associated Press asked in May for a database with details about these fugitives, but Homeland Security hasn't ruled on that Freedom of Information Act request.

Authorities hope to eliminate their backlog by 2009, but it will be hard.

Federal agents will have detained nearly 10,000 fugitives during the fiscal year that ends Sept. 30. It's impossible to know how many of those deported have already returned to the United States. During the same period, an estimated 40,000 new fugitives were added — so the list has actually grown longer.

The explanation is straightforward. Homeland Security only has

about 19,500 detention beds nationwide. While local jails hold some of the overflow, overwhelmed immigration courts often release immigrants who are challenging their deportation and trust they'll show up for court.

Some do. And many who are captured and threatened with deportation voluntarily return home. But agents acknowledge it's not surprising many skip hearings that likely would lead to their removal.

In April, the department expanded a pilot program to jail immigrants while their cases wind their way through the courts. That effort, begun in Connecticut and expanded to Atlanta and Denver, has drawn criticism from immigration lawyers who say it punishes noncriminals who are simply exercising their legal rights.

Authorities also are experimenting with new ways to track people before they disappear. In June, Homeland Security began using electronic ankle

bracelets in eight cities, among them: Denver, San Francisco and Portland, Ore. The department also launched a limited program under which immigrants out on bail or parole check in by telephone, with voice-recognition software verifying they are and that they're calling from home.

When immigrants do go on the lam, Fugitive Operations agents must pursue "this population that has been out there flouting the law," said Victor Cerda, who oversees detention and removals at Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement division.

Agents spend hours building dossiers staking out homes to determine when best to come knocking, interviewing apartment managers, checking credit reports and loan applications.

"Some agents rely on ruses to enter people's homes, knowing they're unlikely to be let in if they explain their true intentions. It's called "knock and talk."

Homeland Security's \$4 billion spending plan for fiscal year 2005 requests \$69 million for Fugitive Operations, a four-fold increase from \$17 million this fiscal year. The department wants to expand the number of squads, each typically with five

members, from 18 to 48 nationally. Homeland Security officials said that, as a matter of policy, they won't reveal where those squads are stationed.

Agents used to track the freshest cases first, figuring they'd be easiest to find, said Doris Meissner, President Clinton's top immigration official.

"I think it is, by and large, a losing battle to go out and try to catch people," said Melissa, now senior fellow at the Migration Policy Institute in Washington.

The top priority has become getting felons — not those with simple immigration law violations.

Homeland Security officials say felons represent 47 percent of the fugitives removed this year, short of their goal of 70 percent. About 11 percent of apprehended fugitives have committed sex offenses or other violent crimes and about 15 percent were drug offenders.

Some critics say the government relies too much on enforcement instead of addressing the fundamental reasons immigrants come. In some other cases, the critics say government is stoking anti-immigrant sentiment.

"By trying to characterize undocumented immigrants as criminals, it makes it easier to scapegoat them," said Gail Pendleton, associate director of an immigration project at the National Lawyers Guild.

Jaime Garcia Zuniga is the kind of criminal Homeland Security wants to deport. The 23-year-old Mexican, who has been convicted of fighting in public and having sex with a minor, was perhaps the biggest catch for the San Diego agents that evening.

While agents were chatting with someone who answered the door, Garcia removed a screen and sneaked out the window of his first-floor apartment.

"We've got a runner!" one agent shouted.

Agents cornered Garcia in an alley where he surrendered.

The agents returned to their cars, still catching their breath — one down, more than 400,000 to go.

Tour plan for barrier island revs up battle

ATLANTA (AP) — Cumberland Island is the largest undeveloped barrier island on the Eastern Seaboard and about half of it is federal wilderness area, meaning visitors and National Park Service employees are supposed to hike rather than drive. But the island has a handful of permanent residents, who are free to drive on the three roads.

Now members of Georgia's congressional delegation are sponsoring legislation to clear up legal ambiguity — by essentially allowing motorized tours of the Cumberland Island National Seashore.

Tours run by the Park Service, and an island inn have been the frequent target of litigation by environmentalists groups. Some environmentalists oppose the legislation, believing that lifting the wilderness designation from the roads could set a precedent for other wilderness areas.

"If you can do it here, why wouldn't you try to do it somewhere else?" said Julie Mayfield, vice president of the Georgia Conservancy.

A House subcommittee heard testimony on the legislation Tuesday in Washington.

Once a series of plantations, the island later became a stomping ground for the rich, and descendants of the Candler, Rockefeller and Carnegie families still maintain estates on it. About 50 people live on the island year-round and the wedding of John F. Kennedy Jr. and Carolyn Bessette was held there.

The Carnegie family donated vast tracts that formed the basis of the Cumberland Island National Seashore, designated by Congress as a federal wilderness area in 1982.

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Hurricane Ivan's remnants blow into Northeast

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furiously to bulldoze debris to the side of byways in Florida, while several major thoroughfares closed to travelers. Other streets remained an obstacle course of tree limbs and power lines.

Utility workers managed to restore a major generating plant and some 150 miles of transmission lines, but "there is still an unbelievable amount of hot, hard and dangerous work ahead," Gulf Power spokesman John Hutchinson said.

Even before sunrise, thousands lined up at a Pensacola shopping center where Florida National Guard members distributed meals-ready-to-eat, water and ice from semi-trailers. Cars stretched for miles on one side of the parking lot. On the other, hundreds of people — including pregnant women and young kids — waited on foot for supplies.

With Ivan the third hurricane to strike the state in a matter of weeks, Panhandle residents joined their neighbors to the south in heaving a rope with the aftermath of disaster. "I think the biggest problem that Florida is going to face is fatigue," FEMA director Michael Brown said Saturday. "When you think about these three hurricanes, the continuing rains and storms, and just the heat, people are going to get worn out."

Some folks juggled cleanup projects, working on what was left of their own homes before heading to a relative's or neighbor's to lend a hand. Even those who escaped the storm unscathed fought back frustration as they knew it ground to a halt.

"It doesn't matter that we didn't get damage. With no power, we can't work," grumbled 35-year-old Tim Vann, who owns a tanning salon in Pensacola. "You've got no power. You've got no fridge. You lay in bed in the heat."

"There's only one thing you can do," Vann said, "try to relax." Many of their own neighborhoods that took the brunt of Ivan's wrath, relaxation is a long way off.

Michelle Wheeler and her husband, Randy, packed up their only vehicle and drove from Colorado to Pensacola. They settled in a two-bedroom, wood-frame house less than a block from a sparkling patch of water called "Grand Lagoon."

When they returned home from an aunt's house after the storm, the couple breathed a sigh of relief upon finding the front of their house intact. Even the plywood sign they had nailed to a window was still hanging along with a taunting message: "Hit Me With Your Best Shot Ivan."

Then the couple walked around back and saw the storm had answered their challenge. The south side of the house is gone, as if someone took a chain saw from the roof to the foundation and cut it clean off.

"There's no saving this," said Michelle, 40, as she peered in at kitchen cupboards still stocked with Jif peanut butter and a can of Green Giant peas. A boat — she has no idea whose — is piled almost right beside the pantry, a blender sitting inside.

"It's ugly, isn't it?" 46-year-old Randy added. "You see things like hurricanes and tornadoes on TV but it doesn't really hit you any sense until it's yours. You don't understand until you actually stand inside your house, and it's gone."

After a few blocks down the road, where the Rod & Reel Marina once stood, Jim Hegman was trying to figure out his next move. He had no insurance.

Before the hurricane struck, Hegman towed his boat from the water and secured it up off the ground on a 30,000-pound lift in a vacant shipyard. When he returned, he found the vessel smashed to the dirt on the starboard side — the fiberglass hull cracked and splintered, the mast snapped in two.

He couldn't bring himself to leave it.

"The first night after the storm passed, Hegman slept on a tool box in the back of his pickup, parked right beside his prized possession. However, sleep escaped him as he stared up at a sea of stars that were even more brightly throughout the blackened city.

"Man, I loved that boat," he said, his eyes suddenly clouding with tears. "I just said there was nothing left. What am I doing?" He hoisted himself onto his boat and worked his way below deck, taking in the toppled floorboards, before returning to the truck for another sleepless night on the coast of Pensacola. The other night of many to come starting at the stars.

"A couple days from now, I'll feel better. I'll be OK," he said. "The weather is a nice sight now. Things are really a mess."

WHEELING, W.Va. (AP) — Doug Patterson spent part of Saturday shoveling a wall of sand along the outside of the bank where his wife works, one of a small army of people working to protect businesses from the remnants of Hurricane Ivan, swollen by the Ohio River, swollen by the remnants of Hurricane Ivan.

Across the street, water covered the city's riverfront park and amphitheater so deeply that only the very tips of light poles and trees marked its location.

"The whole place is pretty messed up, to be honest with you," said Patterson, 43.

As the broad area of rain that remained from Ivan streamed off through New England on the way to the North Atlantic, the National Weather Service predicted the Ohio River would crest Sunday at 46 feet, about 10 feet above flood stage and close to its record.

By early afternoon Saturday, it was already at 41.7 feet, the National Weather Service said. The river had submerged the northern tip and southern half of the city's Wheeling Island, which holds residential neighborhoods and Wheeling Island Racetrack and Gaming.

"We've been plucking people out of here left and right," firefighter David Schaffer said. "People are waiting until the last minute, and then they see the water come up and they get panicked."

Downriver, residents were urged to evacuate parts of Mountsville, and big flood gates were closed at Parkersburg, where the river was expected to crest Sunday at five feet above flood stage.

All around West Virginia, flooding and mudslides had blocked 207 roads and damaged hundreds of houses, authorities said.

Ivan and its remnants had been blamed for 45 deaths in the United States, 16 of them in Florida. The storm also was blamed for 70 deaths in the Caribbean.

On Saturday, President Bush declared disaster areas in Georgia and North Carolina, where the storm caused heavy flooding in some areas and a total of at least 12 deaths. Bush previously declared disasters in Mississippi.



Bree Bennington, of Lansing, Ohio, takes a photo of what had been U.S. Route 40, Saturday in Lansing. The road washed out Friday night due to floodwaters from the remnants of Hurricane Ivan.

Point State Park was underwater Saturday when the Monongahela and Allegheny rivers join to form the Ohio. Dozens of boats that had broken free of their moorings were floating down the fast-rushing rivers.

Elsewhere, streams had started to recede in hard-hit western North Carolina as others rose in New York.

Parts of northern New Jersey and eastern New York measured 5 inches of rain Saturday. A mobile home park had to be evacuated because of flooding in Tappan, N.Y., 13 miles south of Albany.

Williamsport, Pa., collected 6.5 inches of rain in 24 hours and Pittsburgh got a record 5.95 inches Friday.

Across the Ohio River from West Virginia, Ivan also had caused flooding in eastern Ohio. About 1,500 residents of Belmont County were out of their homes on Saturday, and some 2,700 were told to boil their tap water because of line breaks, said Rob Glenn, a spokesman for the Ohio Emergency Management Agency.

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Debates could prove pivotal to race outcome

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Because Sen. John Kerry is the challenger and lags President Bush in most national polls, he seems to have the most to gain from a strong performance in the upcoming fall debates. Some Democrats see the face-offs as the last chance for a Kerry breakthrough.

But presidential debates present pitfalls as well as opportunities. Unscripted moments and gaffes can backfire on incumbent and challenger alike: Al Gore's heavy sighs in 2000, the first President Bush's checking of his watch in 1992, Michael Dukakis's passionless answer to a question about the hypothetical rape and murder of his wife in 1988, President Ford's 13-year-early liberation of Poland from Soviet domination in 1976.

Barring any major developments in Iraq or on the terrorism or economic fronts, the debates could be even more important than usual this year because of their potential impact on remaining voters who still count themselves as undecided and because of the closeness of the race.

In a poll by the New Research Center, 29 percent of those surveyed said the debates would matter in deciding how they would vote. Some 68 percent said their minds were already made up.

The undecided voters could make a huge difference. According to a Nielsen survey, 46.6 million people watched the first debate between Bush and Gore in 2000. The second and third debates drew audiences of 37.6 million, and 37.7 million, respectively.

This year's debates "in totality are more important than the two conventions," said Democratic pollster Stan Greenberg. "You could not go through the 2000 election without understanding that the debates matter. Al Gore went from a five-point lead prior to the debate to being five points behind after the debates," Greenberg said.

The candidates' differences are also more clearly pronounced this year than usual, on major issues that divide the country: Iraq, job losses, rising health care costs and the mushrooming federal deficit.

"It will be one of the few times when George Bush will have to defend his record," said Kerry adviser Joe Lockhart, a former press secretary to President Clinton. "He's proved very deft at slipping and sliding when it comes to his own record."

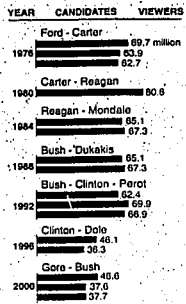
But University of Virginia political scientist Larry Sabato suggests that Bush will have one big advantage in that "he's constantly underestimated. This is where the intense dislike for Bush among Democrats backfires on them. They insist that he's dumb as a post, and when he demonstrates he's not, he wins."

Negotiations were continuing into the weekend between the Bush and Kerry camps over terms of the debates. The first one recommended by the bipartisan Commission on Presidential Debates is set for Sept. 30 at the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Fla. The panel has recommended two additional presidential debates — Oct. 8 in St. Louis and Oct. 13 in Tempe, Ariz. — and an Oct. 5 vice presidential debate in Cleveland.

The Kerry campaign has agreed to all four, but the Bush campaign has been noncommittal. President Clinton in 1996 agreed to only two debates in his race against Republican Bob Dole, and many expect Bush to follow the same route — most likely sidestepping the proposed second debate at Washington University in St. Louis, with its proposed town-hall format in which undecided

Not up for debate

The number of Americans watching presidential debates on television has dropped in recent years.



SOURCE: Nielsen Media Research, AP

voters pose questions.

Wayne Fields, a professor at Washington University who specializes in presidential rhetoric, said a format with undecided voters could be better for Bush, particularly in defending his Iraq policy.

"It's one thing for a moderator to ask about rising U.S. casualties," but if the question comes from somebody who has a son or daughter, husband or wife in Iraq, it personalizes the question for the viewing audience," he said.

Bush advisers also are mindful of Bush's father's 1952 "town hall" debate with Bill Clinton and Ross Perot at the University of Richmond. The elder Bush stumbled over a question about whether any of his friends had suffered during the 1951 recession, then glanced at his watch and cut the question short.

But it isn't given that Kerry would perform any better than Bush in such a format. Kerry's saying he had voted for \$87 billion to help pay Iraq war costs "before I voted against it," a remark that the Republicans turned into an anti-Kerry ad, came in response to a question from the audience at a town hall-style meeting.

"Kerry needs to speak to voters in plain simple English and he needs to get on message, and not sound like he's giving a seminar at Harvard," said Penn State political scientist Stephen J. Cimbala. "Bush has the ability to stay on message with a simple and direct and repetitive message."

The debates could be particularly critical in 10 or so closely contested states that both parties identify as battlegrounds. New Hampshire is one of those, and Tom Rath, state Republican national committeeman, said he expects state TV viewers to pay particularly close attention.

Bush focuses on women voters

Los Angeles Times

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — With polls showing his support among female voters has improved, President Bush sought to consolidate those gains Friday, telling a town-hall-style gathering of mostly women supporters here that his agenda has made their lives safer and more prosperous.

He promised to pursue even more women-friendly agenda in a second term. "Women need help," Bush declared.

Using one of his favorite formats, Bush shared a stage with four local women who had been screened by his campaign and provided enthusiastic testimonials of how their lives have improved in the past four years or would get better if the president's full agenda were carried out. Each focused on a topic that underscored a basic element in the president's message.

In the fortnight since the Republican convention, several polls have found that Bush was moving or even eliminating the edge that Democrats traditionally have enjoyed over Republicans among women voters in presidential elections.

Four years ago, exit polls found that Democrat Al Gore won 54 percent of the female vote to Bush's 43 percent.

This year, a Gallup poll right after the Democratic convention in late July found that likely women voters favored Sen. John E. Kerry over Bush, 51 percent to 46 percent. But after the GOP convention, 49 percent of likely women voters favored Kerry while 48 percent favored Bush.

A Time magazine poll, conducted two weeks before the Republican convention showed



Women supporters wave signs as they away to music before President Bush arrives at a town meeting in Charlotte, N.C., on Friday.

Kerry led Bush by 14 points among women. But the most recent Time poll found that Kerry had fallen below the president among women voters by one point.

The historic Democratic edge among women is crucial, because Republican presidential candidates, and especially Bush, have enjoyed stronger support from men — by large margins. During the hour-long "Focus on Women's Issues" event in Charlotte, the president offered no specific initiatives aimed at women. Rather, in delivering a version of his basic stump speech, he stressed his agenda's benefits to women.

For instance, in arguing that his across-the-board tax cuts are helping small business owners, most of whom pay income taxes at the individual rate, Bush noted that women own 10 million small businesses around the country. He also said that 45 percent of small businesses in North Carolina are owned by

women. "I think tax policy ought to encourage the formation of women-owned businesses," he said.

Some analysts have said that in addition to spotlighting pocketbook issues, the president's tough rhetoric on the war on terrorism may be winning over some female voters.

During a recent panel discussion sponsored by Lifetime television, Democratic pollster Colinda Lake said, "George W. Bush is literally the best Republican we have ever seen at targeting women voters, whether it's for the security message or the joint ads with Laura Bush or the outreach to business owners."

During his remarks here, Bush defended the war in Iraq, saying millions of women are now free there and in Afghanistan.

Times Staff Writer James Gerstanz contributed to this report from Oregon.

Bush says he doesn't recall documents

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine (AP) — President Bush has reviewed disputed documents that purport to show he refused orders to take a physical examination in 1972 and did not recall having seen them previously, a White House official said Saturday.

The long-running story on Bush's Texas Air National Guard service took an unusual twist when CBS broadcast a report on what was said were the newly discovered records. The authenticity of the documents has come into doubt.

In his first public comment on the CBS documents controversy, the president told The Union Leader of Manchester, N.H., "There are a lot of questions about the documents, and they need to be answered."

Other records, released Friday by the Pentagon, showed that one commander took a strong interest in the congressman's son during his basic training.

The officer in charge of the unit where Bush took his basic training wrote to then-Rep. George H.W. Bush in 1968. The officer's letter was not released Friday, but the elder Bush's reply was. "That a major general in the Air Force would take interest in a brand new Air Force trainee made a big impression on me."

Democrats called the exchange proof of preferential treatment.

A stream of documents has been released about President Bush's service three decades ago during the Vietnam War.

Poll: Bush leads Kerry in six key states he carried in 2000

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — President Bush has pulled ahead of John Kerry in six closely contested swing states that he carried in 2000, shifting the electoral landscape rightward and making it more difficult for challenger Kerry to win the White House, according to a new Knight Ridder-MSNBC poll.

Bush leads in six of the seven battleground states he won four years ago and which were considered among the most competitive this year. He leads Kerry in Arizona 50 percent to 39 percent; in Missouri by 48-41; in Nevada by 50-45; in New Hampshire by 49-40; in Ohio by 49-42; and in West Virginia by 45-44.

A seventh swing state from the Bush column, Florida, couldn't be surveyed accurately this week because of the disruption caused by the three hurricanes.

The seven states are critical. Assuming they're the most vulnerable of the states that voted for Bush in 2000 — as Democ-

rats, Republicans and independent analysts agree — winning them all would likely ensure that Bush would win at least the same states he carried in 2000 and another majority of the Electoral College, and thus re-election.

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NATION

U.S. arms teams face up to 'ordinary reality'

By Charles J. Hanley
The Associated Press

In Washington, in the tense months before war in Iraq, Charles Duelfer was confident. "Of course he is developing his weapons of mass destruction," the American arms expert wrote of Saddam Hussein.

In Baghdad, however, Hans Blix was much less convinced. The U.N. weapons inspector, on the eve of the conflict, remarked sadly on the likelihood that armies would be waging the war at a tremendous cost, and in the end find there was very little.

In the end, as a hurricane distracted Americans, as terrorist car bombings and U.S. air strikes bloodied Iraq, the findings of a Duelfer-led investigation were quietly leaked in Washington. And after 16 months of trying, what his teams have found is less than little.

In fact, the only unconventional weapon turned up in Iraq wasn't turned up by the Americans at all, but by the other side, Iraq's shadowy resistance. In May, in an incident causing no serious injuries, insurgent fighters in Baghdad rigged an old artillery shell as a roadside bomb, apparently unaware it was loaded with sarin nerve agent.

Otherwise, two or three stray shells have been discovered with traces of degraded agent — far short of the 100-500 tons of usable chemical weapons that Colin Powell warned of on Feb. 5, 2003, as he sought a U.N. blessing for the U.S.-British invasion.

"Leaving Saddam Hussein in possession of weapons of mass destruction for a few more months or years is not an option," the U.S. secretary of state declared that day to the U.N. Security Council.

President Bush's rationale for war — that Iraq's alleged doomsday arms posed an imminent threat — faded steadily in the months after the March 2003 invasion, as official U.S. rhetoric switched from "stockpiles" of weapons to "programs" to make them.



Charles Duelfer

By Thursday, as Duelfer's upcoming report was broadly outlined to reporters in Washington, the focus had shifted to Iraq, "intent" before the invasion — to what were described as hopes among Iraqi leaders during the Saddam regime of someday reviving Iraqi weapons-making.

Duelfer's Iraq Survey Group, some 1,200 military and intelligence specialists and support staff, had focused much of its effort on Iraq's "dual-use" chemical and biological industries — factories and laboratories whose equipment and products might be converted quickly to making weapons.

In March, in an interim report to U.S. senators, Duelfer gave an example: An agricultural center south of Baghdad that was researching bacteria potentially useful in developing anthrax weapons. But he offered no evidence of plans to use the material for anything but its standard commercial purpose, as a pesticide.

As for chemical weapons, every industrial nation, rich or developing, has plants producing chlorine, phenol and other compounds with myriad commercial uses that also could help make sulfur mustard, sarin or other poison gases.

An international watchdog agency, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, counts 4,000-5,000 such dual-use plants in scores of countries. Again, no evidence has emerged that the Iraqis planned to make weapons in theirs.

Even if they did, it would not have been easy.

Since 2002, official U.S. statements have consistently obscured the fact that the Iraqis would have remained under close, on-scene monitoring for years to come, if Blix's U.N. inspection regime had not been short-circuited by the American invasion.

Two Army soldiers face military trials

FORT CARSON, Colo. (AP) — Two soldiers face courts-martial over the alleged drowning of an Iraqi civilian forced to jump off a bridge.

1st Lt. Jack Saville and Sgt. 1st Class Tracy Perkins will be tried in a military court on charges of manslaughter, assault, conspiracy, making false official statements and obstruction of justice.

Saville and Perkins, both based at Fort Carson, face 5 1/2 years to 26 1/2 years in prison if convicted. No dates have been set for the courts-martial, ordered Friday by commanding officer Major Gen. James D. Thurman.

Capt. Robert Ayers, who presided over Perkins' hearings on the charges, had recommended the manslaughter charge be dropped because there was no proof the Iraqi

drowned. Ayers recommended the other charges go to court martial.

The Army and family members of 18-year-old Zaidoun Hassoun contend Hassoun drowned Jan. 3 near Samarra when he and his cousin were forced to jump in a river. The soldiers maintain that both Iraqis, who were stopped for breaking curfew, made it safely to shore.

Defense attorneys have disputed that Hassoun was killed.

They said investigators bungled the case by not exhuming the body and doing an autopsy.

Investigators admitted they never saw the body, saying they relied on the word of relatives and a videotape made by the man's family that shows a corpse in a coffin.

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TALKING TOUGH

Kerry plays rough with Bush, tries to tighten up the race

Knight Ridder News Service

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The 6 p.m. shadows were spreading across a political rally at the foot of the Sandia Mountains when John Kerry, a long day behind him, decided to improvise his stump speech by handing his microphone to retired Gen. Wesley Clark.

The former NATO commander wasted no time picking up the new tenor of the campaign.

"John Kerry is a fighter, John Kerry is a leader. When George Bush was a CHIEF leader, John Kerry was playing hockey," Clark said. "When George Bush is running from his record, John Kerry is speaking the truth to the American people."

Kerry has been testing a new slogan by mocking Bush's middle initial — "W stands for Wrong — wrong choices, wrong direction, wrong leadership."

By Clark's account, it also appears that W stands for wimp — an epithet that bedeviled Bush's father during his 1988 presidential campaign.

Left reeling by a punishing assault at last month's Republican convention and an effective ad campaign from anti-Kerry Navy veterans, the Kerry camp is now shoving back with an aggressive offense that spares little in President Bush's record — from Iraq to health care to terrorism to Halliburton to, yes, even Bush's cheerleading prep school days. Kerry has expanded his top echelon of advisers and adopted the belligerent tone he used when he was running behind in the Iowa caucuses and the New Hampshire primary. Several national polls suggest that Kerry is recovering some of the public support he lost in August, though at least one major poll disputes that trend.

Aides promise that the tough talk is here to stay, adopting an edge from political consultant James Carville, an occasional adviser to Kerry who counsels clients that "it's hard for somebody to hit you when you've got



Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry reaches out to great well-wishers after the candidate made a speech during an appearance at Rangview High School in Aurora, Colo., on Friday.

“ He failed to tell you the truth. ”

— John Kerry, speaking of Bush to National Guard members

your fist in their face.”

In the past five days, Kerry has said Bush ran an "excuses presidency," lived in a "fantasy world of spin" and "failed the fundamental test of leadership."

"He failed to tell you the truth," he told a hall full of National Guard members in Las Vegas on Thursday.

On Friday he kept up the barrage, going after Vice President Dick Cheney and his links to Halliburton, the oil services and construction contractor. "Dick Cheney's old company, Halliburton, has profited from the mess in Iraq at the expense of American troops and taxpayers," Kerry said at a town-hall-style meeting in Albuquerque.

Though Cheney has dissolved his ties with Halliburton, he continues to receive income through bonuses and deferred compensation. Bush campaign spokesman Steve Schmidt accused Kerry of hypocrisy,

noting that Kerry's running mate, Sen. John Edwards, received deferred compensation while in the Senate.

The tougher talk comes as the high command of the Kerry campaign gets extra help.

The new cast is getting a crash course in Kerry's ways. And the old Clinton hands, accustomed to Clinton's mastery on the stump, may be excused for flinching as they watch their new boss.

Nevertheless, the campaign believes the pull-no-punches approach trumps any of Kerry's foibles. Though the Gallup poll released Friday has Bush leading Kerry by 13 percentage points, other national polls show the race tightening.

For Kerry, the key is to show improvement before the first debate of the fall campaign. The debate, several Democrats said, can't turn Kerry's fortunes around by itself. Kerry and Bush advisers are still negotiating the number, length and terms of the debates. The first one is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 30.

"You've got to be in a situation where you're right there in a close race," said Bill Carrick, a strategist who helped run Democrat Richard Gephardt's primary campaign. "Since 1960 we've never seen anybody turn around a campaign completely in the debate process. But very often it does blow open close campaigns."

Sign incident at Edwards rally spurs Internet sniping

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — Phil Parlock says he's a peaceful guy who doesn't mind carrying a Republican sign to a Democratic rally.

Others say he has a history since 1996 of attending Democratic rallies in West Virginia for the sole purpose of provoking the anger of the party faithful.

On Thursday the Huntington real estate agent said, he hid nine Bush-Cheney signs under his pant leg and took 3-year-old daughter Sophia and 11-year-old son Alex to a rally for Democratic vice presidential candidate John Edwards. An older son manned the van outside the rally with a larger Bush sign.

When it came time for Edwards to leave Tri-State Airport, Parlock said, he gave his children signs to proclaim their support for Bush. Just as quickly, the signs were ripped out of their hands and torn apart, he said. Two more signs were thrust into their hands: Again, Edwards supporters tore them away, he said.

"It was like a feeding frenzy," the father of 10 said Friday. "I didn't want to have Sophia being defeated and I told her to hold



Sophia Parlock, 3, cries while seated on the shoulders of her father, Phil Parlock, after a Bush-Cheney sign she and her father were holding was torn up.

up the sign, but they kept going after the last shred."

Sophia broke into tears, and the image of the child resting on her father's shoulders with a torn Bush sign in her hands was caught in Associated Press photographs.

That image became the subject of intensely partisan Internet chatter on Friday, with some Democratic supporters suggesting the incident was staged and that the sign had been grabbed by one of Parlock's other children. Other messages pointed out that Parlock was involved in similar

incidents twice before.

In 2000, Parlock and one of his sons smuggled in 12 Bush-Cheney signs to a campaign rally for Al Gore at the state Capitol. Police ejected them after Gore supporters tried to tear the signs away from them.

During a 1996 campaign stop in Huntington by then-President Clinton, Parlock held up a sign outside the rally with the words "Vince Foster" referring to Clinton's former deputy counsel who was found dead in a Virginia park on July 20, 1993. The sign was taken by steel workers attending the rally.

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NATION

Cigarette makers, feds head to court

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's cigarette makers are accustomed to massive anti-smoking lawsuits, but even cases that have produced enormous jury awards don't come close to what the government is seeking from the companies: \$280 billion.

The Justice Department's 5-year-old lawsuit, the largest civil racketeering case in history, goes to trial Tuesday in U.S. District Court.

The government alleges the industry schemed for decades to deceive the public about the dangers of smoking and the addictive nature of nicotine as it tried to nurture a future smoker by targeting children in advertisements.

The industry denies acting fraudulently and says changes in how cigarettes are sold now make fraud impossible in the future.

The government is pursuing the case under the 1970 Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, known as RICO, created for but not limited to prosecuting mobsters.

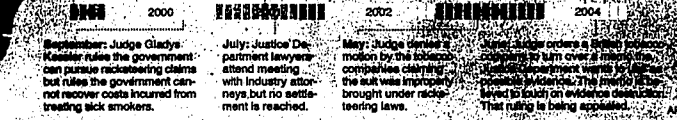
William Schultz, a former Justice Department lawyer who headed the case during the former Clinton administration, said the case alleges a fraud carried out for half a century. "The RICO statute is designed to get remedies where there has been an enterprise that violated fraud statutes," he said.

While U.S. District Judge Gladys Kessler is letting the government pursue the racketeering case, she ruled the government cannot sue to recover the cost of treating sick smokers.



A burning issue

Prosecutors allege cigarette makers lied about the harmfulness of smoking, the addictive nature of nicotine and their efforts to get kids to smoke. A look at major developments in the government's \$280 billion suit against tobacco industry.



On the Web:
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The government also is seeking new industry restrictions, which might include limits on in-store advertising and prohibition of descriptions of the government considers misleading, such as "light" and "low tar," justice lawyers are keeping quiet on the case but said in a recent filing that the alleged fraud conspiracy "has resulted in extraordinary profits for the past half-century, but has had devastating consequences for the public's health."

The government already has spent about \$135 million on the case, according to Justice De-

partment figures.

Internal industry documents from previous litigation are central to the government's case. In them, tobacco officials acknowledge health problems associated with smoking and that children were targeted through marketing, said Robert Kline, a senior attorney at the Tobacco Control Resource Center, a think tank at Northeastern University in Boston.

"Their own documents, in their own words, are the items that are the basis of the government's case," Kline said.

Tobacco officials deny they committed fraud and say the way cigarettes are marketed has changed since the industry reached a \$206 billion settlement with 46 states in 1998. That settlement and agreements with four other states were aimed at recovering costs associated with

treating smokers.

The agreements also led to elimination of industry organizations that did research and lobbying and imposed advertising limits on companies. The limits include bans on cartoon characters and billboards.

Tobacco officials say the restrictions make it unlikely that fraud will occur in the future, and that's what the government must show probably would happen to win the racketeering case. "You can't ignore the significant change that has occurred over the course of the last six years because of what society has demanded of the tobacco companies and what has been included in the settlement agreement," said Mike Picfil, vice president of communications for Altria Group Inc., parent company of Philip Morris USA. Justice Department lawyers

say the industry's past behavior is enough to show a reasonable likelihood of future wrongdoing.

The Clinton administration sued the industry, and the Bush administration pursued it after receiving early criticism for openly discussing the case's perceived weaknesses and attempting unsuccessfully to settle it.

Justice Department officials, speaking on the condition of anonymity, say no settlement talks have occurred since that exchange three years ago.

Philip Morris USA attorney William Ohlemeyer said the case has been more expensive and time-consuming than any other the company has tried. He declined to put a dollar figure on that, but Ohlemeyer characterized as absurd the \$280 billion the government is seeking for "ill-gotten gains."

Democrats hope to take House again

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Democrats' hopes of regaining the House majority this fall — never bright at best — appear increasingly dim, in part because of Sen. John Kerry's lackluster campaign performance over the past six weeks, numerous analysts say.

In late July, as upbeat Democrats held their convention in Boston, party leaders said they did, and capable, well-financed House candidates poised in several states to exploit a nationwide trend that seemed just around the corner: "Democrats can win the House back if this breeze, this movement for a change, continues," said Rep. Robert Matsui, D-Calif., chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

Since then, however, Republicans conducted a sharp-edged convention in New York, Kerry was slow to respond to attacks on his character and policies, and many of the Democrats' most promising House challengers seemed frozen in place.

When the Massachusetts senator appeared to gain momentum entering and exiting the Boston convention, "the theory was it would all seep down to the House races," said Amy Walter, who tracks House contests for the nonpartisan Cook Political Report. "But it hasn't happened." Among top Democrats, she said, "you just don't hear that same level of enthusiasm you did a month ago."

Town weighs dropping 150-year-old alcohol ban

ROCKPORT, Mass. (AP) — A sign by a shaded doorway in this tourist village discreetly announces "Hannah Jumper lived here." She also died in the white clapboard house in the mid 1800s, collapsing at age 84 — but her spirit has never really left.

Except for a brief period in the 1930s, the sale of alcohol has been forbidden in Rockport since 1855, when Jumper and her gang of 200 hatchet-wielding women swept through town and destroyed anything containing alcohol in "Rockport's revolt against man."

Now residents and business owners are torn about whether it's time to end her legacy. Some consider the rule a major drag on the tourist business that's the economic lifeblood of Rockport, one of 17 dry towns in Massachusetts.

Others say the sale of alcohol will erode the quaint New England character that gives Rockport its appeal. Once liquor is sold, they say, bars and brawls can't be far behind.

On Monday, residents will gather at the annual Town Meeting to debate whether to allow restaurants and function halls to sell liquor. Residents expect the vote to be close.

"You have people (on both sides) who are equally vehement about their stance," said police Sgt. Tony Hilliard, 50, who grew up in Rockport and has seen this battle waged before.

The women in Jumper's famous raid were angry that laws limiting the sale of alcohol were being ignored and that towns were wasting scarce funds drinking men while writing out their next fishing trip.

On July 8, 1856, the women stormed through the Cape Ann town, producing hatchets they'd hidden beneath their shawls and smashing any keg, jug or flask having spirituous liquor in it, "as one witness wrote.

Rockport soon became a dry town, and has remained so except for a brief period after Prohibition was lifted in 1933 — a time that is remembered as a bit of a disaster. One alley was dubbed "Diamond Spring Alley" after the ale that apparently streams from men to relieve themselves there, he said.

This year's vote would allow function halls and sit-down restaurants to obtain liquor licenses but would still allow the town to ban liquor stores and bars.

Amy Hale, owner of the Greenery restaurant and a lifelong Rockport resident, said she's tired of watching potential customers leave for neighboring Gloucester when they realize they have to provide their own drinks.

"It's cute, you know, but it's not convenient," said Hale, 42. "It's the age of iPods and flat screen TVs. It's all about service."

People who do bring their



Wine sits on a table in the foreground at the Greenery restaurant in Rockport, Mass., on Thursday. The Greenery allows customers to bring in alcohol, but the restaurant is not allowed to sell alcohol because Rockport is a dry town.

own liquor save a couple bucks, but they also present restaurants with dilemmas because managers say they can't cut customers off when they've had too much and can't check to make sure drinkers are over 21.

Allowing restaurants to control drinking and be more competitive won't mean Rockport will fall of the sudden be party central," Hale said.

Resident Diane Crudden, 33, said allowing businesses to sell alcohol means crime and car accidents associated with excessive drinking would get worse. She also doesn't believe a prohibition against bars and liquor stores would last for long.

"Give an inch, they'll take a yard," Crudden said.

Bruce Emrich, 49, and Julie Emrich, 45, of Saratoga, N.Y., are frequent visitors to Rockport. She says the restriction makes the town seem more artsy and intellectual, and he likes the town's sense of tranquility, compared to the gritty appeal of nearby Gloucester.

"It kind of does go with the town," he said.

Still, Bruce Emrich says they never eat in Rockport because he likes a beer or wine with his meal.

Proponents of keeping the ban may look to the spirit of Hannah Jumper for support, but they won't get much help from the woman who lives in her home.

Dorothy Russell, 90, said fears about alcohol sales transforming Rockport are unfounded because the town's character is so well-established. She jokes that Hannah has passed on her approval about lifting the ban from the afterlife, but gets serious when asked her own opinion.

"I believe it's time," she said.

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Woman looks for bone marrow match

Search shows urgent need for donors of South Asian descent

WEST ORANGE, N.J. (AP) — Pia Awal was in the midst of planning her October wedding when a routine doctor's visit brought devastating news. After more than a year of remission, her cancer was back.

Now mid-October marks a different kind of milestone—the time by which doctors say Awal, who has acute myelogenous leukemia, must receive a lifesaving stem cell, or bone marrow, transplant.

The 29-year-old's best hope for a perfect match is from another person of South Asian ancestry. But Awal was told the odds were slim because South Asians are among the most under-represented groups in the bone marrow registry, with only 60,000 to 65,000 South Asians listed as possible donors.

Family members and friends, including Awal's bridesmaids, have mobilized a nationwide effort to find a donor in time. They've built a Web site and gotten 7,400 more people tested in less than nine weeks.

They have been spreading the word from Hindu temples to Sikh gurdwaras to summer festivals marking India's independence from Great Britain, preparing fliers in English, Gujarati, Bengali, Hindi and Urdu.

"I look around and see a young couple and think 'Maybe she is the one who will allow me to get married,'" said Tim Dutta, Awal's fiancé, as he thanked donors at Carnival India in West Orange, alongside tents where saris and jewelry are sold.

An estimated 70 percent of people in the National Marrow Donor Program are Caucasian, meaning there is a critical need for minority donors, according to Moazzam Khan with the South Asian Marrow Association of Recruiters.

The relatively small population of Americans of South Asian descent is one reason why it's been difficult to find a match. There are only about 2.5 million people with South Asian ancestry in the United States, Khan said.

"It's simple arithmetic — you



Pia Awal talks about her search for a compatible bone marrow donor at her home in Lincoln Park, N.J., Tuesday. Doctors say Awal, 29, who is battling acute myelogenous leukemia, must receive a lifesaving stem cell, or bone marrow, transplant by mid-October.

just don't find a match," Khan said. "We are constantly striving to increase that number. We go to the community and try to raise awareness because we know then we can dispel their fears and misconceptions they have about this process."

Dutta and Awal, whose families both immigrated from India, know of at least 30 other South Asian patients who are also waiting for a match, including Megan Jacob, 22, of Houston, who has organized a series of drives in her state, registering 1,000 potential donors.

"Whenever I do this, I just close my eyes and focus on everyone else I can help, not only now, but in the future," said Jacob, who was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease when she was 19.

Awal's family and friends show a short film about her life while out recruiting donors. Posters prominently feature her picture, along with the faces of other South Asians who need a match.

Gagan Dada was one of 82 people who had their blood drawn at the Carnival India

event on a recent Sunday. Dada, who does not know Awal or her family, said he felt compelled to do what he could to help.

"Why would I say no if a little blood is all it takes in a moment?" said Dada, 32. "Everyone should do what they can as far as these things are concerned."

