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A CHANCE FOR CHANGE



Robert Glasson, of Glasson Construction, works on a home in Twin Falls. Glasson began hiring ex-offenders last year and helps to train them with new skills in a specific craft.

Felons get new direction

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The tools Billy Clayton uses now are for building up, not breaking in. Taking a short break from his job framing single-family homes, Clayton, 41, eased back into a folding chair, letting sawdust settle around him. "I got in with the wrong people and made some stupid decisions," he said. "After a short stint as a burglar, he got arrested and was sent to a rider program - an intense

treatment and rehabilitation program - in Cottonwood. He wanted to resume life as a truck driver when he got out in December, but he lost his commercial driver's license due to being one month behind in child support. "After 12 years driving truck, I didn't know what to do," he said. He went to Job Service and secured a job with Glasson Construction in Twin Falls. Robert and RoseAnn Glasson began hiring ex-offenders last year "to give them a boost."

Robert said. "It's me giving them a career," he explained. "Instead of them going out and flipping burgers they can say, 'Hey, I've got something to do in life. I don't have to go to drugs.' Drugs, burglaries and a life lacking hope. Glasson wants to steer people to a more productive path. "And his reasons are personal. "Back in 1996 I got caught up in the wrong crowd," he said. "I went to pre-release. I did 15 months, then was on probation."

Glasson found someone who was willing to take a chance with him and teach him a new skill. "I knew nothing about carpentry," he said. "My boss got half my wages, which were paid by the feds. That's what inspired me because that gave me a chance to turn my life around." Glasson is looking for grants or federal assistance, not as a hand-out to build his business, he said, but as a way to keep other offenders from slipping back into crime.

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Bull elk lock horns and eventually die

By Jerry Blair
Elko Daily Free-Press

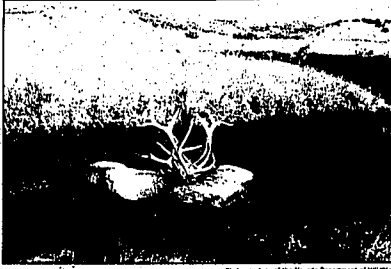
ELKO, Nev. - Two large bull elk died this past week after their antlers became locked while sparring and a rancher prevented state wildlife officials from attempting to aid the animals.

The elk were reported to the Elko office of the Nevada Department of Wildlife Monday, said Jerry Smith, a wildlife game warden supervisor for Nevada's eastern region.

The two bulls were discovered by a passer-by the day before near Goose Creek in the extreme northeastern corner of Elko County, just a few miles from both the Idaho and Utah state lines.

It was later determined the elk were on land owned by rancher Bud Beckle, whose property is located in all three states. "We got the message they were locked on Monday, alive and in the field," Smith said.

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Two elk lie dead in a stream on the Bedke ranch in northeastern Elko County near the Idaho and Utah borders. The animals locked horns last week and were unable to separate.

From China to Indiana, chemical weapons trouble world

By Charles J. Hanley
The Associated Press

They were no-shows in Iraq, but tons of chemical weapons are stoking fears and costing billions to clean up elsewhere in the world - from concrete igloos in Oregon, to the Panama rainforest, to the highlands of China, where Japanese war leftovers reportedly have killed hundreds. In fact, more chemical munitions have turned up lately in Australia than in Iraq, where the Bush administration claimed up to 500 tons would be found. As Baghdad arms hunters searched in vain, chemical weapons material was even being unearthed in Washington, D.C., four miles

from the White House. At least 8 million such weapons are stockpiled worldwide, and concern is deepening not only over the health and safety of nearby communities, but also over the threat of theft or attacks on depots brimming with sarin or VX, fearsome nerve agents that can kill by the drop. "Chemical terrorism is something we should all be very concerned about," chief international watchdog Rogelio Pflieger told The Associated Press. His OPCW, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, oversees destruction of the armaments under a 1997 treaty. As troubling as the terror potential is, "these weapons are leaking and pose a threat even

without terrorist involvement," said Jonathan Tucker, a Monterey Institute specialist in unconventional arms. "The sooner we get rid of them, the better." Inside U.S. chemical depots, shells filled with old sulfur mustard sometimes bubble over like a deadly champagne. Outside, the government is handing out thousands of emergency warning radios to local residents. At least 12 leaks - all apparently contained on-site - occurred last year at one Army depot alone, at Tooele, Utah, report researchers at Washington's Sillman Center think tank. National Guard companies have thrown containers around



Giant containment cylinders that will be used to move deadly chemical weapons from storage igloos to an incinerator stand ready in this June 8 file photo, inside the Umatilla Chemical Weapons Disposal Facility outside Hermiston, Ore.

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Lots of folks spend serious money on their pets' health.
Monday

Quilters
They share art and friendships.
Tuesday

Years of service
Extension educator shares memories.
Wednesday

Bigger bucks?
The forecast for next week-end's big game hunting opener.
Thursday

Masterswork
The College of Southern Idaho Theater Department takes on "Spoon River Anthology."
Friday

Blessing animals
Bring your pet to church.
Saturday

Personal mail
Forget about personalized license plates, credit cards or T-shirts.
Sunday

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Sunny skies and warm. Highs in the lower 80s. Tonight: Clear skies. Lows upper 40s to the lower 50s. Tomorrow: Sunny skies with a few afternoon clouds. Highs in the lower to mid 80s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Sunny skies and warm. Highs in the lower 80s. Tonight: Clear skies. Lows 40s to near 50. Tomorrow: Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 80s.

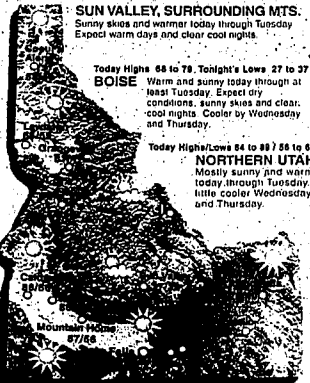
IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Sunny skies and warmer today through Tuesday. Expect warm days and clear cool nights.

Today Highs 68 to 78. Tonight's Lows 27 to 37. BOISE Warm and sunny today through at least Tuesday. Expect dry conditions, sunny skies and clear, cool nights. Cooler by Wednesday and Thursday.

Today High/Lows 84 to 88/56 to 61

NORTHERN UTAH Mostly sunny and warmer today, through Tuesday. A little cooler Wednesday and Thursday.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 80 at Boise, Low 20 at Sunny. In thunderstorms, air showers, rain, an snow, 10 flurries, wind gusting.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: Today, Tonight, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Yesterday's Weather. Includes temperature, precipitation, humidity, and barometric pressure.

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Table with 2 columns: Temperature and Precipitation. Includes monthly and yearly records.

MOON PHASES

Table showing moon phases for Sep 28, Oct 6, Oct 14, and Oct 20.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for various Idaho cities.

NATIONAL FORECAST

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Barometric Pressure

Table with 2 columns: Today, Yesterday. Shows barometric pressure and sunrise/sunset times.

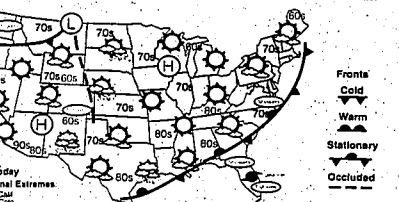
U.V. INDEX

Table with 2 columns: Today, Yesterday. Shows UV index and sunrise/sunset times.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for various international cities.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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CANADIAN FORECAST. Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for various Canadian cities.

Valid to 6 p.m. today. National Extremes. High: 107 at Inou, Cal. Low: 22 at Kasi, Cal.

Lawyers control details of Bush-Kerry debate Jeanne

MIAMI - Reality TV it's not. When President Bush and John Kerry face off at the University of Miami Thursday, they'll be operating under a set of rules so restrictive they even dictate where the candidates' families sit - "front row, diagonally across from the candidate, directly in his line of sight."

phrases like "in addition to the rules in subparagraph a" and seeks to spell out every detail of the debate. It starts with the walk-out, prompted by a "visual cue" from the moderator, includes the hand shake and orchestrates the size of the podiums, down to the inch - 50 inches high - and prohibits the use of risers by either candidate "to create an impression of elevated height."

"There's some level of discomfort which you can minimize by making it more predictable," said Steinberg, who also oversees the school's debate program. The agreement even dictates the size of the podiums, down to the inch - 50 inches high - and prohibits the use of risers by either candidate "to create an impression of elevated height."

filling with evacuees. "I'm going to get out of (Florida). It's scary. It's crazy." Jeanne follows Charley, which struck Aug. 13 and devastated southwest Florida. Frances, which struck Labor Day weekend and Ivan, which blasted the western Panhandle when it made landfall in nearby Alabama on Sept. 15. The storms caused billions of dollars in combined damage and killed at least 70 people in Florida alone.

district attorney's office and, in turn, with the Nevada Attorney General's office, it became clear Bedke was within his rights to deny access to his ranch, Smith said. "There's nothing in the law compelling access onto the property against Mr. Bedke's wishes," he said, adding, "private property rights are paramount, as they should be."

state. If the Bedkes had processed the animals without a proper tag, they would have been considered in violation of Nevada law, Smith explained. Without a valid elk tag, the rancher would be to allow the dead animals to naturally decompose. Smith said the Bedkes agreed to allow wildlife personnel to retrieve the elk heads, which will be mounted and used by the department for education purposes.

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Chuck Fuller, PA-C

NATION

Midwest states tempt Bush

A Kerry loss in Wisconsin, Iowa or Minnesota could decide the election

LA CROSSE, Wis. (AP) — In 2000, political pundits summed up the race in three words: Florida, Florida, Florida. Here's three words to consider this fall: Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota.

The trio of upper Mississippi River states narrowly backed Vice President Al Gore in 2000 and are, if anything, slightly more Republican four years later, raising the possibility that Democratic Sen. John Kerry could lose one or two of them. President Bush is targeting their combined 27 electoral votes — the same total as Florida, where a bitterly contested race settled the last election.

"They are states we lost last time, but if we can carry one or more of them, it puts Kerry's ability to win the Electoral College in serious jeopardy," said Bush strategist Matthew Dowd.

Interviews throughout the upper Mississippi region — from a diner in Austin, Minn., to a farmer's market in Dubuque, Iowa, to a mayor's office in a Wisconsin river town — revealed a mix of emotions and an anxious mood among voters.

They are worried about the economy, though not as much as Rust Belt voters to the East, and the war in Iraq is a constant source of concern — even anger.

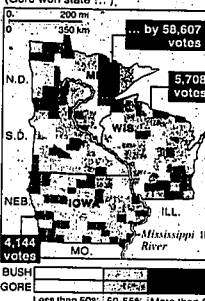
But more people approve of the president's performance than disapprove, polls show, and there is significant ambivalence toward Kerry.

"I think he's the man for the

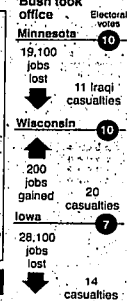
A mixed trio of states

Recent interviews throughout the three upper Mississippi River states revealed anxiety among voters about Iraq and the economy. President Bush narrowly lost the region in 2000 and has targeted the area, which has a combined 27 electoral votes.

2000 presidential voting by county (Gore won state ...)