That kind of generosity has deeply moved Awal and Dutta. "Every time when I feel any kind of sadness or loneliness, to see the way people are rallying for me is very empowering and overwhelming in a sense because it just makes you feel like 'I'm so loved by humanity,'" Awal said.

Volunteers have held donor drives in more than 30 cities so far. Dutta believes their efforts will create a lasting legacy for other South Asians who will need transplants.

"It's tough but there's a reason for what we do in life, and for this life, there's a reason why we have to continue this," Dutta said. "It's my duty not just for Pia, who I love, but for the other patients that I've come to know to continue this."

It also has created a sense of community among those who are waiting.

"No one really understands what I'm going through other than someone else who's waiting for a donor," Jacob said. "I think knowing there are others out there helps a lot."

Testing the thousands of samples that have been drawn takes time. Even with a rush order, it can take several weeks.

"Every day we're hoping for some good news, but it takes time and I know the (National Marrow Donor Program) is doing their very best to expedite what samples they've received," Awal said.

Awal, who grew up in New York City, wants others who learn about her experience to get tested for the registry.

"I can't even describe in words how grateful I am," she said. "For all those people who are like 'I feel so sorry for you,' please don't. I feel like I'm learning so many lessons and being the recipient of so much love and good fortune and wishes. It's a blessing in some ways."

Miss Alabama wins

Miss America pageant

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Miss Alabama Deldre Downs, an aspiring doctor who put off medical school to compete for the Miss America crown, won it Saturday night.

Downs, 24, of Birmingham, Ala., outsmarted and outperformed 51 other women in a speed-up version of the 83-year-old pageant that included a head-to-head showdown between the last two contestants.

Downs, who sang "I'm Afraid This Must Be Love" for her talent routine, bested Miss Louisiana Jennifer Dupont, who performed a jazz dance for hers.

Miss North Carolina Kristin Elrod was second runner-up, followed by Miss Arkansas Lacy



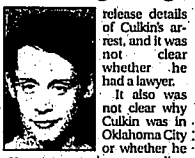
Deldre Downs Aspires to be a doctor. Fleming and Miss California Veena Goel.

Former child star faces drug charge

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Former child star Macaulay Culkin was arrested on drug charges Friday, authorities said.

The 24-year-old actor, best known for his role in the movie "Home Alone," was taken into custody on complaints of possession of a controlled dangerous substance without a valid prescription and possession of marijuana, according to the Oklahoma County Sheriff's office.

Culkin was jailed Friday on \$4,000 bond. A judge declined to



Macaulay Culkin was traveling alone. In Los Angeles, Culkin's publicist, Michelle Bega, declined to comment.

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BOSTON (AP) — You don't have to be the Man of Steel to open a Kryptonite bike lock.

Faster than a speeding bullet, word is spreading across the Internet, through cyclist hangouts and into bike shops that all it takes to open a circular key lock like the one on the famous U-shaped Kryptonite-brand lock is a ballpoint pen.

The U-shaped Kryptonite — consisting of a steel curve with a locking horizontal bar — is a must-have among serious bicyclists. It can cost more than \$50, and for an extra \$10 to \$20, it comes with a guarantee that says the company will pay customers more than \$1,000 if product failure results in the theft of a bicycle.

In recent days, bicycle chat rooms on the Internet have been flooded with irate comments from cyclists, some of whom have posted short movies of themselves picking their own locks with the hollow shaft of a Bic pen.

A spokeswoman for the Canton-based company, the country's largest bicycle-lock manufacturer, said it plans to accelerate the introduction of new versions of the lock because of the complaints.

Seattle bicycle messenger John Anderson, 23, said a friend showed him how easy it was to defeat a U-lock.

"He did it in about two seconds. I was like, 'You've got to be kidding me,'" he said. "People spend a couple of grand (on



A ballpoint pen is brought near the cylinder of Kryptonite bicycle lock in Boston on Thursday.

their bikes), so it's kind of a bummer that no one can steal them so easily."

Benjamin Running, a 28-year-old graphic designer in New York, helped start the furor after he posted on the Internet a video of himself picking his own lock.

"These locks literally are viewed as the industry standard, the lock that you must have. They're recommended by every bike shop," he said.

Kryptonite spokeswoman Donna Todeci said in a statement that the design still provides "an effective deterrent to theft," but that the company is developing new products using a pen-proof, disc-style cylinder.

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Reunifying goes sour in eastern Germany

Los Angeles Times

BRANDENBURG, Germany — The stone goddesses are flaking on Big Garden Street. The steel mill started its slide years ago. The textile plant has fared no better. Sleeples glimmer above the roofline, the hopeless flicker doesn't obscure what Otto Mahler sees as one long betrayal.

"When East and West Germany reunited after communism, they promised us the world," said Mahler, a retired steelworker whose factory has shrunk from 10,000 jobs to 750 over the last decade. "They said we'd all have an equal standard of living. We were deceived in an awful way. They destroyed our businesses and enriched themselves."

Mahler's kind of bitterness is likely to jolt German politics during elections Sunday in the eastern states of Brandenburg and Saxony that are expected to show sizable gains for far-right and former communist parties. Fifteen years after the toppling of the Berlin Wall, economic and social reforms by Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder and his Social Democrats have angered an east still struggling with persistent unemployment and perceived indignities.

The chancellor has endured insults, eggs hurled at him and a slap from an irate constituent while pushing reforms that seek to trim a generous welfare state and make the country economically competitive. They also point to a larger dilemma: Despite spending more than \$1.2 trillion on reunification, Germany remains a troubled and divided nation.

A recent Forsa poll found that 24 percent of West Germans and 12 percent of easterners would favor a new wall between them. Such sentiments reveal that the poetic pronouncements and euphoria that accompanied the early days of reunification have not bridged the severe problems of inheriting a communist state with bloated industries and a work force ill-prepared for globalization.

Two standards of living exist in Germany. Unemployment in the West is 8.4 percent compared with 18.3 percent in the East. Cuts in long-term unemployment compensation — slated to affect 2 million laid-off workers next year — are expected to hit especially hard in the East, where new factories and investment have been scarce and federal subsidies will diminish in coming years.

"Schroeder is the best advertisement for us," said Bernhard Dreese, an official with the far-right German Peoples Union, which, according to projections, may capture 5 percent to 8 percent of the vote and increase its standing in the Brandenburg state parliament. "Every day Schroeder's in power means more votes for us."

The Social Democrats and their rival Christian Democrats remain the dominant parties throughout the nation, but new gains by far-right and former communist groups would add a populist dynamic to German politics. Schroeder has cautioned voters not allow resentment to veer into extremism marked by anti-immigration and isolationist policies that for years have resonated with fringe parties.

South Korea vows it won't develop nukes

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea insisted Saturday it will never develop nuclear weapons, but North Korea ruled out dismantling its weapons program or resuming negotiations unless U.S. drops its policy of "double standards" on the two countries' activities.

North Korea has seized on a recent South Korea acknowledgment of a plutonium-based nuclear experiment years ago, linking it with its own nuclear efforts and a tough stand in six-nation negotiations the United States is pushing to get North Korea to end its nuclear weapons program.

Seoul's revelations threatened to disrupt already troubled efforts to persuade Pyongyang to end its nuclear efforts.

"We declare again that we have no intention of developing or possessing nuclear weapons," South Korean Unification Minister Chung Dong-young said Saturday.



A waitress carries beer mugs during the opening ceremony of the Oktoberfest beer festival in Munich, southern Germany, on Saturday.

Munich opens beer festival

171st Oktoberfest attracts crowd of 500,000

MUNICH, Germany (AP) — With the traditional cry of "O'zapft is!" — "It's tapped!" — Munich's mayor cracked a barrel of Bavarian beer at noon Saturday, opening the southern city's 171st Oktoberfest festival for a crowd of some 500,000.

Dressed in Bavarian knee-length leather pants, or lederhosen, Christian Ude wished the crowd a "peaceful Oktoberfest" before a thundering 12-gun salute signaled the 16-day festival's opening.

Bavarian Gov. Edmund Stoiber was given the first mug

and took an obligatory swig before switching to an alcohol-free version.

The world's biggest beer-drinking festival is always a huge tourist draw, and some 6 million visitors from around the world are expected to crawl Munich's sprawling Theresienwiese festival grounds this year to fill the beer tents and hit the pretzel and sausage stands.

The main tent's 6,000 seats filled quickly Saturday, and others waited for hours before the event's start to ensure a table at one of the other 14 tents' 100,000 seats to sting

along with the polka bands.

Beer is a bit pricier this year, with the most expensive one-liter mug costing \$8.65, up from \$8.28. A mug of the most common alternate drink, mineral water, is jumping 25 cents to \$6.75.

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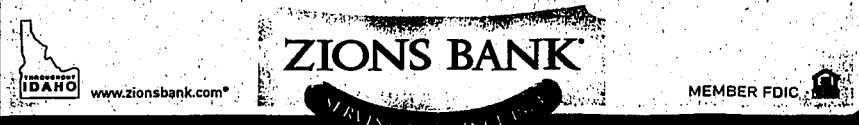
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Resolution: Sudan must rein in militias

U.N. demands Iran halt uranium enrichment

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UNITED NATIONS — The U.N. Security Council approved a resolution Saturday threatening sanctions against Sudan unless it acts to rein in Arab militias accused of violence in Darfur that the United States has called genocide.

The vote was 11-0 with four abstentions, by China, Russia, Pakistan and Algeria.

Those countries opposed sanctions and several other provisions that they said could antagonize the Sudanese government and end its cooperation with international efforts to cope with the massive humanitarian crisis in Sudan's western region of Darfur.

The resolution strongly endorses the deployment of a beefed-up African Union force with an expanded monitoring mission that would actively try to prevent attacks and mediate to stop the conflict from escalating. More than 50,000 people have already died and over 1.2 million have fled their homes to escape the violence.

It also authorizes Secretary-General Kofi Annan, who was in the council chamber for the vote, to rapidly appoint an international commission to investigate reports of human rights violations in Darfur and determine "whether or not acts of genocide have occurred."

35 Pakistani prisoners return home

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Thirty-five Pakistani prisoners released from U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba returned home Saturday, a senior interior ministry official said.

Pakistani authorities detained the men for questioning after they arrived at a Pakistani air base near the capital Islamabad, said Brig. Javed Iqbal Cheema, director-general of the National Crisis Management Cell at the interior ministry.

The Department of Defense said the 35 Pakistanis were among 191 prisoners to be released from Guantanamo Bay.

"This Saturday's transfer included 29 to the control of Pakistan for continued detention, and six to Pakistan for release," said the Department of Defense on its Web site.

North Korean explosion remains a mystery

SEOUL, S. Korea — Was that a mushroom cloud that the satellite saw hovering menacingly over North Korea or merely a patch of bad weather?

Trying to end one of the more bizarre episodes in the standoff over North Korea's nuclear program, South Korea's deputy unification minister, Rhee Bong Jo, said Friday that "a close inspection of the cloud suggests that it was a natural phenomenon."

The cloud — as well as an unexplained tremor measuring about magnitude 2.6 — was detected Sept. 9, the anniversary of the communist nation's founding. The coincidence of the phenomena on such a symbolic date fueled a flurry of speculation about a nuclear test.

The South Koreans say the tremor appears to have come from the area around Mount Paekdu, a dormant volcano straddling the Chinese border, and was probably a natural movement, unrelated to the cloud, spotted about 60 miles away over Kim Hyong Ilk County.

Suspected Taliban kill pro-election elders

KABUL, Afghanistan — Suspected Taliban rebels killed two tribal elders who were encouraging participation in elections and shot to death an Afghan military commander in an ambush, officials said Saturday.

Meanwhile, the U.S. military apologized for the latest civilian casualty of its operations to protect landmark October elections. Also, Afghanistan's top law-enforcer said three men arrested for firing a rocket at an American helicopter carrying President Hamid Karzai on a campaign trip had confessed to being members of the Taliban.

Afghan security forces searching for three "al Qaeda" operatives from Marj districts of southern Kandahar province found their bodies lying in a stream bed last Friday, district mayor Sayed Ali said.

— compiled from wire reports

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — For the first time, 35 nations in the U.N. atomic watchdog agency demanded Saturday that Iran freeze all work on uranium enrichment — a technology that can be used for nuclear arms — and said it would judge Tehran's compliance in two months.

The resolution passed by the agency was its toughest yet on Tehran but didn't go as far as the United States had sought by saying Iran will automatically be

sent to the U.N. Security Council for possible sanctions if it fails to meet the demands by November. U.S. officials, however, insisted the 35-member board of the International Atomic Energy Agency must refer Iran to the council when it meets again on Nov. 25 if Tehran doesn't comply.

"The issue is whether or not they're going to give up nuclear weapons" by the November meeting, U.S. Undersecretary of State John Bolton told The Associated Press. "The ball is in Iran's court."

"The time for decisive action is approaching," said Jackie Sanders, the chief U.S. delegate to the IAEA board meeting. "To wait until the IAEA finds the nuclear weapons ... is to wait until it is too late."

The United States says Iran's nuclear program is aimed at producing weapons, a claim Tehran denies.

The resolution passed unanimously Saturday said the board "considers it necessary" that Iran suspend all uranium enrichment and related programs. And it expressed alarm at Iranian plans to convert more than 40 tons of raw uranium into uranium hexafluoride — the gas that when spun in centrifuges turns into enriched uranium.

It also said it "strongly urges" Iran to meet all demands by the agency in its investigation of the country's nearly two decades of clandestine nuclear activity, including unrestricted access to sites, information and personnel that can shed light on still unanswered questions on whether Tehran was interested in the atom for nuclear weapons.

It called on the IAEA head, Mohamed ElBaradei to provide a review of the findings of a more than one year probe of Iran's nuclear activities which Tehran insists are strictly tailored toward generating electricity.

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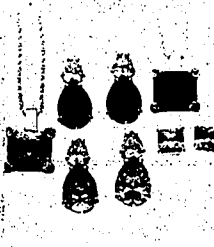
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EDITORIAL

Howard knows requests come with some leeway

Take a look around, and you'll know fall has arrived in Idaho. The foliage fades from green to amber. Footballs start flying on Friday nights. The hoppers hit full swing for trout anglers.

Howard knows requests come with some leeway. Cameron said an \$82 million increase would force more cuts in other state programs.

Our view: Superintendent of Instruction Marilyn Howard makes a large budget request, but it's one that can be trimmed to within fiscal reason. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Howard asked for \$82 million more in general fund tax support for public schools. That's an increase of 8.2 percent in general fund revenue.

Howard used a careful and refreshing approach in her budget request, by asking for a 4.7 percent hike.

But Howard's 2005 proposal is probably more than lawmakers can provide. With the one-cent sales tax increase of 2003 scheduled to sunset next July, legislators must come up with between about \$165 million to balance the budget.

She's certainly welcome to request what she wants, (but) it looks more like a want list than a need list, said Sen. Dean Cameron.

That message also hits the right note, going into the 2005 session.

We'd like to see the education establishment acknowledge that perspective more often.

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Pence will work hard as a district representative

Donna Pence will represent District 25 as a conscientious, hard-working state representative when elected.

Your vote for her can help bring those qualities into service on the state level.

As a former teacher-colleague of hers on the Gooding School's faculty, I can give unqualified support to Donna from first-hand experience. LALENE C. MEYER, Gooding

Down-to-earth qualities make Pence a solid pick

I'm writing in support of Donna Pence as our near District 25-B representative.

My mother is Donna Pence's campaign manager - two years ago and again now. Since that time, I have had the privilege to get to know Donna. I feel Donna Pence is a down-to-earth person who knows the people in her county and the concerns of most Idahoans.

Being a mother myself of three school-aged children, education is at the top of my list of concerns. Donna, being in and around education since 1966, knows a little bit about what works and what doesn't. What we have today is overcrowded classrooms, not enough money to hire the much needed support staff,

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tests that don't adequately reflect a child's ability and state-regulated standards that over-burden teachers to cram so much in that it deprives them of using their creative talent to implement teaching strategies so everyone gets it - not just the high-end kids who know how to fill in the gaps.

I'm not talking about the children who qualify for special education; they already get the extra services. I'm talking about those with attention deficit disorder (ADD) or central auditory processing disorder (CAP) who have average or above IQ and don't meet the criteria for special education.

These children have a very real learning disability that demands extra time and creative teaching in order for them to be successful. Reform is needed at the state level, specially trained aids for every classroom and a plan so every child succeeds in what needs to happen.

Donna is aware of the many beneficial changes that are so desperately needed to bring education where it should be. Children should be the most valuable asset to our society, and what our schools have to offer need to reflect just that. On Nov. 2, I urge you to vote for Donna Pence. We need someone like her fighting for our kids. BRIDGET AND TROY HURD, Gooding

Rather hurts Kerry - and himself

In this presidential campaign, John Kerry has raised \$41.200 from employees of Princeton University. President Bush has received \$250. Last week, when a reporter for The Daily Princetonian asked various faculty members about the disparity, professor Andrew Appel answered with a rhetorical question: 'Does it surprise me that smart people should be supporting Kerry? No.'

ZEV CHAFETS

Smart people support Kerry. And our city sits next to so many smart people who want to be considered smart. Guys like poor Dan Rather.

I don't know Rather personally, but I've always had a soft spot for him. He strikes me as an earnest man who has succeeded by overcoming a lot of limitations. I feel for him now. He's been caught red-handed trying to help the Smart People help Kerry by peddling what appear to be phony documents about Bush's National Guard service.

Rather has unintentionally hurt Kerry by miring the campaign in yet another week of Vietnam debate. But he has hurt himself even more.

Rather didn't go to Princeton. He is a graduate of Sam Houston State Teachers College. He went to New York knowing what the Prof. Appels of the world think of Sam Houston State Teachers College and its alumni.



This kind of snobbery is a problem not only in the Ivy League, but in Big Time Journalism, where folks with Rather's accent and background are rare.

Most of the national media elite are Ivy Leaguers or reasonable facsimiles. They share prejudices, fashions - and political opinions.

According to a recent Pew poll, national journalists are six times more likely to call themselves 'liberal' than 'conservative.' This is not quite a Princetonian level of intellectual superiority, but it comes close.

People who talk like Rather and come from Texas arouse suspicion no matter how long

they are around. The burden is always on them to prove that they are smart enough to be considered liberal, or liberal enough to be considered smart. Rather has tried throughout his career to overcome this sort of Ivy poisoning and fit in. But unlike his fellow Texan, Bill Moyers, he never really has. He may be the man of the sort of the evening news, but his more civiled colleagues have never stopped seeing him as a bumpkin from Sam Houston. Teachers, a goofy guy who tries too hard.

This attitude has been painfully evident in the reaction to allegations that Rather's 'scoop' about Bush's National Guard service was bogus.

Rather had every right to expect that his colleagues would rush to his aid. But there has been very little solidarity, practically none of the indignation with which the elite media normally greet challenges from the right.

The smart people have turned away, leaving Rather huffing and puffing about his unimpeachable credibility. Poor Rather. Nearing the end of his career, he let himself get duped on a story he thought would make him a hero in Princeton.

Instead, he will very likely be remembered as a goat. A Texas goat.

Zev Chafets is a columnist for the New York Daily News.

There's no sugar-coating the bad news about candy

STEVE ALMOND

In the beginning, there was candy.

It was, well, fattening. It was intended to be fattening. That was the whole point of candy. Or actually, check that. The whole point of candy was to give the most delicious pleasure and, as an unfortunate but unavoidable byproduct, it was fattening.

If you look at the history of candy (as I have done, somewhat obsessively), you will notice that confectioners and their consumers recognized these truths to be self-evident all about a decade ago.

This is when the concept of "diet candy" emerged. Previously, the sugar-free stuff had been marketed primarily to dieters. All of a sudden you had these perfectly innocent pleasures, such as red wines and Mike & Ike, touting themselves as fat free, along with a flood of faux candy bars advertised variously as diet bars, protein bars, energy bars and so on.

Candy was, for the first time in its long and sugared history, attempting to deny its very nature by being good for you. In the next few weeks, this trend will reach its apotheosis with the nationwide introduction of a new line from Hershey called Carb Alternatives. The industry giant (along

with Mars and Nestle, Hershey dominated the \$24 billion-a-year candy market) is hoping to cash in on the massive popularity of low-carb diets with slimmed-down versions of three popular products: Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, Kit Kat bars and Hershey's Kisses.

There is no need to labor the science of these products. They are basically artificial sweeteners to reduce the "sugar carbs" in each piece.

For the record, I've sampled all three. They taste considerably better than most diet candy. (How's that for damning with faint praise?) But, to me, they still came off as frauds.

Chocolate, after all, is nature's most distinctive flavor. It can't be faked, precisely because the tongue and taste buds interact with chocolate so intimately. We have come to expect that burst of creamy sweetness that only cocoa liquor, cocoa butter and sugar can provide.

Hershey is far from alone in jumping on the low-carb bandwagon. For supporting evidence, consider this year's All-Candy contest in Chicago. Nearly half of the 500 exhibitors in the main exhibit hall featured

products advertised as low-carb.

Perhaps the most distressing example was something called Sinfully Delicious Dessert Rites, little tablets meant to simulate the experience of eating peach cobbler and mocha cappuccino cake. Let me sum up that experience by quoting the warning label on the side of the box: Excessive consumption may have a laxative effect.

One of the keynote speakers at the expo was Dr. Barry Sears, author of the best-selling diet book "The Zone." Inviting Sears to address candy executives struck me as a little like inviting John Ashcroft to lecture the American Civil Liberties Union.

So be it. This is life in the Atkins era.

When I asked Steve Forster, the publisher of the trade magazine Professional Candy Buyer, how long the low-carb craze would last, he shrugged his shoulders in disgust. The truth is, the candy industry is facing an image crisis that cuts far deeper than the current hysteria. With Newsweek slapping pictures of obese kids on its cover, and films such as "Supersize Me" taking aim at Ronald McDonald and friends, the candy industry knows it's in a bind. Nearly half of the 500 exhibitors in the main exhibit hall featured

The British book "Chocolate Busters" has lobbed the first volley, portraying chocolate as only slightly less harmful than cigarettes and accusing confectioners of orchestrating an elaborate cover-up of their products' health risks.

It's true enough that chocolate, like any other luxury item, is the byproduct of horrendous global inequalities. But the notion that willing consumers of candy should be cast as victims is laughable. The real problem is that our citizenry eats too much and does too little exercise. We move, in essence, from the cubicle to the car seat.

Our consumption of candy isn't just excessive; it's neurotic. Rather than eating candy in moderate amounts and relishing the experience, we stuff our faces in a guilty frenzy, to quell loneliness and self-doubt.

The sad irony of the low-carb movement is that it will only feed this cycle. People will wind up eating more of this low-taste crud - "hey, honey, it's only got one gram of sugar carbs" - and giving themselves less pleasure.

How very American. Steve Almond is the author of "Bicycle Man: A Year in the Cyclopath Underbelly of America."

LETTERS

As a mother of a school-age child, I would not allow her to walk to school or even cross the street in front of her school alone because of the inconsiderate drivers.

Yes, Mary Imman, there are some children who don't pay attention when they are crossing the streets; however, there are even more drivers that aren't looking. As a mother who drives her child to school every day, I would not allow her to walk to school or even cross the street in front of her school alone because of the inconsiderate drivers.

Personally, I am glad to see all the protection. Perhaps if the drivers took a few extra minutes out of their schedules and slowed down and were watching more carefully, it would be different.

As for Phil Auth, if it's such an inconvenience for you, perhaps you should schedule your time around those times that they are out watching for children or even take another route. You and your inconsiderate attitude will be the next to hit one of our children. SHELLI MILLER, Jerome

Pictures illustrate Twin Falls' early rural charm

Those old car pictures on the Centennial page are very interesting. I have some information to add about the picture at the top of the page with the struc-

ture in the Ford touring car. It is right there, near the car. Frank Bogue, D.K. Frost and Jack Jensen. This is to the best of my knowledge as told me by my late mother, who was a daughter of Frank Bogue and seemed quite certain that they identify farmers Bank had this photo on a calendar a few years ago; I have their names written on my copy.

Frank C. (for centennial, he was born in 1876) Bogue worked in Millard Dam as a "mule skinner" and electrician after coming here from Nebraska. Some years later, he bought an 80 northwest of the Pole Line Road and Blue Lakes Boulevard and bordered the canyon. A northwest section of this place was removed when Blue Lakes was reouted east in the '20s to lead to the then new rim-to-rim bridge. Family lore is that when the Bogue family moved to this new place from west of town, they herded their cattle down Shoshone Street and out Blue Lakes. I remember herds of Breckenridge sheep going down on Blue Lakes and across the bridge. Frank's son, Oren, farmed this place for several decades.

Now, of course, this area is all commercial development, right up to the canyon edge, and has lost its formerly unique appeal to become a generic shopping mall and world-class signage overgrowth. Too bad our overactive and shortsighted chamber of commerce and city

council were allowed to ruin what could have been a most attractive park entrance to Twin Falls. MIKE LEEDS, Buhl

Family fair prices are anything but cheap

This letter is in response to Mr. Bowman's about the Twin Falls Fair. I do not, didn't meet the criteria of "fair" and was charged individually for all at a greater price. I went to the office on the grounds and asked why. The response was, "Because that's the way it is set. Pretty much after that, it was the end of the subject."

It was it amazing in the first place at just the cost of entry. Some friends of mine went to the state fair in Blackfoot the same weekend and that was close to go to the county fair. The admission for all four adults was only \$20. I wonder why there is such a difference in price. I realize that there is grounds upkeep and such, but there are several different events held throughout the year in Filer, and I'm pretty sure they receive some sort of kickback for each one. As far as lowering our taxes for a new "multipurpose building," maybe they should just add up all the extra dollars they made off of "families" that didn't meet their standards. MICHELLE LEWIS, Twin Falls

Iraq, Russia stand above other issues

Simpler tax code? Keep on dreaming

Hurricanes are hitting the United States in bunches. Bloody car bombings rock Baghdad. Putin shows signs of acting like Stalin. US Airways goes back into bankruptcy. Dan Rather pleads his case. Medicare program soars. Martha Stewart goes to jail. Bush attacks Kerry. Kerry attacks Bush.



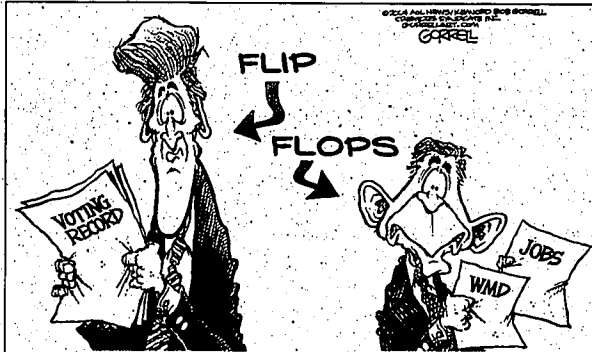
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And, as if that weren't enough, the owners of the National Hockey League lock the players out of training camp. No, I am not being facetious. And I am not turning this into a sports column about a game I have never really followed. Instead, I'm suggesting that this is one of those too-frequent moments of mental overload, when the best thing you can do is put some distance between yourself and the TV screen and not try to absorb it all at once.

You can help keep it in perspective by projecting forward and asking which, if any, of the sensations dominating the 24-hour news cycle will still be important to you, say, four months from now.

By Jan. 1, 2005, The hurricane season is over. Florida and the Gulf Coast have largely recovered. US Airways is still flying snowbirds to the South (bankruptcy to airlines meaning little more than another device for cutting workers' pay). Rather has joined Tom Brokaw in semi-retirement. Martha Stewart's five-month jail term is almost over. And the campaign rhetoric looks absurd. How could we ever have wasted so much time on National Guard "orders" and Navy commendations from decades ago?

What remains of real impor-



tance? First and foremost, Iraq. Americans will still be fighting there. Americans will still be dying there. Whether or not some approximation of an Iraqi election has been held, Americans will still be the only real security force facing an insurgency that will condemn us as occupiers. That is what preoccupies the president the day after his inauguration. And, in retrospect, we realize that when we were choosing between George Bush and John Kerry, they should have been pressed much harder to explain what they will do now that we are stuck in an expanding guerrilla war in Iraq.

They both had checked histories on Iraq. Bush had taken the country to war on what turned out to be false premises and appeared oblivious for far too long to the challenges of a lengthy aftermath. Kerry's history was too incoherent for ready explanation — not to mention his endorsement and criticism of Bush policy that gave almost no clue to his own convictions. We should have insisted that they clarify what they would do

now — not what they wish they had done back then. Iraq and its attendant problems should have been the whole subject of the first televised debate. And we should not have let them shift to airy generalizations about being tough on terrorism. Terrorism is a real threat, but the argument about who is "tougher on terrorism" is a mug's game — and it's not answered by pictures of your standing in the pit of what was once the World Trade Center or carrying a rifle in Vietnam.

The second thing that remains important is Vladimir Putin — and he is a powerful symbol. Because of Iraq, American relationships with other countries around the world have been bent out of shape or suffered from neglect. If it is true, as it manifestly the case, that the United States has a vital interest in nurturing democracy in Russia, both capitalism and democracy in China and cooperative relations with Europe — and open trade with all of them — then those relations need work. We should have asked Bush more about why he thought so many

of them had gone sour, and we should have asked both Bush and Kerry how they planned to set them right.

And the jump in Medicare premiums is important — not only in its immediate impact on seniors' budgets, but as a reminder of our head-in-the-sand attitude toward the oncoming fiscal collision between the health care and retirement costs of the baby boomers, on one side, and our staggering budget deficits on the other.

We let both Kerry and Bush indulge in a string of new domestic goodies before our eyes, plus tax cuts for everybody (Bush) or almost everybody (Kerry) and never got a straight answer from either one on how to pay for the boomers' massive expensive retirement years. That would have been a good subject for a second debate.

Then maybe we'd have known what we were doing with our votes.

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One of the biggest applause lines in President Bush's acceptance speech was his pledge to "lead a bipartisan effort to reform and simplify the federal tax code."

And Bush never fails to draw cheers when he tells Congress he will get the tax system "more simple and more fair."

And why not? Everyone agrees the current system is a mess.

Well, don't hold your breath. The federal deficit is so big that simplification may not be the next administration's top priority in tax policy, even if it were politically feasible.

Still, the idea that it's possible to simplify the tax system so that most returns could be filed on a postcard is one of those enduring myths of American politics.

Even the much touted 1986 tax simplification law wound up complicating the system, notes Bruce Bartlett, a former Reagan administration treasury official and now a senior fellow at Dallas National Center for Policy Analysis.

Since then, he adds, it's gotten even more complex with the addition of tax credits, deductions and other goodies for specific groups.

It's a veritable minefield of these "special interest loopholes." But some benefit so many millions of Americans that they constitute a serious barrier to change.

According to the congressional Joint Committee on Taxation, more than 38 million households pay taxes in 2003 deducted charitable contributions, more than 36 million deducted state and local taxes, more than 34 million deducted real estate taxes, and more than 33 million deducted mortgage interest.

Another problem is that many states base their taxes on the federal system.

Eliminating or simplifying federal income taxes might help taxpayers with their federal tax forms, but they'd have to keep the same records anyway to track state-estimated similar changes.

Basically, tax reformers have proposed three main alternatives:

- A flat tax, under which all or most deductions would be

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eliminated and all taxpayers would pay the same rate.

Former House Majority Leader Dick Armey proposed a 17 percent rate years ago, but critics say the rate would have to be at least 20 percent.

That's higher than 80 percent of households currently pay in federal taxes, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

A national retail sales tax, which would replace the current income tax system and eliminate the Internal Revenue Service.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., floated the idea in a recent book, and Bush called it "an interesting idea that we ought to explore seriously." Later, the White House denied he is considering it, but it would presumably be part of the administration's forthcoming study.

William Gale, an economist at the nonpartisan Brookings Institution, said it would take a 26 percent sales tax to replace the income tax and a 38 percent rate to replace all federal taxes, assuming no revenue losses.

A sales tax would presumably cover food and medicine and, like a flat tax, would hit lower- and middle-class taxpayers hardest.

• A value-added tax, similar to those levied in many European countries. It would be added each time a product is sold or resold as it passes from manufacturer to wholesaler to retailer.

Bartlett thinks a value-added tax might have the best prospects — if not to replace the current system, then to raise additional revenue to cut the deficit.

It would maintain Bush's tax cuts, raise a lot of revenue and create a mechanism that could be used for future increases.

So far, Bush is insisting he won't raise taxes, and Kerry is saying he'll limit increases to the wealthy. Neither position seems tenable on a long-term basis.

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If only Kerry were from the Bronx

How I wish that John Kerry had grown up in the Bronx neighborhood in the Bible are crazy that he doesn't have the street smarts to call those GOP burns out.

He's got to be outraged. Not only have his combat-shy opponents stood idly by their surrogates traded the Vietnam War record, Vice President Dick Cheney, stooping to a despicable low, said a vote for Kerry was tantamount to a vote for Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida.

Yes, Kerry is rightly pointing out in his stump speech that the war in Iraq is a deadly distraction from the very real fight to prevent al-Qaida and like-minded groups from committing more atrocities.

But it seems the veteran senator is too much of a gentleman to point out the elephant in the room, the obvious flaw in the Republican Party's claim that it is the only party that knows how to keep us safe. After all, it was Cheney and George W. Bush who were in the room when 15 poorly trained hijackers were able to breach the nation's security apparatus and commit mass murder despite frantic, president warnings from the CIA.

Yet, not only has this administration not held anybody accountable for this mind-

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boggling dereliction of duty, it shamelessly milks the tragedy for political gain.

"It is absolutely essential ... on Nov. 2 we make the right choice," Cheney said this past week.

"Because if we make the wrong choice, then the danger is that we'll get hit again and we'll be in a way that will be devastating from the standpoint of the United States."

Kerry should just say, "What a load, you're the guys who blew it before 9/11!" Kerry needs to point out that it is Cheney and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and our nominal president who have screwed up Afghanistan, Iraq, the economy and the war on terrorism.

That they are the ones who gave us Abu Ghraib but not bin Laden; 1,000 American dead but no peace in Iraq; fiery speeches at the Republican convention in New York but no one to record testimony to the 9/11 commission.

And yet we should trust them to make us safer? Granted, it was great PR when Rudy Giuliani told us at the GOP convention that chieftain Bush used his bullhorn skills with the cleanup crew at ground zero.

But wasn't it more important that we be reminded that Bush continued his 30-day vacation in August 2001 after receiving an intelligence report titled "Bin Laden Determined to Strike in the U.S.?"

As the bipartisan 9/11 commission report makes painfully obvious, Bush & Co. made zero preparations to thwart the predicted attacks that intelligence agencies repeatedly said could be imminent.

Then, when the attack did come, confusion reigned supreme — and not just in the initial minutes, but for hours, days and years.

First, on Sept. 11, 2001, when Cheney hid in a bunker, a crucial clue was not kept in the loop, key agencies did not coordinate, antimissile defenses were not activated, crucial decisions were left unmade and the public was left in the dark, wondering where the president was.

Kerry needs to remind voters that, within hours, Cheney, Rumsfeld, Paul Wolfowitz and other neoconservatives embedded in the Bush administration began a whining chorus of demands that this tragedy be exploited as an excuse to whack Iraq.

Once the flimsy rationale for invading Iraq was articulated by a plant president, world support for the United States vaporized — at a time when a

unified stand against al-Qaida was imperative to successfully destroy a global network of money, arms and murderers that can be stopped only with diplomacy and detective work, not just by tanks or bombers.

Now the Bush administration's shortsighted policies have been shown to be worse than inaction, exposing the United States to more and better-financed hatred in the Muslim world and beyond.

Afghanistan temporarily is free of Taliban rule, but Washington's unwillingness to engage in "nation-building" there means the shell state is run by the same patchwork of warlords and opium gangsters that initially fostered the Taliban rise.

Iraq, at the same time, is fast becoming another center of Islamic fanaticism, its moderates now painted as helpless stooges of an occupying U.S. military.

Cheney said that if a Democrat was elected to the White House, we would run the risk of lapsing into "a pre-9/11 mind-set."

He's exactly right. It was his administration's "mind set" that got us into this horrible mess. Kerry can get us out.

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LETTER

Teacher made a stand for real teaching principle

I heard Karen Christenson destroyed a copy of the Bible in order to teach a worthy principle.

Unfortunately, the reaction by a few of the students was to quit themselves over to the foolishness of worshipping the tangible representation of moral principles at the cost of other moral principles.

The worthy principles of truth contained within the pages of the Bible are completely unharmed and live on elsewhere, readily available to all who are interested.

Such principles are significantly greater than any one single copy comprised of simple pulp and ink.

Destroying a single copy in

an effort to teach a correct principle is hardly a price too high.

Restricting a teacher's ability to teach such an important principle, in just such a manner, is a sad commentary on misbegotten loyalties, idol worship and a form of religious restriction that currently plagues our planet, nation and communities.

Let us learn to worship with wisdom.

Let us learn to worship correct principles more than their tangible representation.

It is my guess that principle taught in Karen Christenson's lesson in question will likely be remembered by the students long after others of her lessons have been long forgotten.

Good for her!

Would that we had more people with the character, wisdom and strength to steadfastly teach good principles on sensitive issues.

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MORNING BREAK

Wife's poundage weighs on hubby

DEAR ABBY: My wife, "Jenny," and I married 12 years ago because she was pregnant. I knew she had been promiscuous as a teenager, but I thought I could cope with it. Now, after two children. I have second thoughts. When we married, Jenny weighed 115 pounds. (She's 5-foot-1.) Now, after two children, she weighs 170 pounds, and her clothes are size 16.



DEAR ABBY
Jenny Phillips

are not healthy feelings, but they are in my heart. I'm thankful for my wife and kids, but I also feel cheated. Please don't tell me that weight gain is biological. There are plenty of thinner moms around. What can I do to help her see my point of view?

-TIED TO A HEAVY BALL AND CHAIN

DEAR TIED: If counseling hasn't helped, I'm not sure I can, but I'll try. Perhaps your wife's problem isn't complicity. Has it occurred to you that she could be feeling depressed, stressed and trapped? You describe your marriage as more of a shotgun

wedding than a love match. She now has two children to raise and a husband who resents the fact that she wasn't a virgin bride. On top of that, she has put on 55 pounds — and losing that much weight is a daunting challenge.

If you really want your wife to get back in shape, my advice is to dwell less on what she's eating and more on what she's eating her. Stop harping on her past, which she can't change, and start talking about your future and the fact that you want her to be healthy and feeling good about herself. Tell her that you love her and keep repeating it. Find activities you can do together that will help her become more physically active and give you time to communicate with each other away from the children. Perhaps then she will be more receptive to making positive changes in her lifestyle.

DEAR ABBY: I work in a nursing home. Yesterday there was a note left that said a resident would be going out for dinner with his family, and to have him ready at 1 p.m. and expect him back at 7 p.m.

What would you consider dinner, Abby — lunch or supper? I'd like to consider it the evening meal, the other half consider it the noon meal. We are,

-CURIOUS IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR CURIOUS: Depending on the part of the country where you were raised, "dinner" can be either lunch or supper. Where I was raised, "dinner" meant the evening meal. My Webster's Collegiate Dictionary defines dinner as "the principal meal of the day."

"Supper," as defined by Webster's, is "the evening meal, or a light meal served late in the evening."