Since Bush took office



SOURCE: ESPI-AP

job because I know Bush is not," Dionne Klauer said while pushing her 16-month-old daughter through the farmer's market in Dubuque. Her husband served in Iraq, a war she opposes, but she's not quite sold on Kerry.

"I don't know what he would have done differently" in Iraq, she said.

Because of population shifts since 2000 that favor Republicans, Kerry could win every state taken by Gore in 2000 and still would come up 10 votes short of the 270 needed to win the presidency. Gore lost to Bush by four electoral votes, 271-267.

Kerry is targeting several Bush states, especially Florida and Ohio. He can't afford to lose Gore's ground anywhere — much less in the upper Mississippi, where Democrats are supposed to run as strong as the river.

The last time a Republican presidential candidate won Minnesota was in 1972, with the nation at war in Vietnam and Richard Nixon seeking a second term. President Reagan, seeking his second term in 1984, is the last Republican to carry Iowa and Wisconsin.

But voters in the rural swathes and farther suburbs of all three states are turning to the GOP; Iowa went Democratic by barely

4,000 votes four years ago, while Wisconsin, was decided by just 6,000. The gap in Minnesota was slightly larger, but the state has elected a Republican senator and governor.

"If I had to bet now, I'd bet we'd win all three," said Kerry adviser Lad Devine. "Now, we'll have to throw a lot at them to win, particularly Iowa and Wisconsin... but that's fine. The president is going to have to devote a lot of resources to compete for them. I'd prefer we play on our turf."

Polls show the race close in the upper Mississippi, with Bush leading best in Wisconsin. He is doing nearly as well in Iowa. Kerry's strongest state in the region is Minnesota, and the race is essentially tied there.

Qolls also show voters here favor Bush over Kerry on the question of who would best fight terrorism and handle Iraq, while the two candidates are running even on the top issues of the economy and jobs. Throughout the region, Kerry's supporters are less enthusiastic about their candidate than Bush's are about him.

In La Crosse, Mayor John Medinger is a lifelong Democrat who cut his teeth on John Kennedy's campaign. He's backing Kerry but offers some reservations. "I think a lot of people wish Kerry would inspire them," he said. "A lot of people feel like 'I'm voting for Kerry, I wish I felt better about it.'"

John Trapp, a La Crosse businessman, feels much the same. "Honestly, when Howard Dean was taken from me I had to pick from the rest," he said.

But the president is vulnerable. Iraq has taken its toll here: 28 soldiers from Wisconsin have died in the conflict, 14 from Iowa and 11 from Minnesota.

Campaigns buy more ads in fewer states

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — If John Kerry's ad-buying strategy could be crystallized in a single phrase, it would be "Judge Judy." In President Bush's case, it's "Cops."

Backed by record-breaking expenditures for TV advertising, the presidential campaigns this year are pursuing intricate strategies — to target voters who are supporters via the programs they watch. While much attention has focused on creating the right advertising message, the medium is important, too. As a result, both campaigns, and their allied groups, have been tweaking the lists of programs they sponsor in order to put their ads before select groups of voters.

For example, "Judge Judy" — a nonfiction program featuring a strong-willed judge who tries simulated cases — is a daytime show that appeals to a group of viewers Kerry's campaign is counting on: middle-aged women, both single and stay-at-home moms. To appeal to this group, Kerry has also run thousands of ads on such daytime staples as "Oprah," "Dr. Phil" and "Live with Regis and Kelly."

At the same time, Bush is attempting to show up his base of support among younger and middle-aged white men. Thus, viewers in several states are likely to see ads for the president on such testosterone-fueled shows as "America's Most Wanted" and "Cops" on the Golf Channel, and during NASCAR races.

The rest of the time, the two campaigns' program-buying strategies overlap. From dawn to dusk, they battle it out during commercial breaks in "informational" programs such as "The Today Show," "Good Morning America" and the 6 p.m. local news, according to independent analyses of campaign ad-buying patterns. The other common ground is "Jeopardy!" and "Wheel of Fortune," two widely syndicated programs that appeal to older viewers, who tend to vote in higher numbers than other demographic groups.

With five weeks to go, the 2004 campaign already ranks as the most expensive and most advertising-intensive in history. Ad expenditures by the Bush and Kerry campaigns through mid-September topped \$300 million, surpassing the 2000 race's total by at least \$100 million, estimates TNSM/Campaign Media Analysis Group, a private tracking firm in Arlington, Va.

Between early March and Sept. 21, the campaigns and independent groups have broadcast more than 600,000 spots about the candidates or the election, according to Kenneth Goldstein, a political science professor who directs the University of Wisconsin's Advertising Project.



President Bush John Kerry

The buying patterns suggest this may be the narrowest presidential ad campaign ever, with the nation split between ad-haves and have-nots. Depending on this week's presidential contest, there are running in only about 12 to 20 states while most other states are in a virtual ad lockout. You won't see much in Washington, but it is raining commercials in Toledo, Tampa and Charleston, W.Va.

"If you live in any market in Pennsylvania, Ohio or Florida, you're guaranteed to see ads," says Evan Tracey, chief operating officer of Campaign Media Analysis Group.

The University of Wisconsin and Nielsen Monitor-Plus tracked an astonishing 501,259 ads from both the presidential campaigns and allied groups

through the end of August and found that they had aired in only 100 of the nation's 212 media markets. Goldstein estimates that about 60 percent of the electorate has yet to see a campaign ad this year.

During September, he said, the ad field narrowed further. Kerry's campaign has moved ad money out of states once deemed competitive (Arkansas, Virginia, North Carolina, Missouri, Arizona and Colorado), but for now considered in Bush's column.

The shifting state-by-state and city-by-city strategies essentially affirm something that became apparent in 2000: the death of the national campaign ad. No longer does the country see the same political message simultaneously, as it did for decades until the Bush-Gore race, when the practice stopped.

"They're simply not cost-efficient anymore," says Kathleen Hall Jamieson, director of the Annenberg Public Policy Center. "There's no reason to spend money to (address) half the country when you're not campaigning in half the country."

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Ads using interviews irk networks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The television airwaves are public, but the TV networks are insisting that interviews broadcast on them are not.

Networks are objecting to political advertisements that contain clips of Sen. John Kerry or President Bush on news shows such as NBC's "Meet the Press" or ABC's "Good Morning America."

Networks say the interviews are copyrighted and thus cannot be used without

permission.

That has prompted sponsors of some such ads to discontinue running them. Others have not canceled their spots, claiming they fall under the "fair use" provision of copyright law, which permits use of clips for criticism, news reporting, teaching or research.

"The argument is that if it's on TV and it's a news segment, then we can treat it as such as well," said David Axelrod, a Democratic ad maker.

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WILL STAMPS.COM STICK?

Postal Service may stamp 'cancelled' on experiment

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — It seemed like a clever idea. This summer, a small Web company, Stamps.com, partnered with the U.S. Postal Service to let people put their own photos on 37-cent first-class stamps.

Cute babies. Precious pets. Proud papas. The plan was to give regular folks a novel way to send their party invitations, letters, and thank-you notes.

Except this is the online world, where good intentions are forever being hijacked. E-mail once seemed to be a convenient way to pass notes back and forth — until spammers figured out how to commandeer the system to deliver loads of unsolicited advertising. Message boards for high-minded discourse? They're also a handy place to swap pornographic images.

And so it came to pass that Stamps.com Inc.'s experiment became the target of pranksters at a Web site called the Smoking Gun, which ordered images such as convicted spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, Monica Lewinsky's famously stained Cap dress and notorious war criminals.

In no time, Stamps.com began restricting what images were permissible. The company will now accept only "color images of children who appear to be age 12 or younger, pets and animals, business and charity logos, landscapes, wildlife and vehicles," according to a notice on the Stamps.com site.

The company's trial with the Postal Service is scheduled to end Sept. 30, and the Postal Service is not saying whether it will continue the program.

Santa Monica, Calif.-based Stamps.com is just about the last of the dot-com-era companies still trying to carve out a niche in the not-quite-proven business of selling postage on the Web.



Stamps.com CEO Ken McBride sits in his company's office, Sept. 2, in Los Angeles.

Company officials hoped that PhotoStamps might be the product that delivered the company into prosperity. More than a million stamps have been ordered since the service was launched Aug. 10, and the hype helped double Stamps.com's stock price, from \$9 to nearly \$18.

But the stock was crawling back toward the \$13 mark Friday, as analysts debated whether the program has a future. The U.S. Postal Service has not said whether it will continue the program or cancel it, and a spokesman for Stamps.com said in an e-mail that the company's chief executive was unavailable for comment Friday.

"Everybody's in a dither over this — what we've been saying all along is that this is a test that will conclude Sept. 30," said Gerry McKiernan, a spokesman for the Postal Service. "We'll look at it then."

McKiernan said the agency plans to consider the issue for 90 days before issuing a decision. He would not say what criteria the Postal Service would use in deciding whether to continue the program.

The U.S. Postal Service would

not be the first to have a photo stamp program, if it allows PhotoStamps to continue. A few countries, including Canada, Ireland and Switzerland, have similar programs, according to McKiernan.

In an electronically connected world where people are moving toward e-mail and online bill payments, anything that drums up interest in old-fashioned "snail mail" could be taken as good news. A presidential commission's report last year forecast that the volume of mail the U.S. Postal Service handles every year will fall from 202.2 billion pieces in 2003 to 181.7 billion by 2017.

Those who follow the movements of the U.S. Postal Service said they don't know whether the PhotoStamps will be approved or not but some weighed in, in favor of the stamps.

"I hope they don't chicken out because of the embarrassing stamps that were created by the Smoking Gun," said Michael Schruber, editor of Linn's Stamp News. "I think it would be foolish for them not to continue this. These stamps do nothing but encourage people to use first-class mail."

Jim Carrey touts his latest movie

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jim Carrey says his last movie is a good prescription for squabbling lovers.

Carrey plays a man who has the painful memories of his girlfriend erased from his mind in "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind." At a party for the DVD release of the film on Thursday, he offered this promise about the hard-knocks love story:

"I guarantee you, couples who see this movie — and it's not goody. It's not romanticized in anyway — but couples who see this movie will love each other after," he told Associated Press Television News. "They'll go, 'Awwww, what the hell — you're not so bad!' It supports love."



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NATION

Medical discoveries earn awards

NEW YORK (AP) — A researcher who turned cataract surgery into a brief outpatient procedure and three scientists who illuminated how certain hormones and vitamins act on the body's cells have won prestigious medical awards.

The \$50,000 prizes, from the Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation, will be presented Friday in New York. Sixty-eight scientists who've won such awards have gone on to win Nobel Prizes, the foundation said.

The award for clinical research will be given

posthumously to Dr. Charles Kelman, who made cataract removal an outpatient procedure. Previously, cataract operations were risky ordeals that required more than a week of hospitalization with the patient's head immobilized by sand bags.

Kelman began his research in the 1960s as a staff ophthalmologist at the Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital in New York. Inspired by an ultrasonic tool his dentist used, he developed a device to pulverize the lens of the eye so it could be removed through a tiny opening.

By 1985 about 15 percent of cataract removals in the United States were done with his technique; by 1996 it was 97 percent. It is now the most frequently performed surgery in many Western countries, the foundation said.

Kelman died in June at age 74. In his memory, the prize's honorarium will go to the International Retinal Research Foundation.