Libra: Try a red rinse

IF SEPTEMBER 19 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY, you have some golden opportunities that have recently come your way, so you should be enjoying some rewards from the universe and basking in the peace that security brings. Enjoy your blessings now, because from late October through November, and again next June, you will be expected to work extra hard to maintain the good life. Don't be concerned, as the inspiration that fuels your spirits now will add enthusiasm to your plans. Anything worth having is worth working to get.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19): Others close may be restless for something new, so shift your gears or be left behind. Surprises could be in store where a significant other is concerned. Singles may find brief encounters — fascinating, but impermanent.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20): Something ultra-modern or a quaint antique might tempt you. However, you could regret the expenditure because it does not fit with your other belongings. New attractions could be like that, as well.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Someone close could prove worthy of your trust. The sparkle in the air makes this a perfect time for social gatherings with neighbors or friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Ponder long-range plans and write down ideas for the future. Talking things over with a close companion could bring surprises. Open your mind to alternative solutions for handling everyday problems.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Those close could have contrary ideas of what is fun, and put your plans into a talpin. Mingle with others who have a different approach to life, and look for opportunities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Small misunderstandings with a significant other can be overcome, and apologies will be

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Jeraldine Saunders

accepted. Your mind is a fertile garden, so plant good humor and an upbeat philosophy. Unplanned expenses might put you in a ditch.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Try a red rinse on your hair, or do something otherwise outrageous but harmless. Your friendliness attracts people from outside your circle, but maybe there is a reason they were out there to begin with.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your loved one could find something more important to do with a friend and leave you home alone. Singles might find chance meetings tantalizing, but unlikely to last.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Today, opposites attract. You can get along with people from all walks of life, but when you head home to roost, find a partner with similar values.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may wish to set a schedule for everyone around you. When there is work to be done, you make a good organizer.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You glow with cheerfulness, but don't mistake a spark of friendship for the glowing embers of love. Hold off on purchases, as baubles that grab your attention today could prove tasteless tomorrow.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): There is a spirit of cooperation in the air that makes joint efforts a breeze. Correct misconceptions and nip trouble in the bud. Ask for favors from those close.

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How to dress like a native

A perfect stranger walked up to me at the Twin Falls County Fair and said, "Why don't you write a column telling people about Idaho's dress code?"

OK, I will. But before I start, be advised that this feller was *way* overdressed for the occasion: He was wearing a rayon muscle shirt *without* mustard stains.

The basic premise of Idaho style is utilitarian, meaning that if a garment don't stand up in the corner by itself, it's probably clean enough.



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

We're not untidy; we're just casual. And we by gosh have sense enough to understand that our clothes make a statement.

Whether such a statement should be used against us in a court of law is open to debate, but here are a few local sartorial guidelines anyway.

1. You pretty much have to get gussied up for your own wedding, but not if you're attending somebody else's nuptials. Still, show some respect for the bride — no tank tops, no visible belly hair, and please: Make sure the end justifies the jeans.

2. That don't apply to funerals, since the deceased don't care how you're dressed. I prefer an insouciant mélange of the formal and the informal, say a polka-dot necktie worn with a plaid work shirt, and for the ladies, turquoise pedal-pushers and a tasteful fish shirt.

3. Family gatherings — reunions, Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc. — involve a lot of eating, so make sure you wear something that won't show the gray stains. I've found that Hawaiian shirts work best.

4. Not everyone appreciates love handles and back hair, so kindly cover up unless it's Friday night or you're at a monster-truck show.

There's no way of saying this delicately: We don't care to see jeans that ride so low that they force us to look at your *gluteus maximus* whenever you sit down or roll a bowling ball.

If you are a man, you must have no hips, wear suspenders, please.

6. The well-tailored pair of jeans will bag nicely in the butt and around the ankles.

6(a). It's perfectly acceptable to wear out the cuffs on your Wranglers from walking on them with the heels of your boots.

7. But if you're not used to wearing cowboy boots, we'll be able to tell: You'll walk like a penguin in pumps.

8. Gap-tits is the inability of the shirt to cover all of the belly when you sit down. And yes, it makes you look like the Statler Marshmallow Man in a tutu.

9. Cleavage is a difficult issue. It's a little too fashion-forward for our neck of the woods, and there have been a few regrettable incidents involving wardrobe malfunctions. Generally, décolletage is only appropriate when you go boot-scootin', and even then a long neck scarf or bandanna should be worn at all times.

10. Nobody who weighs more than 125 pounds should wear a Western shirt with snaps. No exceptions.

11. In general, we're pretty good-hearted, especially if you get piercings anywhere and of ladies who are pierced anyplace besides the earlobes. It, smacks of California, and worse, fern bars.

12. If you've got several visible tattoos, one of them had better say "Mother."

13. A red garment washed by mistake in Clorox is a fashion statement.

14. Even a city slicker can buy him or herself a baseball cap; the trick is to get somebody to give you one.

15. The use of starch is limited to white cotton Western shirts, and then only to shirts worn by saddle-brnnc riders at rodeos.

16. There is only one hanging offense left in Idaho: Wearing jeans that have pressed creases.

Times-News features editor Steve Crump reminds you that America has never been the same since they stopped making long-johns with escape hatches.

SCOUTING AHEAD



RON ANDERSON, left, of Murtaugh's Boy Scouts Troop 101, secures the bottom end of the American flag while members of Twin Falls' Cub Scout Pack 100 wait before walking across the Perrine Bridge Saturday morning. More than 300 Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and their leaders walked from the north end of the bridge and continued down the newly completed Centennial Trail to Dierkes Lake to commemorate Twin Falls' centennial.

Scout march across Perrine Bridge merges generations

By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Between them, Fred Locke, 90, and Bill Rappleye, 88, share more than 151 years in Boy Scouting.

On Saturday, they shared a proud walk across the Perrine Bridge with more than 300 Magic Valley Scouts — from Cub Scouts to retired Scoutmasters.

"I've been a Boy Scout for 76 years, one month and 18 days," Locke said, touching the commemorative 75-year pin on his lapel.

The march across the bridge Saturday was a merging of past and present Boy Scouting in Magic Valley, and part of the of the Snake River Council's cen-

tennial camporee weekend. The weekend included an said organizer Kay Sorensen, district com-

little e chairman. Locke and Rappleye are known as the fathers of Boy Scouting in Magic Valley.

"After growing up as Boy Scouts, they b e c a m e Scoutmasters in the 1930s and took hun-

dreds of Boy Scouts under their tutelage. "People like them started a great history, and it continues today," Sorensen said.

The weekend included an overnight camping trip at Dierkes Lake and a hike back to the lake via the nearly-completed Centennial Trail.

While still active in Scouting, Rappleye and Locke didn't participate in the weekend's camping expedition. "I don't think we're up to that," Rappleye said.

But the weekend reminded the men of their Scout trips to Yellowstone National Park in the 1930s and 40s.

"Like parents, Locke and Rappleye would take turns being 'good guy' and 'bad guy' when they had to discipline a rowdy Scout.

One night, Rappleye said, he found his sleeping bag filled with pine cones — revenge from a Scout who didn't agree with his punishment. But Rappleye was confused — he'd been the 'good guy' that time.

"Sure enough, the boy apologized the following morning. "He thought it was Fred's sleeping bag," Rappleye said.

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Motorcyclists converge on Kimberly

Bikers bring Christmas gifts for children of Magic Valley

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

KIMBERLY — Anthony Meier was riding his bicycle down the street in Kimberly when he saw and heard a long line of motorcycles pulling into the parking lot at Mixers.

He'd never seen so many motorcycles in one place — especially in Kimberly.

"A lot of them are really loud," Meier said. "I like the flamed-out ones and the black street bikes. I like the chopper."

The bikers converged on Mixers as part of the Magic Valley Toy Run fundraiser.

Each motorcyclist brought a toy to donate to East End Providers, a non-profit organization that wraps and distributes the toys to Magic Valley children for Christmas.

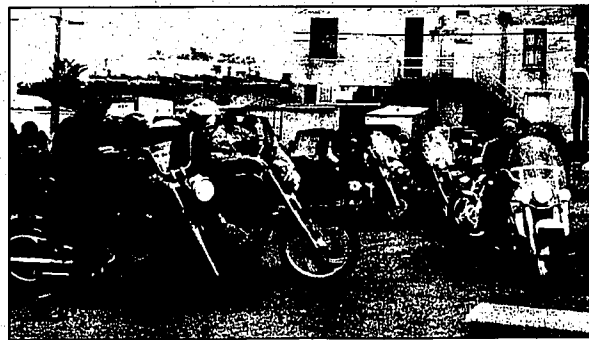
At Mixers, the Magic Valley group converged with a Pocatello riding group, Mixers owner Cindy Morgan was pleased to see so many people in her bar, which opened in July.

"It's unbelievable, wonderful," Morgan said. "I love it. About 300 bikes from the Magic Valley and Pocatello groups showed up."

Organizers were expecting more but some didn't make it — possibly due to the still east breeze bringing temperatures in the low 50s.

But those who attended said they were having a great time for an important cause.

"I've rode motorcycle for a long time," said Lee Odenwald, who helped sponsor the Twin Falls group.



A sea of motorcycles filled the parking lot of Mixers in Kimberly Saturday. About 300 motorcycles from Pocatello and around Magic Valley came to Mixers for the annual Magic Valley Toy Run fundraiser.

"The bikers are always doing things for kids. "If there's a bike run for kids, I'm in it. It's the American way — the more fortunate helping the less fortunate."

Jan Matkin, one of the Pocatello group's organizers, said the group is involved with the toy run because they care about children.

But riding with friends is also part of the excitement.

"We get to come and see people we only see once a year," Matkin said. "We're friends for life."

The group was leaving Mixers earlier than expected because of the weather.

"We were going to hang for a while but it's getting nasty," she said.

She told Morgan the Magic Valley group should join them for a run later this year. "Maybe you should come up for our turkey run," she said.

The Pocatello group holds the turkey run the second week of November.

Last year they bought 200 turkeys with money raised and provided a veteran's home and other organizations with Thanksgiving turkeys.

"People from as far away as Bozeman, Mont. participated

in the toy run. Emanuel Hartman and Sheldon Wise were visiting Wise's brother in Pocatello and decided to come down when they saw a flyer advertising the run.

"We were going to do a trip anyway," Wise said. "I think it's a kick."

Another Pocatello rider, who is known by the handle Fall-Dow-Fred, said he'd been participating in these events for five years.

"We're about ready to roll, baby," said Fred as he got ready to leave with the group for the last leg of their trip — to Jackpot.

"With that, he revved up the engine and took off out of the parking lot following a line of bikes about four blocks long. Anthony Meier had already left on his bicycle, but he would have been impressed.

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Probe of Rupert employees wraps up

By Chip Thompson
Times-News writer

RUPERT — City officials said the independent investigation into alleged ethical and policy violations on the part of six city employees has concluded and a final report is expected soon.

The investigation, conducted by an outside law enforcement agency, began in late July, shortly after a separate investigation into criminal allegations conducted by the state Attorney General Lawrence Wasden's office commenced on July 23.

At that time four employees were suspended and two additional suspensions have resulted from the investigations.

Investigators are waiting for interview transcripts to come back and then they'll issue a final report, City Administrator Roger Bagley said Friday. "We've asked them to complete the report as quickly as possible."

Bagley and City Attorney Kelly Anthony have said they please see INVESTIGATION, Page B4

Serving their country

Profiles of servicemen and women with local ties deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan. Information supplied by their families.

Derek P. Remaley
Age: 22.

• Home: Twin Falls, Idaho.
• Local family: Wife, Amy of Filer; parents, Steve and Julie Penca.

Sue Remaley of Twin Falls sister, Sherarun Reberry of Boise; brother, Trent of Lewisburg, W. Va.; grandparents, the Rev. Bert and Letha Remaley of Twin Falls.

• Service, date of enlistment: Army, September 2002.

• Rank, assignment: Spc. E-4, 506th Infantry Battalion.

• Task: Combat medic.

• Additional information: Graduated from boot camp at Fort Jackson, S.C., trained at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas and Fort Benning, Ga. Stationed in Korea from June 2003 until August 2004. He has been stationed at Al Habbaniyah, west of Baghdad, Iraq, since August 2004.

Write to him at Spc. Derek P. Remaley, HHIC, 1-506th IN BN, 2 ID, Unit No. 15147, APO, AE 09395-5147.

Casey Pence
Age: 22.

• Home: Murtaugh, Idaho.
• Local family: Parents, Steve and Julie Penca.

of Murtaugh; brother, Regan Pence, San Diego, Calif.; grandmother, Maxine Pence of Buhl; grandfather, Paul Sullivan of Hagerman.

• Service, date of enlistment: Marines, November 2001.

• Rank, assignment: Sergeant, First Marine Expeditionary Force.

• Task: Intelligence.

• Additional information: Deployed to Fallujah, Iraq, on Sept. 3, 2004. Write to him at Spc. Casey Pence, BN HQ CO G-2, UIC: A42095; FPO AP 96426-2095.

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Fishermen speak against ads attacking Alaska Senate candidate

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A group of Alaska fishermen on Friday defended U.S. Senate candidate Tony Knowles' role on the Pew Oceans Commission, slamming attack ads that criticized the panel as an ultraliberal threat against the industry.

Knowles, a Democrat, was one of two sitting governors to serve on the bipartisan commission created to protect the nation's ocean environment.

"This is not just about Alaska. It's about the entire continental shelf," said Robert Atkinson, a Bristol Bay fisherman. "We need more protections in place in order to keep our resources available for our grandchildren."

Atkinson and a half dozen other fishermen from around the state held a teleconference to voice their opposition to the ads by Business Alaska Inc., as well as criticism by what they call a small industry of fishermen.

The state Democratic Party has filed complaints with the Internal Revenue Service and the Federal Elections Commission against the business group running the ads, which do not specifically support any of Knowles' opponents in the Senate.

The fishermen praised Knowles, who was governor

from 1994-2002, for sitting on the commission as Alaska's only representative.

"They said Knowles spoke for the interests of the states fishing industry, while supporting measures to protect the environment," he said.

"If you gave fishermen unlimited access to resources, they would destroy it," said El Hill of Kodiak. "To turn this commission into a political issue is just wrong."

But Henry Mitchell, executive director of the Bering Sea Fishermen's Association, said he and many fishermen have numerous problems with the commission's findings. Among the most critical, he said, is the recommendation to strip the North Pacific Fishery Management Council of its regulatory powers.

"The commission calls for a clear separation of conservation and allocation decisions in fisheries management, with core conservation decisions made by the National Marine Fisheries Service or a revamped fishery service within a new independent oceans agency and allocation decisions made by regional fishery councils."

"The Pew commission findings basically would take the

major control back to Washington, D.C., and I would say most fishermen in this state don't think that's a good idea," Mitchell said. "We like the system already in place."

Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, has said the Pew proposals would harm not only commercial fishing but other activities such as recreational boating and fishing and mineral interests.

The panel also proposes new taxes on fishermen and adds "at least five layers of federal bureaucracy," said Elliott Bundy, a spokesman for Murkowski's election campaign who listened in on the teleconference.

"Tony Knowles' campaign is about putting Alaskans first, but the commission's findings clearly don't put Alaskans first," Bundy said.

Matt McKenna, Knowles' campaign spokesman, disagreed.

"This is a bipartisan commission made up of Republicans and Democrats and Tony Knowles stood up to both parties to represent Alaskans, and he will do the same in the Senate," McKenna said. "He has the ability to stand up to both parties and that's the kind of independent leadership Alaskans are not getting from Sen. Murkowski."

DEATH NOTICES

Venna Pearl McMurdie

BUHLI, Venna Pearl McMurdie, 91, of Buhl, died Friday, Sept. 17, 2004, at the Snake River Rehabilitation and Living Center.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2004, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Fair Street in Buhl. Visitation will be held one hour before the service Wednesday at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

A complete obituary will appear in a later edition.

Frances LaVonne Pressley

BURLEY — Frances LaVonne Pressley, 84, of Burley, died Saturday, Sept. 18, 2004, at the

Barbara J. Mabey

OAKLEY — Barbara J. Mabey, 86, of Oakley, died Saturday, Sept. 18, 2004, in Idaho Falls.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2004, at the Oakley Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 301 N. Center, with Bishop Randy Handy officiating. Burial will follow at the Marion Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St., Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Thaddene Osborn

RUPERT — Thaddene Osborn, 86, of Rupert, died Thursday, Sept. 16, 2004, at

Mindoka Memorial Hospital. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, 2004, at the Rupert First Christian Church, 1110, Eighth St., with the Rev. John Marshall officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery in Ontario, Ore. Friends may call one hour before the service Thursday at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley. A complete obituary will appear in a later edition.

Janice Cristler

TWIN FALLS — Janice Cristler, 50, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Sept. 18, 2004, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. Arrangements will be announced by Parkes Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

SERVICES

James Grover Samargis of Twin Falls and formerly of Jerome, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Hove Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Aden Esteban Vargas Jr., formerly of Miami, Fla., rosary at 3 p.m. today at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E., Jerome (Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl).

Milton Alvin Ulrich of Twin Falls, service at 10 a.m. Monday at Peace Lutheran Church, 600 Stevens Ave., Filer; friends may

call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary, with family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m.

Melva Sorensen Coffey, memorial service at 10 a.m. Monday at Colonial Funeral Chapel, 2005 S. Fourth Ave.

James A. Downs of Rupert, service at 11 a.m. Monday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.

Bernard Michael Perry of Twin Falls, memorial service at noon Monday at White Mortu-

ary in Twin Falls. Kacie J. Beards of Hansen, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Monday at the Hansen High School; friends may call from 3 to 6 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. Rodney Ray Dutt of Jerome, funeral at 2 p.m. Monday at the Seventh-day Adventist Church, 131 Grandview Ave., Twin Falls; family will greet friends from 4 to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

OBITUARIES

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Elizabeth Klimes - Kimberly

Elizabeth Alvina Klimes, 78, of Kimberly, Idaho, passed away Thursday, Sept. 16, 2004, in her home.

Elizabeth was born May 8, 1926, in Anoka, Minn., the daughter of Cecil J. and Erma Schwab Miller. She moved to Idaho with her family in 1936. On March 15, 1944, she married Charles Klimes, an Elk. Together they made their home in Kimberly in 1945. To this union were born five children: Jim, Raymond, Ernest, Jack and Agnes.



Elizabeth was Chuck's best friend. She and he, together, farmed, raised their family, hunted, fished and gardened. They were always together and she was his right hand. They were devoted to each other until Chuck's death in 1994. Shortly after Chuck's death, Elizabeth began going to poultry shows and showing her prize roosters and hens. She liked everything to do with chickens. Elizabeth was also an accomplished seamstress

and enjoyed sewing very much.

She was a wonderful daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt and friend. She was always ready to help a friend in need and she loved to spend time with her family.

Elizabeth is survived by her children, Agnes Jones (Ray), Warren of Bay Minette, Ala.

Jim (Janice) Klimes, Ernest (Carla) Klimes and Raymond (Roberta) Klimes, all of Kimberly, two brothers, Clarence (Dorothy) Miller of Jerome and Walt (Viola) Miller of Garden City; sister-in-law, Sue Miller of Kimberly; 15 grandchildren and 39 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Archie Miller; her son, Jack, in 1962; and her beloved husband, Charles "Chuck" Klimes, on July 11, 1994.

A graveside service for Elizabeth will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 20, 2004, at the Twin Falls Cemetery in Twin Falls, Idaho. Interment will follow the service. Friends may call from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, 2004, at the Parkes Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be held in the funeral home chapel and then we will proceed to the cemetery for final committal.

Edward Cecil Seal - Hailey

Edward Cecil Seal, longtime Wood River Valley resident and most recently of Ashton, Idaho, died at the home of his daughter early Saturday, Sept. 18, 2004, at the age of 100.



He was born to Fredrick Henry Seal and Effie Larsen Seal in Mink Creek, Idaho, on Jan. 25, 1904. He grew to manhood in the Mink Creek area and moved to Jerome as a young man, where he met Lucille Ellen Palmer, and they were married on June 27, 1925, in Twin Falls. To their union was born three children, Nadine, Ray and Joyce. The family returned to Grace, Idaho, for about seven years, where he bought a 200-acre ranch. From there they moved to the Hazelton area for 11 years. Next they moved to Bellevue, where he bought another ranch. After selling this ranch, he worked at Sun Valley. It was during this time his wife passed away and he and his son, Ray, managed the Sun Valley Stables.

He later married Helen Anderson of Hazelton, who had three children, Alton, Laura and Dale. After his retirement, they traveled to Arizona for about 18 winters, returning to Idaho for the summers. They lived in Hazelton until three years ago when they moved to Ontario, Ore. Helen died on June 28 of this year and Ed moved to Ashton with his daughter.

Ed is survived by two daughters, Nadine Ible of Ashton and Joyce Drexler of Hailey; two stepsons; one stepdaughter; 14 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; 29 great-great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wives, Lucille and Helen; son, Ray; Edward; his parents; four brothers and three half-sisters.

Ed was a special man. We love him and will always be glad to see our Dad. He touched many lives and people. We're better just from knowing him.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, 2004, at the Halley LDS Chapel with burial following in the Halley Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Wood River Chapel of Halley, Idaho.

Ruth Idona Parish - Twin Falls

Ruth Idona Parish, 97, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday evening, Sept. 15, 2004, at the Woodstone Retirement Center in Twin Falls.

Ruth was born at Southwest City, Mo., on May 15, 1907, the daughter of Edward and Eva Womack. She was raised on a farm and educated in Southwest City. Ruth met and married her husband, Herschel Parish, on Jan. 3, 1926. They lived in Missouri, Oklahoma and moved to Phoenix, Ariz., in 1939. During the time they lived in Missouri and Oklahoma, they had two daughters and one son, Neva, Doris and Don. In 1989, she came to Idaho, living in Kenchum, Hagerman and Twin Falls.

Ruth was a wife, mother and homemaker. She was a great seamstress, pieced quilts and

quilted them by hand well into her 90s. She also made drapes professionally and often times upholstered furniture for family and friends. She had crocheted many afghans for family and friends and gave at least 20 to St. Benedict's Hospital for long-term patients in wheelchairs. Ruth was a great cook and a fabulous pie maker. It had always been a challenge and satisfying to make something from nothing.

Ruth is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Neva and Rodney Edwards of Twin Falls; her daughter, Doris Lee of Prescott, Ariz.; and one sister, Ruby Benning of Vinita, Okla. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren and

many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Herschel, Donald R. Parish; her parents; six brothers and one sister.

A celebration of Ruth's life will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2004, at the Parkes Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho. Burial will take place at Resthaven Cemetery in Phoenix, Ariz. At Ruth's request, no visitation will take place.

The family suggests memorials be given in Ruth's name to the Woodstone Retirement Center or to Hospice Viskons. Contributions may be given to funeral, chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

Company requests rate hike to offset refund

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Two and a half weeks after Qwest Gas was ordered by the Utah Public Service Commission to refund customers \$29 million the utility spent in the last five years to process natural gas, the utility is asking for a rate hike.

Qwestar has requested a 10.4 percent increase in Utah natural gas rates "to reflect higher gas-supply costs," the utility said in a news release Friday.

The utility said the request would be "partially offset" by the refund order, and estimated the combined changes would increase residential customers' monthly bills by about 6.5 percent, or \$4.64 as of Oct. 1.

Utah's Public Service Commission, on Aug. 30 said he disagreed with the PSC's refund decision.

The PSC approved a rate hike that took effect in 2000 to cover some of the costs of a gas processing plant near Panguitch.

That plant, owned by a Qwest affiliate, lowers the content of carbon dioxide from coalbed gas introduced in the mid-1990s that produced high-quality gas, but locked in Wyoming from reaching the Utah market.

Without processing, the coal-seam gas would not burn efficiently in older Utah appliances that were set to burn gas with a higher BTU content.

The coal-seam gas could create a carbon monoxide buildup in homes and businesses that are not properly vented.

Qwestar Gas Co. requested and received a rate increase to cover most of the costs and expenses of the processing plant since 2000.

The commission's 2000 order approved a stipulation to recover 68 percent of the costs of the plant, and that order was appealed to the Utah Supreme Court.

The high court last August told the commission that its concerns with customer safety did not relieve it from reviewing evidence to determine if Qwestar Gas had ensured that the costs were prudent.

The PSC determined Qwestar did not prove its actions constituted a prudent response to the introduction of the coal-seam gas into the Qwestar Gas distribution system.

In Friday's news release, Alfred said the rate increase was necessary for the utility to keep up with higher natural gas rates this winter.

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Utah canyon holds ancient secrets

RANGE CREEK CANYON, Utah (AP)—The newly discovered ruins of an ancient civilization in this remote eastern Utah canyon could reveal secrets about the Fremont people, descendants of the continent's original paleoindians who showed up before the time of Christ to settle much of present-day Utah.

Archaeologists estimate as many as 250 households occupied this canyon over a span of centuries ending about 750 years ago. They left half-buried stone-and-mortar houses, cob houses and granary caches, and painted colorful trapezoidal figures with spiky hair styles on canyon walls.

"It's like finding a Van Gogh in your grandmother's attic," said Utah state archaeologist Kevin Jones.

The Fremont, named after a Spanish explorer who never met them, remain a poorly understood collection of widely scattered archaic groups. Yet they represent a tenuous link to the earliest inhabitants of North America, who are believed to have arrived by way of the Bering Strait more than 10,000 years ago.

As a culture, the Fremont were distinguished by their style of basket weaving, animal-skin moccasins and dual-survival strategy of farming and hunting.

Their everyday tools and gray pottery were different from the farming-dependent Anasazi south of the Colorado River—even as they shared a similar fate. Both cultures picked up and left about the same time for reasons not fully explained—the conventional explanation of drought is coming under question. What became of the Fremont and Anasazi also is a mystery.

The earliest traces of Fremont life show up three centuries before the birth of Christ, but they disappeared around A.D. 1250. This unlooted canyon—turned over by a rancher who arrived by way of more than half a century—could have been one of their final strongholds.

It could reveal why the Fremont were driven out of Utah and possibly left in isolated pockets to die out. Archaeologists' makeshift sites found in northwest Colorado suggest to archaeologists they were forced into exile from their homelands by Numic-speaking Ute, Paiute and Shoshone tribes.

"The sacred belief is that we are all related," said Mel Brewster, an archaeologist and historic preservation officer for Utah's tiny Goshute tribe of



Cortine Springer, an archaeologist and caretaker at Range Creek Canyon, Utah, shares an ancient etching of a human figure on a canyon wall for better clarity, Aug. 21. American Indians left half-buried stone-and-mortar houses, cob houses, granary caches, and painted colorful trapezoidal figures with spiky hair styles on canyon walls.

Skull Valley. Already, archaeologists in Range Creek have documented about 300 sites—pit houses, granaries and rock art panels—but they've surveyed only about 5 percent of the canyon drainage and expect its upper reaches and side canyons to yield evidence of hunting and gathering of stone tools and wild plant foods.

Range Creek differs from other, better-known ancient sites in Utah, Arizona or Colorado because it has been left virtually untouched by looters, with the ground still littered in places with arrowheads, beads and pottery shards.

But the scenery of Range Creek is more spectacular than the ruins, which consist mostly of stubby remains of pit houses. "You could stand right on it and not know it," said Cortine Springer, an archaeologist and Range Creek's new caretaker.

Still, this researcher's canyon offers a glimpse of the full "effluence" of Fremont life, and a rare opportunity to witness "so many places where people lived and worked and farmed and got resources," Jones said.

Among recent finds are a paddle-like wood shovel, a rare bundle of arrow shafts, found wedged in a canyon wall, a per-

fectly preserved beehive-shaped granary with a cap stone, still a third full with piles of parched wild grass seed and corn; and a pair of human remains from surrounding federal land.

The remains were covered with dirt and left in place.

"My dad told me we owned the land, but not the dead people," said Walter Wilcox, 74, who kept outsiders at bay with a gate that went up in 1947. Earlier this year his 4,200-acre ranch was turned over to state ownership. Wilcox moved to Green River and retired.

A few weeks ago Wilcox showed some American Indian leaders how he kept the ancient sites undisturbed. "So I won't take the blame 20 years from now." Among items taken by other, previous landowners from the canyon are unfired clay figurines, usually impressed with facsimiles of hair bobs and jewelry.

Until recently, Range Creek was all but unknown. An expedition from Harvard's Peabody Museum made a stop in 1929, but visited only a few sites before calling it a day. Only in the past three summers have archaeologists and graduate students quietly conducted a labor-intensive survey. They kept the full significance of

Range Creek under wraps until news reports surfaced about the land transfer in June.

Despite the publicity, Range Creek over the summer had only one suspected case of looting—two knife blades dugged on the ground are missing—and few random visitors outside of organized tours, Springer said.

The ranch is a two-hour, axle-breaking crawl over rock-strewn roads—34 jarring miles from the nearest unbroken pavement, which happens to be the most remote stretch of U.S. Route 6, a highway that traces the 50-mile crescent of the nearly impenetrable Book Cliffs.

Up this road, where Wilcox says two head of cattle were lost over the side, the road plunges 1,500 feet into Range Creek.

To safeguard the canyon, the Utah Department of Natural Resources is rushing to adopt an interim management plan that will restrict hunting, prohibit camping and require visitors on foot or horseback to get permits and guides.

On Wednesday the Utah Legislature appropriated \$152,000 for regular ground patrol and aircraft surveillance over the winter.

Utah confirms two new human cases of West Nile

ST. GEORGE, Utah (AP)—The Utah Health Department has confirmed two more human cases of West Nile virus—the first this year in southern Utah's Washington County.

The cases are at least the seventh and eighth detected in the state this season.

Both were reported to the department within a 24-hour period. Until this week, West Nile virus had been found in mosquitoes, sentinel chickens and a horse in the county.

Both of the new individuals with the virus are elderly, and one traveled for a limited time outside Utah during the usual incubation period.

The two had been hospitalized, but were sent home and are recovering according to the Health Department.

The virus is carried by mosquitoes, which typically peak in Utah between late July and early August.

Health experts advise people to use mosquito repellent with DEET and wear pants and long sleeves especially during dusk and dawn, when mosquitoes are most likely to bite.

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Jury convicts couple who chained boy in basement

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—A jury has convicted a Magna couple of felony child abuse for chaining their 12-year-old son in the basement, beating him and depriving him of food.

The jury took just over an hour to deliberate to conclude Mark Gray, 40, and Christina Gray, 36 had abused the boy. The two face up to 15 years in prison when they are sentenced Nov. 22 by 3rd District Judge Robin Heide.

The boy had testified he was deprived of food, and eventually had a jar of peanut butter in

the basement. He told the court he was often chained to a concrete block during the day and kept on the chain every night, and was freed to eat only when his father remembered to feed him.

Attorneys for the Grays had argued the boy was chained because of his uncontrollable behavior, and say his repeated attempts to run away left the couple no choice.

The boy, Mark Gray's biological son, also said Christina Gray, his stepmother, physically abused him, striking him with a

piece of 2-by-4 lumber and stabbing him with a fork. Sometimes, as he slept on a concrete floor, she would pour water over him and turn a fan on him, he said.

Prosecutors alleged the chaining lasted for at least a month, though one witness testified she saw the boy chained in the summer of 2002.

Defense attorney Russell Hartill told jurors the couple was left to cope with the boy's behavior problems from abuse years earlier by his biological mother, and that they sought

help from several sources but received none.

"This could happen to any parent," Hartill said.

However, prosecutors said friends and relatives had offered to take the boy, and the couple refused assistance from a Division of Child and Family Services caseworker.

Defense attorneys said they plan to ask for probation, rather than in jail, because the Grays have no criminal history.

The couple has five other children who remain in the home.

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Health district holds vaccination clinics

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — South Central District Health has received its first shipment of influenza vaccine and has scheduled clinics at various locations during October.

The agency is also sponsoring a free influenza vaccination clinic on Oct. 23 to test the agency's emergency mass vaccination clinic plan.

The health district is encouraging individuals with health conditions that make them vulnerable to serious complications from influenza to get their vaccinations early. Individuals most at risk for serious complications include:

- People age 65 and over
- Residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities.
- People with chronic diseases, such as COPD, asthma, emphysema, congestive heart failure or congenital heart disease, diabetes or kidney dysfunction, sickle cell disease or HIV.
- Women who will be at least three months pregnant during influenza season.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are also recommending that children between the ages of 6 months and 23 months receive influenza vaccinations. The first time children receive influenza vaccine, they need two shots — given one month apart — to develop immunity.

While the health district is concentrating its efforts on making sure that individuals who are at high-risk for complications from the flu receive the vaccine, the agency is also encouraging healthy adults to get an influenza vaccination this year.

"Even healthy people get benefit from an annual influenza vaccine so that because they don't lose as much work time and they spend less on treatment," said Lisa Klamn, immunization coordinator for South Central District Health in a news release.

Flu vaccination information

Free flu vaccination clinics

South Central District Health will sponsor a free flu vaccination clinic from 3 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at the College of Southern Idaho's Shields Building. The clinic will provide 200 free flu vaccinations to adults over the age of 18 to test its emergency "smallpox" clinic plan. People must register for the clinic by calling their local health district office. Those attending the clinic should be able to wait in line for one hour while working their way through the clinic process. Clients are reminded to wear short-sleeved clothing so they do not have to roll up their sleeves to receive an injection.

Health district offices

- Twin Falls: 1020 Washington St. N., 734-5900
- Rupert: 1218 Ninth St., Suite 15, 436-1875
- Jerome: 951 E. Ave. H, 324-8838
- Gooding: 145 Seventh Ave. E., 934-4477
- Burley: 2311 Park Ave. Unit 4, 678-8221
- Shoshone: 119 W. A. 886-7663
- Bellevue: 117 E. Ash St., 788-4335

Other scheduled flu vaccination clinics

To schedule an appointment, call the district health office in your community.

Ablon Senior Center, 678-9221.

Flu vaccination information

Bellevue health district office,

- 117 E. Ash St., 788-4335
- Oct. 9, noon to 6 p.m.
- Oct. 12, noon to 6 p.m.
- Oct. 19, noon to 6 p.m.
- Burley health district office, 2311 Park Ave. Unit 4, 678-8221
- Oct. 6, 8:30 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m.
- Oct. 7, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Oct. 8, 9 to 11:30 a.m.
- Oct. 13, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- Oct. 28, 1 to 3:30 a.m.
- Oct. 21, 9 a.m. to noon
- Eden Senior Citizens Center, 210 E. Wilson, 324-8838
- Oct. 14, 9 a.m. to noon
- Fairfield, Camesa County Senior Center, 934-4477
- Oct. 19, 9 a.m. to noon
- Gooding Senior Citizen Center, 308 Senior Ave., 934-4477
- Oct. 8, 9 a.m. to noon
- Gooding health district office, 145 Seventh Ave. E., 934-4477
- Oct. 12, 8:30 to 11 a.m.
- Oct. 19, 1:30 to 4 p.m.
- Oct. 26, 8:30 to 11 a.m.
- Halley, Blaine County Senior Center, 723 Third Ave. S., 788-4335
- Oct. 8, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Hagerman Valley Senior Center, 934-4477
- Oct. 15, 9 a.m. to noon
- Jerome health district office, 951 E. Ave. H, 324-8838
- Oct. 7, 8:30 to 11 a.m.

Oct. 21, 8:30 to 11 a.m.

- Oct. 28, 8:30 to 11 a.m.
- Jerome Senior Citizens Center, 222 First Ave. E., 324-8838
- Oct. 8, 8:30 a.m. to noon
- Malta, Raft River Electric, 155 N. Main, 678-8221
- Oct. 14, 9 a.m. to noon
- Oakley Senior Center, 678-8221
- Oct. 15, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- Richfield Senior Center, 130 S. Main, 324-8838
- Oct. 4, 9 a.m. to noon
- Rupert health district office, 1218 Ninth St., Ste. 15, 436-1875
- Oct. 5, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m.
- Oct. 8, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- Oct. 13, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
- Oct. 14, 1 to 3 p.m.
- Oct. 19, 8:30 to 11 a.m.
- Oct. 26, 8:30 to 11 a.m.
- Shoshone Golden Years Senior Center, 218 N. Rail St. W., 324-8838
- Oct. 5, 9 a.m. to noon
- Shoshone Christ Episcopal Church, 104 W. B St., 324-8838
- Oct. 7, 9 to 9:30 a.m.
- Twin Falls health district office, 1020 Washington St. N., 734-5900
- Every Tuesday in October beginning Oct. 5, 8:30 to noon and 1 to 3:30 p.m.
- Every Friday in October beginning Oct. 8, 8:30 to noon
- Wendell Housing Association, 105 W. Ave. A, 934-4477
- Oct. 13, 9 a.m. to noon

Forest Service looks at reducing burnable fuels

The Times-News

KETCHUM — Forest Service officials are seeking public comments on projects aimed at reducing the risk in an area of the Sawtooth National Forest.

The Warm Springs area west of Ketchum from Frenchman Bend to the Big Wood River has been identified as being at risk from wildfire, due to the amount of burnable fuels there.

"When you couple the amount of fuel with the high concentration of private land and associated homes and other developments, there is a very high potential for a disastrous wildfire," said Kurt Nelson, Ketchum District Ranger. "In addition, there are steep hill-sides which aid in rapid fire spread. Narrow roads limit public evacuation and access for firefighting equipment."

The Forest Service is proposing to treat approximately 500 acres of wildlands in an effort to modify fire behavior. Treatments that are being considered include thinning of crowded groves of trees, pruning trees to prevent crown fires from climbing up into the tree canopy and reducing the amount of fuels on the ground.

"That's why I have these bags under my eyes," she says with a glowing smile brightening her face.

At that time the hospital could hold 38 patients, she says, and only two nurses worked the night shift. There weren't toilets, there weren't showers, and many of the medical techniques were very crude.

But the hospital nursing staff, made up entirely of sisters, took care of the patients. It didn't take long before she was switching back to bedside nursing and finishing the last 22 years of her career in Lewiston.

While she enjoyed surgery and working in anesthesia, it was the time she spent outside that brought her back to bedside nursing.

"They didn't tell me until they had the patient asleep," she says. "You can imagine my surprise when I heard that."

But she doesn't regret the switch. Pictures of her retirement party attest to the friendships she made not only with other staff but with families in Minnesota and many of the annual retreat at St. Gertrude's.

She recently recorded a stretch of 49 nights with just five of those off. There are still sisters working in hospitals, according to Darin Angren-Whitley, assistant director of development at St. Gertrude's.

"I think if someone wanted to be a nurse, we would make sure they got training as a nurse," Angren-Whitley said.

Lieser said she dealt with death a lot while working in oncology, but also got to see the miracles of life.

"It wasn't all sadness," she says. "Watching people recover or gain a few extra years touched her heart."

"They got so much out of those few extra years," she says. "It was wonderful to see people live."

Lieser started the LPN program and within two weeks was put on the night shift at the hospital, working 12 hours a night on top of the schooling during the day.

Possible methods of treatment

include hand work, such as using chainsaws to thin and prune trees, followed by piling brush and other debris. When the weather permits — to dispose of the unwanted materials. Mechanical equipment may be used to remove marketable products. Other equipment may be used to chip or mulch debris.

Specific locations being considered for treatment are on National Forest System lands directly adjacent to the following private lands: Warm Springs ski lifts, Lower Board Ranch, Homestead Subdivision, Cord Subdivision, Bassett Gulch, Upper Board Ranch and Warfield Hot Springs.

The Forest Service would like to receive written comments by Oct. 15. Please send comments to the attention of Matt Filbert, project coordinator at the Ketchum Ranger District, P.O. Box 350, Ketchum, ID 83701. Comments may also be submitted electronically to comments@ernm-sawtooth-ketchum.com.

The Forest Service anticipates the project planning will be completed this winter.

If approved, project implementation could begin in 2005.

Last sister-nurse in Idaho takes off her cap

COTTONWOOD (AP) — Sister Mary Bernard Lieser hasn't worn this much sunlight in 52 years.

A night nurse for the duration of her nursing career, Lieser has comforted ailing people through those midnight hours for Idaho's longest nursing career. It is difficult to stay awake through 5 p.m. normally.

"That's the prayer when I go to bed," Lieser retired Aug. 6 as the last sister nurse in Idaho.

"I really wanted to retire before I was 80," says the 79-year-old nun, sitting in the dining room of St. Gertrude's Monastery, the place she has called her home, but not lived in, since 1958.