The Lasker award for basic research will be shared by Dr. Pierre Chambon of the Institute of Genetics and Molecular and

Cellular Biology in Strasbourg, France; Ronald Evans of the Salk Institute for Biological Studies in La Jolla, Calif., and Elwood Jensen of the University of Chicago.

The three men, starting with Jensen in the 1950s and continuing with Chambon and Evans in the 1980s, opened up the field of studying proteins called nuclear hormone receptors, the foundation said. These receptors grab onto certain hormones and vitamins and migrate to the nucleus of a cell, where they regulate the activity of genes.

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U.S. Army conducts blimp tests

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — In the middle of a cornfield in Maryland, a blimp glided in for a landing.

Eight men in orange and yellow guide ropes that dragged them along, their heels dug in, until the blimp halted, hovering a foot off the ground. The sun momentarily dimmed as the Phillips two-prop engines kicked up a swirl of dry corn husks.

The U.S. Army believes scenes such as the one that has unfolded repeatedly over the past two days near Freezey Airport in Bowie might be as much about the future as a quaint re-enactment of a bygone time.

That is why the Army has leased a blimp from the nation's only airship manufacturer and outfitted it with sensors and cameras. Over the next week, the 178-foot-long lighter-than-air craft will conduct test runs over the Washington area. In the fabric gondola hanging below the envelope, a technician will aim a camera, mounted to the front of the cabin, at government buildings and military bases.

The tests are designed to determine how effective the electro-optical infrared cameras are at detecting potentially threatening movements on the ground when attached to a blimp yawing in the heat currents it is best able to fly 1,000 feet in the air at 30 knots. The experiment already is used in Iraq and Afghanistan to identify enemy troop movement, but in combat zones it is attached to a static inflatable device that looks like a giant, blimp-shaped ballonet.

The prospect that a helium-filled blimp is an idea whose time has come again is increasingly being considered by serious people charged with defending troops at home and the nation's borders at home.

Among the interested agencies is the Department of Homeland Security. Unmanned drones are already being used along the border with Mexico. The agency thinks blimps might be equally useful.

"We're doing a preliminary evaluation," said Chris Wells, an assistant chief with the Border Patrol. "Though our technology — airships has been around for a number of years — recent advances caused us to take a fresh look at it."

Aboard the blimp, Phillip Mix, an electronics technician with Crane Naval Service Warfare Center, sat before a television screen as the airship circled above Route 50. The camera beamed images from 800 feet above. Mix has spent his career designing and consulting about blimps. He allows that whenever he mentions his calling to a new acquaintance, "They want to have me psychoanalyzed."

Fewer than 30 blimps are in use, and 19 of them were made by the American Blimp Corp. in Oregon, one of only a handful of companies making modern blimps. Another is a German company whose name is synonymous with dirigibles, Zeppelin, which has sold three in recent years, all for sightseeing.

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NATION

California OKs toughest emissions rules

LOS ANGELES (AP) — California has adopted the world's first rules to reduce greenhouse emissions for autos, taking what supporters see as a dramatic step toward cleaning up the environment but also ensuring higher costs for drivers.

The rules may lead to sweeping changes in vehicles nationwide, especially if other states opt to follow California's example. New York has already said it will follow the regula-

tions, and several other states are expected to do the same. Under the regulations, unanimously approved Friday by the California Air Resources Board, the auto industry must cut exhaust from California's cars and light trucks by 25 percent and from larger trucks and sport utility vehicles by 18 percent.

"In the short term we probably won't see much effect because global warming is a

very long-term problem," said Terry Tamminen, secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency. "People won't see immediate benefits from this but they need to understand that their children will."

Auto industry officials argued vehemently against the regulations on three points — that the board did not have the authority to adopt the regulations, that they could not be met by current

technology and that they unfairly targeted California, which produces less than 1 percent of the world's greenhouse gases. The board said its research had found that the regulations would result in vehicle price increases that would top out at about \$1,000 more per vehicle by 2016. The auto industry has estimated the increase at about \$3,000, but the board's staff said that number was exaggerated.



Seth Seaberg displays a converted Suburban truck powered by compressed natural gas, called the 'EVO Limo,' on display Thursday in Los Angeles. California took the lead in the international effort to reduce global warming on Friday.

AP photo

Education secretary calls No Child Left Behind start of new era

Night Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Education Rod Paige said Friday that the No Child Left Behind Act improved public schools over the last year and helped narrow the achievement gap among students of differing racial and economic backgrounds.

Paige's assessment came even as critics argued that the law is too rigid and provides too little money to reach the goals set for the nation when it was enacted in 2001.

"There is clear evidence of success, noticeable patterns of change and upbeat reports from a variety of sources," he said. "Simply stated, the law is working, and we are at the beginning of a new era in education."

The law marks the largest government involvement in elementary and secondary education to date. It's designed to ensure that U.S. schoolchildren have qualified teachers, are able to pass multiple standardized tests and can attend schools of their choosing.

Since its passage, however, the Bush administration's measure has come under attack from various quarters.

On Friday, a collection of educators and politicians pointed to troubling flaws in the law, including the government's failure to provide funding that was originally promised. Among the law's critics are the Campaign for America's Future, a liberal nonprofit organization that's permitted to lobby Congress under IRS law; the National Education Association; and Rep. Betty McCollum, D-Minn.

"The act replaces real teaching with hours of test preparation," said Angela Valenzuela, a professor at the University of Texas and editor of the new book "Leaving Children Behind." "Principals are rewarded for delivering high scores even if it means pushing out students who don't perform well."

Robert Borosage, the co-director for Campaign for America's Future, said the law punishes teachers and students but provides no new funding or other resources to bolster education locally.

"The administration is letting failing grades to schools without providing kids with what they need," he said. "They have declared mission impossible before they have even started."

In contrast, Paige cited improvements in Georgia, New York and Delaware as proof that the law is working.

He said 78 percent of schools in Georgia met the state's testing goals in the last school year, up from 61 percent the year before. In New York, state education officials said that more than 1,000 schools improved on statewide English and math tests. And in Delaware, students performed the "best ever" on the most recent tests, Paige said.

According to the education secretary, the law prompted local officials to provide free homework help to 112,000 low-income students nationwide and reading help for 1.4 million students across the country.

Paige said Colorado and Nevada also are making strides in improving performance among less affluent students. In one low-income elementary school in Colorado, test scores are up. Another such elementary school in Nevada that had been underachieving for years was designated the first "high achievement" school in its county, Paige said.

"The percentage of African-American and Hispanic fourth-graders who know their reading and math basics increased substantially more between 2000 and 2003 than in the previous eight years combined," Paige said.



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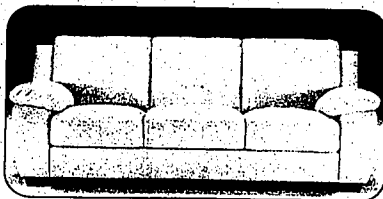
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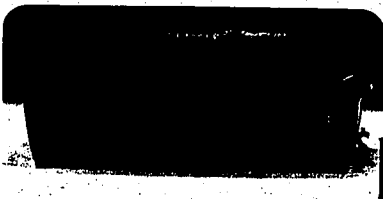
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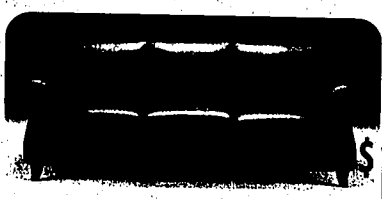
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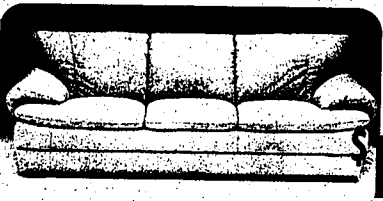
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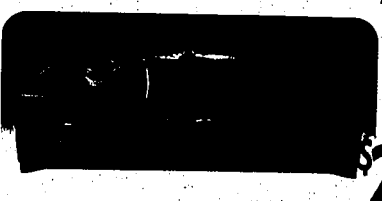
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Weapons

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these U.S. installations since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. In terrorism over the security protecting its 36,000 tons of nerve agent.

Chemical warfare reached its depths in World War I, when mustard, phosgene and other gases led to more than a million deaths and died on European battlefields. It is World War I leftovers that cleaning crews have been uncovering since 2001 at an old Army test site in residential Spring Valley, up Massachusetts Avenue from central Washington, D.C.

Poisonous clouds were also unleashed in the 1930s, by Italian troops in Ethiopia and China's Japanese invaders, and in the 1980s by Iraq in the Iran-Iraq War. It's believed Egyptian gas was used in Yemen's civil war in the 1960s.

The Chemical Weapons Convention, the 1997 treaty outlawing the weapons, gave governments declaring chemical holdings — today the United States, Russia, India, South Korea, Albania and Libya — 10 years to destroy them.

Even if extended to 2012 as the treaty allows, that deadline looks unachievable by either big holder, the United States or Russia, a U.S. government study finds. By last April the Americans had barely eliminated 20 percent of their stockpiles, and the Russians 1 percent.

"The greatest difficulty is purely one of resources and cost," noted Richard Guthrie of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute.

The U.S. Army has learned how complex and costly it is to eliminate the dangerous stockpiles — originally more than

30,000 tons, mostly sarin, a thin liquid; VX, with the consistency of motor oil, and the molasses-like sulfur mustard.

Absorbed through skin or inhaled as gas, the nerve agents can produce convulsions, paralysis and death. Mustard severely blisters skin and internal membranes.

These agents are packed into bombs and aircraft spray tanks, artillery shells, rockets and land mines, mostly stored beneath earth-covered concrete domes at eight depots across the United States.

When it began its planning in 1995, the Army thought it could destroy the weapons in nine years for \$1.7 billion. Two decades later, it still faces years of work and cumulative costs of more than \$25 billion.

"There have been a variety of delays," said Greg Mahall,

spokesman for the Army's Chemical Materials Agency.

Chemicals that gelled, crystallized or otherwise degraded demanded special handling, he explained. Testing, permits and oversight requirements, at all levels of government, slowed construction and operation. Environmental and other local groups sought court orders to block incineration. Then the Utah plant shut down for eight months in 2002-2003 after workers were accidentally exposed to sarin gas.

The pace picked up in recent months as a second incineration facility opened at the Anniston, Ala., depot; the Army began chemically neutralizing weapons, a newer method, at its Aberdeen, Md., site; and incinerators at the Umattila, Ore., depot began — on Sept. 8 — burning rockets loaded with nerve gas.

Roadblocks remain. Plans to chemically neutralize weapons at a Newport, Ind., depot are stalled while the Army hunts for a dumping ground for the waste. Local resistance doomed a plan to process it in Dayton, Ohio. Similar opposition is growing to an Army alternative: discharging it from a New Jersey site into the Delaware River.

The Pine Bluff, Ark., arms depot may begin burning sarin by next year. But delays have plagued the two other sites — in Richmond, Ky., where anti-burning activists forced the Army to convert to chemical neutralization, and in Pueblo, Colo., where neutralization may not begin until 2009.

Kentucky-based activists, the Chemical Weapons Working Group, are demanding more openness about what's going on at the facilities. Director Craig

Williams noted that the Anniston Star newspaper, through a Freedom of Information Act request, found that three sarin spills had occurred inside the Alabama facility this year.