Lieser assisted the cancer patients through many long nights on the medical oncology floor at St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center in Boise for the last 22 years. She was the last nurse in the state to wear the veiled nursing cap synonymous with nun nurses.

"It was a hat that separated her from the rest of the nurses, she said. She had a favorite story of a cancer patient who had been up most of a night sick from the effects of cancer and the drugs used to fight it. He called a nurse to his bedside and another nurse responded.

"Which button do I push to get the Lord?" he asked, referring to Lieser. "He knew that veil meant something different."

Lieser arrived at Cottonwood, the third daughter of a Minnesota farmer to travel west to join the convent. She grew up the youngest of 10 children in a strong, Catholic community in Mesquite.

She's the children took up religious professions, and the other six went on to produce 74 grandchildren. Fifteen of those took up religious professions, Lieser says, holding a picture of nearly all of them in their assorted religious regalia, adding the details of those who took up ministry after the picture was taken.

"People say they must have just shoved religion down our throats, but it was never that way," Lieser says. "We considered it a privilege to go to church."

Lieser's father died when she was 10. She stayed in St. Paul with her mother for five years. Finally she was able to convince her mother to let her travel to Idaho and live in the St. Gertrude's community with her older sisters, Sister Peronnella and Sister Josephine.

A niece, Sister Bernadette, would later join the women in the beautiful stone building on the hill overlooking Cottonwood.

Soon after her arrival at St. Gertrude's it was suggested Lieser take up nursing. In those days, most of the sisters learned either to teach or nurse. There was shortage of nurses and the Catholic hospital run by the sisters of St. Gertrude's, then known as Our Lady of Consolation and later St. Mary's Hospital, ran its own training program.

"We needed nurses so bad," she says.

Lieser started the LPN program and within two weeks was put on the night shift at the hospital, working 12 hours a night on top of the schooling during the day.

Adults develop antibody protection against influenza infection about seven days after vaccination.

Last year in Idaho, there were 29 deaths attributed to influenza. Of the 29 deaths, one was a child and 28 were people over the age of 55. Of the 28 adult deaths, 17 people were over the age of 85. The flu hit earlier and harder than in previous years, but the death toll was average for Idaho's influenza seasons, the news release said.

Influenza viruses are spread primarily through the coughing and sneezing of infected persons. Influenza is characterized by the abrupt onset of fever, headache, severe discomfort, muscle tenderness or pain, nonproductive cough, sore throat and a very runny nose.

The peak influenza season in south-central Idaho is late December through early March.

Some mortgage schemes involve "straw" buyers that convince borrowers to buy homes for more than they are worth. Others involve stolen Social Security numbers or "straw" buyers whose information is submitted on behalf of a buyer who cannot qualify for a home loan.

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FBI: Salt Lake is prime mortgage fraud area

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The capital city's metro area is the worst in the country for mortgage fraud, according to FBI reports, and the FBI has decided to focus on it in a campaign to combat white-collar crime.

While Utah's rate of crimes such as identity theft and bank fraud are about average compared with other states, mortgage fraud has become "a major crime problem in Utah, well above average," said Jim Malpede, FBI supervisory special agent in Salt Lake City.

Malpede cited the Salt Lake City metropolitan area ranking by the Mortgage Asset Research

Institute as the worst in the country, on a per-capita basis, for potentially defaulting home loans that end in default.

Nationally, the FBI said Friday that mortgage fraud is nearing "epidemic" levels. Other areas of the country with more than their share of this type of fraud include Florida, California, Nevada, Michigan, Missouri and Illinois.

A national FBI initiative launched last month aims to stem the amount of fraud committed in Salt Lake City.

Malpede said the FBI is teaming with the U.S. Attorney's Office to investigate and prosecute cases of mortgage fraud.

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Authorities transfer man facing child rape charges

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A 25-year-old Coeur d'Alene man accused of raping his 22-month-old daughter was transferred from Washington to Idaho as his attorney requested an initial court appearance scheduled for Monday.

The suspect was arrested in Spokane early last week and was being held at the Spokane County jail until Friday, when he was transferred to Coeur d'Alene police. He was being held Saturday at the Kootenai County Jail on \$100,000 bond, authorities said.

Coeur d'Alene Police spokeswoman Sgt. Christie Wood said the girl's mother noticed blood in her daughter's diaper last Saturday night.

She asked the father about it. He responded that it was probably a bladder infection and suggesting giving her

cranberry juice; then he left the home.

The mother took the girl to Kootenai Medical Center, where doctors determined that her injuries required immediate surgery, police said.

Kootenai Medical Center staff reported a possible rape to police Sunday night. Wood said detectives collected physical evidence and obtained an arrest warrant early Monday.

The father was held a short time later at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane, where he was arrested by Spokane Police. Wood said she could not comment about why the father was at the Spokane hospital.

"We are pretty much at a standstill at this point," Lt. Don Friday of the Coeur d'Alene Police detective division said Friday. "We are going forward with what evidence we have."

University research funding hits \$100M

MOSCOW (AP) — For the second consecutive year, the University of Idaho has garnered more than \$100 million for research during the current fiscal year.

Competitive grants and contracts totaled \$80 million, while state funding, directed mainly at agricultural research, added approximately \$25 million, University of Idaho Vice President Charles Hatch announced in a prepared statement released Friday.

"We are pleased that UR researchers continue to show their competitiveness in attracting funds to study problems important to the public, and to find solutions to those problems," Hatch said.

In the past year, the research

has generated five patents; 17 patent applications and 50 preliminary disclosures that are expected to lead to patents.

Additionally, the Idaho Research Foundation issued 21 licenses to use university-funded technology to companies that intend to produce commercial applications.

The licenses yielded \$308,000 in royalties, which are used to support further technology transfer activities and reward the inventors.

The University of Idaho is the state's land-grant institution and primary research university.

Caldwell man faces charges in boy's death

CALDWELL (AP) — A 27-year-old Caldwell man has been arrested and charged with the murder of a 3-month-old boy.

Canyon County Sheriff's Senior Criminalist Chris Smith said the infant was brought to West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell with a head injury about 6 p.m. Wednesday but died a short time later.

Smith said Friday he expects to release the name of the boy after consulting with prosecutors.

Officers said they had suspicions from the time the child was taken in for treatment.

The suspect, arrested Friday, is the boyfriend of the infant's

mother. He brought the boy to the hospital and told investigators he accidentally dropped the child, causing the fatal injuries. He said he was alone with the child when it happened.

"But an autopsy performed Friday morning did not support the suspect's story, law enforcement officials said."

"The autopsy revealed the statements were not consistent with the evidence," Smith said. The coroner's office is working with the sheriff's office on the case.

The suspect was being held without bond at the Canyon County jail. A court appearance is scheduled for Monday.

Investigation

Continued from B1 cannot legally identify those suspended or give details of any allegations until the investigations are complete. But both have added that the city will release as much information as possible when the final report is received.

"Anything we can legally release will be released," Bagley said. "Obviously, if there are personal actions to be taken those are protected."

Anthony said the independent investigation was estimated to be completed in the middle of September, meaning that it is more or less on schedule despite additional allegations stemming from initial interviews.

Investigators were praised by Anthony for their professionalism and the speed with which

they completed the growing inquiry.

The attorney general's investigation was expected to conclude at about the same time as the independent investigation, but Anthony said he did not know how close it was to being handed entirely by Wasieleski's staff.

Since the initial allegations were raised, Police Chief Ken Fedders and Detective Cpl. Juan Martinez have left the force. Fedders announced his retirement Aug. 5 and Martinez tendered his resignation Sept. 9.

Times-News reporter Chip Thompson can be reached at the newspaper's Mini-Casita bureau at 677-4042, Ext. 638; or by e-mail at chipthompson@magicvalley.com.

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Micron rival will pay price-fixing fine

BOISE (AP) - A European chip-maker and top competitor of Micron Technology Inc. has admitted to the U.S. Justice Department that it conspired to fix prices of computer memory.

Infinicon Technologies of Europe agreed to pay a \$160 million fine and, as part of its plea agreement, will assist the Department in its international conspiracy investigation.

Boise-based Micron also is a target of the Justice Department's price-fixing investigation, which focuses on several of the world's largest memory chip makers.

The Justice Department launched the investigation in mid-2002 and late last year charged a former Micron executive with obstruction of justice.

Last week, Micron executives reiterated that the company does not expect to pay any fines or face criminal charges in the investigation.

The third-party plea by Infinicon has no impact on our commitment to continue cooperating fully with the Department of Justice," said Micron spokesman Dave Parker.

Clay Talamona, deputy director of the Department of Justice, declined to say whether agreements had been negotiated with any other chip makers.

"The only one we were talking about right now is Infinicon, and they've agreed to plead guilty," said Talamona. "We're right in the middle of this."

Victim of beating gets pauper's funeral

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - Her funeral lasted less than five minutes. Nobody who knew her was there.

The body lay on a particle-board casket covered with gray cloth. She wore donated clothing. Her grave liner was concrete, the "minimum as required by the cemetery."

Dorothy M. Kajpust, or at least that's who investigators think she is, died last month after someone bashed her skull and left her in a metal trailer some near Ririe, Bonneville County investigators consider it a murder and haven't found Kajpust's family or friends.

This is how people are buried when there's no one to claim the body.

Funeral workers lowered the body into a hole.

They stayed silent for half a minute.

They shoveled dirt.

They left.

"That was it," said Jeff Baird, equipment operator and Fielding Memorial Cemetery.

"There's hardly anything more you can say.

No speeches.

No music.

No preacher.

Her funeral passed so quickly the Bonneville County Sheriff's Office detectives investigating the case didn't know it happened until more than a week later. They planned to discuss arrangements and alert the public this week, but Kajpust was buried Sept. 1 without announcement.

Her body rests several feet under a grass field down a dirt road off Yellowstone Highway, next to other bodies buried without fanfare on the county side of Fielding Memorial Cemetery. The county buries people if no family and friends will pay. Last year, Bonneville County buried 14 people.

Federal lawmakers trumpet land swap plan

BOISE (AP) - A land-swap proposal could help preserve the Boise foothills and add forestry jobs to the northern Idaho economy.

The consolidation plan involves exchanging 45 parcels of land statewide between the Idaho Department of Lands and federal agencies, including the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management.

The Bureau of Land Management will acquire several parcels of land across the Boise front range, while the state endowment fund will gain through new timber leases in the northern part of the state.

Under the proposal, the two federal agencies would trade about 8,000 acres in northern Idaho for almost 12,000 acres of

state land, including about 5,000 acres in the Boise Foothills.

The state will give up some timberland, but stands to gain a net of about 40 million board feet of potential lumber. That will be worked into the state timber program, which harvested 144 million board feet of lumber last year.

Congress must approve of the deal because the Forest Service and the BLM are taking the unusual step of combining lands to match the value of the state lands. The State Land Board must also approve.

"Under this one, no one loses," said U.S. Rep. C.L. "Burch" Otter, who will carry the enacting legislation in Congress.

The tide company's going to get rich on this deal."

Panel OKs charter school

BOISE (AP) - Rolling Hills Public Charter School will open its doors next fall, providing its organizers can meet a number of conditions set by the newly formed Idaho Charter School Commission.

The commission's move comes after the Boise School District rejected an earlier request for the charter.

Rolling Hills will be the sixth Boise-area school based on the "Harbor method," which combines strict discipline with a back-to-basics curriculum.

It is the first new charter school approved by the commission under a law passed earlier this year that created

the process.

Rolling Hills will be overseen by the commission itself rather than the Boise School District. It is expected to open in fall with 270 students in kindergarten through eighth-grade in Northwest Boise.

When the commission approved the Rolling Hills charter, it added a long list of conditions the school must meet before opening next fall - including updated plans for handling special education and nonnative English speaking students.

But most of the issues were easily fixed and couldn't prevent the school from operating, commissioners said.

Idaho's charter school law allows only six schools to be approved each year, either by the commission or local school districts.

The Boise School Board denied the Rolling Hills charter last December, saying it had questions about the school's business plan and its plan for handling special education students.

The district decision was appealed to the State Board of Education, which referred it to the newly formed commission.

Boise School District officials say they welcome Rolling Hills and won't second-guess the commission's decision.

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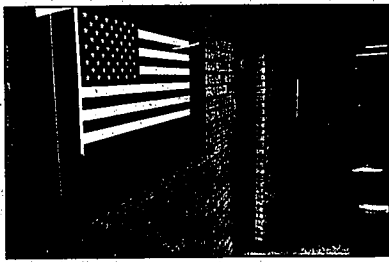
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IDAHO

Stress of parents' deployment takes its toll on their children

MOUNTAIN HOME AIR FORCE BASE (AP) — Feelings like joy, panic, excitement, relief or general anxiety experienced by children when Mom or Dad is a wartime soldier can make it tough for the youngsters to concentrate on the little things like school.

"I had a little guy last year who lost an uncle in Baghdad," said Karen Ford, a fourth-grade teacher at Mountain Home Elementary School. "At the time his Dad was over there, and I looked up in class and saw tears just running down his cheeks."



A poster including the American flag hangs in the hallway at Liberty Elementary School at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Thursday. Many of the school's students have parents that are serving overseas, including Iraq.

Ford took the boy into the hall, asking him what was wrong. When she learned the child's uncle had died, she asked if he would like to go home for the day.

"He said, 'No, I wanna be here. It's too sad at home,'" Ford said. "We're the constant, safe place for kids, and they depend on that."

Indeed, a parent's deployment is sometimes the first real lesson a military kid gets in the unfairness of life. And, at times, kids face a battle of their own to keep success from overtaking hope.

"It's a way of life here," said Ford, who has taught on the Mountain Home Air Force base for 25 years. "Yes, kids are upset. We do have kids that act out when parents are gone — they don't like to get their work done, which is just a way of acting out. Other kids are proud of the fact and work harder while the parent is gone to make things easier at home."

As deployment dates near, teachers sometimes ease up on homework or are a bit more lenient, Ford said.

"The parents are good about letting us know that one of them is going to be gone, and we give extra time to that student. We give them a shoulder to cry on, a little extra TLC," she said.

Children on the base have a world of resources compared to those living in town, said Shelly Ross, also a fourth-grade teacher at the school. She previously taught off of the base and said the students there seemed to have less support when a parent deployed.

But most kids understand the danger of war, she said.

"You'd be surprised what the kids, even in fourth grade, bring up. It's amazing how much these kids understand and what we give them credit for," Ford said. "You really get a sense of their feelings around Christmas, when we have them all make cards to send to their parents. It's not unusual for them to put in there, 'Please be careful and don't get killed.' These kids think about death."

The adjustment may be even harder for children of reservists, because they are not used to having a parent gone, said Grace Wittman, the technology and military program assistant in Idaho for 4-H.

Wittman helps administer Idaho Operation Military Kids, a partnership between 4-H, the University of Idaho, the National Guard and the Idaho Army Reserve. Operation Military Kids offers programs to support the children of National Guard and Reserve soldiers. It's funded with a \$100,000 federal grant, Wittman said.

"The youths are having to take on more responsibilities at home: making dinner, getting brother and sister to after-school activities, cleaning house because a lot of parents are having to readjust their work schedules," Wittman said. "A lot of youths are going to work to help bring in the income, or just to be able to pay for things themselves so Mom doesn't worry about having to pay for extracurricular activities. That's all added stress."

Bolse resident Lisa Thomas said she's noticed changes in her two children and her two stepchildren since her husband, James, was deployed to Fort Bliss, Texas, with the Idaho National Guard's 116th Cavalry Brigade.

Thomas said it's especially hard on her 15-year-old stepson, Adam, and 11-year-old stepdaughter, Jamie, because they live with their biological mother and sometimes miss the calls their Dad makes home.

And 12-year-old Drew, who just started his first year of middle school, is struggling to take on more responsibilities at home while handling the stress of having his father gone.

"I think probably the biggest struggle that I've seen with the kids is the lack of being able to do some of the things that we've done before. My husband is an avid motocross rider, but I can't pack up four kids and four motorcycles and take them riding or camping," Lisa Thomas said.

"The kids are acting out. My 12-year-old — this is his stepdad — is a straight-A student, very responsible, a very good kid. But he's really struggling now, day-to-day," she said.

The 4-year-old, normally a sweet, quiet little boy, now behaves like "spawn of the devil," she joked.

Things have settled down somewhat since her husband was deployed in July. She said for the first few weeks, everything that happened seemed to touch a raw nerve.

"Just typical kid things, friends being mean or things most kids can shrug off, would make my 12-year-old break down. We'd get down to the bottom of it, and he would say, 'It's just not fair that my dad is gone,'" she said. "We had to get to the point where we can't use that for an excuse anymore. Life can't be terrible just because he's gone."

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— Karen Ford, fourth-grade teacher

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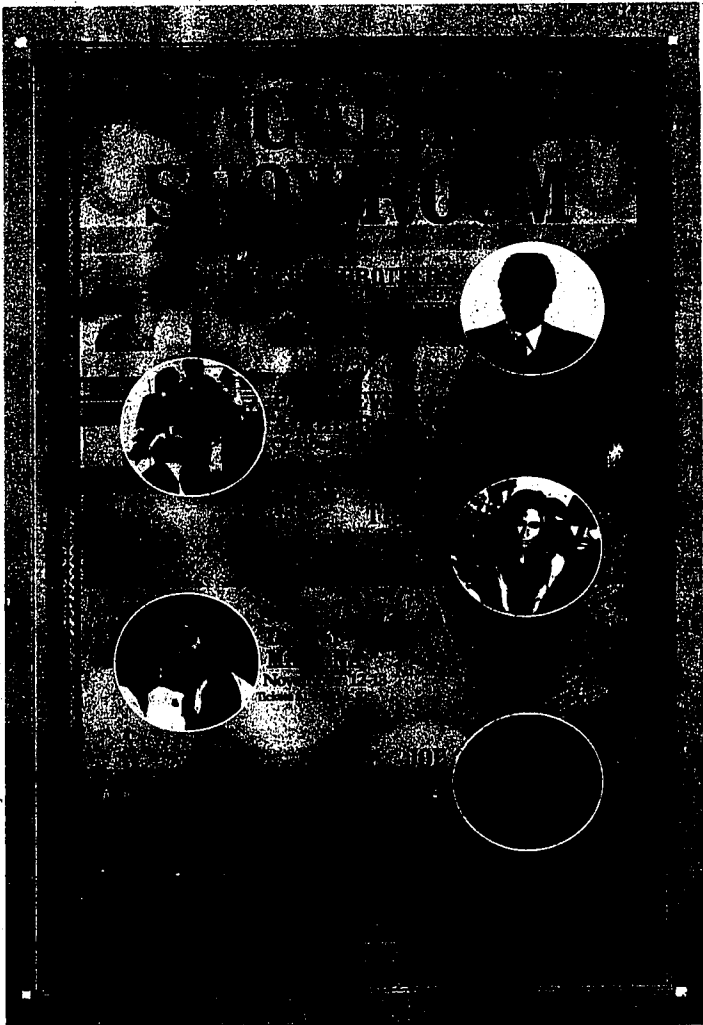
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David Bailey, curator of the Western Museum, holds a pistol, at a Alfred Packer exhibit at the museum in Grand Junction, Colo., Sept. 21, that he believes Alfred Packer used to kill Shannon Bell after Bell killed the other four members in their party and attacked Packer with a hatchet. The painting in the background shows Packer defending himself.

Sleuth says evidence backs cannibal's claim

DENVER (AP) — More than 130 years after Alfred Packer ate his five companions to survive a Colorado winter, a museum curator is making a case that the notorious cannibal was innocent of murder.

Years of research on a 142-year-old pistol and detective work at the site where Packer was stranded seem to support at least part of his story; that he only killed to defend himself from a member of his party who had slain his fellow prospectors and was making a meal of human flesh.

"Curators normally don't get an opportunity like this. We usually are in the museum piecing things together," said David Bailey who has been pursuing the case while working at the Museum of Western Colorado in Grand Junction.

Packer was convicted of murdering the five men all prospectors he was guiding — but always insisted he had killed only one of them, Shannon Bell. Packer said he shot Bell after Bell killed the four others in the party and then attacked him with a hatchet.

Ten years ago, Bailey happened upon a gun in the museum's collection that was marked as having been found where Packer and the five prospectors were stranded high in the San Juan Mountains of southwest Colorado in the winter of 1873-74.

"Bailey said his research confirmed the gun in the museum's collection, an 1862 Colt police pistol, had been found in a 1950 dig at the site where Packer was accused of killing the five men. Then Bailey began wondering if Packer's story could be true.

"When we started the case we just wanted to know either way," he said.

The museum staff began looking at documents, and found the journal of a Civil War

veteran who had seen the bodies and said one of them, Bell, had died of two gunshot wounds.

Bailey and other staff made several expeditions to the remote site near Lake City, 130 miles from the nearest interstate highway in Hinsdale County, which covers 1,120 square miles and has a full-time population of 790.

Among other things they found was lead residue on Bell's clothes. Tests with an X-ray spectrograph showed it matched the lead in the three bullets still in the gun. (Two chambers were empty.) Later, a bullet fragment was found in a sample taken from under Bell's body.

At his trial, Packer said he had gone out to look for food and when he returned to camp he found Bell "roasting a piece of meat which he had cut out of the leg of the German butcher," Frank Miller.

Packer said he shot Bell as he attacked with the hatchet. Afterward, he said, he tried every day to find a way out of the mountains "but could not so I lived off the flesh" of the dead men.

He predicted that someday he would be vindicated. He told a story of the men crying and praying as they starved, trying to live off pine gum and rosebuds.

"I have always suspected Packer was innocent. That is why it is good that Bailey is digging up fingerprints," said Colorado historian Tom Noel. "He has done good work."

Last month Bailey was honored for his work by the American Association for State and Local History.

Forensic anthropologist Walter Burkby of Tucson, Ariz., who was involved in an exhumation of the bodies in 1989, remains skeptical. He said there was no evidence of a gunshot wound, and that what appeared to be a bullet hole was the result of an animal gnawing on the bones.

College president orders conservative speech

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The president of Utah Valley State College has asked student leaders find a conservative speaker to balance political dialogue when filmmaker Michael Moore visits next month.

The administration's call is just the latest fallout from the Oct. 20 booking for the "Fahrenheit 9/11" director.

Conservatives and students have criticized the college's student government; for using nearly all its \$50,000 annual budget to book Moore so close to the election, and some state lawmakers suggest they'll penalize the school next legislative session because of it.

The short list of conservatives includes commentators Sean Hannity and Michael Reagan — son of the late President Ronald

Reagan — and Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, said Derek Hall, college spokesman.

"The campus needs to be a place for the exchange of ideas," said President William Sederburg, who served as a Republican state senator in Michigan for 12 years. "We need to balance (Moore's appear-

ance) with a more conservative viewpoint. The student government has an important responsibility to do that."

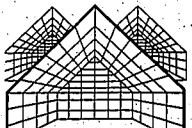
However, college officials didn't counter the conservative perspectives of previous speakers, who have included former presidential candidate Alan Keyes; Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-

Utah; former U.S. education secretary and drug czar William Bennett; and Barbara Bush.

Sederburg said it's essential to balance Moore's visit because he's speaking so close to the Nov. 2 election.

"If Barbara Bush came now, the standard would be the same," he said.

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

Will Mario Lemieux, the Pittsburgh Penguins' player-owner, get into an ugly confrontation with himself on the NHL picket line?

Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times, on the NHL's labor dispute

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

How many Grand Slam tournament finals did the now-retired Marcelo Rios of Chile reach?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Amateur golf

Canyon Classic, Jerome CC and Canyon Springs CC, 8 a.m.

IN BRIEF

O'Leary Jr. High boosters will meet

TWIN FALLS — The O'Leary Jr. High School Booster Club will be holding a meeting Monday Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. in the school office team meeting room.

Items for discussion are the Fall Sports Dessert Banquet, Homecoming float and other O'Leary Jr. High sports needs.

For more information, call Kathleen Olmstead 734-7285 or Dawne Ward 733-5410.

Pigeon race and barbecue hits Jerome

JEROME — Jerome will be the finish line for the Snake River Challenge Sunday, Sept. 26. Thoroughbred racing pigeons from across America will compete for \$9,000 in a benefit race that will raise \$2,500 for Liberty Christian Academy along with \$2,000 for Gem State Racing Pigeon Club of Magic Valley.

Special Olympics come to Burley

BURLEY — The Idaho Region Five-Six Fall Special Olympics come to Burley on Tuesday, Sept. 21. Bowling at Snake River Bowl and golf at Ponderosa Golf Course will be the event's competitions with opening ceremonies starting at 9 a.m. at the venues.

Papel Punt, Pass and Kick comes to Rupert

RUPERT — The Rupert Recreation Department will host an NFL Papel Punt, Pass, and Kick competition Thursday, Sept. 23 at 6 p.m. in Neptune Park.

The competition is open to boys and girls ages eight to 16. Entry forms are available at the Rupert Rec. Department office, Donnelley Sports, and at the event site. For more information, call Ron Dietz at 434-2400 or 431-8027.

Kvapil wins NASCAR Truck Series race

LOUDON, N.H. — Travis Kvapil won weather-delayed NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series' Sylvania 200 at New Hampshire International Speedway on Saturday, racing the final 87 laps without stopping for fuel.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

One. Rios lost in the final of the Australian Open in 1998 to Petr Korda of the Czech Republic.

Spartans stumble against Mavericks

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

PAUL — These are the times that test teams' spirits. The Minico Spartan soccer program continued on its hard-kick roll Saturday at Paul's West Minico Middle School soccer field, as both boys and girls teams fell to the visiting Mountain View Mavericks. The girls fell 2-0 while the boys were dispatched 5-1.

The girls match was competitive, as Spartan goal keeper Sarah Schenk kept Minico in the contest by stopping 30 of 32 Maverick shots on goal.

Unfortunately, the Spartan offense couldn't get out of the gates and mustered only one weak dribbler toward the net that wasn't a challenge for the

Mountain View keeper.

"We expected to come in and maintain possession," Mountain View coach Tracy Custer said. "We failed to put the ball in the back of the net though."

"We're happy with the win, but not satisfied with 2-0."

Mountain View attackers Lucie Kuhlmann and Julia Galloway scored goals in the fourth and 10th minutes of the game, respectively.

Mountain View improves to 3-3 on the season, while Minico drops to 2-7. The Spartan girls travel to Preston Tuesday.

The Spartan boys hung with the Mavericks for 40 minutes, taking a scoreless tie to the half. But the flood gates opened in the second half, as Jake Zabala opened up the Mountain View scoring with an unassisted goal in the 50th minute. Matt

Caniglia, Zach Rasmussen, Arlan Rood, and Mike Chaner all pitched in goals in the second half for the Mustangs.

While Minico's Mark Lloyd was able to break away for the lone Spartan goal in the 70th minute, the Spartans couldn't muster enough shots to contend with the charging Mavericks.

"There's no denying they dominated the game," Spartans coach Dennis Haynes said. "But the confidence builder for us is we hung in with them for a half."

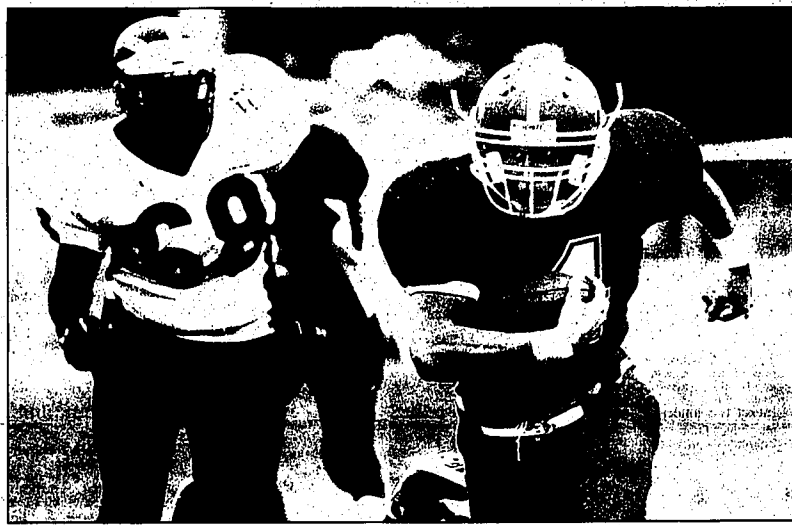
Minico keeper Josh Lloyd stopped 21 shots on the day, but the Spartans could muster only six attempts on goal of their own.

"I think they wore us out in Please see SOCCER, Page C2



Minico defender Phillip Toolson battles Mountain View's Aaron Orgill for the ball in the Spartans' 5-1 home loss Saturday.

BREAK-AWAY



Filer running back Brad Silvester, right, breaks away from defenders during the second quarter of the Wildcats' 43-14 win over the Wolverines of West Wendover, Nev. Saturday in Filer. Silvester finished the game with 86 yards rushing and two touchdowns, one on the ground.

Filer overwhelms West Wendover

By Joe Paisley Times-News writer

FILER — It's no coincidence that a high school football coach from Nevada likes to gamble.

A fourth down and 1 rushing attempt on the West Wendover, Nev., 1-1 yard line was stifled by a horde of Filer defenders, setting up the go-ahead touchdown in a 43-14 Wildcat win Saturday afternoon.

Wolverines senior running back Miguel Gomez was stopped cold with 1:18 left in the first half, allowing Filer (1-2) to take over on downs.

The Wildcats punched it in on a pass from quarterback Dan

Ramseyer to Brad Silvester in the flat on the next play. Silvester juke one defender and then bulled through another on his way in for the score.

Ramseyer made the same pass to Silvester on the opposite side of the field for the two-point pass conversion and a 14-8 halftime lead.

"That one hurt us," said West Wendover coach Dallas Larsen. "I have a lot of faith in our offensive line getting us a yard. Filer came up big on defense and show how badly they wanted to stop us. If I could do it again, I might not have done it."

The score spiked a 29-0 run by the host Wildcats that saw Filer take advantage of some Wolverine miscues

and gambles.

Another fourth down attempt with 8:02 left in the third quarter set up the next Filer scoring drive, a 41-yard, two-play drive capped by a 23-yard scoring run by junior Brad Griff with 7:31 left and a 21-8 lead. That proved to be the eventual game-winner.

Clearly Larsen wasn't afraid to roll the dice. He had his reasons. "The Wolverines had converted several fourth-down attempts to open the season 3-0 against small schools in Utah and Nevada."

"We knew it would be a big test taking on a bigger school," Larsen said. "We had to take some chances."

In all, West Wendover went

for it on fourth down in their end of the field three times, twice within the 10, and recovered one of two onside kicks.

The first onside kick was the opening kickoff, setting up Filer for its first touchdown, a 4-yard run by Brad Silvester, that gave Filer an early 6-0 lead.

West Wendover marched downfield behind the running of speedy Luis Perez to tie it before the teams' defense rose up, stymeling drives and forcing turnovers until the game-turning defensive stand by Filer late in the second quarter.

Once up 21-6 in the third quarter, the Wildcat's superior depth began to show. The

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Week II is tough to call, but here we go

ORLANDO, Fla. — "Nothing is as it seems." A really wise man said that.

The toughest week of the NFL season to predict is the last one, because you cannot be sure who will be trying and who has their lockers cleaned out. But the next toughest week is this one — Week Two — because you fail to realize that nothing is as it seems.

Because of Week I, you act as if the 16 teams that won will never lose, while the 16 losers will never win. Wrong, naive boy (or girl). And I will show you how wrong you are by making some predictions on Sunday that will amaze and astound.

LAST WEEK: Broke out of the box like a starving greyhound, jumping to a solid 11-5 record straight up and 10-5-1 against the spread. But two teams —

JERRY GREENE THE ORLANDO SENTINEL

Baltimore and Carolina — let me down big time, so there's a little more room on those bandwagons

For top 25 college results.

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Seattle (1-0) at Tampa Bay (0-1) — Sea/Turkeys favored by 2.5. You saw the Bucs lose, 16-10, in Washington, so you are throwing them in the Bay. Here's what you don't know: The last seven times the Bucs have scored 10 points or fewer, they have won the following week. That's why Please see WEEK II, Page C5

T.F. man boasts distinctive ride

By Joe Paisley Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Fair-weather fans get under Shawn Hanko's skin.

You know the type: The football fans who change allegiances from year-to-year depending on which team is succeeding.

Hanko certainly is not one of those people.

If you need proof, drive by Quick Cash Pawn in Twin Falls sometime.

Hanko's testimony to his love of the Redskins is often parked there: a vivid burgundy and gold-painted 1990 Chevy Astro mini-van.

It's an eye-grabber, something the outgoing pawn shop manager revels in. It wasn't always so, especially when it was just a normal mini-van.

"I tried to sell it but I had to repossess it twice," he said. "I decided to make it something I wanted to keep."

It's paid dividends the past



Shawn Hanko poses with his pride and joy — his Washington Redskins mini-van — recently.

two years. Most everyone famous — say Quiet Riot or Charlie Daniels — or quasi-famous like former Redskins quarterback Mark Ryplinski parents, that comes through town, stops by the shop once they spot the van. Their autographs are dis-

played in the shop. Hanko likes standing out and he doesn't always need the van to do so.

The 2002 Success Breakfast for the Twin Falls Chapter of Conscience features former Redskins quarterback and mo- Please see MN, Page C2

SPORTS

Boise State holds off upset-minded UTEP

EL PASO, Texas — Boise State sophomore quarterback Jared Zabransky threw for 397 yards while the 23rd-ranked Broncos offense recovered two of its own fumbles in the end zone to defeat Western Athletic Conference foe Texas Tech 41-17 Saturday night.

No. 1 USC 21, BYU 10, start 4th quarter
Washington St. 42, Idaho 0, 6:17, 3rd

TWIN FALLS — The results of these games will appear in Monday's Times-News.

No. 13 Tennessee 30, No. 11 Florida 28

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — James Whitlock kicked a 50-yard field goal with six seconds to go to lift No. 13 Tennessee to a 30-28 victory over 11th-ranked Florida on Saturday night.

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Greco good enough to win Pony title

By Kevin Colbert Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Mike Greco knew he didn't have to win the NAPA Auto Parts Pony Stocks finale, but he almost didn't cross the finish line at all.

After two close calls in Saturday's Ponys' finale, Greco held on to finish third and capture the season points title at Magic Valley Speedway.

Jason Whitte grabbed the lead on Lap 4 of the 30-lap feature with Kevin Larson and never looked back on the way to winning his first feature.

Greco, the points leader by 10



where Kevin and Jason were, Greco said. "That really helped. I knew I didn't need to win. That wasn't the concern."

Jerry Rice won the 40-lap final race of the Budweiser Grand Nationals season, but it was Dan Doan that took home his second straight points title despite finishing out of the top five Saturday.

"I had a blast out there this year," Rice said. "If I'm not going to win the whole thing, Dan's the guy to do it. He's a true racer."

Ralph Kincheloe earned the win in the Mr. Gas Pro Race Truck, a 40-lap feature, holding on for the win over top-qualifier

er Dick Capps and Kenny Vanderman.

John Newhouse, the season points champion, did not race in the Pro Race Trucks. He raced in the NAPA 150 instead.

A story and results from the NAPA 150 will be published in Monday's Times-News.

NAPA Auto Parts Pony Stocks
1. Jason Whitte, 2. Kevin Larson, 3. Mike Greco, 4. Rick Van Vorren, 5. John Rice.

Budweiser Grand Nationals
1. Jerry Rice, 2. Michael Mack, 3. Preston Shirley, 4. Jeff Robinson, 5. Mike Vanden

Mr. Gas Pro Race Trucks
1. Ralph Kincheloe, 2. Dick Capps, 3. Kenny Vanderman, 4. Ken Larson, 5. Lorne Jones

CSI wins Arizona Western volleyball tourney

The Times-News

YUMA, Arizona — The College of Southern Idaho volleyball team overcame a stem challenge by Scenic West Athletic Conference member

Dixie State in the semifinals before eventually winning the championship of the Arizona Western Matadors Classic tournament Saturday.

CSI defeated Eastern Arizona 30-17, 30-15 in the quarterfinals but was caught looking loose eventually losing to the defending past Dixie State 28-30, 30-22, 16-14.

"We got caught flat-footed and almost paid," said head coach Ben Stroud. "Dixie is a decent team. They're scrappy and they didn't make any mistakes. Boy we did. That was probably our worst match of the year. We weren't ready mentally to go."

In the title match, CSI defeated host Arizona Western 30-23, 30-21 behind a standout performance by Tatyana Menshikova. She finished with 23 kills and 12 aces for the day.

"Tatyana was really good in the last match," Stroud said. "She took over. Ellane was solid. We got good play from everybody."

Eliane Santos recorded 24 kills, seven blocks and 22 digs on the day while Chrystal Johnson added 22 kills and Viv Filipe 16. Ashley Gaudault made 59 assists while Etdanal Serratal added 37 assists.

The Matadors defeated Salt Lake Community College in the semifinals to advance to the title match.

CSI (31-1) travels to Albion-Sonoma County Tuesday.

Local sports

the Lions.

Late Friday

Football

Bonneville 36, Wood River 7

IDAHO FALLS — At Thunder Stadium, Bonneville senior quarterback Jordan Keck completed 16 of his 27 passes for 237 yards and three touchdowns against a young Wood River secondary as the Bees rolled to a 36-7 non-conference homecoming victory over the Wolverines.

"We were able to call off the dogs pretty early," Bonneville coach Alex Huxford told the Idaho Falls Post Register. "We're so that we didn't want to risk anyone getting hurt, and it was good to get a lot of guys in the game."

Wood River's Tyson Reynoso ran for 49 yards on 11 carries while Hustin Brashear gained 32 yards on the ground and added 70 through the air on two catches, one a 65-yard TD pass from Tyler Jackson, who went 3-for-7 for 83 yards.

Reynoso led the Wolverines defensive while Cal Browning "played an outstanding game at defensive end."

He was all over the place. He had a bunch of tackles," said Wood River coach Dale Martin.

"Wood River is now 0-4 but may be improving."

"I don't feel good we lost the game but our kids played hard for our quarters for the first time this year," Martin told The Times-News Saturday. "We're making progress."

Wood River is idle this week and then travels to Burley.

Bonneville 36, Wood River 7
Final Score: Bonneville 36, Wood River 7
Top Quarter: Bonneville 14, Wood River 0
Bottom Quarter: Bonneville 22, Wood River 7

Wood River 7
Final Score: Wood River 7, Bonneville 36
Top Quarter: Wood River 7, Bonneville 0
Bottom Quarter: Wood River 0, Bonneville 7

Wood River 7
Final Score: Wood River 7, Bonneville 36
Top Quarter: Wood River 7, Bonneville 0
Bottom Quarter: Wood River 0, Bonneville 7

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end," said Lions coach Nick Karvedas. "It was a great game that was a lot closer than the score."

Tailback Mark Pearson ran for 159 yards on 23 carries, scoring once on the ground and twice in the air.

Huskie quarterback Matt Freestone was 9-of-17 for 171 yards passing and three touchdowns.

He also carried the ball 11 times for 108 yards. Kyle King scored three touchdowns.

Hansen gained 490 yards on offense to 480 for the Lions.

Lions running back Jordan Laird toted the ball 22 times for 244 yards and three touchdowns while quarterback Powell Eaton ran for 131 yards on the ground and three scores. He also went 6-for-8 passing for 68 yards.

Lighthouse trailed 30-8 at halftime, but rallied in the second half.

"I was really proud of our guys," Karvedas said.

"They came out for the second half and played hard and pulled with 46-40. It was anyone's ball game at that point."

Lighthouse (0-4) next plays at St-On (0-4).

Hansen 68, Lighthouse Christian 48
Final Score: Hansen 68, Lighthouse Christian 48
Top Quarter: Hansen 28, Lighthouse Christian 14
Bottom Quarter: Hansen 40, Lighthouse Christian 34

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Hopkins stops De La Hoya to retain middleweight title

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Bernard Hopkins suddenly ended a close fight with two left hooks to the body in the ninth round Saturday night to stop Oscar De La Hoya and ruin his bid to become the undisputed middleweight champion.

While De La Hoya on the canvas on his hands and knees in his own pain, when he rolled over on his back, referee Kenny Bayless stopped the fight to a halt at 1:38 of the ninth round.

While Hopkins celebrated, De La Hoya remained on his knees, his face buried in his gloves. He repeatedly pounded the canvas in frustration after being stopped for the first time in his brilliant career.

"I felt a sense of urgency,"

Hopkins said. "I wasn't sure if I was winning or not."

Hopkins was ahead on two scorecards and behind on a third in a cautiously fought bout when he suddenly landed the punches just below De La Hoya's rib cage to retain his undisputed middleweight title in his 19th title defense.

"A well-placed body shot," De La Hoya said.

De La Hoya was a 2-1 underdog in only his second fight as a middleweight and was taking on a champion who hadn't lost in 11 years.

"I tried to do the impossible on paper — beat the middleweight champ coming up from 130 pounds," De La Hoya said.

"Obviously, they responded well and we're happy with the result."

The Spartan boys host Preston Tuesday.

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Soccer

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the second half," Haynes said. "We got out of position a bit on defense too."

The Spartans fall to 0-9 on the season while coach Dean Ajir's Mavericks improve to 4-4.

"We tried some different players in different positions to work on basic skills," Ajir said.

Football

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Wolverines dressed 15 for their traveling varsity squad and the boys were gassed by the fourth quarter.

Filer sophomore running back Casey Dabney used his speed to get outside on the driving Wolverines, churning out 106 yards, including consecutive runs of 23 and 20 yards at points.

"We were better up front," said Filer head coach Jaxon Schweikert. "We knew if we wounded the ball at them they would wear down eventually. That's what happens."

While Dabney and Silvester, who also recorded 2.5 sacks, performed well on offense, Ramseyer showed considerable grit playing on a bum ankle he

injured last week.

"He played like a man today," Schweikert said. "He's a true warrior. He gave everything up for the team."

Filer (1-2) hosts Decdo Friday for homecoming.

Filer 43, West Wendover 14
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Fan

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divisional speaker Joe Theismann.

"I joined the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce just so I could meet Joe Theismann," Hanko said. "There was all these people in suits. I'm there in a Redskins T-shirt."

You can guess who Theismann picked out of the crowd. Arguably his biggest fellow Redskins fan has to be Greg Minard, who does the detailing that turned the mini-van into what it is now.

Minard does it for free. The work would normally cost almost \$2,000.

Minard designed the design this year, trumpeting the return of Hall of Fame coach Joe Gibbs.

"We're just big fans and it's fun to do," said Minard, who owns Slip Stickers, an auto detail shop in Twin Falls.

Minard insists that the boys-



Shawn Hanko uses everything he can to decorate his Redskins van, including a refrigerator magnet of the Tasmanian Devil.

terous Hanko is not as overzealous a fan as he comes across.

"Not compared to some of the fans I know," Minard said.

"Well, he certainly stands out in this area," he said with a laugh. "We also do the Raiders

and Broncos so there's some vehicles around with stuff on them."

But they pale in comparison to attention the Redskins fans draw.

"He's really tried hard," Minard said.

He's going to keep trying.

But for now, Hanko is happy to revel in the attention and the hope the return of Gibbs injects into the franchise and its fans.

With the rebuilding Giants scheduled today, Hanko expects a 2-0 start and a return to the playoffs.

"This is going to be a good year," Hanko said. "If not, I'll still be a big fan."

There's little doubt of that.

If there's one place the Redskins fans could stand out more than in Twin Falls, it would have to be in Irving, Texas.

"My dream is to drive this down to Texas Stadium and park among the Cowboy tailgaters," Hanko said.

He should know better. Growing up in Killeen, Texas, he cheered when a Cowboy went down with a minor injury.

He ended up tied to a tree by family members and Dallas fans.

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ning three of the alternate-short matches, none bigger than Harrington and Paul McGinley overcoming an early deficit to win Woods and Love.

Johnson, benched in the morning after his poor play Friday, joined David Tom for the lone U.S. victory in the afternoon 4 and 3 over Thomas Levet and Miguel Angel Jimenez.



Drew puts potential into action

ATLANTA (AP) — It was a perennial question: What could J.D. Drew do if he actually made it through a season without getting hurt?

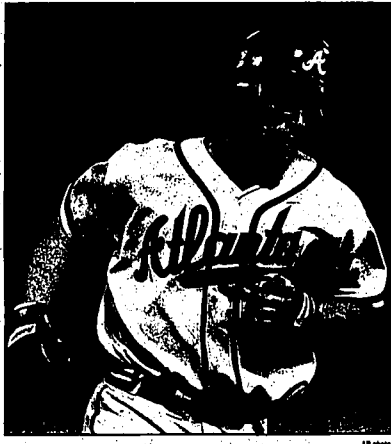
Finally, we have the answer. Through there still two weeks left in the regular season, Drew's had enough time to show off his enormous talents — and silence those skeptics who questioned his willingness to play with pain.

He's a 300 hitter who can hit a mammoth home run, beat out a bunt or steal a base. He's the rare outfielder who's been blessed with speed, instincts and a strong throwing arm.

He's the complete package. "I love to play the game of baseball," said Drew, winding up his first season with the Atlanta Braves. "I love to play it healthily when I can move to the field and enjoy running and running the bases, playing quality defense. That's the stuff that gets me excited and keeps me going every day."

Drew didn't have much to keep him going through his first five full seasons (using the term loosely). He never made it through a year without a detour to the disabled list. Most of the injuries seemed rather innocuous — a sore ankle here, a strained muscle there — leading some to question whether this guy had enough heart to play with the inevitable aches and pains that pop up during a 162-game schedule.

Even so, the Braves decided to take a chance on Drew during the offseason. They traded three pitchers to the St. Louis Cardinals for their injured outfielder and utility man



Atlanta Braves' J.D. Drew rounds third base after hitting a solo home run off Florida Marlins' Josias Manzanillo in the ninth inning Friday, in Miami. The Braves won 8-1.

Eli Marrero. General manager John Schuerholz knew it was a gamble, but he didn't have much choice. An offseason salary purge cost the team Gary Sheffield, Javy Lopez and Vinny Castilla. The Braves desperately needed someone who could drive in runs.

Drew, who had never played more than 135 games in a season, was the best-case scenario

for a budget-minded team. The Braves looked back hopefully at 2001, when Drew batted .323 with 27 homers, 73 RBIs and 13 stolen bases. Everyone else saw a guy who didn't play more than 18 homers or 57 RBIs any other year.

As it turned out, the trade couldn't have worked out any better for both teams. Jason Marquis and Ray King have been key members of the

Cardinals' staff, helping them build a commanding lead in the NL Central and the best record in baseball. And the 28-year-old Drew has been the perfect medicine for the Braves, leading the team in homers and RBIs much of the season.

Going into Thursday night's game against the New York Mets, Atlanta had a comfortable 8½-game lead in the NL East, cruising toward a 13th straight division title. Much of the credit goes to Drew, who was batting .312 with 30 homers, 88 RBIs and 11 stolen bases.

"We knew the power he had, the running ability," manager Bobby Cox said. "It was just a matter of being healthy."

This season started in disturbing fashion. Drew missed three games with a stiff neck, another week with a sore hamstring. His new teammates were skeptical, wondering aloud if the malady were that serious. No one was more blunt than Gold Glove outfielder Andrew Jones, who rarely misses a game.

"You just suck it up," Jones said. "Some people just can't do that. Some people know how to play hurt, some people don't."

It's clear that Drew is thoroughly enjoying his season in Atlanta. Rather quiet and content to spend time alone, he's been a good fit in Cox's low-key clubhouse. Also, Drew has gotten a chance to play alongside his brother Tim, a right-handed reliever also in his first season with the Braves.

"You can tell he's just fitting in well here," Tim Drew said. "I know he's happy."

Major League Baseball

All Times MDT												
AMERICAN LEAGUE												
East Division												
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	Diff	Diff	Diff
New York	89	55	.616	0	2-3	W4	51-23	38-35	9-9			
Boston	86	58	.595	3.5	2-4	L-1	51-23	38-35	9-9			
Baltimore	89	77	.475	23	5-6	W-3	31-39	38-35	15-13			
Tampa Bay	83	83	.432	29	4-4	L-1	36-44	27-49	5-13			
Toronto	61	87	.412	33	2-4	W-1	37-40	24-47	9-10			

Central Division												
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	Diff	Diff	Diff
Minnesota	88	82	.581	0	2-2	L-2	46-31	40-31	11-7			
Chicago	73	74	.497	12.5	2-4	W-1	40-33	33-41	8-10			
Cleveland	71	77	.480	15	2-4	L-3	41-35	30-42	10-8			
Detroit	87	80	.520	18.5	2-4	L-1	34-38	35-42	9-9			
Kansas City	54	83	.397	31.5	2-6	W-2	32-41	22-52	6-12			

West Division												
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	Diff	Diff	Diff
Oakland	89	62	.581	0	5-5	W-1	49-25	37-37	10-8			
Anaheim	84	71	.543	6.5	4-4	W-1	42-32	42-32	7-11			
Texas	81	67	.547	5	6-4	W-1	46-25	38-42	10-8			
Seattle	56	92	.378	30	2-5	L-1	37-41	19-51	9-9			

NATIONAL LEAGUE												
East Division												
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Atlanta	88	61	.591	0	2-3	W-2	42-29	45-32	8-10			
Florida	77	69	.527	9.5	4-6	L-2	40-34	37-35	7-11			
Philadelphia	75	72	.510	12	2-3	L-1	36-36	39-38	9-9			
New York	65	83	.439	22.5	2-5	W-2	35-40	30-43	10-8			
Montreal	62	86	.418	25.5	3-4	W-1	38-39	29-46	7-11			

Central Division												
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	Diff	Diff	Diff
St. Louis	87	50	.680	0	2-5	W-2	51-25	48-25	11-11			
Chicago	81	65	.556	15.5	7-3	L-1	43-32	38-33	9-9			
St. Paul	81	65	.556	15.5	7-3	L-1	43-32	38-33	9-9			
Cincinnati	68	80	.459	22.5	5-5	W-1	38-39	29-42	5-7			
Pittsburgh	66	81	.449	23	1-1	L-1	36-38	30-45	2-10			
Milwaukee	62	84	.425	24.5	2-8	L-5	34-40	28-44	8-10			

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	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	Diff	Diff	Diff
Los Angeles	85	63	.574	2.5	7-5	L-1	45-22	43-34	10-8			
San Francisco	83	66	.557	2.5	7-3	L-1	43-32	40-34	11-7			
San Diego	80	69	.537	5.5	6-4	W-1	38-38	44-33	8-10			
Colorado	84	84	.500	21	2-4	W-1	35-39	30-45	8-10			
Arizona	46	103	.309	39.5	4-6	L-2	25-50	21-53	6-12			

AMERICAN LEAGUE												
Saturday's Game												
N.Y. Yankees 14, Boston 4	Baltimore 12, Minnesota 3											
Oakland 7, Seattle 4	Toronto 4, Tampa Bay 2											
Texas 2, Anaheim 0	Kansas City 7, Cleveland 1											
Chicago White Sox 9, Detroit 8, 12 innings												

NATIONAL LEAGUE												
Saturday's Games												
St. Louis 7, Arizona 0	Colorado 8, Los Angeles 1											
San Diego 5, San Francisco 1	Atlanta 5, Florida 2											
Chicago 6, Chicago Cubs 5	N.Y. Mets 10, Pittsburgh 1											
N.Y. Mets 8, Pittsburgh 7, 11 innings	Montreal at Philadelphia, rain											

Sunday's Games												
Atlanta (Ru. Ortiz 14-8) at Florida (Valdez 12-8), 11:05 a.m.	Baltimore (Chen 1-0) at Minnesota (Santana 18-6), 12:20 p.m.											
Detroit (Borderson 10-11) at Chicago White Sox (Garza 11-11), 1:05 p.m.	Cleveland (Pedroni 10-12) at Seattle (Madritsch 5-2), 2:05 p.m.											
Texas (C. Young 1-2) at Anaheim (Washburn 11-7), 2:05 p.m.												

Yankees pound Red Sox in 14-4 win

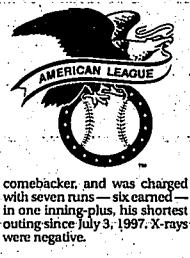
NEW YORK (AP) — Jon Lieber no-hit the Red Sox until David Ortiz's two-out home run in the seventh, leading the New York Yankees to a 14-4 win over Derek Lowe in a Sunday game that stopped Boston's momentum.

Jorge Posada hit a two-run single in the first inning and Lieber pitched a scoreless first inning. He allowed only one run, a solo home run by Bernie Williams, and three RBIs as the Yankees restored their AL East lead to 3.5 games.

Lieber improved to 5-1 this year following Yankees' losses and won for the fourth time in five decisions. He allowed just one runner in the first six innings against the highest-scoring team in the majors on a third-inning double to Doug Mientkiewicz. With New York leading 13-0 and the crowd roaring with every out in anticipation of something special, Ortiz sent a two-out pitch deep over the fence in left.

Dave Roberts added a two-run, ninth-inning homer off Lieber, who allowed four hits in 13 innings before Scott Proctor allowed an RBI double to Drew Cabell.

Lowe (14-12) allowed eight of 11 batters to reach, losing his second straight start after winning five consecutive decisions. He left after he was hit on the lower right leg by a Rodriguez



comebacker, and was charged with seven runs — six earned — in one inning-plus, his shortest outing since July 3, 1997. X-rays were negative.

Orleans 12, Twins 3
MINNEAPOLIS — Miguel Tejada homered twice and drove in five runs, and rookie Daniel Cabrera threw six strong innings for Baltimore.

After winning nine straight, the Twins have been outscored 23-5 in two games by the Orioles — keeping the celebration of their third consecutive AL Central title on hold for a bit. Minnesota's magic number to clinch remained at three before the second-place Chicago White Sox hosted the Detroit Tigers on Saturday night.

Athletics 7, Mariners 4
SEATTLE — Tim Hudson beat the Seattle Mariners for the third time this season and Eric

Chavez hit his 29th homer for the A's, who moved two games ahead of Anaheim in the AL West.

Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki went 1-for-5 with his 200th single. He has 236 hits this season, 21 from tying the season record set by George Sisler with the St. Louis Browns in 1920. Suzuki broke the single game mark for singles in a season Friday night.

Hudson (12-5) won for the fifth time in six decisions and improved his career record against the Mariners to 12-5, including 3-0 this year. Hudson gave up three runs and eight hits in eight innings.

Rangers 2, Angels 0
ANAHEIM, Calif. — Emergency starter Joaquin Benoit pitched two-hit ball into the fifth inning, then six relievers gave up three hits the rest of the way for Texas.

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Blue Jays 4, Devil Rays 2
TORONTO — David Bush

and three relievers combined on a three-hitter for the Blue Jays.

Bush (4-4) gave up two runs — one earned — and two hits and walked four in six innings. The rookie right-hander only allowed Julio Lugo's RBI single in the fourth and Jose Cruz Jr.'s single in the fourth.

Jason Frasor pitched a perfect seventh, Justin Speier worked a perfect eighth and Miguel Batista pitched the ninth for his season career save — an first since Oct. 1, 1999, at Philadelphia when he was with Montreal.

Royals 7, Indians 1
CLEVELAND — John Buck hit a two-run homer and Jimmy Gobble (8-8) allowed two hits and no runs in Kansas City's win over Cleveland.

Angel Berroa had three hits and an RBI for the Royals, who won consecutive road games for the first time since June 16.

Cliff Lee (11-8) retired the first nine Royals, but gave up four runs in the fourth inning. Before the game, the Indians announced outfielder Jody Gerut will be sidelined six to nine months with a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee. He was hurt during the Indians' loss Friday night.

Cardinals clinch playoff spot, beat D'Backs

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The St. Louis Cardinals became the first major league team to clinch a playoff spot this season, winning the NL Central for the third time in five seasons.

A few hours after the Cardinals' Arizona Diamondbacks 7-0 Saturday, the playoff berth was clinched when San Francisco lost to San Diego 5-1. When the Chicago Cubs lost 6-5 at Cincinnati, the division title was assured.

St. Louis (87-50) can only be matched in the division by the Cubs (81-65), who lost the season series with the Cardinals 11-8. In addition, the Giants' loss meant that the second-place teams in both the NL East and NL West will have 96 wins or fewer.

Because of that, if the Cardinals and the Cubs were to finish in a tie, both would be placed in the same playoff berth. Under baseball's rules, St. Louis would be awarded the division title because it won the season series.

Chris Carpenter left with an injury in the fourth inning, but four relievers helped St. Louis clinch a six-hitter.



Bonds led off the second inning with a solo homer to right-center on the first pitch he saw from Padres left-hander David Wells (12-7), the 43rd homer of the season for the six-time NL MVP.

Bonds also struck out in the fourth, grounded out in the seventh and struck out in the ninth.

Padres 5, Giants 1
SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds added another home run to his impressive total a day after hitting career home No. 700, but San Diego's Jay Payton hit a debilitating three-run shot in the seventh to lead the Padres past the Giants.

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pitched seven innings of four-hit ball and had a two-run triple in a five-run seventh, helping Colorado beat Los Angeles.

Todd Helton was 4-for-5 and is 7-for-9 in two games since an 0-for-4 slump. Choo Francisco had a two-run single in the seventh inning and Colorado had 16 hits to end a four-game losing streak.

Braves 4, Marlins 2
MIAMI — Jaret Wright allowed just three hits in 8 1/3 innings, and Atlanta dealt another blow to Florida's fading hopes in the NL wild-card race.

Wright (15-7) gave the crowd of 34,714 little to cheer about. He hit a batter and five, walked one, hit a strikeout and won for the second time in nine career outings against the Marlins.

J.D. Drew put the Braves ahead to stay with an RBI double in the sixth inning that snapped a scoreless tie against Josh Beckett (7-9). The Braves reduced the magic number to six for clinching their 13th consecutive NL East title.

Reds 6, Cubs 5
CINCINNATI — Wily Mo Pena hit two home runs to off-

set a pair by Moises Alou and lead the Reds over the Cubs.

Pena, the Reds center fielder, also helped preserve Cincinnati's lead in the eighth when he threw out Mark Grudzielanek trying to score from second on a single.

The Reds scored five runs in the sixth to back Aaron Harang (9-9). Harang gave up six hits, walked three and struck out six in six innings.

Mets 8, Pirates 7, 10 innings
PITTSBURGH — Mike Cameron's sacrifice fly in the 10th inning drove in the go-ahead run, leading New York over Pittsburgh.

After the Mets blew an early 7-0 lead, Cameron bled out to deep center with one out against Solomon Torres (7-5), scoring Wilson Delgado from third base.

Jeff Keppinger and starting pitcher Tom Glavine each drove in two runs for the Mets, who have won four of their last six.

Without distraction of 700 chase, Bonds focuses on pennant race

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Barry Bonds' black leather clubhouse chair was fully reclined on the San Francisco slugger leaned back in it with a rare moment to relax after joining the 700 home run club.

The distraction of another milestone is gone, and Bonds is using every chance he can to save energy and prepare himself to play every game for the rest of the season during the Giants' playoff push.

He constantly complains how tired he is, but the past week has truly been mentally exhausting for the six-time NL MVP.

Bonds joined an exclusive club Friday night — only Babe Ruth (714) and Hank Aaron (755) have hit more home runs when he connected in the third inning against San Diego's Jake Peavy for career homer No. 700. It was his fourth game going for the mark.

He pounced on Peavy's 0-1 curveball and sent it a couple rows up in the left-center field bleachers for a 392-foot solo shot, becoming the first player to reach 700 in 31 years.

Bonds wasted no time getting to 700.

On Saturday, the 40-year-old Bonds led off the second inning against Padres left-hander David Wells with a solo shot to right-center on the first pitch. A throw to Bonds was played on the scoreboard before the game, and he received a long ovation when he jogged out to take his position in left field and again when he stepped into the batter's box.

Bonds just doesn't do things quietly. Not with the monstrous stats he has out of ballpark all over the country and the ever-growing list of pitchers who have surrendered them.

"They're all meaningful, they're all important, they all mean something as far as all the hard work I've put into the practice and training," Bonds said.

Now, everyone keeps asking Bonds whether he believes he can pass Aaron Bonds, who said Saturday he will talk to Bonds soon about the 2006 club option in Bonds' contract, which San Francisco almost certainly will exercise.

"We haven't had time to sit down with him yet," Magowan said.

That's probably because Bonds is playing every day now — something he rarely did last season, when he would regularly take off day games after night games.

Manager Felipe Alou spoke to Bonds earlier this week in Milwaukee to map out how the rest of the season might go.

Bonds wants to play. He wants to lead Series ring before he's through.

While Bonds has developed quite a reputation for his prickly personality, he has been respectful of his sports history.

Bar none, Aaron told Sporting News Radio on Friday, "I'm serious about this."

Auburn beats LSU by PAT



Auburn's Courtney Taylor catches a pass for his first career touchdown late in the fourth quarter as Louisiana State defender Corey Webster looks on, Saturday, in Auburn, Ala. Auburn won, 10-9.

AUBURN, Ala. (AP) — Jason Campbell threw a 16-yard scoring pass to Courtney Taylor with 1:14 to play and No. 14 Auburn got two chances to kick the winning extra point in a 10-9 victory over No. 6 LSU on Saturday.

John Vaughn's first PAT attempt went wide left after a low snap, but Early Doucet was called for a personal foul, giving Auburn (3-0, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) another shot.

Vaughn drilled his next try through the uprights with holder Sam Rives saving another bad snap, preventing a repeat of LSU's season opener, when Oregon State's Alexis Serna missed his third extra point in the game in overtime for a 22-21 LSU victory.

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No. 3 Georgia 13, Marshall 3

ATHENS, Ga. — The Georgia defense made up for another lackluster offensive showing, holding Marshall to seven first downs.

Marshall (0-3), which held No. 9 Ohio State to 79 yards rushing in a 24-21 loss last week, shut down a Georgia running game that was without its top two backs. The Bulldogs (3-0) had 41 carries for 146 yards, most coming late in the game.

No. 7 West Virginia 19, No. 21 Maryland 16, OT

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Rashheed Marshall threw a 7-yard scoring pass to Chris Henry in overtime, moving the Mountaineers to 3-0 for the first time since 1996.

Maryland (2-1) lost to West Virginia for the first time under coach Ralph Friedgen, who played it safe in overtime and paid the price.

The Terps faced a fourth-and-short on their first overtime possession, and sent out kicker Nick Novak for a 33-yarder to make it 16-13.

Marshall found Henry on a slant pattern over the middle on the third down for the winner.

No. 4 Florida St. 34, UAB 7

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Leon Washington ran for 104 yards and a touchdown and Florida State sacked Darrell Hackney eight times Saturday night to rebound from a disappointing loss to Miami with a 34-7 victory.

B.J. Dean, James Coleman and Chris Riker scored on 1-yard runs and Xavier Bickia kicked two field goals for Florida State, which was coming off its worst offensive showing in 34 years.

Florida State (1-1) had 489 yards offense and didn't punt until late in the fourth quarter.

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Idaho's last minute score to force overtime capped a 95 yard, 14 play drive. He later caught a 9 yard pass from Hetherington in overtime.

Idaho State's (1-2) defense and special teams scored 21 unanswered points in less than five minutes to overcome a 34-14 late third quarter deficit.

Xavier Simms sparked Idaho State's rally by recovering a fumble in the end zone with 14 seconds left in the third. Eric James followed that up with a 20 yard blocked punt return and Kenyon Blue returned a punt 39 yards for a score and a 35-34 Idaho State lead.

Northern Colorado (1-2) came right back after Blue's punt return and drove 61 yards in seven plays to score a touchdown on a 10 yard Tony Christensen pass to Jamar Fakes. But Christensen later threw an interception at Idaho State's 5-yard line, setting up Idaho State's dramatic 95 yard drive.

Hetherington threw for 360 yards on 54-for-60 passing and made up for his three interceptions with four touchdown passes.

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Mary Johnson increased the Utes' lead to 14-0 on a 1-yard score. The nine-play, 41-yard drive was kept alive when Smith picked up five yards on an option play on fourth-and-1 at Utah State's 27.

On the Aggies (1-2) ensuing series, Utah's Ryan Smith recovered a fumble by Chris Forbes at the 11, and Alex Smith ran the ball in from 7 two plays later for a 21-0 lead.

Utah State's only score came off an 8-yard pass from Cox to Tarrell Richards in the third quarter. It was Richards' first catch at Utah State.

Cox finished the night 17-for-28 for 163 yards, with a TD and two interceptions.

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you need me to talk you through these things. In a Because-Greene-Said-So Upset Special. Bucs by 5.

Denver (1-0) at Jacksonville (1-0) — Broncos favored by 3. The Ponies looked good using their rushing game plan of BOA — Best Quentin Available. But the football gods are smiling on the Jags. (OK, that's a little weak, but it's all I've got.) In an Another-Freaky-Finish Upset Special, Jags by 1.

Cheese Heads Game of the Week

Chicago (0-1) at Green Bay (1-0) — Cheese Heads favored by 8.5. If the Cheese Whizzers are careless, this could be close because it is a real rivalry. However, Da Bears let Detroit win on the road. And the Heads have covered in eight of the last nine meetings, so Cheese Heads by 14.

Indianapolis (0-1) at Tennessee (1-0) — Titans favored by 1. Sometimes football players are hard to understand. When Titans OT Brad Hopkins was asked about OG Jacob Bell, he said: "He's a fresh fish." What? What does that mean? I have no idea, but I do know the Dolts are drunk before they start. Titans by 1.

New England (1-0) at Arizona (0-1) — Patsies favored by 8. Think about it. Bill Belichick has had 10 days to prepare for a game plan for Arizona. He'll not only win, he'll come up with a way to turn Phoenix into a tropical paradise by halftime. Patsies by 11.

St. Louis (1-0) at Atlanta (1-0) — Falcons favored by 2. Let's check in with Falcons Coach Jim Mora Jr. about his QB Mike

Vick: "He could be zero-for-100 and he's going to throw pass No. 101." OK, coach, nice game plan. Even Rance Cook and Martz is smarter than that. In a Forget-the-Falcons Upset Special, Rams by 7.

Toxic Waster Game of the Week

Pittsburgh (1-0) at Baltimore (0-1) — Quote the Ravens, favored by 4. Talk about betrayal. I picked the Ravens to win the Super Bowl! I put my reputation on the line and they can't beat the Browns? So allow me to dedicate this country ballad to the Ravens: My-Head-Hurts-My-Foot-Stink-And-I-Don't-Love-You-Anymore™ Upset Special, Steelers by 2.

East Rutherford Jets (1-0) at San Diego (1-0) — Jets favored by 3. Here's Jets rookie FS Erik Coleman on how he made a key interception last week: "I focused on his hips because I knew he was going to give me some head fakes." We should all remember that. (What?) Jets by 8.

Washington (1-0) at East Rutherford Giants (0-1) — Washington favored by 3. Our Guy East of the Vase, Mike Jones, Tom Coughlin will be first Giants coach to start 0-2 since Ray Perkins in 1978. Of course, we all remember how Ray turned around his career with the Bucs. Washington by 5.

Chiefs (1-0) at Dallas (0-1) — Cowboys favored by 4.5. Cowpoke QB Vinny Testaverde says of WR Keyshawn Johnson: "He does everything you ask." If that's true, Vinny, how about doing us all a favor and ask him to just shut up. In a Nobody-Cares-What-Keyshawn-Thinks Upset Special, Browns by 2.

Mortal Lock Game of the Week

San Francisco (0-1) at New Orleans (0-1) — Aints favored by 7. Niner Coach Dennis Erickson on Hurricane Ivan essentially missing New Orleans: "It reminds you how important football is — not very." That's true, Dennis, especially when you're coaching. Proclaiming the underachieving Aints as a Mortal Lock is a testimonial to your ineptitude and to your little QB Kenny Dorsey, too. Aints by 12.

Carolina (0-1) at Kansas City (0-1) — Chiefs favored by 7. Chiefs WR Dante Hall complained after being clobbered last week: "I haven't been able to eat, strictly ice cream and milkshakes." Hey, Dante, where's the problem? Meanwhile, poor Panthers are already finished. Chiefs by 10.

Houston (0-1) at Detroit (1-0) — Lions favored by 3. Hey, Lions QB Joey Harrington, aren't you old enough to be called "Joey"? You think Joe Montana would be in the Hall of Fame if he'd been Joe Montana's Grow-up son. (What? Oh, the game.) Beware Texans because they beat themselves with four crucial turnovers. In a Say-It-Aint-So-Joey Upset Special, Texans by 4.

Buffalo (0-1) at Oakland (0-1) — Raiders favored by 3.5. Let's listen in on the thinking process of Bills QB Drew Bledsoe when he is blitzed: "They come! I've got to move, get out the way! My helmet, I can't find Mouldi! Got to run! Run, legs, run! Got to Ooof! Raiders by 8.

Miami (0-1) at Cincinnati (0-1) — Bengals favored by 5 on Sunday night. Well, we know

how I feel about the Fish, so this should be the classic "no-brainer," right? Wrong. No-Brainer's One Thing the Fish will have going for them is that they own the Bengals, having beaten them the last nine times. Last time the Bengals beat Miami, Jimmy Carter was in the White House and my nickname was "Disco Delight." In a Disco-De-Dead Upset Special, Fish by 5.

Minnesota (1-0) at Philadelphia (1-0) — Eagles favored by 2.5 Monday night. Looks like a classic match of quarterbacks and receivers, but it will be Eagles RB Brian Westbrook who will have John Madden on his feet and Al Michaels jumping off his box. Eagles by 8.

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Many alleys hold tourneys

The bowling season is underway. Hope all of you are enjoying the great sport, getting exercise and mingling with friendly people. If you're not, better call your local bowling center and find a spot. This is true for all ages from three to whatever.

Let's talk about tournaments. This weekend is the Idaho Bowling Council Jamboree in Boise and is where each bowling center is invited to send their two junior girls and two junior boys for the annual YABA High Four Tournament.

If you haven't gotten your entry in for the Gutter Gussie Tournament, call a bowling alley and see if you can get a spot. The Gutter Gussie Club is where ladies join after bowling a 225 game or 550 series. This year the tournament is in Montpelier and runs from Oct. 9 through Nov. 7.

Starting Oct. 21 at Jerome Bowl, there will be a weekly drop in tournament. This is on Saturday nights at 7 p.m. This will be a PEA Sport Tournament League with a four-game block. The top two bowlers in the scratch as well as the handicap divisions



will bowl head to head for the prize money. Entry fee is \$25. Being distributed this week end are packets to all the bowling centers with entry forms for the Idaho State Senior Championship. This is where in addition to the prize fund, four men and four ladies qualify to participate in the National Senior Tournament next June. This event runs the first two weekends of November at the Bowladrome in Twin Falls. At the same time a satellite Nine Pin No Tap Doubles Tournament is taking place.

Columbus Day will soon be here and on Oct. 9 and 10 two tournaments will be running at the same time. One is the Men's Doubles and the other is the Ladies Doubles. Both are at the Bowladrome. Grab those entries, sign up and "Let's Go Bowling!"

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A grant from the United Dairymen of Idaho has more school-aged children seeing spots – cow spots that is.

United Dairymen recently conducted a survey of school food service departments to learn more about how schools handle the storage, refrigeration, and service of milk during school mealtimes. What the survey revealed was that about 44 percent of the schools in Idaho were operating food services without up to date refrigeration for their milk supply and in some cases, with no milk coolers at all.

"It is alarming that so many schools do not have proper refrigeration for their milk. As beverage competition increases it is important that milk be offered at its best, and that means cold," said Kelly Buhler, RD, and Nutrition Education Specialist for the Idaho Dairy Council.

To help 80 Idaho schools obtain proper refrigeration equipment, the United Dairymen of Idaho created a grant program that placed 80 new milk coolers in schools around Idaho. The cost of the program was \$175,000. Participating schools were given the choice of receiving a small 8-crate, medium 12-crate or large 16-crate cooler. And the best part, the coolers are decorated with black and white cow spots.

For many school like Gooding, the grant was an answer to a prayer. Angela Baumann with Gooding School District's Food Service said she was excited to add a large capacity milk cooler to the school's cafeteria.

In the past, Baumann said the milk was served from milk crates that were kept somewhat chilled by cooler children to add milk to their meals.

Buhler noted that incorporating a milk cooler into any school's kitchen equipment makes sense, economically and nutritionally.

First, Buhler said that milk has a longer shelf life when it is stored between 32 and 35 degrees Fahrenheit, lasting between 10 and 24 days. One degree warmer and the milk lasts just about two to five days. Anything over 40 degrees Fahrenheit means milk may not make it more than a day or two. Secondly, colder milk just tastes better and children are more likely to drink the milk if it is colder. If the children are drinking milk, then they are receiving more nutrients for proper growth and development.

When sodas and fruit drinks replace milk, it is hard for children to get the key nutrients they need for growth and development."

Buhler added. Because almost 45 percent of skeletal mass is formed between the ages of nine and 18, health professionals recommend at least 1,300 mg of calcium every day for this age group; the equivalent of four servings of milk, cheese or yogurt.

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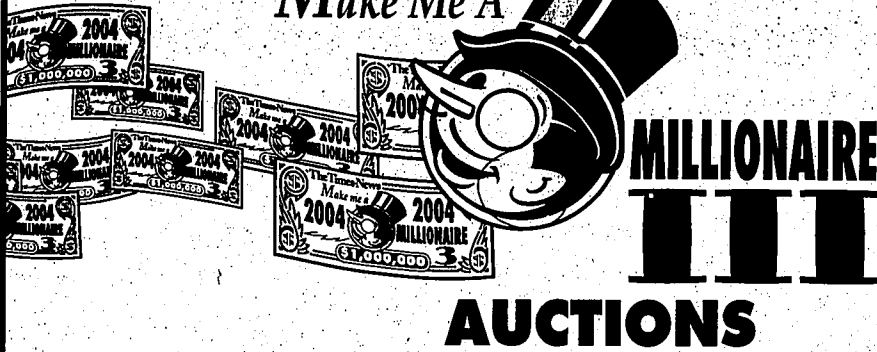
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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Chamber holds ribbon-cutting

HALLEY — The Halley Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10 a.m. Friday for the new Iconoclast Books, 618 S. Main St.

Owners Gary Hung and Sarah Hedrick currently operate an Iconoclast Books store in Ketchum. Hedrick will be the manager of the new Halley store.

An open house will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday to celebrate the store's opening and thank the vendors in Halley that Iconoclast used to create the new store.

The public is welcome at both events.

Small Business Center will host workshop

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Small Business Development Center at the College of Southern Idaho will hold a one-evening workshop for small-business operators from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday at the offices of Dodds and Associates, 397 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. A second session will be held Oct. 26 at the CSI's Blaine County Center in the old Wood River High School.

"Everything You Want (and Need) to Know About Taxes" is designed to help business owners better understand the taxes they must pay and learn techniques on how to reduce them. Instructor J. Terry Dodds, a Twin Falls certified public accountant, will discuss updates and recent changes in tax laws, techniques to defer or shift taxes, structuring the business entity, record keeping systems and more.

Cost is \$40 per person. Spouses or business partners may enroll for an additional \$10.

For information or to enroll, contact Sherry Rust at 732-6455 or srust@csi.edu.

NxLevel offers enhancement courses

TWIN FALLS — Two business enhancement courses for small-business operators who want to start or already have started businesses will begin soon at the Idaho Small Business Development Center at the College of Southern Idaho.

NxLevel Business Start-up Planning will help individuals identify and measure their entrepreneurial skills and expand them before they start a business. It will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 6 through Dec. 15.

NxLevel for Entrepreneurs is for current business owners, managers and professionals who want to expand an existing business. It will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 23 through Dec. 16.

Women's conference scheduled for Oct. 21

BOISE — The fifth annual Idaho Everywoman's Financial Conference, hosted by State Treasurer Ron Hovland, will be held from 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Oct. 21 at the Boise Centre on the Grove.

The all-day event is designed specifically for women and focuses on learning the techniques of saving, investing and planning for their future and the future of the families.

Comedian Vicki Lawrence, keynote speaker, is scheduled to speak from 3:15 p.m. She will sign autographs and mingle in the front lobby after her presentation.

Other speakers are Vince Farrell, chief executive officer of Victory Asset Management and a regular guest on CNBC and CNN; and Karen Sheridan, financial planner and author of "Money Mystique."

Breakout session topics include "Budgeting Your Life on Any Size Paycheck," "Take Control of Your Debt," "Retire on Time," "Investing 101," "Investing 201," "Pick the Right Financial Team," "Loan Applications Made Simple," "Income Tax Guide 101: A Guide to Understanding your Personal and Small Business Income Taxes," "Insurance: How Much is Enough?" and "Estate Planning."

Admission is free, paid for by sponsors who desire to help provide this information to women.

Registration is open now and will be completed by calling the treasurer's office at (208) 334-3200 or visiting the Web site at www.smart-women.state.id.us.

— compiled from staff reports

Cool weather yields good crops

Water supply worries farmers

By Cindy Snyder
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Despite a prolonged drought, crops across southern Idaho are looking fairly good at harvest this year.

Cool spring conditions provided nearly optimal growing conditions for early season crops like small grains and peas. While the cooler summer temperatures allowed growers to stretch limited irrigation water supplies, the lack of intense heat has slowed corn silage and may have hurt some dry bean varieties.

But as growers look beyond the 2004 harvest, it's not the good yields or lackluster prices they're thinking about — it's water and how much water they'll have for the 2005 season and future seasons.

After five years of drought, many growers are asking whether this is the fifth year of a five-year drought or the fifth year of a 10-year drought. Some climatologists have an even grimmer outlook, saying that the last several decades were unusually wet and the West is now returning to a more "normal" precipitation period.

Groundwater pumpers have a double worry. Not only is the prolonged drought impacting water levels in the aquifer, but mitigating the impacts of groundwater pumping to spring users has been expensive, and future costs are unknown.

Mitigation costs, water worries

John O'Connor runs a farm management business in Buhl and manages farms from Bell, Idaho, to Kimberly, just south on the north side of the Snake River. One of his clients owns farmland on the Hunt Project near Jerome, he said, which relies on both surface water and groundwater for irrigation.

O'Connor said that client is interested in investing in irrigation improvements for the farm, but is stymied. Until the conflict between spring users and groundwater users is resolved, no one knows how much each pumper will be required to pay for mitigation.

Pumpers have spent \$3.5 million on mitigation efforts in the last three years, a bill that has cost individual pumpers several thousand dollars. An interim legislative committee has been charged with studying the



Lod beans are harvested on Brent Woody's fields west of Twin Falls. Farmers like Woody could fetch higher prices for beans due to a Midwest frost this season that affected bean yields there.

aquifer problem and proposing a solution by March 2005.

Irrigators who rely on the Snake River for the irrigation water supply started the 2004 season with the Upper Snake Reservoir system just half full.

Although the American Falls Reservoir, District No. 1, which supplies water on the north side of the river, exhausted its supply by late August, most other irrigation projects relying on the Snake River will have enough water for the entire season. Smaller projects that rely on mountain streams for irrigation water ran out in July and August.

Cooler weather good for grains, hay

Rather than a record-setting string of days above 100 degrees

like last season, temperatures this season stayed in the 80s and 90s. Timely rains fell, particularly in eastern Idaho, which helped irrigators stretch limited irrigation water supplies.

Early season crops benefited the most from the cooler weather, particularly small grains like barley and wheat.

"We've got excellent yields and quality," said Bruce Waag, an agronomist with Coors Brewing Co. in Burley. "We had ideal growing conditions and we've got an excellent crop to show for it."