The information flows less freely from inside Russia, where the "CW" destruction effort, underwritten by U.S. and European aid, bogged down for years. Too little Russian money was available, and U.S. aid was blocked at times as U.S. congressmen complained Moscow wasn't doing enough. The \$2 billion-plus center-piece — a giant plant at Shchuch'ye in the Ural Mountains — may not be ready until 2009.

Meantime, "a large quantity of Russia's chemical weapons will remain vulnerable to theft or diversion," the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) warned last March.

Felons

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"Poverty, drugs and alcohol," he said, "those are all in hand with what we're doing. It's just endless. Most of the kids that are getting in trouble are high school dropouts. They got kicked out in the wrong crowd. They want a way out of their situation but they have no education, no money. They end up in drug court or on probation."

Helping people from reoffending would have enormous benefits, not just for ex-convicts, but for the taxpayer public, he said.

For the fiscal year 2003, the cost per day, per inmate was approximately \$50 in prison and \$31 for community work centers, according to the Idaho Department of Correction.

Department officials estimate the average cost per year is \$15,000 to \$20,000 per inmate.

The DOC has programs to help successfully reintegrate offenders into society, including five work centers located throughout the state, with one in Twin Falls.

Some incarcerated people who are determined by the correction department not to be a threat to the community are allowed to have outside jobs.

They give their schedule to the department and they get dropped off and picked up from work," said Stacy McBain, a public information officer. "Statistics show if you send them out with a job and housing lined up, then their recidivism is much lower."

However, with this system, the state takes a percentage of their wages to help defray the costs of incarceration and to pay transportation. Money does not go back to the employer.

A labor of love

Glasson's enthusiasm is not daunted by dwindling funds.

"We've got way too much invested in this program to quit," he said. "If I stopped (hiring offenders) I could go like crazy, but that's not what it's about."

It does take long for Glasson's office to get on board with the notion of hiring inexperienced ex-cons.

"You have to learn to have a lot of faith and trust in people," Reynolds said. "Everybody I met so far these are nice guys. I also believe in giving people a chance."

A broken leg this year, however, left Glasson hobbling around, unable to train new hires.

"We believe in this program

100 percent, but we're to our ends," he said. "The broken leg did it. I was down and that was it. Who's going to teach them?"

Added to that workmen's comp. tools, state liability. "It all costs a lot," he said.

"The greatest difficulty is purely one of resources and cost," noted Richard Guthrie of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute.

One employee left for a better-paying job; another Glasson had to let go because he couldn't afford the insurance.

"The incentives that the incentives that other jobs can," he said.

But that doesn't bother him in the long run.

"It ain't about them sticking around," he said. "It's about them taking the knowledge to advance."

After a six month period, most of them have enough skills to either stay and move up to a higher wage, or go to another job.

"It's up to them," Glasson said. "I love what I do and most people I've brought here love it."

No money for the cause

The Glassons have been looking for grants for tools or to help pay wages, but have so far come up empty handed.

"I can't give them letters to state senators and labor department officials seeking funds, to no avail."

"We are absolutely strapped for training dollars," said Pamela Petersen, manager of the Magic Valley office of Idaho Commerce and Labor. "And I don't see that changing any time soon."

The Workforce Investment Act — funded by Congress and allocated to states by the Department of Labor — provides assistance for job training to adults, youth and dislocated workers.

Money for ex-offenders falls under the adult category.

Funding begins July 1 and runs for a year — ideally.

"By the end of August we had a waiting list," Petersen said. "We don't have a funding stream. In our adult program we have no money left."

Another allocation of funds is expected next summer, but stretching the budget is becoming increasingly hard.

"We will get something next year, but for the past decade we have been cut every year," she said. "That's just a fact of the federal budget. Given our budgetary pressures now — homeland security and defense — we'll continue to see cuts in domestic training programs."

When the department has

money to give, the request has to come from the participant, in this case offenders, since the training isn't intended to subsidize businesses, but to train individuals, Petersen added.

"They can come to us and say, 'I have an opportunity to be trained on the line at XYZ Company,'" she said. "Then we would work with the applicant and the company to see if we could (make it work)."

Additionally, businesses have to be on a state-approved training list to determine if they can be used in this capacity, she said.

Hammering away

Until funds become available, Glasson Construction continues to frame houses with the hope they can step up the training aspect of their business.

"We get the patients to teach and there's plenty of work," Robert Glasson said. "What there's not plenty of is money. I don't want that to be the reason we stop doing this program."

Clayton, too, would like to see other owners benefit from on-the-job training.

"I think this program he wants to get going is great," he said. "Just from what it's done for me. Take these people and (say), 'Here's an option. You don't have to go out and steal to make money. Good carpenters make a lot of money. I can see it benefiting a lot of people.'"

Clayton's pleasures now include viewing the finished product — landscaped houses ready for new occupants — and spending time with his girlfriend and her kids.

"It's nice to come back and see what you've done," he said. "It's good. It keeps me out of trouble. I don't have enough energy to do anything else."

Having been a first-time offender at the age of 38, Clayton is grateful for having had only a fleeting relationship with a life of crime.

"I can go another 38 years without getting in trouble again," he said. "I don't ever want to hear that (fall) door shut again."

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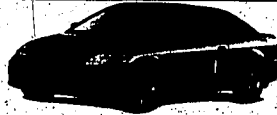
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LATEST TROUBLE SPOT

Baghdad street brims with violence

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Halfi Street hears the scars of recent violence: A pockmarked edifice, a blackened facade, a charred car carcass. "Long live the courageous Iraqi resistance," reads a scrawl on a wall. "Death to the traitors," warns another.

This street of high-rise apartments has erupted into the latest trouble spot in Baghdad, the seat of power of Iraq's U.S.-backed interim government amid scenes of fierce clashes between armed militants and U.S. and Iraqi troops.

The fact that militants are able to force a showdown in one of Baghdad's main arteries is fueling the anger of some Iraqis at what they think is perhaps the United States' biggest failure: its inability to bring them security.

It is also a source of embarrassment to government officials trying to downplay the sway of insurgents ahead of elections scheduled for January.

"Before we used to hear about Faluja and Ramadi," said street resident Salma Abbas, citing two insurgent strongholds west of Baghdad. "Now it has become Halfa Street."

Iraqi security forces have raided Halfa Street twice in the past two weeks, clashing with gunmen and arresting 90 suspects including Syrians, Sudanese and Egyptians, Interior Ministry officials said. Four "terrorists" were killed in the most recent raid Wednesday in which U.S. troops also participated.

"It's one of the bases for kidnappings, terrorism, robbery, assassinations and all the known criminal activities," Interior Ministry spokesman Sabih Kadhim said.

While there have been sporadic clashes for months, the street grabbed extra attention Sept. 12 when a U.S. helicopter fired on a disabled U.S. Bradley fighting vehicle as Iraqis swarmed around it, cheering and throwing stones. Thirteen people, including an Arab television reporter, were killed that day.

Maimed and lifeless bodies lay in the street after several young men placed in the barrel of the burning vehicle's main gun the black and yellow sun-



An Iraqi policeman keeps guard at an entrance to Halfa Street in Baghdad, Iraq, Friday.

burst banner of one of Iraq's most-feared terror organizations: Ta'wid and Jihad.

Kadhim argues the violence on the street mostly comes from "criminal gangs that have no political program" and believe they will thrive in the security vacuum created by fighting police. He said there were also some "Saddamist elements ... dressed in religious garb."

Many of the troublemakers are newcomers to the area, he added. "When they know that there's an area controlled by criminals, more criminals come in," he said.

The graffiti, however, casts the blame in nationalist terms. "No USA," screams one. "Death to the government," warns another. "Yes! Yes! to the leader Saddam Hussein," reads yet another.

Ta'wid and Jihad, lead by Jordanian terrorist mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, has claimed responsibility for some of the Halfa Street violence.

From her 13th floor apartment in a towering off-white and orange building, Abbas has watched the changes to the street she has called home for the past 19 years.

Saddam Hussein's government gave many of the apartments in her residential compound to college professors, deducting the price in installments from their salaries. There are also doctors and engineers.

But in recent months, peering out her window, she has started seeing strangers: Men whose faces were covered with black bags with two holes for the eyes.

They faded in and out of the area in their cars and prowled the street, grenade launchers balanced on their shoulders, she said.

As more gunfire and explosions rocked the area, some of Abbas's neighbors moved out. Abbas' started spending more time at her parents' and in-law's homes.

Her neighbor, Dr. Maysoun al-Emarah, closed her clinic, deeming the trip to work and back too dangerous. But even staying at home can be perilous.

During a recent raid, Abbas was jolted awake at about 4:15 a.m. by gunshots and explosions. She scurried out of her apartment and huddled with neighbors in the corridor until the clashes ended some nine hours later.

When she returned, she found the floors covered with glass. The walls and a refrigerator were peppered with bullets.

"I won't fix the windows until things calm down," she said.

Al-Emarah said some of the gunmen took over apartments vacated when foreign students fled the country ahead of the U.S.-led invasion in March 2003, or when their owners left to work abroad.

Iraqis stand on the rubble of destroyed houses Saturday in Faluja, Iraq.



U.S. strikes kill 15; Muslims appeal for hostage release

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.S. warplanes, tanks and artillery repeatedly hit at Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's terror network in the insurgent stronghold of Faluja on Saturday, while two British Muslim leaders came to Baghdad to try to convince his followers to release a British hostage.

The strikes in Faluja targeted two buildings where militants were allegedly meeting and a cluster of rebel-built fortifications used to mount attacks on nearby Marine positions, the U.S. military said. Doctors said 16 people were killed and 37 wounded.

In other violence, an American soldier was reported killed by a bomb Saturday, and the U.S. military said four Marines died in separate incidents Friday. A statement said the Marines were involved in a security operation in Anbar province, which includes Faluja, Ramadi and other places that see frequent clashes between U.S. forces and insurgents. No further details were disclosed.

In Baghdad, gunmen fired on a vehicle carrying Iraqi National Guard applicants. Killing six people, police said. It was the latest attack in a militant campaign that targets Iraqi security units and recruits in hopes of undermining U.S.-backed efforts to build an Iraqi force capable of taking over security from American troops.

The National Guard also clashed with unidentified gunmen in Haswa, south of the capital, injuring four people, hospital officials said. The shooting lasted about a half hour, witnesses said.

Meanwhile, five mortar shells struck the Iraqi Oil Ministry in Baghdad, shattering windows and causing minor damage to the building, ministry spokesman Assem Jihad said. There were no immediate reports of casualties.

Several explosions rocked the Iraqi capital late Saturday, but it was not immediately clear what caused the blasts. The military had no immediate comment.

In Faluja, explosions lit up the night sky for hours before dawn Saturday and at least two buildings in the city center were wrecked, witnesses said. The Faluja mosque switched on its loudspeakers and clerics chanted prayers to rally the city's residents. Doctors said eight people were killed and 15 wounded.

Explosions rocked the city again after dark Saturday. Eight people were killed and 22 injured in the blasts, said Dr. Ahmed Khalil at Faluja General Hospital. The U.S. military could not immediately be reached for comment on the blasts.

American troops have not entered Faluja since ending a three-week siege of the city in April that killed hundreds but

have staged repeated attacks on sites the U.S. military described as being used by al-Zarqawi's followers.