Kirk Carpenter with AgriSource in Burley agreed. "The quality of the wheat is excellent," Carpenter said. Test weights on all varieties have been averaging 61 pounds, he said. And growers reported yields that were 10 to 15 percent

above average.

Unfortunately, the rest of the world has also harvested a good wheat crop, and wheat prices have dropped from around \$3.50 a bushel last spring to \$3 a bushel at harvest this year, Carpenter said.

A projected bumper U.S. corn crop has depressed feed barley prices to the point where the barley crop is eligible for federal deficiency payments, the first time barley growers will receive those payments since 1996, Waag said.

Farm manager O'Connor said grain and pea yields were great across the farms he manages. Hay also did well, averaging 2 1/2- to 3-ton-per-acre on the first cutting and 6 to 6-1/2 tons over the first three cuttings. The trick for growers trying to put up dairy-quality

HARVEST

About these stories

These articles first appeared in the October edition of Southern Idaho Business, a business-to-business publication of The Times-News. We are reprinting them here to ensure all Times-News readers have a chance to benefit.

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hay was to get it baled without the hay getting rained on.

Higher bean and potato prices?

If O'Connor has seen a crop suffer from water stress, it's beans, he said. "Trying to get the hay crop watered once after first and second cutting meant the beans didn't always get water when they needed it."

"If the beans come in on average (yield) I'll be thrilled," he said.

The short heat wave that did visit the Magic Valley came while beans were setting pods, said Glen Gler, a field man with Genetec. Too much heat at pod set can cause the plant to drop a set of pods, reducing yield.

On the other hand, frost in the Red River Valley in Minnesota and North Dakota, a large dry bean production area, has reduced yields there and may push up the price of beans, Gler said.

Potato growers are also poised to benefit from the frost in the Red River Valley. Potato prices were forecast to be good this year, but potato demand is down. If the Red River Valley crop is damaged because of the frost, that could mean better prices for Idaho growers too, Twin Falls crop consultant Dennis Crawford said.

Here in Magic Valley, growers are expecting a good potato crop — the tubers appear to have sized well, and early dig potatoes have been good quality, Crawford said. The crop of Norkothas, an early potato variety, was damaged by the winds in May and June, but otherwise, pest and disease problems were minimal.

Average sugar beet harvest predicted

Sugar beets appear also to be headed for an average harvest, but irrigation water shortages could influence the beet crop.

Growers on the Millner-Gooding canal system ran out of water in late August and will begin digging beets in mid-September. No one is sure how much not irrigating the crop for three weeks before harvest will affect yields or harvestability.

Growers of the Millner Irrigation District, where water is also extremely tight, will also start harvesting sugar beets in mid-September.

Does more water equal better crops?

Not necessarily, Salmon Tract farmers say

By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

HOLLISTER — Near-normal winter snowpack and spring rains led to an all-around better water and growing season for irrigators on the Salmon Tract.

The favorable weather conditions early on meant the water supply from the Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir ran from May 14 through Aug. 24, when the gates of the dam closed with the reservoir at 3 percent of capacity. Last year, the water supply was gone by mid-July.

Salmon Tract irrigators had it better this year. But the results still fell short for some.

Farmers on the tract grow grains like malt barley and wheat, as well as dry beans and

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peas. The land also is used to grow corn for silage and alfalfa hay that is fed to beef cattle or sold to area dairies.

Few growers raise the sugar beets or potatoes popular elsewhere in the valley. Those crops would require the use of supplemental wells to provide enough water for the crops, and few farmers have those wells, said Ron Jones, a Salmon River Canal Co. board member who farms about 700 acres on the tract's northern edge.

The rationing of water on the Salmon Tract is different than other canal companies, like Twin Falls or North Side, Jones said.

"Everyone's a little different because some people have

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Farm labor employment depends on water availability

By Sandra Wisecaver
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Farm markets and wages for seasonal workers at this year's harvest are comparable to last year, but water shortage concerns mean a shorter working season for some workers.

"We have a serious water shortage due to a prolonged drought, and some of the farmers have switched to shorter duration crops so they won't have to use a

HARVEST lot of water," Greg Rogers said.

Rogers, regional labor economist for Idaho Commerce and Labor, said a season is two or three weeks shorter, that's two or three weeks of wages seasonal workers are not going to get.

The average wage for a farm worker is \$7.75 to \$8, Rogers said. Some farmers include room and board in seasonal workers' wages.

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Seasonal Blicks Farms workers Alvaro Hurtado and Jorge Alvarado take apart hand lines in a potato field. Irrigators like Hurtado and Alvarado are paid \$750 bi-weekly, plus room and board and a harvest bonus.

SANDRA WISECAVER/The Times-News

YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

Realtor earns SIOR designation

TWIN FALLS — Realtor Steve DiLuca has earned the Specialist, Industrial and Office Real Estate designation from the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors.

The society certifies qualified members with the SIOR title, a professional symbol of the highest level of knowledge, production and ethics in the real estate industry.

DiLuca is only the 12th Realtor in Idaho to receive the designation and the only professional in Twin Falls and southern Idaho to have SIOR status.

In order to qualify for SIOR consideration, DiLuca had to meet a high volume of commercial sales for a consistent period of time; complete at least five years of credible experience in commercial real estate; demonstrate professional ability, competency, ethical conduct and personal integrity and complete advanced educational courses.

The Society of Industrial and Office Realtors is an international professional association of professional commercial real estate brokers. DiLuca is a partner at Western Real Estate Group, a full-service real estate agency with offices in Twin Falls and Jerome.

Jerome First Federal hires loan officer

JEROME — Rob Lundgren was hired recently as a loan officer at the Jerome office of First Federal Savings Bank.

Lundgren is a graduate of Boise State University. For the past eight years, he has been the Jerome Fairgrounds manager.

He is involved in the community of Jerome as a Kiwanis member, chamber ambassador, city councilman, St. Benedict's Foundation Board member, Jerome Fair Board member and precinct committee man for the Jerome Republican Central Committee.

Lundgren was formerly a Jerome City volunteer firefighter, served on the HealthNet Board and the Jerome Recreation Board and was the Region IV Development employment and training coordinator.

Land Title hires mortgage lenders

JEROME — Land Title and Escrow Inc. announced two additions to its Jerome office.

Bob Richards was appointed business development director for the Jerome and Gooding offices. He previously served as Economic Development director for the Jerome Chamber of Commerce, serving both Jerome and Jerome County. Richards was also manager and assistant vice president for Washington Federal Savings in Jerome.

Sylvia Busman was appointed as escrow officer for the Jerome office. She has eight years of experience in the mortgage industry, including four

years with a mortgage lender and 2 1/2 years of escrow experience with local title companies. She returned to the area from Boise in May.

Land Title and Escrow Inc. serves Cassia, Minidoka, Jerome, Lincoln and Gooding counties with offices in Jerome, Burley, Rupert and Gooding.

Speech therapists get certification

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Regional Medical Center speech therapists Shannon O'Connor and Kami Gillette recently attended a therapy certification course for use of Vital-Stim therapy. Both have been certified to be Vital-Stim therapy providers.

Vital-Stim is a specialized, FDA-approved treatment program to address swallowing difficulties in pediatric and adult patients. It utilizes low-level electronic pulses to stimulate and strengthen the muscles used for swallowing.

Vital-Stim can benefit patients with swallowing problems resulting from stroke, brain injury, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy and cancer. Magic Valley Regional said.

For information about the new treatment option, call the hospital's Rehabilitation Services at 737-2126.

Reeder Flying Service promotes employee

TWIN FALLS — J. Joe Reeder was promoted to parts department manager at Reeder Flying Service Inc.

He holds an airframe and powerplant maintenance certificate from the Federal Aviation Administration.

Reeder previously worked in the maintenance department of Reeder Flying Service as a mechanic.

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TWIN FALLS — Physical therapist Randy Clark joined Rehabilitation Services at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Clark, a graduate of Tuskegee Institute, is a 13-year Twin Falls resident and has 21 years of experience providing physical therapy for patients.

Clark has focused on industrial and occupational medicine during his career, with specialized training in ergonomics and job site evaluation, pre-employment job screenings,

educational injury prevention programs and nerve conduction testing to evaluate potential for carpal tunnel syndrome.

He also has completed specialized training in treating orthopedic-related disorders including spinal care and joint dysfunction. He has a special interest in sports-related disorders.

Rehabilitation Services can be reached at 737-2126.

M.V. Medical Center hires new therapist

TWIN FALLS — T.J. Newton, a registered/licensed occupational therapist, joined Rehabilitation Services at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Newton, a native of Twin Falls, received a bachelor's degree from Albion College of Idaho and attended Loma Linda University for his occupational therapy training.

He previously worked at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, where he focused on occupational health of the hand and upper extremities. Newton also has experience treating patients with spinal cord injuries, traumatic brain injuries and neurological disorders.

Newton is married with two children.

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RUPERT — Avon chose Rupert resident Doris Senecal to receive an award that Avon says recognizes a life lived — and business conducted — according to Avon values: trust, respect, belief, humility and integrity.

At a recent awards ceremony recognizing members of Avon President's Club, a group whose membership is limited to Avon's top sales representatives, Senecal was presented with the Spirit of Avon Award. Each year, one Avon President's Club member from each district is selected.

Avon is a direct seller of beauty and related products, with \$6.9 billion in annual revenues. Avon markets to women around the world through 4.4 million independent sales representatives. More information can be found at www.avon.com.

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BREAKING GROUND



Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert kicks off its construction project. The remodeling should take about nine months and will include new energy-efficient windows, a new roof, a new entrance to the Extended Care Facility wing and other improvements. From left are Garth Baker, hospital board member; Ted Garcia, chairman of the finance committee; John Cameron, chairman of the board of trustees; Dave Tester, chairman of the hospital board; Mark Newman, chairman of the construction committee; Carl Hansen, hospital administrator; Kathy Gonnell, Social Services; Teresa Hart, director of nursing in the Extended Care Facility; Jackie Hinrichs, activities director of Extended Care; Joel Rogers, human resources manager at Minidoka Memorial; and Dr. Kerry Saurey, medical director of the Extended Care Facility.

KeyBank presents leadership forum

BOISE — KeyBank will present "Celebrating Women in Business and Leadership" Tuesday at the Boise Centre on the Grove, 850 Front St.

Registration is from 5:30 to 6 p.m., and a panel discussion will be held from 6 to 8 p.m.

Carolyn Holly of KTVB NewsChannel 7 will be the panel moderator. Panelists are Nori Carpenter, executive director of the Better Business Bureau Inc.; Sharon Payne, marketing director for Peterson Autoplex and Peterson's Stampede; Deborah Martin, president and owner of DJM Sales Marketing; Dr. Tamara Simon, owner of Rocky Mountain OB/GYN; Elaine Martin, president of MarCan Inc. and

MarCan Precan Inc.; and Bonnie Vestal, medical counselor.

Cost is \$20 per person for general admission or \$180 for a table of 10. To register, call St. Luke's Women's Fitness Celebration at (208) 381-2221 or visit the Web site at www.wibboise.org.

Sponsors include KeyBank, St. Luke's Women's Fitness Celebration and ClearChannel Radio.

Salmon

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more water (shares) than others," Jones said.

A full share is about 1.167 acre-feet, and farmers average about 2.5 shares per acre, Jones said, but shareholders rarely have received their full shares since the drought began four years ago.

To help extend the season, Salmon Tract irrigators stopped watering for five days in late May, while the first cutting of hay was down.

Irrigators have an idea of how much water they'll receive per acre before the season starts, and they can base their crop selection on that knowledge.

But it's hard to predict when the reservoir will dip below run-

ning capacity and the water run out, Jones said.

"It's like having a checking account," he said. "You can run (the water) out fast or slow."

While the cooler summer weather was good for the barley and wheat crops, it didn't bode well for bean growers like Mike Courtney, president of the canal company board.

"The water was better, but overall, it's not going to be a good year," Courtney said. "Bean yields are going to be way off."

It was a little too cold early in the season for good bean growth, Courtney said, and an early-summer hailstorm did a number on his 200 acres east of Hollister.

"My beans didn't recover," he said.

Everett Messner, who farms about 1,300 acres just south of Twin Falls, said his beans looked better than expected. But he was disappointed with his corn crop.

The corn was planted on several fields that had to lie dormant last season due to the lack of water, and it didn't perform as well as he had hoped.

"It was a combination of the land being excessively dry and timing — if I would have irrigated a little sooner, they would have looked better," he said.

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John Deere shows 'sign' of possible recovery

BURLEY, Idaho — A new sign is not necessarily a sign of prosperity.

When the familiar John Deere dealership by the bridge crossing the Snake River in Burley got a new sign and a new paint job earlier this year, the improvements drew notice from the community.

Could the new sign on the dealership be a sign that Mini-Cassia ag economy is recovering from a long slump?

Deere Chief Executive Robert Lane boosted his annual forecast for equipment-sales growth to 32 percent, with as much as 20 percent growth in the United States and Canada.

But the rise in equipment sales was not felt as much in southern Idaho as it was in other parts of the country where corn, cotton, soybeans and cattle are grown, said Joey Christiansen, owner of Christiansen Implement of Burley Inc., the John Deere dealership in Burley.

"There is about four times more acres dedicated to corn than to any other crop in the United States," he said.

Machinery sales rose in other parts of the world, but prices for the main types of crops grown in Mini-Cassia — potatoes and sugar beets — still lag behind and are not boosting machinery sales for Christiansen.

"We're not making a ton of money," he said, but sales are up from last year, he said.

Family hopes to weave different crop from wheat

PAUL, Idaho — A farm family in south central Idaho is taking a different approach when evaluating which wheat varieties to grow. Yes, straw strength is still important, but straw stem must also be flexible enough to braid. And rather



Chet Ward, service manager at Christiansen Implement of Burley, Inc. shows the new sign the company installed earlier this year. Farm machinery companies have reported recent growth.

than worrying about percent protein in the kernel, the family is interested in how pretty the entire head is.

That's because the wheat they're growing is destined for the dried decorative/floral trade rather than a flour mill.

The Suchan family, David and his wife Kathie (pronounced

Kate) and his mother Donna began supplying wheat to wheat weavers last year.

When Donna started weaving wheat again, the family took another look at developing a business of supplying wheat to individual weavers and eventually to craft and hobby stores. A variety that yields well and has

Find the right debit card that works for you

By Marshall Loeb
CBS MarketWatch

NEWYORK — Debit cards are the latest rage in plastic payment, but like credit cards, not all are created equal.

A debit card looks similar to a credit card. But instead of borrowing money from your line of credit and paying it off later, a debit card takes money directly out of your bank account. In 2003, 31 percent of in-store

transactions were completed with a debit card, reports the American Bankers Association. That's compared with 21 percent in 1999.

There are two types of debit cards, writes Deby Fowles, author of "The Everything Personal Finance in Your 20s & 30s Book." A traditional debit card is issued solely through your bank. You must enter a personal identification number, or PIN, to complete a transac-

tion. Then there's a deferred debit card. It is also issued through your bank, but bears the logo of a major credit card company. To use it, you can enter a PIN or sign for the purchase as you would with a credit card.

When you choose a debit card, first find out what kinds your bank offers and ask about any associated fees. One in five banks now tacks on charges for each transaction completed by

entering a PIN, the Wall Street Journal reports. Other fees are levied for minimum balance requirements, ATM use or for having the debit card itself.

Fowles said cards that work only with a PIN are safer. If the card is ever stolen, the thief can't access your bank account unless he or she also has your PIN. With deferred debit cards, the thief can simply sign your name.

Water

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Seasonal workers for Castleford-based Bick Farms work from March until late September or early October. This year, some workers will finish Sept. 20.

The Bick family farms about 4,250 acres in Twin Falls, Jerome and Gooding counties and employ 16 seasonal workers as well as a number of year-round employees, Chad Bick said.

"I have 10 guys who move (irrigation) pipe, but now there's only half as much water running," Chad Bick said. "It's a little earlier on the north side because the canal company abates the water off there (in early September).

"I'd say we're letting a few of them go a little bit earlier because farm prices aren't as good and the water situation is different."

Seasonal field workers cut seed spuds, weed beets and harvest potatoes, and in this market they generally are paid at or slightly above minimum wage. Bick's seasonal irrigators are paid \$750 biweekly and provided a house, a truck, paid utilities and a bonus at the end of the season.

The amount of work available for seasonal workers varies by employer, and those with seniority stay the longest.

Lilla Medina, who works in potatoes and beets for Bick Farms, said she has stayed as busy this year as last year. But worker Maria Lopez, who harvests potatoes for Bick Farms, has had less work than normal this year. Lopez also weeds beets for other farmers who have reduced acres this year.

Water shortages have created challenges in keeping crops watered this season. The Bick family has been able, however, to move water around from place to place to get through the season.

Contracted Coors barley and wheat were the best prices this year," Gary Bick said. "At this point, there really isn't anything exciting. It's just average, but fertilizer, fuel, electricity costs are increasing."

There will be enough to water the beets for harvest, but not enough to keep all the seasonal

workers busy, Chad Bick said. "You really can't afford to have (workers) standing around in agriculture if you don't have something for them to do," he said. "It would be a lot different if you had \$9 and \$10 spuds and the beet sugars were up around \$23 and \$24 nets."

The labor force working on Magic Valley farms annually from April to October numbers between 8,000 and 9,000, labor economist Rogers said, Jerome and Gooding counties, with higher concentrations of dairies, have lower unemployment due to the year-round nature of dairy work.

"A lot of full-time dairy workers have benefits," Rogers said. "Some provide room and board, and they tend to be higher paying right around entry level — generally \$20,000 to \$25,000 annually."

Jim and Frank Cnossen, owners and operators of Cnossen Brothers Co. and Cnossen Dairy, don't employ any seasonal workers. The Cnossens' 600 acres of farm ground are rented out, and the brothers have first

option on the purchase of the hay and corn crop grown on their land.

The majority of the Cnossen Dairy's 40 to 45 employees make about \$35,000 annually, including benefits, Jim Cnossen said. Benefits include housing utilities and insurance coverage for workers and their families.

"We also give their families beef to eat all year long, plus profit sharing for employees during good years," he said.

Employees at Kowz R Us Dairy near Castleford make more than \$10 per hour, with most making closer to \$12 per hour, owner/operator Harry Hoogland said. Employees are also eligible for medical coverage and a retirement plan, as well as vacation, and holiday bonuses.

Hoogland has turned his farming operation over to a manager, Terry Genterman, who does part of the work and oversees custom work done on the farm. Genterman, like the Bicks, said he was able to stretch the water through the growing season.

Farmbeat

Highlights of this week's Magic Valley Ag Weekly, The Times-Herald's weekly report on agriculture.

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Growers see good harvest, await outcome

BUHL, Idaho — South central Idaho's dry edible bean crop looks good as the harvest passes the halfway mark, while frost damage to beans in North Dakota puts upward pressure on prices, according to officials and producers.

The Idaho crop was about 40 percent harvested Wednesday in the Buhl area, said Keith Shark of Rangen Inc. bean dealership in Buhl.

"The crop has been excellent from a quality standpoint," Shark said. "Yields have been average or a little better."

Statewide, harvest was 54 percent done on Sunday, said the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service. That compares to 54 percent at the same time a year ago and 47 percent for the five-year average.

Doug Carluquet, who farms beans near Eden and Hazelton said the quality has been good, and there haven't been rains in his area that would hurt quality during harvest. He says yields have also been decent.

Prices, however, are in flux. An Aug. 19-20 frost in North Dakota, which is easily the largest bean-producing state in the nation, damaged the bean crop there, according to the Farm Service Agency in North Dakota.

Discuss college expenses with kids

By Marshall Loeb
CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK — The cost of sending a child to college is shocking for many parents. In addition to tuition, room and board can be onerous expenses.

"When your child is ready for college, talk about the costs, recommends Janet Bodnar, executive editor for Kiplinger's Personal Finance. "When parents and kids don't talk about money issues," she said, "the kids go off expecting that the parents will pay for everything."

Outline what you will pay for and what your child should pay for, setting firm limits on your contributions, Bodnar advises. Your child should have either a summer job or a work-study job during school terms. "Part of the college experience is paying for it," she added.

Bodnar, who has two college-age children, said students appreciate their college education better when they are responsible for paying a part of

the bills. They take the experience more seriously, and may be less apt to drop classes, perform poorly or do anything else that would push back their graduation date (and therefore add to their own bills).

If you choose to send money, don't hand over a lump sum at the beginning of the semester to cover several months. Instead, transfer a set amount to your child's bank account every month. This will help youngsters budget better. "If you've been taking care of them all this time, managing money is going to be hard for them," Bodnar added.

Talk to your child about credit cards, but don't pay for their debts. Bodnar advises that you don't give your child a credit card for expenses, or even for emergencies. Some students consider late-night pizza or a new outfit for a party as "emergencies" worthy of pulling out their credit card.

"In a pinch, you can always get money to your kid," she said.

Seminar will educate employers on drugs in the workplace

The Times-Herald

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Drug Free Workplace Project will host "Legal Elimination of Drugs in the Workplace: Detection, Intervention & Resources," a seminar for businesses who want to learn more about preventing and confronting drug use in the workplace.

The seminar will be held Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Rick Allen Room at CS's Harvett Center. The cost is \$25.00 per person, and registrations can be made online at www.mvdrugfree.org or by calling 733-1300.

The conference is designed for businesses who need drug-free workplace policies that require supervisors to receive reasonable cause training. Attending this seminar can help keep these supervisors in compliance.

The seminar may also be helpful to business owners who wish to establish drug-free workplace policies and programs. Attendees will learn the many benefits and rights employers have when a comprehensive policy is in place, how to establish a policy and how to spot drug use by employees.

Seminar attendees will receive sample policies and resource materials.

The seminar will feature a number of presentations, including:

- "Establishing and Living By

Your Drug Free Workplace Policy" by Carl Johnson, human resource consultant.

"Employee's Rights In Search, Seizure and Policy Implementation" by Thomas D. Kershaw, Jr., EC attorney at law.

"Illegal Drug Use — Recognition, Behavioral Indicators, Confiscation and Documentation" by Sean Walker, Idaho State Police trooper; Dan Thom of the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department; and Brent Evans of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

"Drug Court's Impact on Employer and Employee" by Darrell Roskelley, coordinator for the 5th Judicial District Drug Court.

"My Journey As An Employed User Through Recovery" by Vanessa Scales.

"Impact of Drug Use in the Workplace" by Anita Taylor.

"Business Support Resources — Employee Assistance & Community Programs" by Sandy Colling of Business Psychology Associates; Sheri Molina, coordinator of the Twin Falls County District's Safe & Drug Free Schools program; Carl Johnson of Living Free; and Kim Takagi of the Idaho Insurance Commission.

The Magic Valley Drug Free Workplace project was established in 1986 to market against the use of drugs in Magic Valley workplaces. More than 60 businesses representing over 7,600 employees belong to the organization.

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BUSINESS LISTINGS

The Times-News

BOISE — Following is the list of businesses filed during August with the Idaho secretary of state's office — including both new ones and existing ones that had been filed with counties and had to be refiled with the state.

Businesses are listed by name, agent, address and nature of business.
2-K Trucking, Cathy Koehn, 1177 W 200
Munrogh, ID 83349, services and agriculture.

945 E. 3400 N., Castleford, ID 83421, unaffiliated and public utility.
Elle Bella Coutures, Wendy M. Gray, PO Box 1033, Ketchikan, ID 83343, retail trade.
G & H Dairy LLC, John Gerner, 1987 Highland Ave., Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

Making Great Impressions, Daniel J. Peterson, 1200 Public Safety, ID 83303, retail trade.
Maldonado Trucking, Ramon Mal, 1200 Public Safety, ID 83303, retail trade.
Midwest Painting Inc., Brenda Joyce, 311 W. Hwy. 101, ID 83303, services.

Even e-mailed resumes crash, burn

By Steven Gray
The Washington Post

Of the dozens of resumes that land on Kim Fowler's desk each day, few are error-free. Many, says the Columbus, Ohio, headhunter, are splattered with a hodgepodge of unrelated points that do not convey a goal. Others have cluttered designs or factual and spelling errors.

One job candidate recently sent him a resume that listed among his accomplishments serving as umpire for an amateur baseball league — for a job that had nothing to do with sports.
"Was that the relevance?" Fowler, president of Fowler Placement Services Inc., recalled thinking. "This resume should be filled with relevant information that compels somebody to make a phone call to you."

Presenting a resume these days is physically easy, particularly with employers' growing preference for e-mailed resumes. But these vital documents remain a pain because of spelling-checkers that have become a standard feature on word processing systems, hasty job seekers often ignore the basic rules of resume etiquette by not checking for grammatical errors or inviting an extra pair of human eyes to glance over the finished product.

Those choices often determine whether a job seeker will emerge as a serious candidate or get ignored. Resumes are a prospective employer's first impression of a candidate — and the last impression, if the resume is too complicated for a time-pressed screener to clearly understand a candidate's goals and qualifications.
"Michael Worthington, a former recruiter who runs Resumedoctor.com from Burlington, Vt., tells his clients that the fundamental rule of resume etiquette is to create a clear, simple design. Steer clear of elaborate graphics and fonts, especially when applying to a conservative firm. Resumes

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- Include your complete contact information on the resume, including e-mail addresses.
• Customize your resume for the job to which you are applying.
• If you are e-mailing your resume, name the file "JohnDoeResume.doc," rather than "simple_resume.doc," to distinguish it from others.
• Proofread your resume.
• Keep the design simple, steering clear of elaborate graphics and fonts.

Source: www.resumedoctor.com, Washington Post reporting

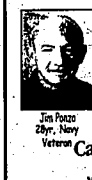
ring to affiliations with politically charged groups, or even membership in professional organizations for ethnic groups. If someone is president of the local chapter of the National Rifle Association, "It's not something you would necessarily talk about," he said. "Anything that could be considered controversial or polarizing, you'd have to give it extra thought."

Among the biggest mistakes that job candidates make, particularly those who have been out of the market for years, is assuming that resumes should be printed, on high-quality resume paper, and mailed.
"It's very old-school, and I'm not just saying that because I run an Internet site. But that's really the case," said Steven Rothberg, who operates Collegeresume.com from Minneapolis.

Rothberg said he is convinced that recruiters, particularly those for large companies, prefer e-mailed resumes because scanning and storing a printed resume becomes time-consuming. "It's a hassle, and it's more expensive," he said.

He advises not sending a resume as an e-mail attachment because many employers fear viruses; instead, convert a resume to a copy and paste it into the text of an e-mail.

But there's an exception to the e-mail rule: Old-school firms and small, owner-operated businesses often prefer printed, mailed resumes.
"Send Rothberg 'in all likelihood, your resume is going to be printed out, and the owner is going to have a stack of 20, 30 resumes printed out on his desk. In that case, you're simplifying the process."



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The Times-News is looking for an individual who is experienced in computer graphics design to work in our Twin Falls office. The successful candidate will design advertisements and possess the ability to maintain quality control of production from start to finish, including printing and delivery. Design skills are essential. Candidates will have an Associates Degree in Computer Graphics or the equivalent. Experience with Macintosh computers using Quark/Press, Adobe Illustrator & Photoshop. This is a full-time position with benefits including: \$401k Paid vacation Qualified candidates send resume to: Kristin Schmidt The Times-News PO Box 848 Twin Falls, ID 83303 or email to kristin@timesnews.com

GENERAL
Exp/Free Trimmer, must have drivers license, 2 yrs experience. Call 324-7697

GENERAL
INTERMOUNTAIN NOW HIRING! We are looking for a Mechanic Production House keeping Cleaning/Construction WE'VE MOVED Apply in person at: 1081 N. Suite 200 Buhl, Idaho 208-837-2000 Hiring for Twin Falls, Burley, Buhl, Flair, Jerome, Idaho. Limited position!! So Habla Espanol!! www.intermountainidaho.com

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ALL CLIENTELE PROVIDED!
QUARANTEED BASE WAGE \$7-412
MEDICAL & DENTAL INSURANCE PLANS
MATERNITY LEAVE
MANAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY
PRODUCT BONUS
PROFITIVITY BONUS (No Quotas)
FUN NON-COMPETITIVE SALON
RELOCATION ASSISTANCE TO OTHER Great Clips Salons (nearly over 2,300)

LABORERS
Immediate openings in Twin Falls at Heavy Duty positions in food processing, all shifts for sanitation, cleaning, packaging, and trim line. For application & interview call 735-8002 or apply directly at 532 Blue Lakes N

LAW ENFORCEMENT
The Buhl Police Department is accepting applications for fill one opening for Police Officer within the next few weeks. Certified or Certifiable applicants only. Salary range is \$22.83 to \$29.00 per month. Applicants may be obtained at 201 Broadway Ave. N. Buhl, Idaho 83316. 208-845-4200 Closing date 09-27-04

MAINTENANCE
MILLWRIGHT or Local level mill looking for organized experienced person to install satellite systems in Twin Falls and surrounding areas. Need reliable truck & own tools. Must have clean DMV record. Good income. Fax resume to: 208-481-2108 Attn: Cliff

INSTALLER
Dish Network RSP operation looking for professional satellite people to install satellite systems in Twin Falls and surrounding areas. Need reliable truck & own tools. Must have clean DMV record. Good income. Fax resume to: 208-481-2108 Attn: Cliff

INSURANCE
Twin Falls Insurance Agency seeking individuals to sell life insurance. Must have P&C license w/experience. State with commission. Health and retirement plan available. Send resume to: Box 90588 o/o The Times-News PO Box 848 Twin Falls, ID 83303

HAIR STYLIST
ROBYN TODD is now hiring a part-time hair stylist. Apply in person at the Mega Valley Mall, Twin Falls.

JANITORIAL MAINTENANCE
Full-time applicant must be able to clean warehouse and be able to use all the equipment and machines are in good working order. Must have a drivers license. Wage DOE 733-9277

JOB FAIR
Looking for a Job? Career change? Educational Direction? Come to the Southern Idaho Career Fair Tuesday September 28th 10 am - 6 pm CSI Gymnasium

MANAGER
Dry Cleaner Manager, experience preferred but not necessary. Immediate opening available. Salary DOE. Requires people skills and excellent customer service. Call 324-5110

MANAGER
WANTED With two years retail sales experience \$4.7 billion and ranked 46th among Fortune 500 privately held companies. Flying J Inc. is looking for a manager to manage our Interstate retail and hospitalty industry. We currently have openings in a manager trainee's in retail/consumer store.

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MANUFACTURING
Immediate opening for Packagers at daily to weekly shift in Richfield, ID. Must be able to lift 50lbs. bags on rollers. Must have a drivers license. Require weekend work. 12 hour shifts. Safety & quality are a "Big Deal" at. Glanbia Foods! Pack 1-007 Attn: Keith

MANAGEMENT
We're looking for HIGH-energy, career oriented, professional people to learn our business from ground up. Entry-level Management Trainee position is available in Twin Falls. If you have a 4 year degree, customer service and sales experience, are willing to work hard for a company that is growing, and within that please visit our website at www.ampco.com to complete an online application. Good driving record is a must. Candidate must be a local resident. This is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

MANUFACTURING
Plastic Fabrication, Production material Molding Machine Set-up Company benefits, dental, life insurance, vacation, paid holidays, and 401k plan. Applications available at: Spars Manufacturing Plant Security Office 2182 South Lincoln 208-324-3101 Spars is an Equal Opportunity Employer

MANUFACTURING
Manufacturing position available immediately. Individual with carpentry skills desired. Knowledge of sheet metal, welding and a plus. Good benefit, competitive wages please apply in person at 1925 Kimberly Rd. Drug Free Workplace.

MARKET RESEARCH
Has immediate openings for part-time work (16-30 hrs/week) Day Shift (7:30 AM-5:30 PM) Night Shift If you are interested in the following: O Ladd-Back Work Environment O Absolutely No Sales Call Only Market Research O Competitive Wages O Incentives O Waiting List/Distance from CS Campus O Starting Time to Complete with School O Scholarships Please pick up an application at: Discovery Research Group 762 Falls Ave. (The Turf Plaza) Or call (208)758-6001

MECHANIC
Must have own tools. Apply in person only. Bill's Automotive, 402 Main Avenue B.

MEDIA
Part-time position with KMVT-TV. Applicant must have the ability to handle multiple tasks in a fast-paced environment. possesses excellent computer and sales phone skills, and be detail oriented. Qualified minority or female applicants are encouraged to apply. A drug-free workplace and EEO employer. Send resume to: KMVT Attn: Traffic Manager, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd, Twin Falls, ID 83301

MEDICAL
Full-time RN/LPN in acute care setting Gooding Rehabilitation & Living Center at 208-934-8601.

MEDICAL
CNA evening/night shift. FT day shift RN. FT activity assistant, for acute care in a fast-paced environment. Please apply: 500 Park St. E. Jerome, ID 83301 Drug Free Workplace

MEDICAL
Full-time relief cook, Apply in person at: Feltz's 1220 Montana. Gooding ID ask for Vicki or Basile

MEDICAL
Part-time Therapy Technician needed to work with a diverse population of individuals and group development therapy. Wages up to \$7.74 per hour with appropriate education/experience. Prorated benefit package available. Stop by: MVRV 484 Eastland Dr. B. Twin Falls, ID or call 208-734-4112 for an application today. MVRV is an EEO Employer

MEDICAL
RN travel assignments. Many to choose from. High pay, housing, travel and benefits. Call today. 1-877-314-4633

MEDICAL
RN/ML Full-time 12 hour shifts Health benefits, competitive wage. Bury Co. Hospital 1729 Miller, Burley, Contact Glanbia 208-878-9474

MEDICAL
Get in the habit. Read the classifieds everyday. Call 733-9031.

MEDICAL
709 North Lincoln Avenue Jerome, Idaho 83338 (208) 324-4300 Fax (208) 324-3878

MEDICAL
St. Benedict's is a mission-driven health care organization providing patient-focused care. We are looking for caring professionals who want to work for a top quality health care provider.

MEDICAL
Director of Nursing (FT) Manage day-to-day operations of 40-bed skilled nursing facility including hiring/fining, staff development, direct patient care and expense management. Previous supervisory experience, leadership skills & must. Requires current RN license.

MEDICAL
Environmental Services Technician (FT) Housekeeping position working in hospital, clinics and administration areas. Experience preferred, early A.M. shift, some weekends.

MEDICAL
Lab Med. Tech (FT) Generalist position, phlebotomy skills desired. MT, MLT, or ASCP required. Days, call rotation.

MEDICAL
Competitive Wages/Excellent Benefits Group Health/Dental +PFT +401k Retirement Plan +Shift Differential Bonuses +Life Ins/AD&D

MEDICAL
The Times-News is looking for a person who is looking for a career opportunity in a fast-paced environment. We offer a competitive salary and excellent benefits package for any Position 20+ Hours/Week. Excellent Candidates Encouraged to Apply.

MEDICAL
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Human Resources R.O. Box 409, Twin Falls, ID 83305-0409 (208) 737-2113 or FAX (208) 737-2741. Employment Line: (208) 737-2778 jalmek@mrcc.com - Jalmek

MISCELLANEOUS
Sun Valley Resort is hiring for the Maintenance and Mountain Dept. Immediate opportunities: Plumber and Electrician, Painters, Carpenters, Winter Seasonal Positions, Snowmakers, Lift Electrician, Ski and Snowboard Instructors, Ski School Cashier, Ticket Office, Sales and Showroom, Ski Showroom. If interested, please contact: guthrie@sunvalley.com or guthrie@sunvalley.com

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PACKAGING
The Times-News is accepting applications for full-time and part-time positions in our Packaging Department...

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Dishwasher/Deliverer
Friday/Saturday nights
\$8-\$12/hr. average

RESTAURANT
Servers, line cook, dishwasher, prep. Must be available for all shifts.

SALES
Selling?
Our sales representatives can earn \$60,000 per year.

PROFESSIONAL
Physo Social
Rehabilitation
Specialist, \$16.5-\$20/hr.

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PURCHASING
Automated Dairy Systems is looking for the right person to join our team of dairy professionals...

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Service Technician
Post-harvest agricultural storage ventilation, refrigeration, temperature control...

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Shipping Supervisor: Experience required
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MEMBER OF THE AT&T WIRELESS NETWORK
Do you like technology, meeting and talking to new people? Edge Wireless could be for you! We are seeking professional, hard-working, dedicated individuals to join our team in Twin Falls...

The Wood River Journal
TECHNICAL
Voice data technician for South Central Idaho.
Minimum experience 3 years preferred. NCC, Nortel, key, PBX & IT solutions. Call and ask for Brent 208-404-1270.

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The Times-News has always dedicated itself to enhancing our delivery service for our customers. If you are very organized, self motivated, and enjoy working unsupervised, then we have the perfect business opportunity for you.

WE'RE GROWING
And We're Looking For...
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Body Technician
Apprentice Technicians
Experienced Technicians
Applications are available at the Blue Lakes Ford and Middlekauff Honda locations or you can contact Dale Cooper at dcooper@bigmidirect or call 280-3504.