In a statement released on the Internet, al-Zarqawi's Ta'wid and Jihad group said the death of its spiritual leader in a U.S. missile strike earlier this month had only increased its determination to fight the United States and its allies in Iraq.

The statement said the beheading of two American hostages last week was proof that the group's campaign was not affected by the killing of Sheikh Abu Anas al-Shami, apparently when a U.S. missile hit his car in a western Baghdad suburb Sept. 17.

"The beheading of the two Americans was our first signal that we will continue and will not be deterred," said the statement, which was posted on a Web site known for carrying communiques from Islamic militants.

Two senior officials of the Muslim Council of Britain arrived in Iraq's capital on Saturday to try to win the freedom of Kenneth Bigley, a British civil engineer who was kidnapped Sept. 16 with the two Americans who were slain. Al-Zarqawi's group claimed responsibility for the abduction and demanded the release of female Iraqi prisoners at American-controlled prisons — a move U.S. officials have ruled out.

U.S. finds itself in reconstruction Catch-22

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — The fact that less than 7 percent of the \$18 billion approved by Congress last year to rebuild Iraq has been spent exemplifies the problems of the postwar situation in that struggling country.

The money hasn't been spent largely because a dire security situation makes it risky to undertake many projects. And that has created a downward spiral, because the failure to improve life for many Iraqis makes conditions even more dangerous by increasing anger and by missing a chance to give average Iraqis a stake — and a job — in their new society.

"The security environment has slowed things down and made it difficult to provide protection for contractors," said Michael O'Hanlon, defense analyst at the Brookings Institution. "Now it's become a vicious cycle, because the insurgency is fueled in part by the bad economy and the fact that we haven't done enough to help Iraqis."

Rebuilding postwar Iraq is key to U.S. hopes of stabilizing the country and averting civil war or a failed state where terrorists can flourish.

The \$18.4 billion Congress appropriated last year was part of the \$87 billion the White House argued was needed for war-related costs and reconstruction.

That appropriation has become part of the presidential campaign debate, with Republicans criticizing Sen. John Kerry, the Democratic nominee, for voting against it.

Meanwhile, Democrats, and even some Republicans, have blasted the Bush administration for the slow pace of the reconstruction and the continuing violence in Iraq.

Figures supplied by the National Security Council late last week show just \$1.2 billion of the reconstruction funding has been spent. And the administration wants to transfer by three times that much — \$3.5 billion — from reconstruction

to security.

Among those critical of the failure to more urgently use reconstruction money are the two senior Republicans on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Richard Lugar and Chuck Hagel.

Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage, testifying Friday before a congressional panel, acknowledged the problems. Aside from failing to assure security, U.S. forces "have not been very sure-footed" in initiating rebuilding projects, he said.

"The problems have been of our own making," Armitage said.

"This is terra incognita." He added that, given unemployment rates of up to 27 percent, he hopes that over the next year 800,000 Iraqis will be employed in reconstruction.

President George W. Bush said the United States would spend more when there is enough security in certain neighborhoods and contracts are let.

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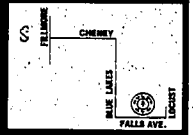
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Ex-president Carter continues to promote peace, human rights

ATLANTA (AP) — As he approaches 80, Jimmy Carter could be enjoying retirement—teaching Sunday school, relaxing with family and reflecting on a life that's taken him from the peanut fields of Plains, Ga., to the White House and back.

Instead, Carter continues to use his status as a former president to promote peace, health and voting initiatives across the globe at a sometimes startling pace for his age.

"I have been blessed by graduating from the White House at an early age," Carter, who left the presidency at 56, told The Associated Press. "Enough so that I could use the prestige and fame and experience from being president of the greatest nation in the world to have access to leaders and understand the problems that they face."

The majority of the work that Carter does is through the Carter Center—a combination of a presidential library and a "mini-United Nations" he and his wife founded in 1982 on a wooded patch of land in Atlanta.

Carter, whose 80th birthday is Friday, won the Nobel Peace Prize two years ago. He has remained active on other fronts as well, from his woodworking shop in Plains to the stage of the Democratic National Convention in Boston.

Witness his schedule for this year. Carter traveled to Ghana, Togo and Mali in February as part of an effort to eradicate Guinea worm—a painful disease that has ravaged parts of Africa since Biblical times.

He spent a week in June in rural Alabama and Georgia helping build houses with Habitat for Humanity—an annual tradition he plans to take to Mexico next year.

In July, he joined Carter Center staff in Indonesia to monitor that nation's first round of elections, followed by a vacation in the Galapagos Islands.

He traveled to Venezuela in May and August for more election monitoring.

Last month, he spoke at his



Former President Jimmy Carter listens to a question during an interview at The Carter Center in Atlanta, Wednesday. Carter, whose presidency was marred by a hostage crisis, said Wednesday that he is saddened by the recent kidnappings and killings of Americans in Iraq.

party's national convention in Boston. And throughout the year, he continued to teach Sunday school in Plains and lectured at least once a month at Atlanta's Emory University, where he has been on the faculty since leaving the White House.

He published his 19th book, "Sharing Good Times," late last year and spent much of this year working on a sequel to "The Hornet's Nest," a novel of historical fiction set during the Revolutionary War.

At the same time, he continued to make time for hobbies that include woodworking and oil painting.

"President Carter keeps a schedule that would wear out much younger men and women," said Steven Hochman, director of

research for The Carter Center. What helps him keep up such a pace age 79, Carter says, is that it doesn't feel like work.

"The bottom line is that it's an enjoyable thing," he said. "Nothing that I do is sacrificial."

Since his days as Georgia's governor from 1971 to 1975, some observers have called Carter a micro-manager. He says his later years have taught him to delegate day-to-day duties to others.


"That's one of the lessons you learn with advancing age," he said. "No matter how intense your commitment is to a profession or your current duties, there's always time to expand your life, to stretch your heart and mind and to have things that are much more enjoyable in your life."

Shock jock forerunner dies at 85

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Bill Ballance, a radio personality whose bold 1970s talk show tackled relationships and sex and helped pave the way for today's shock jocks, has died at age 85. Ballance died at home Thursday, according to his son, Jim. He had been in failing health since undergoing quadruple

bypass surgery and suffering a stroke in June 2002. Ballance's "Feminine Forum" became one of the most popular radio shows in Los Angeles within a year of its 1971 debut on KGBS-AM. Racy and confessional, the show drew many listeners, both male and female, with topics such

as "Where did his love go and how did you know it was gone?" and "Are you a red-hot mama?" "Feminine Forum" provoked anger among women's rights activists, who accused him of exploiting callers. But Ballance dismissed them, and the program was syndicated around the country.



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White supremacists rally at Valley Forge

VALLEY FORGE, Pa. (AP) — About 100 white supremacists rallied at Valley Forge National Historical Park on Saturday as nearly twice as many opponents heckled them from a nearby hillside.

Both groups were outnumbered by federal law enforcement officers. National Park Service spokesman Phil Sheridan said no arrests were made at the rally site, but one person was arrested after a scuffle in a parking lot.

Neo-Nazis and Ku Klux Klan members shouted slogans from a stage at the park, where about 11,000 Revolutionary War soldiers camped from December 1777 to June 1778.

The Minnesota-based National Socialist Movement, which sponsored the rally, claims Washington held separatist and anti-Semitic views—a position disputed by most historians.

The event was held on the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur. Rally organizers have said they were unaware of the holiday when they planned the event.

Still, Jeff Schoep, commander of the NSM, launched the rally with an attack on Jews, who he said planned "the destruction of all races through the evils of race mixing."

Other speakers criticized America's role in the Iraq war, calling it "Israel's War." Counter-demonstrators in a cordoned-off area several hundred feet away shouted "Bull!" and waved placards with slogans such as, "Get out of our melting pot."

North Osner, 25, said he joined the counterprotest to show there are people willing to stand up against racism.

"I think hate begets hate," he said. "I think it's scary to see such a volume of hate in one small area."

Lawyer: Reservist will face charges for prisoner abuse

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Army Pfc. Lyndie England, who has come to symbolize the Iraqi prisoner abuse scandal, will face a court-martial, one of her lawyers said.

The Army will announce the court-martial on Monday and may schedule the military trial to begin in January, defense attorney Rhidian Orr said Friday.

An Army spokesman at Fort Bragg, where England has been assigned while her case is pending, confirmed that a decision regarding the case is scheduled to be released Monday. The decision rests with Lt. Gen. John Vines, commander of the 18th Airborne Corps at the post.

England, 21, is one of seven members of the 372nd Military Police Company of Cresap-town, Md., charged with the abuse that occurred last year at Abu Ghraib prison in Baghdad. Photographs were transmitted around the world showing the reservist holding a naked pris-

oner by a leash, smiling and pointing at a hooded detainee's genitals and posing behind a pyramid of nude Iraqis.

Although the court-martial was not a surprise, "Lyndie's case is a heck of a lot stronger than it used to be," he said. Orr did not say what charges his client will face, but hearing officer Col. Denise Arn has recommended that England be court-martialed on 17 counts of abuse and indecent acts.


Military prosecutors portray the abuse as the work of a renegade band of reservists.

Arn suggested England was largely led astray by some of the other reservists charged in the case, particularly Spc. Charles Graner Jr.


Attorneys say Graner is the father of the child England expects to deliver in October.

England's attorneys argued in the hearing that she posed for the pictures on orders from high-ups to "soften up" Iraqi prisoners.

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Supporters of Afghan presidential candidate Mohammed Yunus Qanooni travel along a truck to take part in their leader's campaigning for the Oct. 9 election in Char-e-Kar city, some 43 miles north of Kabul, Saturday. Qanooni, an ethnic Tajik who is seen by many as a main challenger of the U.S.-backed Hamid Karzai started his election campaign around Kabul on Saturday.

U.S.: 2,000 insurgents threaten Afghan election

Report: Nine die in latest violence

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — U.S.-led forces trying to protect landmark Afghan elections face a rising wave of violence from about 2,000 insurgents, including al-Qaida militants slipping in from Pakistan, an American general said Saturday.

In the latest bloodshed, Afghan police said suspected Taliban gunmen killed nine militia soldiers in two attacks on checkpoints in a troubled southern province.

Two weeks before the presidential ballot, Lt. Gen. David Barno said violence would "more than likely" increase, and urged NATO forces and the United Nations to steel themselves.

"We must stand firm and not allow a tiny minority of terrorists to negate the hard work, commitment and courage of

millions of Afghans" who have registered to vote, said Barno, the top American commander in Afghanistan.

Taliban rebels threatening to disrupt the Oct. 9 election appear have already stepped up their campaign.

Militants killed three American soldiers last week, and U.S.-backed interim leader Hamid Karzai escaped a rocket attack on his helicopter earlier this month.

The nine soldiers reportedly died when gunmen riding two sports-utility vehicles fired on two checkpoints in Helmand province, killing six soldiers at the first and three more at the second.

Deputy police chief Hajj Amanullah Khan blamed Taliban for the attack, but provided

few details. The province and its security forces are racked by factional feuds.

Kabul is also on edge after an apparent suicide car-bombing last month killed about 10 people, including three Americans, at the office of the U.S. company helping train new Afghan police.

Almost three years after the fall of the Taliban, the general acknowledged his 18,000-strong force still faced a "significant counterinsurgency."

He said there were foreign fighters among the rebels operating in southeastern Afghanistan, indicating that al-Qaida had a "shared objective" of attacking the democratic transition.

He didn't elaborate.

Barno told a news conference the Pakistani army was reinforcing a section of the border further to the south to thwart Taliban rebels trying to enter from there.

Israel bulldozes 35 homes

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli army bulldozers razed 35 homes in a Palestinian refugee camp Saturday, a U.N. official said, a day after a resident of a nearby Jewish settlement was killed by mortar fire from the area.

The army said most of the demolished structures in the Khan Younis camp were uninhabited and served as cover for militants shelling the nearby settlement of Neve Dekalim.

However, after troops withdrew Saturday, dozens of Palestinians pulled clothes, kitchen utensils, school books, mattresses and other belongings from the rubble. One resident said he and his four children had fled in their pajamas as the family's two-story house was destroyed.

The incursion began just after midnight Friday with a missile strike that killed a 55-year-old Palestinian and wounded five other people. The army said the missiles were aimed at militants trying to launch a rocket.

Tanks and army bulldozers then drove into the camp, drawing fire from Palestinian gunmen.

The fighting took place close to Neve Dekalim, where a Hamas mortar killed 24-year-old Yiferet Tratner, an Israeli-American, on Friday. The attack marked the first time a Gaza settler was killed by Palestinian shelling.

Neve Dekalim is one of 21 Gaza settlements, with a total of 8,200 residents, to be dismantled under Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's "unilateral disengagement" plan. Sharon has argued that evacuating the Gaza settlements and four isolated West Bank enclaves will strengthen Israel's hold on other areas of the West Bank where most of its 236,000 settlers live.

A missile fired by Palestinians at an Israeli target Saturday fell short of its target and hit a car in the Palestinian town of Beit Hanoun in northern Gaza, blowing up the vehicle but causing no injuries, witnesses said.

The fighting came on Yom Kippur, the holiest day in the Jewish calendar, when observant Jews pray, fast and ask for forgiveness. Israel shut down for the last, closing its borders, roads, and airports. Armed guards were posted at synagogues and soldiers enforced a blanket closure of the West Bank and Gaza.

In Khan Younis, 35 houses — standard camp structures consisting of two rooms each — were destroyed Saturday, according to a field researcher of the U.N. Relief and Works Agency, which assists refugees.

Faith Zaroub, a father of four, said he was at home when a bulldozer approached before dawn Saturday.



A Palestinian woman and her child sit in the rubble after their family house was destroyed in an Israeli army incursion into the Khan Younis refugee camp, southern Gaza Strip, early Saturday after Israeli army bulldozers tore down 35 homes in the Palestinian refugee camp.

Iran tests 'strategic missile'

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran added a "strategic missile" to its military arsenal after a successful test, and the defense minister said Saturday his country was ready to confront any external threat.

The report by state-run radio did not say whether the test involved the previously announced new version of the Shahab-3 rocket, capable of reaching Israel and U.S. forces stationed in the Middle East, or a different missile.

"This strategic missile was successfully test-fired during military exercises by the Revolutionary Guards and delivered to the armed forces," Defense Minister Ali Shamkhani was quoted as saying.

The exercises were held Sept. 12-18.

Shamkhani refused to give details about the missile for "security reasons," but he said Iran was "ready to confront all regional and extra-regional threats," according to the radio.

Defense Ministry officials could not be reached for comment.

The announcement in Tehran came amid a war of words between Iran and Israel this week as Iran faces increasing international pressure over its nuclear energy program.

The United States — which once labeled Iran part of an "axis of evil" with North Korea and prewar Iraq — and other nations suspect Iran is developing atomic weapons.

The United Nations' atomic watchdog agency, the International Atomic Energy Agency, has demanded that Iran freeze its uranium enrichment program — a demand that Iran has termed "illegal" but has not rejected outright.

Iranian officials have repeatedly said the country's nuclear program is a peaceful one.

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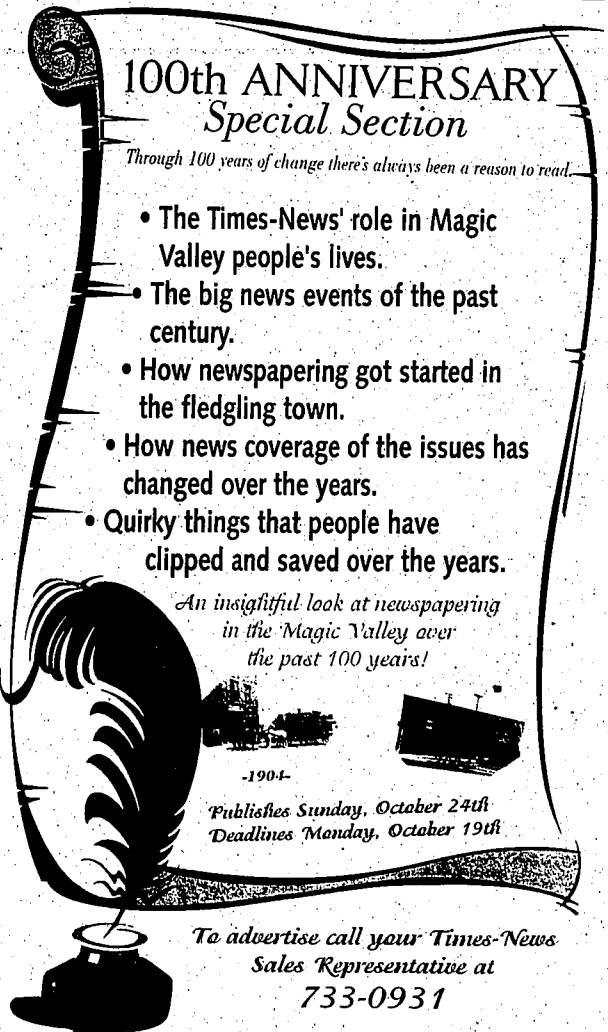
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WORLD

Moon cakes become big business in Taiwan

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — They look like hockey pucks baked by a golden brown crust. They're loaded with sweet red bean paste, pineapple, salty duck eggs or other classic Chinese fillings. And they're everywhere. It's moon cake time in Taiwan and other Chinese societies this season when people give the pastries to family, friends and customers to mark the mid-autumn festival — a major holiday in the ethnic Chinese world that's a cross between Thanksgiving and Valentine's Day.

But although millions of moon cakes will be sold before the Sept. 28 holiday, it can be hard to find people who like eating them. Boxes of them pile up in offices, and surplus cakes often get moldy and are tossed away at homes.

Giving moon cakes has become one of those odd, obligatory traditions fueling a huge industry that produces a product few people would buy for themselves.

The pastries have become like American fruitcakes — a stodgy Christmas dessert that often evokes more dread than joy.

The cakes are victims of changing tastes among an increasingly affluent, hip urban population that has developed a taste for Belgian chocolate, New York-style cheesecake and Japanese rice pastries.

The cakes are a middle-aged Taipei insurance executive, said he doesn't eat moon cakes because he's worried about calories — or "ka li li" in Mandarin.

"My daughter and son, they don't even want to look at them,"



A worker stamps moon cakes with the seal of the traditional Leechi Company bakery, Friday in Taipei, Taiwan.

added Lee, who said he loved eating the cakes as a child. "They just don't have a taste for them. They have McDonald's and many other kinds of desserts."

The basement food court at the Shin Kong Mitsukoshi department store in downtown Taipei is crowded with booths selling moon cakes. Saleswomen in bright aprons assist shoppers and urge them to take a free nibble or a full-color brochure of their offerings.

The traditional moon cake is round, shined up with an egg wash and baked dark brown. They're shaped by a mold that leaves an elaborate impression, which usually includes the moon cake brand-name in Chinese characters. Often the desserts contain a bright yellow duck egg yolk. This type is especially popular among the Cantonese in Hong

Kong and mainland China's Guangdong province.

Taiwanese prefer moon cakes that have a flaky white crust and are shaped like a lopsided squash ball. Others are square and as big as a matchbook or credit card. Common fillings include sweet red and green bean paste, as popular here as chocolate is in the West.

Saleswoman Hu Si-lan scrunches up her nose as she looks at moon cake boxes stacked high at a booth across from her tea shop in the department store's basement. The 38-year-old woman said she grew bored with moon cakes long ago and rarely eats them.

"Moon cakes used to be special. You'd see them only during the mid-autumn festival and Chinese New Year," she said. "Now they're everywhere. We Taiwanese like to



Workers fill moon cakes at the traditional Leechi Company bakery, Friday, in Taipei, Taiwan. It's moon cake time in Taiwan, a season when people give the pastries, resembling hockey pucks wrapped in a golden brown crust, loaded with sweet red bean paste, pineapple, salty duck eggs or other classic Chinese fillings, to family, friends and customers to mark the Mid-Autumn Festival, one of the biggest holidays in the Chinese-speaking world.

eat exotic new things. Moon cakes are just ordinary."

The industry is trying hard to make the cakes trendy and novel. Haagen-Dazs is trying to steal market share with a chocolate-coated ice cream version available in strawberry, vanilla and coffee.

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Blair prepares to face his ruling Labour Party

As he bears criticism about the Iraq war

LONDON (AP) — With his fate tied to the chaos in Iraq, Prime Minister Tony Blair faces his ruling Labour Party next week, hoping to calm anger over the war and shore up his government ahead of national elections.

The annual convention in the English seaside resort of Brighton will likely be the last before Britain goes to the polls, and Blair will try to shift focus from Iraq so he can win a third term for Labour.

Earlier this month, Blair spelled out his determination to shift the agenda back to domestic issues such as schools and hospitals. "Even if I've never been away, it's time to show I'm back," he said in a speech to union delegates.

But the kidnapping of Briton Kenneth Bigley by Islamic militants in Iraq, coupled with almost daily car bombings and street fighting, have again derailed Blair's plans and thrust the divisive war back onto the front pages. Bigley was shown on television Wednesday begging for his life.

"The great joker in the pack is Iraq and no one knows which way it will go," said Blair biographer Anthony Seldon. "It is entirely out of his control."

The theme of this year's five-day conference, which opens Sunday, is building a "better life for hardworking families."



Tony Blair

Ministers are expected to announce plans for new employment or training rights, longer maternity leave, increased pay for fathers during their two-week paternity break, and more flexible working hours for employees caring for elderly or disabled relatives.

As they approach elections widely expected in May 2005, Labour officials know they must capture the imagination of a public weary of the war and lacking trust in the prime minister.

"We want to show that we have got a strong forward agenda. It will be a policy-rich conference," a Labour source said on condition of anonymity. "Of course, Iraq has been and continues to be a divisive issue and there will be those who want to talk about it at conference. But we think it is important to set that forward agenda."

Although his second term began promisingly in 2001 with another landslide election victory, it has been overshadowed by conflict in Afghanistan and Iraq and by infighting over his domestic reform agenda.

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China's labor pool changes

Urban workers seek better lives

The Washington Post

DONGGUAN, China — In a country with a supposedly bottomless supply of labor, the Daojiong Hequn Plastic Processing factory has somehow hit bottom. The plant in southern China can no longer find enough young women willing to spend their hours bending over machinery slicing artificial hair for toy dolls bound for the United States.