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Earn extra \$\$ in your spare time. If you are a highly motivated self-starter looking to earn some extra money in your spare time, then this could be a great opportunity for you! The Times-News is looking for individuals interested in selling newspapers/subscriptions as independent Contractors. If you are interested in this opportunity, please call Jeni at 208-735-3302

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SWF, 42, seeking a man 37-47 I am new to the area. Looking for a friend. Must be an introvert, your race is not important. Bowmont 3242292

LOVED TO LAUGH
Active, outdoors, 60, 5'2", 130lbs, looking to share life, possessive with intelligent fun partner with a wide variety of interests. Boise 3252033

ONE-ONE-ONE
SF, 32, 5'9", 170lbs, long red hair, loves life, enjoys hiking, fishing, cooking, biking, sports, cuddling, one-on-one time, good dancing, social, fun, outgoing. Boise 3242855

ALOT TO OFFER
Ready for my next chapter in life SWF, fun-loving, outgoing, athletic, enjoys hiking, backpacking, canoeing, computer, outdoors, art, books, and more. Seeking SM 32-37 5'7" 175 lbs. Boise 3252322

CIRCLE THIS AD
Seeking life partner, SWF, 68, NS, very youthful and attractive. Seeking SM, 50-65, for friendship, hiking, Seeking outgoing SM, 61-71, for LTR. Boise 3242100

COULD IT BE ME?
SWF, 28, can't get to movies, dining out and hanging out at home. Seeking SM, 27-37, who is outgoing, fun, dating, possibly more. Boise 3240743

LOVE ON WHEELS
Honest, down-to-earth, loving, passionate woman, 46, seeks compassionate, committed, funny, caring, honest man for LTR. Friendship last. Boise 3240170

TAKE A CHANCE
SWF, 33, mother, enjoys learning, conversation, jazz, sports, walks, hiking. Seeking SM, 30-45, for friendship, possible romance. Boise 3215848

HEALTHY AND OUTDOING
SWF, 52, slim, nice personality, humorous, well-traveled, many interests, loves travel. Seeking SM, 40-50, who enjoys hiking, travel. Boise 3252961

ARE YOU INTERESTED?
SF 62, blonde/gray hair, great smile, would like to meet a wonderful SM, 43-63, to share my life. 3242492

LET'S MEET
Redhead SWF, 58, dog-owner, loves car, movies, reading, dancing. Seeking outgoing SM, 50-60, who enjoys hiking, good times, possibly more. Emmet 3252545

MISS MIZDIE
SWF, 60, romantic, honest, playful, interesting. Wants to go on. Seeking Mr. Fantastic NS, with some good looks, enjoys hiking and share his experiences. Boise 3252554

A LOT TO OFFER
Very affectionate DWF, 53, seeks SWF, 48-56, who knows how to treat a woman love, fun, for friendship, dating, possible LTR. Boise 3241811

MAYBE MAYBE NOT
Attractive, interesting SWF, 56, enjoys good conversation, movies, sports, and more. Seeking confident, honest SM, 48-60, for fun and possible LTR. 3252302

CIRCLE THIS AD
Fun, affectionate, outdoor gal (Under Construction), 51 and looking for an intended man. 47-60. Boise 3277806

IT COULD BE ME?
Romantic, affectionate, conservative SWF, enjoys all life offers, as long as the company is good, seeks honest, hardworking, kind-hearted SM, 39-49, for companionship. Boise 32520185

HONESTY A MUST
Cokeah-educated, petite, blue-eyed blonde SF, 45, NS, 165, brown/brown, NS, ISO pure SWF, serious, financially secure gentleman, 60-72, 150-160, for a summertime in Boise. Garden City 3215502

JEWISH LADY
Wife, 60, 5'2", with eyes of blue, likes doing things with my friends. Looking for Jewish nice 60-68, NS, NVD, to be my friend. Court Spring 3242307

NEW AGE INTEREST
SWF, 45, NS, 165, 5'5", 135, plus, piano, blonde, enjoys hiking, relaxing, doing some spiritual and financial security. Boise 3240430

SHARE LIFE WITH ME
Fit, attractive, fun-loving woman, 53, NS, romantic, loves movies, concerts, going, dining, music, dancing, sports, outdoors, travel. Seeking congenial, honest, fun-loving, confident, passionate man, 48-60. Peshmouth 32526128

TREAT ME LIKE A PRINCESS
Very funny, outgoing, intelligent, youthful woman seeks rich, caring SWF, with good moral character, financially secure, NS, 50-60, for friendship, maybe more. Boise 32528017

FROM HERE TO FOREVER
SWF, 30, 5'2", 130lb, blonde/brown, who rocks, football, hiking, camping, romantic, quiet evenings, Seeking handsome, sincere SM, 30-44, possible LTR. Boise 3252722

KNOGT IN SHIRING ARMOUR?
ISO SM, 45-55, year old, who enjoys a party but also enjoys a quiet night at home cuddling. I'm a SF, 18 years old college student looking for a friend. Boise 3242397

SEEKING COMPANIONSHIP
Wife, 61, enjoys cooking, baking, being with my friends, fishing, hiking, and more. Would like to meet a WM, 60-65, who enjoys the same things. Boise 3242397

HOW ABOUT A DATE?
WF, 40, blonde, search for a man, 20-25, who has a good job, good looks, and love to travel. Hollister 3252084

STARTING OVER
DWF, 37, 5'5", 220lb, red eyes, looking for forward to meeting a fun-loving man who is honest, open-minded and willing to work towards a relationship. Burley 3241540

SINGLE IN IDAHO
Loves movies, shopping, and more. Seeking SM, 37-47, who is a homebody and lady. Hollister 3243125

OUTGOING
SF, 21, Miss going to class, romance and having fun. Looking for same guy, 21-25, for dating. Hollister 3244871

BE MINE AND I'LL LOVE YOU
Happy, outgoing single lady in Twin Falls, 63, wants to meet happy, outgoing gentleman, 30-45, for companionship, possible LTR. 3252602

SMILING?
DWF, 48, 5'4", blonde, NS, MD, enjoys country music and dining out. Seeking SWF, 48-58, with same interests. Hollister 3242747

IN SEARCH OF
A non-smoking, monogamous SM who enjoys to hike, enjoy reading, good music, enjoys walking, swimming and more. SWF, 61, wants to start a friendship, looking to meet. Hollister 3245011

ARE YOU INTERESTED?
SWF, 19, 5'9", 150lb, long blonde/hair, smoker, enjoys dancing, music, movies, hanging out. Seeking WM, 19-28, who enjoys travel. View 3252564

INTERESTED?!
19-year-old SWF, 5'8" and adventures, wanting to hear from someone, 18-24, who likes to party, hang out, travel, motor bike. Hagerman 3252900

ALL THAT JAZZ
SWF, 52, enjoys movies, jazz music and keeping busy. Seeking a man to dance the night away with and share the fun. Twin Falls 3252780

LIVING FOR LOVE
SF, 22, love my music, love. Seeking nice, successful, charming, caring, passionate SM, 18-27, with strong features. Boise 3243688

GOOD-LOOKING GUY
SWF, 19, 5'9", blonde/hair, tattooed, looking for a guy, 18-24, who likes hanging out with friends, camping, walks, and more. Boise 3277355

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

FF FOR LIFE
Handsome, athletic, intelligent DWM, 50, professional, stable, hardworking gentleman wants to put the fun back in your life. Boise 3266030

BASHFUL DANCING MAN
Usually seen dancing on Saturdays. Pure SWF, 62, 5'10", 185, brown/brown, NS, ISO pure SWF, same to medium size, NS, for dating and LTR. Boise 3252752

CALL LET'S TALK!
SM, 55, was floating down the river, playing, bicycling, horseback riding, movies, quality time. Seeking 45-55, who has a plus size and more. View 3277477

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!
SM, 26, dark complexion, shaved head, loves outdoors, sports, morning looking for SF, 20-30, who is down-to-earth, open-minded. Boise 3240052

PLAY IT BY EAR
19-year-old WF, 5'8", blonde hair, social, active, very attractive, likes sports, working out, looking for lady, 20-30, to talk to and hang out with. Boise 3243281

ENJOY THE LIFE
Joyous SM, 30-45, who is happy and makes the most of every day. Caldwell 3243474

FRIENDS FIRST!
Attractive, attractive, helpful, honest, romantic, considerate, fun-loving, 30-year-old, divorced, woman under 62, for companionship, friendship, dating - maybe more. Boise 3252820

STILL SEARCHING
DWM, 52, 5'8", blonde hair, enjoys dining out, film, concerts, hiking, golf, romance, affection, friendship, possibly more. Boise 3242970

TAKE A CHANCE
Has it all except you? SM, 40-44, would like to meet women who could love (weekends and evenings) and have a primary goal: Relationship? Boise 3244273

BRUNETTE PREFERRED
SMW, 41, Curvy, blonde, 18-43, NS, down-to-earth, career-oriented, lady, dinner, movies. Boise 3252758

LET'S MEET
SMW, 48, never gets tired of camping in Idaho, enjoys hiking, fishing, and more. Seeking single, single, Seeking like-minded lady, 33-50, for LTR. Caldwell 3243789

WANT TO OFFER
SWF, 28, retired commercial driver, previous woodworking, church, good job. Seeking honest female, 48-58, looks serious, like a good planner. Kuna 3218287

CIRCLE THIS AD
SMW, 47, ISO SF, 20-30, blond/brun, build who is attractive, fit, fun to be with, for friendship, relationship, or more. 3252227

OLD-FASHIONED SOUTHERNER
Passionate, open, honest SMW, 25, enjoys hiking, good music, love cooking, good cooking, looking for possible LTR with a woman, 20-38. Peshmouth 3242414

CIRCLE THIS AD
Single too long! Then call the 22-year-old SMW. He is a good-looking college student who is serious to meet kind of nice, outgoing country girl. Seeking SWF, 20-30, for friendship. Boise 3252043

COULD IT BE ME?
SMW, 43, without baggage, enjoys outdoor recreational activities especially when water is involved. Seeking SF, 18-30, NS, for relationship. Boise 3252921

NO HASSLE
SMW, 28, 5'10", 180lbs, NS, in shape, works in construction, outdoors, fun-loving, kind, wonderful woman, 18-44, who is outgoing, spontaneous, and real. Caldwell 3241623

22-year-old SM, 5'7", black/brown, looks like a bad boy, enjoys hanging with friends, social, fun, 18-30, NS, for relationship. Boise 3240435

WANT TO OFFER
SMW, 40, 5'10", 180lb, NS, works in sales and marketing, loves to barbecue, serious for dinner, enjoys independent living. SF, 20-40, NS, for dating. Boise 3240444

SUNNY DAYS
Enjoy an afternoon in the park with the open-minded SMW, 18, 5'9", 125lb, hazel, slim build, fun, and share the fun. Meridian 3242681

WORTH A CALL
SMW, 27, new to area, SF, brown/brun, 200lbs, sturdy build, looking for someone to share the good times with. Friendship first. Boise 3241002

HELLO
Employed SM, 25, seeks honest, affectionate SM, 20-30, SF, 5'11", 155-165lb, dark hair, light eyes, A+, outgoing and spontaneous, to meet in person. Boise 3242520

LET'S TALK!
SMW, 24, 5'9", 160lb, brown/brown, tanned, fit, employed, student, loves sports, music. Looking for somebody to hang out with, share friendship and fun. Boise 3241476

COMING SOON
SMW, 62, 5'2", 120lb, NS, enjoys movies, hiking, fishing. Seeking LTR. Burley 3252681

TALK TO ME
SMW, 48, 6'2", 240lb, green of nature, outgoing, into the outdoors and romance. Seeking SF, 38-48, who wants to have fun. Meridian 3278054

MY OWN PRIVATE IDAHO
SM, 30, new to Idaho, enjoys hiking, loves to enjoy swimming, playing pool, hiking, and more. Seeking SF, 20-30, who is fun, earth, 240lb, fun SF, 24-44. Boise 3252707

TAKE A CHANCE
SMW, 57, semi-retired, looking for open-minded SMW, 25-45, interested in fishing, outdoors, appreciated a good gentleman. Hagerman, communication important. Boise 3278400

LET'S MEET
DWM, 29, looking for a woman, 21-33, who is willing to start slow and take things one step at a time. Boise 3212368

GET TO KNOW ME
SM, 21, NS, looking for a female, 18-28, who needs a down-to-earth guy in her life. I enjoy books, movies, and more. Mayfield 3215539

READY FOR A CHANGE?
SM, 19, 6'2", 260lb, NS, enjoys music, hunting, fishing, motorcycles, music, trucks, cars. Seeking SF, 25-35, for friendship, possible more. Peshmouth 3219244

WANT TO OFFER
SMW, 40, 6'0", in good shape, looking for employment, healthy female, 35-48, I like travel, golf, hiking, and more. Boise 3252752

CALL ME!
SM, 28, NS, enjoys movies, long walks, like to drive. Seeking SF, 20-35, NS, for possible relationship. Boise 3252523

LET'S TALK!
SMW, 28, father of three, student, looking for SF, 18-28, who is outdoors, love to hike, no kids. Boise 3252423

QUITE TIMES
Western, 45-year-old, 160lb, enjoys mountain/bike trails, walks, outdoors, moonlight, cuddling on the couch. Seeking friendly gal, 35-54, slim-medium build, to come share life. Camarillo CA 3252155

CIRCLE THIS AD
Bashful, dancing SMW, 60, ISO his true love. Seeking a SWF, 28-38, who might see me at a party. Boise 3242397

COULD IT BE ME?
The coolest person you will ever meet! Very fun SWF, loves being goofy ever once in awhile but has serious side to go. Seeking SMW, 18-24. Salem 3252814

TAKE A CHANCE
Spice up life with the 42-year-old single white lady! A fun of the theater, baseball, day golf. Boise 3242401

TAKE ME HOME
SMW, 50, 6'0", 185lb, outdoors, romantic, ISO SM, 50-60, W/F proportionate, to share life with. Peshmouth 3242832

LET'S TALK!
SMW, 24, stepmother, active, looking for SF who can't hang out, smoking, playing, reading, and living life to the fullest. Boise 3252625

LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS
SMW, 44, OTR truck driver, likes auto racing, fishing, basketball, parks, movie, Seeking understanding, like-minded SF who enjoys the same, for casual dates, possibly more. Boise 3252625

A GREAT CATCH!
Enjoys travel, grandfather, SF, hawkeye, baseball, movies, passionate and kind. Seeking SMW, 30-40, who loves sports, cycling, and more. Boise 3252855

LET'S MEET
Winning out on the job, stepmother, down-to-earth SM, 33, looking for fun-loving, single SF, 28-40, for friendship. Boise 3252810

LET'S OFFER
SMW, 22, seeks fun-loving SF, 18-30, like to hike, fishing, reading, being outdoors, looking for a guy who will someone for love or fun. Caldwell 3242714

CHANCE TO OFFER
DWMW, 40, handsome, affectionate, romantic, Seeking SM, 30-40, who enjoys hiking, outdoors, bicycling, hiking, photography, travel, dogs, movies, church activities and some times. Hollister 3252854

CALL LET'S TALK!
SMW, 26, 5'11", 150lb, smoker, like clubs, music, fun, outdoors, barbecues, relaxing. Seeking SF, 18-28, smoker, for friendship or more. Klamath Falls 3252855

LET'S OFFER
SM, 5'10", black hair, enjoys concerts, sports, like to hike, looking for a like-minded SF, 18-30, relationship. Boise 3252950

CIRCLE THIS AD
SMW, 48, better than Doose! Nice, outgoing, going out to restaurants, plays, new movies. Seeking SF, 18-30, who is fun, outdoors, for companionship, dating, possibly more. Boise 3252740

LOOKING FOR YOU
SMW, 18, 5'10", blonde hair, NS, 5'10", brown/brown, seeks WF, 18-22, for friendship, possible romance. Burley 3252822

WANT TO MEET
Hard-working, tender of two, 31, would like to meet a woman, 20-30, who is fun, outdoors, and interested in travel. (She doesn't have a car). Hollister 3242732

LET'S HANG OUT
Fit, enjoys hiking, reading and looking for fun, self-employed, SF, 30, wants to meet a fun, outdoors, SF, for companionship. Please be open-minded, well-liked. (She doesn't have a car). Boise 3252740

TAKE A CHANCE
HM, 51, 130lb, never built, has working on car, looking for a nice, outgoing SMW, 18-22, who is active and likes to go. Acapulco 3242595

CHANCE TO OFFER
SMW, 30, will capture you like a smile, and enjoy to see you. Seeking a woman who appreciates you with his eyes. Seeking a woman who likes to spend time with him and his relationship. Twin Falls 3273105

MARRIAGE IN MIND
SMW, 29, 5'10", 160lb, blonde hair, NS, loves children, the outdoors, long walks in the moonlight, enjoys hiking, and more. Ready to settle down. Kimberly 3252820

TWIN FALLS MAN!
Kind of gentleman, partner who likes going out dancing, listening to music and quiet times at home. Twin Falls, 30, 300, seeks active, caring woman, 30-40, who is fun. 3252812

ARE YOU THE ONE?
Interested in meeting an interesting SF, 21-30, who enjoys the outdoors and long walks in the moonlight. Seeking LTR. Burley 3252681

INTRODUCING PAINTBALL
HM, 27, outdoor, fun-loving sports, looking for a WF, 18-22, who is fun. Hollister 3218094

LET'S HANG OUT
Very fun, outgoing WF, 47, into camping, fishing, hiking, would like to meet an outgoing SF, 20-30, who is fun. Boise 3242123

ORLANDO, FL TRAVEL PARTNER
SMW, 48, 180lb, 30-year-old, business owner, smoker, enjoys sports. Seeking WF, 38-40, who likes to travel. Boise 3242148

GETTING CABIN FEVER
SMW, 40, loves to cook, looking to own music, looking for a nice, fit, 40-45, who loves to hike by the river and enjoy life. Hollister 3243212

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Retired SMW, 65, 6'2", 250lb, friendly, secure, Seeking SM, 40-50, who is fun. Hollister 3252472

GOD-HAUNTED
SMW, 47, handsome, financially secure, easy-going, active, enjoys outdoors, hiking, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, animals and more. Seeking SMW, 28-48, with similar interests for friendship, possible LTR. Twin Falls 3252704

WANT TO OFFER
WM, 67, 3'9", 120lb, loves being outdoors, fishing, reading, brown hair, loves being outdoors, hiking, going to the gym, and more. Seeking caring female, 18-35, who likes to talk. Twin Falls 3252339

COMETRY/INTENDED
SMW, 33, 5'9", single, dad, likes concerts, reading, hiking, horseback riding, animals and more. Seeking SMW, 18-30, Friendship first. 3242250

THINKING OF YOU
SMW, 47, handsome, financially secure, easy-going, active, enjoys outdoors, hiking, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, animals and more. Seeking SMW, 28-48, with similar interests for friendship, possible LTR. Twin Falls 3252704

ROOM IF YOU WANT TO
SM, 31, loves the fun of playing softball, travel, and more. Seeking SM, 28-38, who is fun and outgoing, new things and just getting out of the house. Boise 3252855

BOUND LIKE YOU
DWM, 37, 170lb, 170lb, blonde hair, NS, enjoys hiking, fishing, horseback riding, animals and more. Seeking outgoing, sincere SF, 27-43, interested in hiking, fun, lasting friendship and possible romance. Hollister 3242702

ARE YOU THE ONE?
SMW, 30, 5'7", 105lb, seeking sincere, fit, SM, 30-45, who is fun, outdoors, enjoys music, conversation, romantic, movies, children, and much more to share smiles, kisses in life. Jerome 3252321

EASYGOING GUY
SMW, 29, 5'10", 170lb, blonde hair, NS, business owner, enjoys camping, hiking, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, animals and more. Seeking SMW, 28-48, with similar interests for friendship, possible LTR. Acapulco 3242250

THINKING OF YOU
country boy, 40, 26, 6'2", 260lb, fit, SM, 31, who loves the fun of playing softball, travel, and more. Seeking SM, 28-38, who is fun and outgoing, new things and just getting out of the house. Boise 3252855

SOMEONE TO TALK TO
SM, 30, 5'7", blonde hair, NS, enjoys hiking, animals, enjoys fishing, hiking, horseback riding, animals and more. Seeking SMW, 18-30, who is fun, outdoors, enjoys music, conversation, romantic, movies, children, and much more to share smiles, kisses in life. Jerome 3252321

CHANCE TO OFFER
Employed SMW, 36, 5'11", 160lb, fit, local, like with friends, music, Seeking SMW, 30-45, who is fun, outdoors, enjoys hiking, animals and more. Seeking SMW, 18-30, who is fun, outdoors, enjoys music, conversation, romantic, movies, children, and much more to share smiles, kisses in life. Jerome 3252321

MATURE RETIRED MAN
70's well and sharp good times. Mature gentleman, ORLANDO, FL TRAVEL PARTNER. SMW, 48, 180lb, 30-year-old, business owner, smoker, enjoys sports. Seeking WF, 38-40, who likes to travel. Boise 3242148

EASYGOING GUY
but a bit shy at first I'm a fun-loving, 22-year-old SMW, 180lb, music, camping, working on cars, and more. Seeking SMW, 18-24, who likes to hike by the river and enjoy life. Hollister 3243212

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff:

In a recent column you suggested that dealer, holding ♠ Q-7-4, ♥ 10, ♦ A-K-Q, ♣ A-K-6-4, should pass at his second turn after he has opened one spade and his RHO balanced with two clubs. Why shouldn't he double, intending to pass a response of two diamonds, correct two hearts to two spades, or maybe raise a two-spade response to three spades?

Thruat and Parry, Ossining, N.Y.

ANSWER: I agree with the expert community here that facing a passed partner — or one who has not yet bid — all doubles are taken out at relatively low levels in the auction. So here a double would suggest extras, and short clubs with the other three suits. In hand-frequency terms, your chances of being dealt a penalty double here are slim, whereas your chances of being short in the suit they bid are very good.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

I have two questions about bonuses. Is the bonus for making a doubled contract different, depending on the vulnerability? And what if you are redoubled instead of doubled?

Tentative Tony, Vancouver, Wash.

ANSWER: If you are doubled, the bonus for making your contract will be 50 points, regardless of vulnerability. If redoubled, the bonus is 100 points, again regardless of vulnerability. However, doubled overtricks score differently, depending on the vulnerability. (They are worth 100 each if non-vulnerable, 200 if vulnerable.)

Dear Mr. Wolff:

Is the following hand suitable for a pre-emptive opening bid: ♠ J-8-7-3, ♥ 4, ♦ A-Q-10-6-4, ♣ 10-5? If not, why not?

First Blood, Waukau, Wis.

ANSWER: Yes, I would open a weak two diamonds in first or

third chair every day of the week. With a good long suit, the bad four-card major is a flaw, but not an insuperable one, and the preemptive opening describes 12 of the 13 cards very nicely. In second chair (where pre-emptives should be classical), I'd pass when vulnerable, but probably be tempted to open when nonvulnerable.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

My partner and I have been talking about playing Lebensohl in sequences other than after opponents' intervention following our opening bid of one no-trump. Is that sensible?

Solomon Grundy, Frederickburg, Va.

ANSWER: Yes. When your LHO opens a weak two and your partner doubles and RHO passes, it makes sense to play Lebensohl. If so, new suits at the two-level are weak, and new suits at the three-level are invitational. To sign off in a suit that you cannot bid at the two-level, you must bid two no-trump as a transfer to three clubs, allowing you to pass with clubs or to bid your suit. Of course, adding a new convention to your armory increases the chance of accidents — but you may consider this one worthwhile.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

I have been having an argument about what distribution is the most common to pick up. Is the 5-3-3-3 shape the flattest and therefore the most common?

Pancake Pete, Union City, Tenn.

ANSWER: No, the 4-4-3-2 shape is far more common. The three most common shapes after this are the 5-3-3-2 pattern, then the 5-4-3-1 and finally the 5-4-2-2 pattern, all more common than the 4-3-3-3 shape you suggested!

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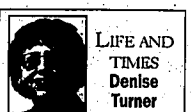
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Don't get all stressed out now

Air traffic controller, police officer, surgeon, CEO, race car driver — no surprise. Every time some group publishes a list of the nation's most stressful jobs, these always seem to be at the top of the heap. But there are always a few surprises, too.



LIFE AND TIMES
Denise
Turner

Who knows why? Maybe all of us have super-stressful jobs and don't even know it. The wire story about the Jobs Rated list blamed our workplace stress on such factors as work overload, feeling trapped, being surrounded by dysfunctional supervisors and having too much responsibility and not enough control.

It also recommended some stress reducers. Delegate tasks, allow some extra time, make friends with nonstressed people and laugh. A lot.

Years ago, I signed up for a stress-management seminar in connection with a job I had in the Midwest. I know the leader meant well, but the seminar turned out to be — well — just one more source of stress.

Maybe it was just the wrong time for me. I mean, after I had completed my Life Change Scale chart — one that tells you how much of what you are doing is causing you indignation — I was amazed to discover how much stress I was supposed to be luging around with me.

I had a new baby and a new job in a new town. That gave me almost 100 of those pesky stress points right off the top. It also meant I had to mark some of the other boxes, too, like "Change in financial status," "Change in work responsibilities," "Change in living conditions" and "Change in sleeping and eating habits."

I felt lots worse just completing the questionnaire. A friend who also signed up for the seminar was even worse off. She came to the seminar legitimately stressed to the hilt. Always the painfully shy type, she had recently been sent to take another course — in self-assertiveness training. But she was having trouble participating, because she kept moving to the back of the classroom.

I should give her a call. Because now there is hope. Just in time to relieve life's stresses. The 2005 edition of "The Old Farmer's Almanac" reports that we are currently turning out all sorts of new ways just to have fun.

Some of us are riding the waves. Others are taking up hunting. And a stable group has started to play a new game called Quikball. The game fields leagues of four-person teams who play two-out competitions on a field about the size of a regulation baseball diamond.

There are plenty of new toys to enhance the fun, too — like foldable bikes and collapsible chairs that fit into your luggage, and self-heating hiking and ski boots powered by "piezoelectric materials" that turn pressure into electricity and self-powered fishing lures that attract fish by making the sounds of their meals.

And don't forget about the kids. "InteracTV" is inviting the youngest household members to shout out questions and receive responses from their favorite characters on DVDs. Plus, YogaKids is popular with ages 4 and up. And spas are now attracting teenage boys, maybe because they were already attending teenage girls.

I once heard worry defined as "distorted caring" — caring too much or about the wrong things. I think that might be what all of this is really about. I don't know if I will take up a new yard game or start talking to my TV. But I do think I will try to spend more time enjoying life than worrying about it.

Denise Turner is a assistant features editor at The Times-News.

Blaine County dad's book gets him off the hook

The Washington Post

SUN VALLEY — What happens when you ask your parents one of those tough questions? You know, the ones that really stump them: "Why is the sky blue?" "What's at the top of the food chain?" or "Where do babies come from?"

Do they clear their throats a lot and then come up with words that don't really make sense or answer your question? Or maybe they go to an encyclopedia or the Internet and try to help you find the answer.

If you've ever been frustrated by the answer you've gotten from a parent to one of those really important, really tough questions, you're going to love the story of Paige Pearson and her dad, Ridley.

One night about two years ago, Ridley Pearson (a famous writer of books for adults who has a home in Blaine County) was reading a Peter Pan story to his then 5-year-old daughter, Paige. She looked up at him and asked, "Dad, how exactly did Peter Pan meet Captain Hook?"

Ridley Pearson didn't quite know how to answer the question, and he knew he couldn't look it up in a book. So he decided to write his own version of the story.

Pearson teamed with writer Dave Barry and the result, "Peter and the Starcatchers," was published this month. It's full of action and adventure, pirates and swordplay. Pearson talked with the Washington Post about writing for kids, his memories of Peter Pan and Paige's reaction to the answer he came up with.

Q: Why did you and Dave Barry decide to write a children's book?
A: After Paige asked the question, I sat down with his own book and I'm going to write it. I mentioned the project to Dave and his eyes sparkled. We both loved the idea of writing something our kids could read.

Q: How did you and Dave Barry live in different parts of the country?
How did you write this book together?
A: Each of us wrote a set of characters and then turned it over to the other person to edit. Dave would edit the book out of (what I wrote). Then I'd edit the heck out of his edit. Some chapters went through four edits; some went through eight. Dave hammered my stuff and I hammered his. But we never moved on until we were happy with a chapter. It

Jr. grows each year. "We started with the pimp suit two years ago," Weeks said from his Cerritos, Calif., office. "It's one of our biggest sellers."

"We also sell pimp and ho outfits to whole families: Mom, Dad, kids and the dog." His customers span the racial and ethnic rainbow, he says. Most live in California, New York and Florida. "You know, where the real pimps hang out."

If Weeks sounds a bit brash, you should know he's only 21. His father, John, a salesman at independent toy stores, started Brandsonsale three years ago after the bottom fell out of the small toy-store business. Johnathon buys and designs merchandise for the company, which now employs 35 people. "We sell unique stuff that pushes the envelope," he says.

Of course, this particular envelope has been nudged already. Teen-agers, out of earshot of adults, call one another "pimp" and "ho" the way past generations used "dude" and "girlfriend."

Rapper Nelly sings "Pimp Juice" and pushes an energy drink by the same name. MTV carries a car-re refurbishment series called "Pimp My Ride." Actress Bernie Mac and William Shatner have made



Ridley Pearson, a famous writer of books for adults, co-wrote "Peter and the Starcatchers" for his daughter Paige.

really was a fun experience. Q: Were you a fan of the original Peter Pan as a child?
A: I love the story — the idea of flying as a kid is so incredible. It took imagination to believe limits and captures the sense of a kid's wonderment. After all, we've all sneaked out of our houses, and that's essentially what Peter does. Q: What advice do you have for kids who want to be writers?
A: Don't stop writing. I write 5,000 pages to get 400 pages published. Also, the way you become a better writer is to read. . . . Take a little block of time, put your seat in the chair and don't take any excuse to leave it. That's how you become a writer. Q: Do you plan to write more kids' books?

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About Ridley Pearson

Although he still has a home in Blaine County and plays with a locally famous garage band, the Sensational Toastpops, best-selling novelist Ridley Pearson, his wife Marcelle, and their two children have lived in St. Louis for three years.

Pearson, 52, grew up in Greenwich, Conn., and has lived in England and New York. After a stint as a pre-med student at the University of Kansas, he transferred to Brown University, where he studied music theory. Aside from writing successful suspense thrillers, he plays in a rock band — the Rockbottom Remainers — with such literary luminaries as Stephen King, Amy Tan, Dave Barry, Scott Turow, Barbara Kingsolver, Robert Fuligum and Mitch Albom.

The Pearsons adopted their now 6-year-old daughter Storey from an orphanage in Kummring, China, while they were members in Sun Valley. They already had a biological daughter, Paige, now 7. Despite the physical beauty and amenities of Sun Valley, they didn't want to raise their children there.

"Storey would have been one of three Chinese kids in all of Sun Valley, which includes Sun Valley, Halley, Bellevue and Carey. Actually, in all of Blaine County," Pearson told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. "We wanted cultural diversity, we wanted Midwestern values, we wanted an urban hit that we had been lacking."

Pearson relates King's joke about traveling to Sun Valley: Each of the mountains a person crosses while en route to is actually a giant hypostation machine sucking the fat out of the traveler.

About Dave Barry



Dave Barry

Dave Barry, 57, is a humor columnist for the Miami Herald. His column appears in more than 500 newspapers in the United States and abroad, including the Times-News. In 1988 he won the Pulitzer Prize for Commentary. Many people are still trying to figure out how this happened.

Barry has also written a total of 25 books, although virtually none of them contain useful information. Two of his books were used as the basis for the CBS TV sitcom "Dave's World," in

which Harry Anderson played a much taller version of Dave.

Barry plays lead guitar in a literary rock band called the Rock Bottom Remainers, whose other members include Stephen King, Amy Tan, Ridley Pearson and Mitch Albom. They are not musically skilled, but they are extremely loud.

In his spare time, Dave is a candidate for president of the United States. If elected, his highest priority will be to seek the death penalty for whoever is responsible for making Americans install low-flow toilets.

He lives in Miami with his wife, Mitchell, a sports-writer. He has a son, Rob, and a daughter, Sophie, neither of whom thinks he's funny.

These costumes raise the specter of the street

The Washington Post

Hey Mom! Hey Dad! We've found the perfect Halloween costumes for the kids.

What Josh and Caitlin need are the fags that are selling briskly in California and New York: Child pimp suits and "ho" dresses. At \$40 to \$50, they begin at size 4, tailored in the '70s style of blaxploitation movies like "Superfly."

Can't you just see little Josh in a pink velvet suit and matching wide-brimmed hat with faux-zebra trim? Or Caitlin in black feathers and stockings as she sets off to trick or treat for NICEFY (Can't you just see little Josh in a 1920s flapper dress, but don't tell her that. It would spoil her pose. And right now, it's sold out because of "overwhelming demand," says one Web site.

You think we're kidding. We're not. Brandsonsale.com, an online marketing company that sells everything from poker chips to bandannas, is offering "pimp" and "ho" costumes for children this year for Halloween, along with its usual Spider-Man, Oatmeal Bear, witches, devils and vampires.

Next year, the company plans pimp attire for infants. The demand, says company spokesman Johnathon Weeks

an animated comedy about a 9-year-old player, still unrelaxed, called "Lil' Pimp."

One customer of Brandsonsale is Abigail Potter, of Greer, S.C. Last Halloween, her sons Justin and Aaron spotted a school friend wearing a pimp costume. This year, the boys, 10 and 11, talked Potter into ordering two — one pink, one purple — for a neighborhood Halloween party.

"I know some people will make a big deal about it," Potter says. "But come on, it's Halloween. Let's not take things too seriously. One son makes straight A's, the other A's and B's. They're good children who wanna get a laugh."

The Brandsonsale models are white. Black models would have drawn too much fire, Weeks said. "Not that we shy away from controversy," he added.

One of four Halloween pimp costumes that a California firm is marketing for children. "We also sell pimp and ho outfits to whole families: Mom, Dad, kids and the dog," says a spokesman.



The Washington Post

Return to normal bedtimes

Kids need anywhere from nine to 11 hours of sleep a night — especially during the school week, says Dr. Leon Rosenthal, a physician at Sleep Medicine Associates of Texas. Hires how to get it done:

- Start by adjusting bedtime by 15 to 20 minutes and gradually move it up.
- In the morning, wake the kids up 15 or 20 minutes earlier than usual; a few days later, move the time up another quarter-hour.
- Keep children and caffeine apart at least four hours before bedtime.

• Has a quiet unwinding routine for 45 minutes to an hour before bedtime. Nagler's children make sure their backpacks are ready and by the front door. Then they bathe and brush their teeth. If there's time, they read. "It eases them into bedtime," she says.

- Make sure your kids' routine is similarly nonstimulating.
- Get them used to a sleep pattern. If they get up at 6:30 a.m. for school, allow them to sleep no later than 7 or 7:30 on weekdays. They have to hold their circadian rhythm to a new time schedule.
- If you have to be up, be active and get your first meal of the day. "Up, light, food. These are the zeitgebers — 'time givers' in German," Rosenthal said. "The most important one is exposure to light. The light itself sets the internal clock."

Source: Dallas Morning News

FAMILY LIFE

Teach children No. 1 rule in manners: Don't interrupt

What is the most important of all the manners you can teach your child?

Saying yes, ma'am, yes, sir, and so on? No. Saying thank you? No, but that's close. Opening doors for women and the elderly? No, and now you're getting cold again.

"All right then? What?"
Not interrupting adult conversations.

"Who says?"
Me. And I am a parenting expert, so that's the end of the discussion. Not interrupting adult conversations, including phone conversations, is the most important of all manners for several reasons. First, in learning not to interrupt, a child learns patience. Second, learning not to interrupt strengthens the boundary (permeable, but a boundary nonetheless) that should exist between the child and adults, and therefore, the child's respect for adults. Third, I am highly annoyed when a child interrupts a conversation in which I am a participant.

I have concluded that most of today's parents teach their children it's perfectly all right to barge right into adult conversation, and for any reason at all, by simply walking up and saying, "Excuse me!"

I remember this because when a child simply walks up and barges in, it's usually the case that the child's parent will stop talking to me, look down at the child, and say, "What is wrong?" At this point the child says, "Excuse me." I must now exert great effort to keep from grabbing the parent by the throat and shaking violently while screaming, "Oh, please! Pardon my excessive meliorism!"

I said as much at a recent talk in California. Afterwards, a well-spoken gentleman from South Africa introduced himself and remarked that he, too, was annoyed and/or cynically amused by American parents who tolerated their children's interruptions. He told me that in South Africa, one of the first things a child is taught is how to be recognized when he wants to say something.

To wit, the child walks into the general area where the adults are talking and stands a respectful distance—say, 8 feet—away. Any fool, he said, can tell the child wants to speak. When the adults reach a point where a pause in their conversation feels natural, one (the child's parent, usually) will turn to the child and say, "Yes?" The child then speaks.

Oh, how civilized! But wait! That is exactly what I was taught as a child.

And, I dare say, so were most of my peers. How is it that children who were taught this important social formality—one that speaks so loudly to the quality of their overall upbringing—fall to teach it to their own kids?

To answer my own question, I think there are several reasons, but they all boil down to one: laziness.

Today's parents are by and large, a lazy lot. They think parenting is like hiring a child to a soccer game and watching from the stands. That's not parenting.



PARENTING
John
Rosemond

Parenting is not a spectator sport. It's hands on! It's a verb!

Today's parents expend a lot of energy doing things that have little if any long-term value to a child, and little energy doing things that are of lasting value like taking the time to teach a child—by explaining and rehearsing, for example—how to be recognized when two adults are engaged in conversation, without interrupting said conversation.

This is not rocket science: Teach your child to stand a respectful distance from adults who are talking and wait, silently and in a state of stillness, until he is acknowledged, and gradually increase his wait until he's learned to be silent and still for several minutes.

"So, what's the child to do if there's a genuine emergency?"
Give me a break! You're going to know when your child is having an emergency.

Furthermore, what a child thinks is an emergency is often an emergency at all. It's simply distress.

"And what should I do when my child interrupts, even after I've taught him the art of waiting?"
Make sure he learns that misbehavior has consequences. Put him to bed early that evening. Keep him indoors for the rest of the day. It really doesn't matter, but whatever you do, do something he'll remember. And be sure to tell him how proud you are when he does the right thing. Punishment is a necessary aspect of discipline, but without equal amounts of praise, it does nothing but breed contempt.

John Rosemond is a family psychologist.



The Los Angeles Times

Guadalupe Perez chooses from a variety of ingredients to prepare a dish at the Pei Wei Asian Diner in Valencia, Calif. Customers place orders at a counter, then pass by an exhibition-style kitchen to get beverages.

Far East restaurant battle heats up on West Coast

By Julie Tamaki
Los Angeles Times

A sizzling sector

Restaurant chains offering fast, fresh food in a casual atmosphere are expanding rapidly, but Asian cuisine is still a small part of the market.

Percentage of total market for quick-casual restaurants	
Bakery cafes	23%
Mexican/Southwest	16
Chicken	13
Italian	10
Soup and salad	8
Deli sandwich	5
Asian/noodles	5
Varied menu	4

Source: Technomic

Forget the burger battles and taco tussles. The latest food fight in Southern California is between wok-wielding foes vying to dominate the market for fast, fresh and affordable Asian fare.

Pei Wei Asian Diner, Pick Up Six and others are expanding despite the hurdles: an abundance of mom-and-pop competitors, a shortage of prime restaurant sites and the complexities behind churning out shrimp with lobster sauce, vegetarian stir-fry and three-flavored dumplings.

"It's one of the most popular cuisines in the world and yet it's under-penetrated from a chain basis because it's very difficult to prepare on the scale of restaurants," said Steve Finn, chairman of Bloomington, Minn.-based Lucann Chirn Inc., which launched China's Asia Fresh two years ago in the Midwest.

The Asian segment has attracted key players in the restaurant industry over the years, hoping to duplicate the success of Panda Express, which peddles its fast and cheap cuisine through 638 outlets, or that of the higher-end PF Chang's China Bistro, with 107 casual dining restaurants.

At Pei Wei, for example, for a relatively new niche in terms of price, speed and decor—a rapidly expanding market called "fast casual"—the restaurant business.

At Pei Wei, for example, guests place customized orders at a counter and can watch food being prepared in flaming woks on their way to grabbing a beverage. Once prepared, the food is served to the customer in reusable plates and bowls and with metal utensils, which are cleared away after the customer leaves. The average check is \$8

to \$9 per person at Pei Wei, compared with \$18 at PF Chang's.

As she waited for a teriyaki chicken bowl on a recent afternoon, Carol Cotter of Granada Hills, Calif., recalled her first visit to the Pei Wei in Valencia, Calif., was a comfortable room where warm wood accents and an array of Asian techniques were sandwiched between black ceilings and red lacquer-colored floors.

"It was delicious," Cotter said. "The seasonings were good. I liked the whole feel of the place. It's not expensive."

Asian cuisine claimed 5 percent of the nearly \$7-billion quick-casual market last year, according to Technomic Inc., a Chicago-based food service consulting company.

The chance to grab a larger market share has attracted newcomers and established competitors.

Pei Wei, for example, is a cost-conscious spinoff founded in 2000 by Scottsdale, Ariz.-based PF Chang's. Pick Up Six was snatched in 2001 by Carlson Restaurants Worldwide Inc.,

which also operates TGI Friday's, from Southern California businessman Charles Zhang.

"There are regional players, but there's no chain out there with 1,000 restaurants," said Tim Pulido, president of Pick Up Six Inc. "It's a dogfight."

Pick Up Six plans to expand its chain of 91 restaurants—50 of the eateries are in Southern California and the rest in Arizona and Nevada—by opening 20 outlets this year and 40 in 2005. Pei Wei hopes to augment its 47 restaurants, spread across California and six other states, by opening 20 outlets this year and as many as 28 in 2005.

The rash of fresh-obsessed rivals hasn't escaped the attention of Rosemond, California-based Panda Restaurant Group Inc., operator of Panda Express. At Panda Express, batches of food are prepared by wok in advance rather than made to order. In a nod to its competitors, however, the company's new and remodeled restaurants feature exhibition-style kitchens, and have refrigerators with clear doors to showcase fresh produce.

Tricks for administering pet medications

Seeing medicine clutched in your hand, pets are often as unwilling and fearful as young children are when it comes to taking wonder drugs. But it's up to pet parents to dutifully, gently administer them.

I receive a lot of mail from pet owners who are worried about how to properly medicate their furry friends. Luckily, with the new generation of pharmaceuticals and tricks to pilling pets, a pet parent's job has become much easier. To avoid chasing Sparky or Fluffy throughout the house, here are several "prescriptions" to alleviate the frustration of medicating your pet.