The \$50 monthly pay is too little. The 14-hour days are too long. In China's burgeoning economy, there are better opportunities elsewhere.

Throughout the southern province of Guangdong, whose factories produce nearly one-third of China's exports, and in other industrial areas along China's coast, labor is suddenly wanting — particularly the 18- to 24-year-old women who have become the staple workers of China's export trade.

According to a recent report from the Ministry of Labor and Social Security, China's factories lack 2.8 million workers, 2 mil-

lion alone in the prime manufacturing zone along the Pearl River Delta.

It is not so much a labor shortage — there are still tens of millions of peasants and former employees of the state-owned factories who need jobs — as a mismatch between the cut-throat wage demands of the export trade and the rising expectations of Chinese workers. The government report blames the situation on poor working and living conditions, stagnant pay and chronic violations of China's labor regulations in the sprawling manufacturing towns that have based their growth on selling to the world market.

Where once a paycheck, even under harsh conditions, was enough to entice tens of millions of people to leave their villages in China's interior and flock to factories on the coast, workers are beginning to turn their backs on the prospect of laboring in 100-degree heat, living in rat-infested dormitories and being cheated out of their earnings.



PETER DODD/MAN/WASHINGTON POST

Yang Weng, a villager from outside Chongqing, has returned home jobless after failing to find decent factory work in Guangdong, a southern province.

They are instead staying in their home villages to take advantage of rising farm wages — up 15 to 40 percent in the past year as the government streamlines taxes and as growing domestic spending power raises the price of vegetables and meat. Or they are finding jobs closer to home in the factories

sprouting up in inland cities along China's expanding road and rail networks.

Death toll hits 1,500

GONAIVES, Haiti (AP) — The staggering death toll from Tropical Storm Jeanne shot upward to an estimated 1,500 people Saturday, with 900 Haitians still missing as a thunderstorm drenched the homeless who are living on rooftops and sidewalks. U.N. peacekeepers said they

were sending reinforcements to help keep order among desperate survivors who have been looting aid trucks and mobbing food distribution centers.

Interim Prime Minister Gerard Latortue estimated more than 1,500 dead, said Paul Magloire, an advisor.

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Judge drills ex-Chilean leader about disappearance of opponents

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — A Chilean judge questioned Gen. Augusto Pinochet Saturday about the disappearance of leftist political opponents during his 1973-80 dictatorship.

But Judge Juan Guzman, who indicted Pinochet in 2001 in a different human rights case that was blocked by Chile's Supreme Court, said later that he cut short the session because the former leader was "very tired."

Guzman, who had planned to question Pinochet for an hour, said the two met for just 20-30 minutes and he cut short his number of questions to just six.

"I saw his face much more congested than the last time I saw him," Guzman said after the questioning. "He answered all my questions directly."

Guzman said he will have Pinochet examined by doctors before deciding on the next step in the legal process, which centers in the so-called "Operation Condor," a joint plan developed in the 1970s by the dictatorships that ruled several South American nations to suppress dissent.

Court officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Guzman planned to question Pinochet on what he knew about Condor, especially his close relationship with the head of the Chilean secret service at the time.

According to court documents, 20 Chileans died as victims of Condor, which involved the secret services of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay. A report by the civilian government that succeeded Pinochet said 3,197 people died or disappeared during his regime.

Guzman is now expected to decide if evidence warrants indicting Pinochet for abuses under Condor, or to order medical tests to determine whether the 88-year-old retired general can stand trial.

The Supreme Court ruled in 2001 that Pinochet was mentally and physically unfit to stand trial in the earlier case, saying he had been diagnosed with mild dementia, diabetes and arthritis and was using a heart pacemaker.

Last month, however, the court cleared the way for a possible new indictment by stripping Pinochet of immunity from prosecution he enjoyed as former president. That ruling was prompted at least in part by Pinochet giving an interview to a Miami television station in which he appeared lucid while blaming subordinates for his regime's abuses.

One of Pinochet's lawyers, Gustavo Collado, said Pinochet was "very tired" after the questioning and required attention from a doctor.

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EDITORIAL

Let the public prioritize the list of bond issues

When you head to the polls this November and in elections to follow, don't just be prepared to pick a candidate...

ed city water systems. Those systems could address many needs, including arsenic removal, increased water supplies and pressurized wastewater lines.

Starting this fall, Twin Falls and Twin Falls County voters will decide the fate of a string of bond issues...

Our view: Taxpayers can determine which bond issue projects are a higher priority than others.

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

And who knows what other tax-bonding projects are in the works from the county for new office space or a new jail?

And don't forget. Starting in December, residents begin paying for a new ambulance tax district.

The large heap of potential property tax increases has some city leaders worried. Vice Mayor Lance Clow questioned whether the timing of a library expansion could doom other bond issue proposals.

It would have to see the momentum of your efforts disrupted. Clow explained to library board members.

But Clow seems to be placing the city's water needs ahead of the library, in effect, prioritizing them for the voters.

Clow and other council members had no problem passing the Senior Citizen Center tax override issue on to voters in 2002.

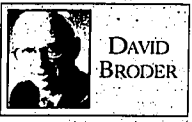
They said the need was compelling and needed to go on the ballot at that time.

For government agencies to compete for taxpayers' wallets is nothing new. But ultimately, local voters are quite capable of deciding which issues deserve funding before others.

If those various proposals go on the ballot at the same time, then so be it.

A black eye for CBS, and all media

We don't yet know who will win the 2004 election, but we know who has lost it. The American news media have been clobbered.



In a year when war in Iraq, the threat of terrorism and looming problems with the federal budget and the nations health care system cry out for serious debate, the news organizations on which people should be able to depend have been diverted into chasing sham events...



My suspicion is that it stems from a widespread loss of confidence in both the values of journalism and the economic viability of the news business.

The first symptom of wavering confidence that I spotted came when news organizations — television particularly, but print as well — began offering their most prestigious and visible jobs not to people deeply imbued with the culture and values of newsmen, but to stars imported from the political world...

As the path from the White House and political campaigns to the slots of TV anchor or interviewer or op-ed columnist or editor was trod by more and more people, the message to aspiring young journalists was clear.

The way to the top of journalism was no longer to stick yourself on police beats and city hall assignments, under the skeptical gaze of editors who demanded precision in

writing and careful weighing of evidence. It was to make a reputation as a clever wordsmith, a feisty advocate, a belligerent or bequilling political personality and then market yourself to the media.

These hires were made by executives who themselves had little commitment to the solid and steady journalistic values that came from working a beat for a sustained period of time. They were looking for quick fixes for their circulation or ratings — and they thought the star system or the "big story" would save them.

But to their dismay, TV news slow ratings continued to decline, newspaper circulations slumped and the fickle public — whose wishes editors now took as their command — switched to even more sensational outlets: the cable talk shows and infotainment formats that put argument, gossip and amusement at the top.

When the Internet opened the door to scores of "journalists" who had no allegiance at all to the skeptical and self-disciplined ethic of professional news gathering, the bars were already down in many old-line media organizations. That is how it happened that old pros

such as Dan Rather and former New York Times editor Howell Raines got caught up in this fevered atmosphere and let their standards slip.

Time was when my outfit, the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth who came around peddling an ad with implausible charges would have run into a hard-nosed reporter whose first questions — before he or she ran with the story — would have been "Who the hell are you guys? What's your angle? What's your proof?"

Any Texan with a grudge against George Bush and the National Guard who suddenly produced a purported photocopy of an explosive 30-year-old order signed by a dead man would have been treated with the deep distrust he deserved by the reporters to whom he offered his wares. And no professional journalist would have made a call to the Rose guys? What's your angle? What's your proof?"

We've wandered a long way from safe ground in the news business. Sometimes I wonder if we can find our way back.

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From there, the Twin Falls Public Library Board is planning an expansion of the library in the next few years. The board has already purchased land and secured financing for public survey studies.

Twin Falls Strategic Planning Committee, meanwhile, is also seeking funding for additional services on the Snake River Canyon trail system.

Last but not least, the Twin Falls City Council may ask voters to pay for upgrade

History can still offer hope for Bush

MAX BOOT

John Kerry is right to accuse President Bush of "colossal failures of judgment" in Iraq. These range from decisions taken in the early days of the occupation, such as the premature disbanding of Iraq's army, to more recent missteps, such as allowing Fallujah to become a terrorist sanctuary.

Reading the depressing headlines, one is tempted to ask: Has any president in U.S. history ever botched a war or its aftermath so badly?

Actually yes. Most wartime presidents have made catastrophic blunders, from James Madison losing his capital to the British in 1814 to Harry Truman getting embroiled with China in 1950. Errors tend to shrink in retrospect if committed in a wartime cause (Korea); they get magnified in a losing one (Vietnam).

Despite all that's gone wrong so far, Iraq could still go either way. In one recent poll, 51 percent of Iraqis said their country was headed in "the right direction," only 31 percent felt it was going the wrong way.

Last we too hard on Bush, it's useful to recall the travails of the nation's two most successful commanders in chief, Abraham Lincoln and Franklin Roosevelt.

Lincoln is remembered, of course, for winning the Civil War and freeing the slaves. We tend to forget that along the

way he lost more battles than any other president: First and Second Bull Run, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Chickamauga. ... The list of federal defeats was long and dispiriting. So was the list of federal victories (e.g., Antietam, Gettysburg) that could have buffed Lincoln's battered troops. At Kasserine Pass, Tunisia, in 1943, the U.S. Army was mauled by veteran German units, losing more than 6,000 soldiers.

The Allies went on to win the war but still suffered many snafus, such as Operation Market Garden, a failed airborne assault on Holland in September 1944, and the Battle of the Bulge three months later, when a massive German onslaught in the Ardennes caught U.S. troops napping.

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intelligence than Bush had before Sept. 11. FDR also did not do enough to prepare the armed forces for war, and then pushed them into early offensives at Guadalcanal and North Africa. He took a heavy toll on inexperienced troops. At Kasserine Pass, Tunisia, in 1943, the U.S. Army was mauled by veteran German units, losing more than 6,000 soldiers.

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Japanese left helped lead to two wars that killed 100,000 Americans.

None of this is meant in any way to denigrate the inspired leadership of two great presidents. Both Lincoln and Roosevelt were brilliant wartime leaders precisely because they were able to overcome adversity and inspire the country toward ultimate victory with their unflinching will to win. That's what Bush is trying to do today.

And, no, I'm not suggesting Bush is another Lincoln or Roosevelt. But even if Bush hasn't reached their lofty heights, neither has he experienced their depths of despair. In fact, Bush is doing better than even the most optimistic of analysts did in today's fashionable funk.

"Colossal failures of judgment" are to be expected in wartime; I dare say even John Kerry (whose judgment on Iraq changes every 30 minutes) might commit a few. They do not have to spell defeat now any more than they did in 1865 or 1945.

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LETTERS

Ohio terrorist case casts doubt on legal system

I'm writing in regard to an article I've read recently in The Times-News. It stated that an Ohio Mosque leader (Dumra) was sentenced to only two months in a federal prison and four months of house arrest for lying about his connection to terrorist groups when he applied for citizenship in the United States.

What makes us know that he no longer supports the terrorists? Our men are over there losing their lives fighting against terrorists.

Are we going to let these people live here enjoying all of our freedoms while possibly giving information to our enemies? Or even just supporting their causes. To me, this is going against everything we are fighting for.