Topical treatments

Topical treatments, including parasite preventatives, antibiotics and ointments, are much easier to administer than pills, liquids or injections. With the advent of products such as Advantage for cats and K9 Advantix, flea, tick and mosquito control for dogs, many dry pills, parasites and the diseases associated with them (flea allergy dermatitis, Lyme disease and West Nile virus respectively) are easier to prevent. Since application methods vary among topical parasite preventatives, always read the instructions first.

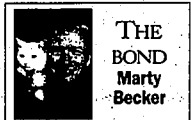
Oral medications

The best method for giving your pet a pill is merely to open and insert the medication quickly. Open your pet's mouth, slip the pill between their teeth and with the pill between your fingers, place the medication as far back as you can over the top of the tongue.

Then hold their muzzle shut for a few seconds so they either blow some air into their nose and face (causes them to swallow) or squirt a bit of water into the mouth with a dropper. "Cats especially, should have some water after a pill," says Dr. Mary Poppins. "Some new dry pills will remain in the esophagus and cause irritation," said Dr. Marilyn Stiff, vice president of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine.

To help administer pills to cats, there is a new product, cleverly named the Cat-A-Piller, that delivers a small drink of water simultaneously with the pill. Available from Creative Pet Products 877-269-6911.

If you're afraid your pet will



bite you by using the conventional method of your fist down a recommended "throat" approach, I recommend the Dr. Hanson's Bulls-eye Pill Gun which is the safest method I know for giving capsules or pills to pets without the worry of dropping the medicine or harming the pet. Available from Veterinary Concepts 800-826-6948.

Don't forget the power of rewards. You can get a lot farther if your pet learns that it gets a yummy treat for approaching you when you have the medicine in your hand. Break the process down into a lot of small steps and reward all the steps in the process and you can convert a "run and hide" into a "what else do you want me to do?" cooperator in no time.

You can try to disguise the pill. Try placing pills in something like cheese cubes, hot dogs, meatballs or peanut butter. If your pet's prescription is a capsule, you can try sprinkling the contents over a small amount of food.

Either way, you need to keep a close eye on your animal, making sure they eat everything and medication and all. This may not work with medications that have a strongly bitter flavor.

As a last resort, you might be able to dissolve the pill or capsule in water and administer the medication with a needleless syringe or pill plunger from your veterinarian. Owners should check with their veterinarian prior to dissolving in water, as some pills are enteric coated for a reason and dissolving prior to passing through the stomach may adversely affect absorption/efficacy of the prescription.

Remember the old song lyric "Just a spoonful of sugar helps the medicine go down" from "Mary Poppins." Some new oral medications are pet scrumptious. For example, the non-steroidal osteoarthritis product Metacam is a honey-flavored oral suspension which can be added to food or given directly to the dog.

There are even tablets that near-instantly dissolve in the pet's mouth. "All you have to do is place the tasteless tablet on your pet's tongue and close the mouth for four seconds to ensure the tablet has disintegrated," explained Dr. Steve Garner a board certified veterinarian with Safari Animal Care Centers in Houston, Texas. An example is a new pet arthritis medication called Zubrin.

Ear meow

Sometimes medication isn't available in the optimum form for your pet—for example, you need a more conveniently-sized pill or more flavorful liquid. Don't fret—your veterinarian can contact a compounding pharmacy to customize the drug to fit your pet's needs.

"Some medications for cats and dogs can now be put into a cream that can be rubbed into the ear," said Dr. Stiff. This works for some medicines, but others don't absorb well, so follow your veterinarians' recommendation as to whether this is an option for giving a particular medicine to your pet.

Of first and foremost importance is administering all doses of medicine as prescribed.

"Because of busy schedules, it is easy to overlook our pet's medication. There is also a tendency to discontinue medication when our pets appear 'cured,'" says Kelly Diehl, DVM, diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine at the Veterinary Referral Center of Colorado. "It is very important that owners adhere to their pet's medication schedule for the entire time prescribed. For example, bacterial resistance to antibiotics can be a result of inadequate treatment duration."

The easiest way to keep on schedule is to write the doses down in your home calendar and check them off when given to your pet—this way you give all the doses for the proper amount of time.

Be sure to store all pet medications out of reach, not only from any children in the household, but from your pets as well.

Dr. Marty Becker is the coauthor of the new book "Chicken Soup For The Horse Lover's Soul" and a popular veterinary contributor for ABC's "Good Morning America."

Grandparents face challenges raising another generation

By Bob Moses
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Laura Felder's daily routine sounds familiar to any parent — rising early to get the children ready for school or day care, picking up the oldest child from cheerleaders' practice after class, going over homework before dinner.

But Felder isn't the youngsters' parent. She's their grandmother. The Dallas woman is raising 12-year-old Christina, 2-year-old Anthony and 8-month-old Lynn because their mother is in prison on a drug-related sentence. Becoming a parent for a second time wasn't a difficult decision for Felder, 49. She said the children probably would have been placed in foster homes and possibly separated if she hadn't stepped in.

"I guess I'm like that old woman who lived in a shoe. These children are my whole life," Felder said as she bounced the youngest in her lap. "I wasn't about to let any strangers

raise them."

Yet a grandparent's decision to become a surrogate parent can bring emotional, legal and financial challenges. Many don't know where to go for help, and those who do often discover they don't qualify.

"The current system is broken," said Candice Carter, an associate state director for AARE. "It's confusing enough to us trained professionals. Imagine what it must seem to grandparents who are busy raising children."

Today, one in 12 children in Texas is being raised by a grandparent, a 44 percent increase in 10 years. In the past, grandparents reared their grandchildren mainly because the parents had died or divorced. But the reasons in recent years have more to do with substance abuse, mental health disorders, incarceration and teenage pregnancies, said state District Judge Susan Rankin.

The grandparents are of all races, income groups and ages.

Jill Payne, a case manager with the Urban League of Greater Dallas, said she has counseled grandparents as young as 39, though most are in their 50s and 60s.

As their numbers grow, their problems are receiving more attention.

"Dallas-area service organizations and local governments have begun sponsoring conferences and writing resource guides to make assistance easier to find, and some are planning to seek help from the state Legislature in 2005," Carter said. AARP, with 2 million members in Texas, will declare the issue one of its legislative priorities for next year.

When a grandchild comes to live with a grandparent, it can be emotionally wrenching for both. "Whoever the cause—death, drugs or prison—the child often feels as though he's been abandoned," said John Dornheim, a community liaison for Green Oaks Hospital. "It leaves a scar on the child's life."

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Dad

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A: Yes. The original prequel to Peter Pan was seen as a trilogy. We have outlined the second novel, which gets darker and deals with more issues. In the third novel, Peter will be forced

to leave his shadow in the house in London.

Q: Is Paige pleased with how you answered her question?

A: She loves the book. She's mentioned on the dedication page and she always manages to

open the book to that page. She really just jumped into reading this year and she read it front to back in four weeks (it has about 400 pages). She came running into the room so proudly to tell Mom and Dad, "I'm finished!"

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Monday: Chicken ala king w/ noodles, peas w/ onions, bread, fruit, chocolate mousse
Tuesday: Chili dog on a bun, green salad, fruit w/ cookie
Wednesday: Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, diced carrots, roll, bread, melon salad, cake, ice cream
Thursday: French dip sandwich, mixed veggies, potato salad, fruit cup, cookie
Friday: Rosemary chicken, potatoes and gravy, broccoli, salad, roll, fruit pudding

West End Senior Citizens Inc.
1010 Main St., Buhl
Menus:
Today: Chicken dinner
Monday: Cook's choice
Tuesday: Pot pie, meatballs w/ rice, oriental veggies, apricots, bread, desserts
Wednesday: Chef salad, cottage cheese, fruit, bread, dessert
Thursday: Turkey, gravy, peas, onions, fruit salad, bread, dessert
Activities:
Today: Buffet, 1 p.m. Seniors, \$4, under age 60, \$4.50.
Monday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Crafts, 1-4 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Farmer's Market, 5-7 p.m.
Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Friday: Exercise, 10 a.m.

Filer Senior Haven
222 Main St.
Dinners served at noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Suggested donation: \$3 for seniors. Home-delivered meals are available each mealtime.
Tuesday: Pork chops, gravy, mashed potatoes, carrot and raisin salad, bread and butter, peach dessert
Thursday: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, hot roll, Waldorf salad, Jell-O, whipped cream

Jerome Senior Center
212 First Ave. E.
All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.
Menus:
Monday: Chicken strips, scalloped potatoes, cauliflower, fruit, cookies
Tuesday: Malibu chicken, potatoes and gravy, carrots, fruit, cinnamon rolls
Wednesday: Polish sausage, sauerkraut, fries, pasta salad, custard
Thursday: Chef salad, Jell-O w/ fruit, doughnuts
Friday: Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, green salad, fruit, candy, cream
Activities:
Monday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.
Tuesday: Gem State Fiddlers, noon
Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Snack, 6 p.m.
Early bird, 6:45 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.
Pinocle, 7 p.m.

Agoless Senior Citizens, Inc.
310 Main St. N., Kimberly
Menus:
Monday: Beef biscuit roll, buttered broccoli, coleslaw, peach cobbler
Wednesday: Chicken pot pie, tossed salad, apricots, cookie
Friday: Meatloaf, potatoes, gravy, green salad, tossed salad, bread and butter
Activities:
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Crafts, 1 p.m.
Friday: Bingo, 11:55 a.m.
Pinocle, 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens
308 Senior Ave.
Some women believe in the meddling mother-in-law cliché
The Wichita Eagle
GOTTA LOVE HER: Is the meddling, judgmental mother-in-law just a cliché? Maybe not, according to a recent survey of 19,000 women conducted by BabyTalk magazine. More than half of

All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors.

Menus:
Monday: Macaroni and cheese w/ ham, broccoli, plums, muffin, cookie
Tuesday: Teriyaki chicken, rice, stir fry veggies, pineapple w/ cottage cheese, bread, cobbler
Wednesday: Beef stroganoff, noodles, peas/onions, apricots, garlic bread, dessert
Thursday: Swiss steak, potatoes and gravy, cauliflower, pasta salad, roll, cake w/ lemon, sauce
Activities:
Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Pinocle, 12:30 p.m.
Wild one, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Parkinson's seminar, 12:30 p.m.
Pool, 1 p.m.
Bridge, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Messages, 10 a.m.
Computer lessons, 12:45 p.m.
Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Quilt and sew, 9 a.m.
Pool, 9:30 p.m.
Blood pressure, 11 a.m.
Gospel music group, 11:30 a.m.
TOPS, 4 p.m.
Pinocle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Bridge, 1 p.m.
Bowling, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo, 6 p.m.

Hagerman Senior Center
140 E. Lake
Open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Lunch is served at noon and Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Suggested donation is \$3, non-seniors \$4 and children under 12, \$2.
Menus:
Monday: Beef enchiladas, tortilla chips, green salad, dessert
Wednesday: Baked chicken w/ stuffing, potatoes and gravy, peas, salad, bread, pie
Friday: Potato bar

Silver and Gold Senior Center
Eden
Suggested donations for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Tuesdays are cookie and bread bake days and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days.
Tuesday: Hot beef sandwich, mashed potatoes and gravy, Calif. blend, salad, fruit, cookies
Thursday: Potato bar
Activities:
Wednesday: Bake Day Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Years Senior Citizen, Inc.
218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone
Served daily. Fruit, milk and coffee served daily.
Menus:
Tuesday: Pepper steak, buttered carrots, steamed rice, applesauce, cinnamon rolls
Wednesday: Ham salad sandwich, split pea soup, carrot sticks, coconut cream pie
Friday: Baked ham, green beans, scalloped potatoes, green salad, birthday cake, ice cream
Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Quilting, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday: Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Early-bird bingo, 6:30 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Friday: Pinocle, 1 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center
Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.
Menus:
Monday: Chicken chunks, five-way veggies, green salad, fries, dinner rolls, pineapple upside-down cake
Tuesday: Chicken noodle soup, egg salad sandwich, watermelon, apricot pie
Blaine County Senior Center
721 Third Ave. S., Halley
Menus:
Tuesday: Chicken enchiladas, Spanish rice, fruit, tossed salad, chocolate eclairs
Wednesday: Tuna biscuit roll

Golden Heritage Senior Center
2421 Overland Ave., Burley
Menus:
Monday: Beefy tomato macaroni
Tuesday: Pastrami/Swiss hoagies, potato soup, three-bean salad, peaches, ice cream
Wednesday: Oven fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, California veggies, roll, fruited whip Jell-O, chocolate cake
Thursday: Taco salad, refried beans, rice, Mexican veggies, Hawaiian cake
Friday: Barbecued ribs, cheddar potato cream, peas, fruit salad, roll, coconut cream pie
Activities:
Monday: All play pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: Woodcarving class, 8 a.m.
All-play pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Dorminos, 10 a.m.
Computer class, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: All-play pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Thursday: All-play pool, 10 a.m.
Hearing aid assistance, 11 a.m.
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Organ lessons
Jack-a-rap, 3 p.m. \$5.
Night pinocle, 7 p.m.
Friday: All-play pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.

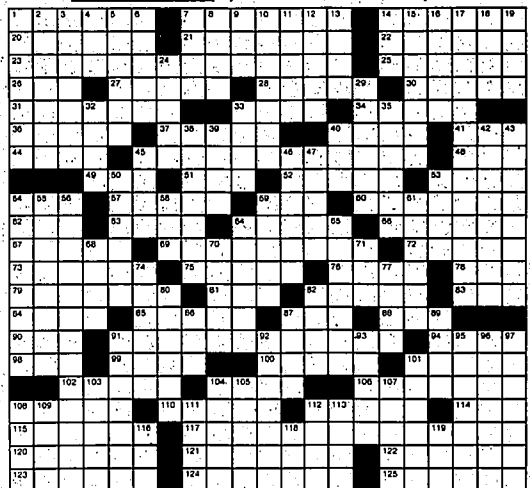
Some women believe in the meddling mother-in-law cliché
Family news you can use
respondents said their mother-in-law makes frequent comments about what they're doing right and wrong when it comes raising their families. Fifty-five percent of readers

say their mother-in-law doesn't think they're good housekeepers or cooks; 17 percent say their relationship with their mother-in-law has worsened since they've had a child; and 40 percent feel angry and frustrated by their mother-in-law's comments.

Sunday Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

FIRST FOR LAST By Joelah Breward, Scranton, Pennsylvania



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Generation

Continued from E2
Clyde McClendon, a 76-year-old Dallas woman who brought up her two grandsons, recalls how the older boy asked whether she was coming back whenever she put on her coat to go to work or run an errand. A grandchild's arrival can be jarring for the grandparent, too. Several school districts and community organizations including the Urban League and the Salesmanship Club's Youth and Family Centers — have formed support groups to allow grandparents to share their trials and tribulations, exchange practical tips and listen to speakers with professional advice on finances, legal issues and other parenting matters.

Many grandparents raise their grandchildren without obtaining formal legal custody. They fear that confronting the parents will tear the family further apart. Or they hope their child rearing will be short-term. But caseworkers agree that enrolling a child in school, child care or sports activities without legal custody sometimes can be difficult and frustrating. "Far worse is the possibility that a parent who's the legal guardian will reappear at any time and simply take the child," said Bruce Bowers, director of advocacy and client services with the Austin-based Texas Legal Services Center. Depending on their circumstances, grandparents may

want to seek one of several legal options — adoption, managing conservatorship, guardianship or, if they have the parent's cooperation, a special power of attorney, he said. Many grandparents who are willing to seek legal custody don't have the money to do it — even an uncontested case can cost \$2,000. The waiting lists for free legal aid can be long, and the eligibility standards can weed out all but the poorest. Grandparents also struggle financially. "Many are on fixed incomes. They don't even have enough money for themselves," said Katie Dickinson, associate executive director of the Senior Source of Dallas.

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COMMUNITY

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Michelle Higley of Heyburn talks about her schooling with Joyce Reas of Chapter J of the P.E.O. Sisterhood of Burley. Higley was the recipient of the 2003 P.E.O. scholarship, which helps women return to school to achieve their educational goals.

PROMOTING EDUCATION

Scholarship helps woman go to college

By Trena Tegan
Times-News writer

BURLEY—Michelle Higley of Heyburn said she was thrilled to be the recipient for the 2003 P.E.O. scholarship.

Higley is a mother of two children and has been attending the College of Southern Idaho working toward her goal to become a radiology technologist. She went through a clinical rotation at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls through the summer, will move on to Gooding for her fall rotation and will finish her spring rotation at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley and graduate in May 2005.

Higley is also employed at Cassia Regional in the radiology department as a transcriptionist and a phlebotomist and performs secretarial duties.

The scholarship money was greatly appreciated, Higley said. The money has helped pay various expenses including tuition, books, uniforms and travel expenses.

The scholarship stems from the story of Ruth Christian Cannon. Sponsored by E. Corinne Terhune of Chapter J P.E.O. Sisterhood in 1924, Cannon received an \$800 loan that enabled her to attend and graduate from the University of Idaho in Moscow with honors in 1928. Due to various hardships in her life, Cannon was unable to repay the loan. However, in 2001, the chapter received a \$3,000 check from Cannon, saying the loan had been a determining factor in her life and she wanted to perpetuate that opportunity to other women. So, the chapter established a scholarship in Cannon's name.

The annual scholarship of \$500 will be awarded to a Mini-Cassia woman who has been out of high school at least two years, has completed a minimum of 12 academic credits and must be attending an Idaho college or university.

For more information, call 678-2994.

'Sisterhood' emphasizes women's education in many ways

By Nate Poppino
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS—Alice Anderson is quick to correct if anyone calls P.E.O. a club.

"It's not a club," Anderson said. "It's a sisterhood."

The sisterhood, otherwise known as the Philanthropic Education Organization, is an international society in the United States and Canada that supports and finances women's education. Anderson, former president of the Idaho State Chapter, said the organization

has more than 250,000 members in 6,000 chapters. Six of those chapters are in Twin Falls.

"We've given millions of dollars in loan and grant programs for women in education," Anderson said.

P.E.O. was formed in 1869 as a college society on the campus of Wesleyan College in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, by seven women who wanted their own sorority. After they graduated, they kept the society going and it expanded into the size it is today. In addition to local assistance, members contribute to P.E.O.'s

For more information, call Alice Anderson at 732-6870.

five main projects, which include scholarships and loans for women interested in graduate studies or continuing education and financial support for Corney College in Nevada, Mo.

Though Anderson said she likes to emphasize the international projects, P.E.O. local and state chapters also contribute to other sources.

"Idaho owns a retirement home, the Chapter House in

Caldwell," Anderson said. "Locally, we do some philanthropic activities. We support families at Christmas time" give them clothing and food "and we've supported the Safe House before. Some chapters sponsor students at the local level with scholarships."

Most of the time, local scholarships are still connected to one of the five main programs.

"My chapter just recently obtained money from a program for continuing education for three women this year," Anderson

said.

Scholarship recipients do not have to be a part of P.E.O.

"We're always looking for women who need help," she said. "If my chapter won't sponsor someone, we can find one that will."

P.E.O. hasn't left its sorority origins behind. Membership is by invitation only, member P.A. Melynk said. Most chapters in southern Idaho have between 25 and 65 members.

"I was asked to join my mother's chapter 34 years ago and I

just initiated my daughter into membership," Melynk said.

Idaho chapters have a state convention every spring and an international convention every other year.

Next year's conventions will be held in Sun Valley and Vancouver, British Columbia, respectively.

Melynk is proud to be a part of the society.

"They're all outstanding women," she said. "I feel strongly about our programs. It's special to be a part of this group."

Higen completes basic Marine training

Marine Corps Pvt. Joshua J. Higen, son of Deanna L. and Jim E. Higen of Burley, has completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif., designed to challenge new Marine recruits, both physically and mentally.

In addition to the physical conditioning program, Higen spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments that included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. Higen is a 2003 graduate of Burley High School.

Masson participates in Naval exercise

Masson joined the Navy in May 2000.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Louis W. Masson, son of Debbie Mueller of Hagerman and Mike Mueller of Hagerman, participated in UNIFAS 45-04 as part of U.S. Task Group 138.0, while assigned to the guided missile frigate, USS Crommelin, homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Masson was one of more than 5,000 U.S. Sailors and Marines involved in the large-scale, multi-national training event hosted by the Peruvian Navy.

Masson is one of 16 officers and 188 Sailors assigned to USS Crommelin, whose mission is to escort and protect convoys, underway replenishment groups and carrier battle groups.

Seaman completes basic Navy training in Illinois

Navy Seaman Apprentice Tyrel S. Schmidt, son of Cheryl Holder and Kenny B. Schmidt of Gooding, has completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Schmidt completed a variety of training, which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

Schmidt is a 2002 graduate of Gooding High School of Gooding.

Dietrich seaman graduates from training

Navy Seaman Joshua A. Dotson, son of Gail L. Armstrong of Roundup, Mont., and Brad D. Dotson of Dietrich, has completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Dotson completed a variety of training, which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety.

Dotson is a 2002 graduate of Roundup High School of Roundup, Mont.

T.F. resident completes basic Navy training

Navy Seaman Christopher S. Wilson, son of Valerie K. and Scott A. Wilson of Twin Falls, has completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Wilson completed a variety of training, which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety.

Wilson is a 2000 graduate of Twin Falls High School of Twin Falls.

Naval officers complete final phase of training

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class William C. Wood, son of Tammy Holton of Elko, Nev., and Christopher M. Wood of Carlin, Nev., and Navy Seaman Nicholas V. Fugate, a 2002 graduate of Elko High School, Elko, Nev., have participated in the final phase of the Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training exercise in Subic Bay, Philippines, while assigned to the guided missile destroyer USS Russell, homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Wood is a 2001 graduate of Elko High School of Elko, Nev., and joined the Navy in September 2001.

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Jazmyn Louise Herndon, daughter of Debra Lynn Herndon of Buhl, was born Monday, Aug. 30, 2004.

Lillian Beth Crosby, daughter of Britany Ann Lowell and David Victor Crosby of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2004.

Brock Nathaniel Scraggs, son of Charly Leonell Hall of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2004.

Calysta Leann Jackson,

daughter of Margaret Ann Wright of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2004.

Hunter Griggs Barlow, son of Julie Dionne and McKay Dennis Barlow of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2004.

Erina Ivanovic, daughter of Lijljana and Slav Ivanovic of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2004.

Senyovs Matthew Brown, son of Armandajlyn and Michael Jay Brown of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2004.

Klynt William Whiting, son

of Jeannette and William Len Whiting of Buhl, was born Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2004.

Alice Raihlynn Smith, daughter of Morgan Monique and Curtis James Smith of Eden, was born Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2004.

Olivia Grace Zierenberg, daughter of Jocelyn Alexa and Michael James Zierenberg of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2004.

Alexis Lee Carroll, daughter of Brandi Lee and Ross Allan Carroll of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Sept. 9, 2004.

Jeffrey Drew Foster, son of Tina Marie and Albert Drew Foster of Filer, was born Thursday, Sept. 9, 2004.

Eryka Jo Silver, daughter of Kimberly Lutzman and Timothy Bar Silver of Hagerman, was born Thursday, Sept. 9, 2004.

Jayden James Wheeler, son of Lisa Lin Wheeler of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Sept. 9, 2004.

Rex Daniel Schiffer, son of Marcella Ann and Dustin Jack Schiffer of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004.

Ryan Seth Taylor, son of Lisa Kaye and Donald Julian Taylor of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004.

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Cree Daniel Milliron, son of Clint and Brandi Milliron of Rupert, was born Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2004.

Claire Neibaur, daughter of Mitchell and Rachel Neibaur of Paul, was born Friday, Sept. 3, 2004.

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to: Jami Whited The Community Page The Times-News P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303 Or fax to: 734-5538. Deadline: noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper; and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper. More information? Call Jami at 735-3278

Melody Trio performs in Rupert this week

RUPERT—The Melody Trio from Roan Mountain, Tenn., will appear in concert 7 p.m. Wednesday at First Christian Church, 1110 8th St.

No tickets are required; a love offering will be taken. The group performs country gospel music and features Tim Hughes and R.L. and Linda Jones.

For more information, call Mike Johnson at 878-8190.

Local club leader returns from meeting in D.C.

BURLI—Judy Squire of Buhl, president of the Magic Valley Women's Club, was among 200 women attending the recent General Federation of Women's Club Board of Directors meeting in Washington, D.C.

Members heard from guest speaker, Susan J. Ellis, author and president of a training, consulting and publishing firm that specializes in volunteerism.

Federation's International president, Ernie Shriner of Wyoming, discussed her special project, "Literacy Program: Tutoring from the Heart."

In addition to sessions on various aspects of federation business, members participated in discussions dealing with organizational structure and reporting and attended various special projects and standing committee meetings.

Squire serves as chairman of the International Photography

Contest, covering programs in the arts department, such as "The World in Pictures" and the yearly calendar contest, "A Year in Pictures."

Magic Valley Women's Club is open to all interested men and women in the Magic Valley, Wood River Valley and Mini-Cassia areas. The federation is an international organization of community-based women's clubs. For more information, call Squire at 543-8539.

Kimberly library adds new books to shelves

KIMBERLY—The Kimberly Public Library, 120 Maple Ave. W., has added several new books to its shelves.

Adult fiction: "R' is For Ricochet" by Sue Grafton; "Lost City" by Clive Cussler; "Born O'Hurley"; "Sunny Chandler's Return"; and "A Little Magic" by Nora Roberts; "The Real Deal" by Fern Michaels; "Can You Keep a Secret?" by Sophie Kinsella; "Murphy's Law" by Rhye Bowen; "Love and Other Occupational Sports" by John Deere; "Star Light, Star Bright" and "Home at Last" by Katherine Stone; "Kill the Messenger" by Tami Hoag; "The Prometheus

Deception" by Robert Ludlum; "The Last Chance Cafe" by Linda Lee Miller; "Unjucky in Law" by Perri O'Shaughnessy; "Bay of the Dead" by J.A. Janice; "Breaking the Trust" by Lucy Clare; "Visions of Death" by J.D. Robb and "Darksong Rising" and "The Soprano Sorceress" and "The Spellsong War" by L.E. Modest.

For more information, call 424-4122.

Sons of Norway holds meeting Monday

TWIN FALLS—The Magic Valley Viking Lodge and the Sons of Norway will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1708 Heyburn Ave. E.

Ann and Frank Armbrust will discuss their recent trip to Norway. "The Fellowship of Ghosts" by Paul Watkins, a book on the mountains of Norway, also will be discussed.

For more information, call 324-4085.

Hagerman Swap Meet, Car Show takes place

HAGERMAN—The fifth annual Hagerman Swap Meet and Car Show will be held Sept. 25-26.

Both days begin with breakfast at 7:30 a.m. served by the Hagerman Valley Senior Center followed by registration at 8 a.m. The public is invited to this free event.

Between 1-4 p.m. Saturday, there will be games for children and adults, show-n-shine, free watermelon and poker ruck. The Hagerman Quick Response Unit will serve food and drinks in the park as a fund-raiser for the unit.

Tickets for a catered dinner that will be served at 5 p.m. in the park are still available at \$12.50.

Proceeds will be given back to the community. For more information, call show chairman Ted or Roberta Stouder at 837-4847.

Orchid Society holds nationally-judged show

TWIN FALLS—The Magic Valley Orchid Society will hold its first nationally-judged orchid show and sale from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sept. 25 and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 26 at the Boys and Girls Club, 999 Frontier Road.

Admission is free.

For more information, call Trudy Young at 878-5295.

Duck Valley seniors seek help for travel

OWYHEE, Nev.—The senior citizens of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation have made plans to visit other centers, the Crazy Horse Monument and Mount Rushmore next month, and are seeking help for the trip.

To donate or for more information, call Senior Citizens Director Raymond Andy Jim, at (775) 757-3174, or send donations to: Owyhee Senior Citizens, c/o K. Andy Jim, Owyhee, NV 89632.

Old and new rock memories. Monday in School Days.

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WEDDINGS

HANKINS-CRUZ

TWIN FALLS — Erica Dawn Hankins and Victor Carlos Ronaldo Cruz were married Aug. 20 at the First Baptist Church in Twin Falls.

The bride is the daughter of Michael Hankins of Hansen and Gina Hankins of Twin Falls.

The bridegroom is the son of Victor Cruz of Tucson, Ariz., and Connie McDonnell of Jerome.

Brent Huether of Calvary Chapel officiated the ceremony.

Sister of the bride, the late Emilee Hankins, was the bride's maid of honor in spirit.

Bridesmaids included Kilee Bowyer, Maneula Muminovic, Kaylee McDonnell, Cassie McDonnell and Stephanie Poore. Irens and Aubree, sisters of the groom, were the flower girls.

Jeffrey Cox, friend of the groom, served as best man. Groomsman included Kyle Skuzza, Kris Cruz, Aaron Turner, Josh Naider and Rob Nish.



Erica and Victor Cruz

Gabriel Cruz, brother of the groom, was the ringbearer.

Special guests included grandparents of the groom, Dorothy Okabeber, Ruth Dayley and Leroy Perkins, all of Burley and grandparents of the bride, Paul and Joyce Ostyn and Leona Hankins, all of Twin Falls.

A reception was held following the ceremony at the church. The newlyweds reside in Twin Falls.

EATON-MILLER

TWIN FALLS — Ashlee Eaton and Adam Miller were married Sept. 9 in the St. George LDS Temple in Utah.

The bride is the daughter of Mike and Pam Eaton, of Twin Falls.

The bridegroom is the son of Stephen and Shelly Miller of Twin Falls.

The bride is a graduate of Vallivue High School in Caldwell

and American Institute of Health and Technology in Boise in the dental assisting program.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Twin Falls High School. He served a two-year mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Germany Frankfurt Mission. He is employed at Twin Falls Chevrolet-Cadillac.

The newlyweds reside in Twin Falls.

JONES-NIELSEN

BURLEY — Sarah Jones and Dustin Nielsen were married Sept. 19 in Maryland.

The bride is the daughter of Beryl L. Dement and Dale E. Dement of Leonard Town, Md.

The bridegroom is the son of Alan and Daria Nielsen of Burley.

The bride is a 2001 graduate of Leonard Town High School and a 2004 graduate of George Mason University. She is currently attending graduate school at George

Mason University in Virginia.

Nielsen is a 1999 graduate of Burley High School. He served an LDS mission to the Washington D.C. North Mission. He has received an associate's degree from Brigham Young University Idaho in automotive technology.

An open house to honor the couple will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, at the DeLo LDS Church.

The couple is working and residing in Virginia.

ANDREWS-PORTER

FILER — Erin Andrews and Jason Porter were married Sept. 5, at an outdoor ceremony at the home of Craig and Judy Stokem in Spring Creek, Nev.

The bride is the daughter of Ralph and Eileen Andrews in Filer.

The bridegroom is the son of Judy Stokem of Spring Creek and Gary Porter of Reno, Nev.

Kimberly Kendall, cousin of the bride, served as the bride's maid of honor.

Stacy Andrews, sister of the bride, was the bridesmaid.

Amanda Porter, daughter of



Jason and Erin Porter

the groom, was the flower girl. Jeremy Porter, brother of the groom, served as best man.

Syrus Porter, son of the groom,

THE GUNDERSONS

TWIN FALLS — Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gunderson of Twin Falls recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Gunderson and Betty Brown were married Dec. 22, 1944, in Redding, Calif.

They moved in 1947 to Sonoma County, Calif., where they resided until 1993, and then moved to Twin Falls. They have lived in Twin Falls for 11 years.

During World War II, he was an electrician on the boats at Mare Island Shipyards. He was an electrical contractor and she was a computer operator for Nielsen Freight Lines in California, before their retirement in 1985.

They were honored at a buffet dinner in July at the Turf Club in Twin Falls. Because of the weather in December, the couple chose to celebrate their anniversary in



Kenneth and Betty Gunderson

the summer when others could attend from out of state.

The event was hosted by their children; Wayne Gunderson of Twin Falls, Jan (Gary) Thornburgh of Hohmert Park, Calif., and Pam (Buz) Backman of Santa Rosa, Calif.

The couple has seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

THE MCCREAS

GLENN'S FERRY — Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCrea of Glenn's Ferry were honored at a celebration Sept. 18 at the VFW Hall for their 50th wedding anniversary.

McCrea and Shirley Ann Alexander were married Sept. 14, 1954, at the home of the Rev. Ft. Thomas A. Heernan of St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church.

He retired from Plumber and Pipefitter Local No. 501, Aurora, Ill., in 1998. She is a retired retail clerk.

The event was given by their children, Robert Jr. of Michigan, Donna of Wisconsin and Gary of Illinois, and also her sister, Janice



Robert and Shirley McCrea

Heath, and her daughters.

The couple has five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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PAUL — Ralph and Margie Bunnell of Paul announce the engagement of their granddaughter, Misty Marlo Spencer, to Nathan John Koller, son of Stephen and Patricia Koller of Hot Springs, S.D.

Spencer is a graduate of Grants High School in Grants, N.M. She is currently attending Brigham Young University-Idaho, majoring in dental hygiene. She served an LDS mission in Alabama.

Koller is also attending BYU-Idaho as a business major with an emphasis on hospital administration. He served an LDS mission in Bolivia.



Nathan Koller and Misty Spencer

The wedding is planned for Saturday, Sept. 25, in the Albuquerque LDS Temple in New Mexico. A reception to honor the couple will be held in Bluewater, N.M. and Hot Springs, S.D.

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T.F. club nears centennial

In this land of sagebrush and dust, philanthropy-minded women longing for music, drama and literature, and for companionship, assembled the Syringa Club in January 1906.

Their organization, a more casual affair these days, still endures under the name 20th Century Club. It's Twin Falls' oldest continuing club for women, and it's just two years shy of celebrating its own centennial. The club aspires to reach that milestone.

Its present members, aging like everyone else, have difficulty attracting younger recruits these days. They say their hope for the future is to hold the 20th Century Club together long enough to celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2006. The club is working on a cookbook which will be available then.

While the 20th Century Club's future is uncertain, its rich past is well documented. Scrapbooks stuffed with clippings are stored in the Twin Falls Public Library's Idaho Room, meeting minutes are preserved and the club has published yearbooks since 1907.

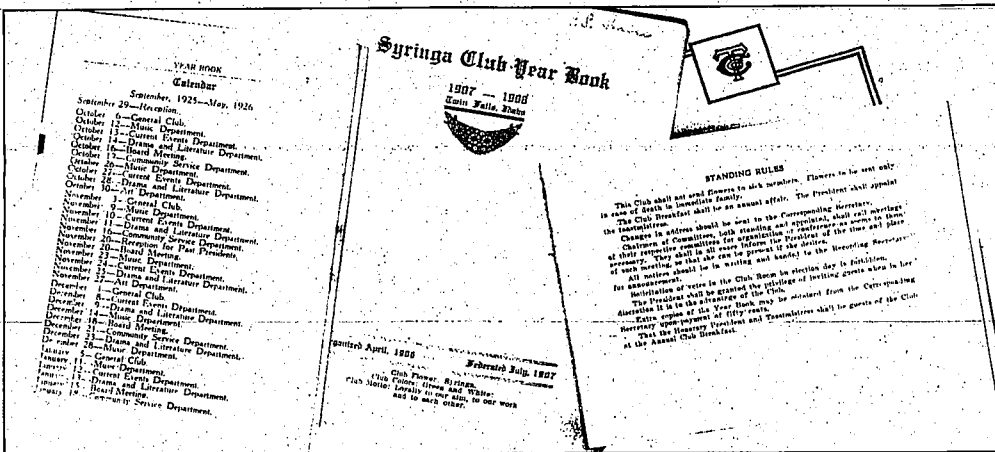
"Every woman has something to give," the 20th Century Club says in its brochure for prospective members, "and we may never know when our actions and example will be a benefit to another person's life."

- Virginia S. Hutchins



Members of the 20th Century Club, from left, Elaine Bateman, Willis Rider, Maxine Machamer, Clyda Walden, Mavoumeen Hall, Marietta James, Helen Shaff, Marjorie Deters and Esther Ketterling, helped get the rock drinking fountain in Twin Falls' City Park reconstructed recently.

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The 20th Century Club, which began life in Twin Falls as the Syringa Club in 1906, has published yearbooks every year since 1907. Three of them are pictured here. At left is the calendar page from the 1925-26 yearbook - proof of a rigorous schedule of music, drama, club government and the like. At center is the first yearbook's title page. The 'Standing Rules' page at right is from the 1923-24 edition. Among the rules still followed: 'This Club shall not send flowers to sick members.'

About the 20th Century Club

- **Initial membership:** Only 10 members were allowed in the club's beginning, in 1906.
- **At the peak:** Membership topped out at 280.
- **The current roster:** Today, the club has 40 members.
- **Founders:** Mrs. Kennedy Packard (the first president); Mrs. H.W. Clouchek (the first vice president); Mrs. M.J. Sweeney, Elsie C. Eastman, Anne E. Aiken, Mabel Francisco and Minnie Hahn were the Syringa Club's charter members. Three new members were admitted to reach the allowed limit of 10: Anna H. Hayes, Nellie E. Williams and Grace E. Seaver.
- **Name change:** In 1909, the Syringa Club incorporated and changed its name to 20th Century Club.

- **Club's purpose when it began:** The club was started as a study club or reading circle by women interested in fine arts.
- **Club's purpose today:** Today, club members say they're trying to meet and fill the needs of an ever-changing community. Throughout the years, that has meant giving money to music education, Girls State, The Salvation Army, a homeless shelter, senior citizens' building fund and a host of other community causes. For decades, the club did much of its fund-raising by staging style shows and selling advertisements in show booklets. But the membership these days is smaller - and older, on average - and doesn't attempt to put on big events. Revenue from style shows past are still funding the club's efforts, with help from membership dues. And the club isn't able to give as much each year.

- **Biggest accomplishment:** That was probably in the late 1990s and early '70s, when club President Betty Jackson pushed for cleanup of Rock Creek Canyon, where generations had dumped old cars and other junk. Today, there's a lovely park and walking trail in the canyon.
- **Recent accomplishments:** Credit the club with reconstruction of a City Park drinking fountain, which the club had first built in 1915 of native lava rock, and with renovation of the Betty Jackson 20th Century pavilion in Rock Creek Park.
- **Meeting schedule:** The 20th Century Club meets for lunch - and a variety of topics - at noon on the second Tuesday of each month at the Turf Club, September through May.

Seaver, Deters and other current members

Children enjoy a wading pool in Twin Falls' City Park in 1922. The 20th Century Club made pool construction possible - one of its many service projects. The youngsters of the community have thoroughly enjoyed this pool, says club President Marjorie Deters. The pool is now a thing of the past, and playground equipment has taken its place.



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Left, six women who are recorded in 20th Century Club scrapbooks by their husbands' names - from left, Mrs. Wallace Bond, Mrs. Arthur Webb, Mrs. Chlo Crabtree, Mrs. Tom White, Mrs. Lem Chapin and Mrs. Hugh Phillips - wear hats loaned by a downtown dress store for the club's May 2, 1944, Easter Bonnet Parade in the parlor of Twin Falls' Methodist church. In those days, members of the 'apocalyp, formal, editr' club wore fur coats, gloves and hats to club meetings, today's President Marjorie Deters says. Things are more casual now. 'No one wears hats to our meetings now,' Deters says.

Above right, Emma Elzina Clouchek, wife of Twin Falls physician H.W. Clouchek, in 1906 helped found the Syringa Club for women, now known as the 20th Century Club. Emma Clouchek also started a Bible study class, served in the Idaho House of Representatives, was elected to the Republican National Committee, led a campaign for funds for recreational programs for the defense force and earned several civic honors. Emma's only child died in infancy, great-niece Karen Lindner says, and the 'love she would have given to her child she gave to her community, her state and country.'