This also makes me question the judicial quality of this judge. I truly believe in our system; however, if someone has been known to support such causes, they should be exported. They really don't want what we want for ourselves or for others.

Thank you for your time. I hope you take this as serious as I do.

Also, why call suicide bombers by that name call them what they are — homicide bombers. JUDY G. WALL, Twin Falls

Addictive pornography must be stopped

Internet pornography needs to go. We sing "God Bless America," but what are we asking God to bless — the pornography we produce in America?

In 2003, there were 167,000 Internet sites that mention sex; 39,000 listed as XXX, plus 57,000 listed as pornographic. These Web sites make up the most lucrative facet of the Internet, as pornography has become a multibillion-dollar enterprise. Researchers discovered scientific evidence that pornography is as addictive as cocaine or heroin, going directly to the pleasure centers of the brain.

This addiction is so powerful that thousands of reports from heartbroken women give testimony to the fact that their husbands, when offered a choice or an ultimatum, will take the voluptuous fantasy world of pornography and cybersex over real life and real intimacy with their spouse.

Married men and women who indulge in these kinds of fantasies are breaking God's holy commandment forbidding adultery. Adultery is sweeping our society, yet the commandment is no longer considered a blessing but an offense. God bless America. DONALD TANNER Jerome

Melting pot mentality accepts immigrants

This is an open response to Carla Strunk's "moral" view regarding non-English speaking Hispanics in America (Times-News, Sept. 17).

I realize that she means well, and I don't intend to insinuate any ill intention on her part. She has, nonetheless, failed to consider the total logic of her position.

Carl's apparent objectivity is, in reality, subjective (heavily).

Speaking in a foreign language in America is just as American as speaking Ameri-

cans English. Those who doubt that should read the U.S. Constitution. Her outlook is only one of many mentalities of empire that, innocently on her part, is so commonly held that its essence becomes invisible. America, for better or worse, is an empire and visits those mentalities on its people.

In illustration of my point, I am a Caucasian American who, in addition to having seen 40 states in the United States and studied German, has been in 35 foreign countries and lived in one. I've also studied Russian history, black history and U.S. and

world history.

The point I'm addressing is that America, like the rest of the world, is global. Globalism dates back to the cavern and will always prevail because isolationism has never actually existed and never will. It can only exist mentally, not in the real world!

Global (melting pot) aspects of our culture have produced many social benefits that we would sorely miss. Many of those who give us those benefits, historically, are not fluent in American English.


So morality has nothing to do with it. Her point, also, that communications would be better if Hispanic Americans spoke English, is ipsosited. It would be as effective and as American for us to learn Spanish.

It's a poor rule that doesn't work both ways! A lot of Americans live and work, for many reasons, in other countries. Would Carla favor a law requiring them to learn a foreign language for that purpose? Even foreign governments don't go to that un-American extreme.

How many of us, prior to visiting Mexico, learn Spanish? Just a little food for thought. WILLIAM R. WOODFIN JR. Buhl

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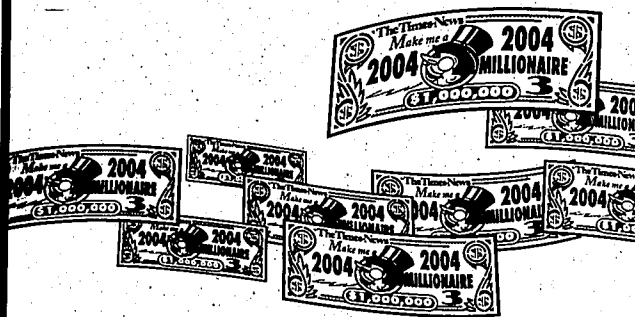


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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

CASSIA COUNTY COURTS

BURLEY — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Cassia County included:

Misdemeanor dismissals

Rhett Matthew Urigen, 19; loitering, dismissed.
Bradley J. Garhart, 25; failure to provide proof of insurance, amended to living dismissed.
\$215 bond forfeiture; Magistrate Judge Casey U. Robinson.



Samantha Paul Brown, 21; two counts insufficient funds check fraud, one count dismissed, one count amended to public distribution, dismissed.
\$100 fine; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Misdemeanor

Dustin Roy Peters, 19; driving vehicle without owner's consent, pleaded guilty. \$200 fine, \$63.50 court costs, one year probation, 30 days in jail, 30 days suspended; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Withheld judgment

Tyson S. Cranney, 18; malicious injury to property; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
Frank Saldana Jr., 39; one count carrying a concealed weapon without a license, dismissed; one count reckless driving, pleaded guilty. \$200 fine, \$63.50 court costs, one year probation, 180 days in jail, 170 days suspended; two counts probation violation, pleaded guilty, two years probation, 133 days in jail, 112 days credited; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

property, pleaded guilty. \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.

John Martin Benavidez Jr., 22; possession of drug paraphernalia, pleaded guilty. \$100 fine, \$63.50 court costs, six months probation, 30 days in jail, 29 days suspended, one day credited; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Angelo, 23; second offense driving without privileges, amended to driving without privileges, pleaded guilty. \$300 fine, \$113.50 court costs, 180 days driver's license suspension, 12 months probation, 90 days in jail, 116 days suspended, one day credited, eight days MC work in lieu of jail; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Olivia M. Longoria, 21; frequenting a place where controlled substances are used, pleaded guilty. \$36.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, six months probation; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Enoch S. Scheer, 23; driving without privileges, amended to failure to purchase a driver's license, pleaded guilty. \$63.50 court costs, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Donna M. Thompson, 22; four counts insufficient funds check fraud, three counts dismissed, one count pleaded guilty. \$63.50 court costs, \$517.78 restitution, one year probation, 30 days in jail, 29 days suspended, one day credited; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Chance D. Harris, 18; reckless driving, amended to inattentive driving, pleaded guilty. \$100 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Vaun Blake Payne, 22; petty theft, pleaded guilty. \$200 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 12 months probation, 60 days in jail, 58 days suspended, one day credited, two days MC work in lieu of jail; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Chad Wesley Dwy, 22; one count failure to purchase a driver's license, pleaded guilty. \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, six months probation, one count failure to provide proof of insurance, pleaded guilty. \$200 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.

Terry Lane Bell, 42; one count misdemeanor excessive driving under the influence, pleaded guilty. \$100 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 12 months probation, one count failure to purchase a driver's license, pleaded guilty. \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 18 months probation; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.

Cindy Caldera, 15; one count reckless driving, amended to inattentive driving, pleaded guilty. \$100 fine, \$68.50 court costs, 12 months probation; one count failure to purchase a driver's license, pleaded guilty. \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

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Commercial truck driving

Commercial truck driving sentences
Duane M. Wagstaff, 38; failure to obtain oversize permit, pleaded guilty. \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.

Merlyn R. Gibson, 76; vehicle over length violation, pleaded guilty. \$118.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.

Russell Sorin Margineanu, no age available; failure to stop at checking station, pleaded guilty. \$118.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Raymond Joseph Segor, 55; failure to have trip permit for registration, pleaded guilty. \$36.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.

Scott A. Smith, 45; vehicle over length violation, pleaded guilty. \$118.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Martin E. Henderson, 42; motor carrier rules violation, pleaded guilty. \$43.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Alberto Guadalupe Ramirez, failure to stop at checking station, pleaded guilty. \$118.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.

Paul E. Kiesz, 31; failure to obtain oversize permit, pleaded guilty. \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.

Chris Odell Stensjuts, 27; motor carrier log book violations, pleaded guilty. \$43.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.

Sabrina Rodriguez, 15; failure to purchase a driver's license, pleaded guilty. \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 12 months probation; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.

Ernie Felicio Ramirez, 17; failure to purchase a driver's license, pleaded guilty. \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 18 months probation; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.

Rita Kay O'Toole
JEROME — Rita Kay O'Toole, 44, of Jerome, died Sunday, Sept. 19, 2004, at Pocatash, Ky. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2004, at the Jerome Cemetery with Pastor Rudy Bauder officiating. Cremation service took place under the direction of the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Utah highway gets a safety facelift

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Crews are busy transforming what many consider to be Utah's deadliest highway. U.S. 6, the 128-mile highway connecting Spanish Fork and Green River near Interstate 70, is being widened in spots and getting other improvements in a costly effort to remake the sometimes harrowing route. "We can make it better," said Mike Miles, the highway's project manager for the Utah Department of Transportation. "We can get rid of most of that two-lane, if not all, and at least

have three- and four-lane stretchers rather than two, three, four and five (lanes). We're trying to make it more consistent throughout." UDOT has spent \$115 million since 1997 on U.S. 6, widening certain segments, adding passing lanes, posting warning signs and adding rumble strips in the median and on the shoulders. "Frequent users have demanded a safer road. In the past four years, there have been an average of 10 fatal crashes per year on U.S. 6. In

the late 1990s, the average was about 12 fatal crashes annually. So far in 2004, the number of fatal accidents on U.S. 6 has dropped to five. If that trend continues, the year could end with the smallest number of fatal crashes on U.S. 6 in many years. "They really have made a difference, and those numbers really show that, but there are still some obvious things that need to be done," said House Minority Whip Brad King. D. Price, a longtime U.S. 6 watchdog and advocate.

County mayor apologizes for 'hullabaloo'

WEST JORDAN, Utah (AP) — Embattled Salt Lake County Mayor Nancy Workman opened a candidate forum by apologizing for the "hullabaloo" — an apparent reference to the allegations of gasisting public funds against her.

Workman, who is on paid leave after being charged with two felonies, said at West Jordan forum that she was sorry for all the "consternation it gives the whole community and all of the citizens."

"But I'm hopeful it will be resolved and we'll get a trial date here today or tomorrow and we'll get it all resolved so that you know what we know: that I'm innocent."

Workman, mayor of Utah's most populous county, is charged with misusing public money for allegedly diverting about \$17,000 in health department funds to pay for a bookkeeper at a nonprofit organization where her daughter is a top officer.

Workman, who is seeking a second term, wants the case over before the election even though a felony case typically takes about a year to work its way through the courts.

At the forum, Workman acknowledged the county scandals that have occurred on her watch; vehicle abuses by top officials, bookkeeping discrepancies in the Fine Arts Division and employee theft at the county Equine Park.

"It's getting cleaned up," she said. "It looks like it's not working, but it is. It's painful, but we're getting it cleaned up."

She also touted her creation of the county's first economic development office, the new Clark Planetarium and a focus on local businesses.

But her opponents, Democrat Peter Corroon and independent Merrill Cook criticized Workman's record, while Cook also focused his criticisms on Corroon, who is ahead in the polls.

Cook chided Corroon's "living wage" proposal, which would give preferred status in job contracts to companies that pay at least \$8 an hour to every employee and provide health insurance.

"It is a laudable goal," Cook said. "The trouble with the living wage is it has an unintended consequence of driving businesses right out of town." Cook predicted such a plan would raise county expenses by \$70 million.

Corroon disputed that and said the plan would apply when two companies are bidding on a county contract for services and there is essentially no difference between the two bids.

In that case, the business paying a living wage would get the contract. D. Workman did not address the living-wage proposal.

SERVICES

Eugene Earl King of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at Ramussem Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley; friends and family may call one hour before the service Monday at the funeral home.

Joe A. Cerva of Twin Falls, prayer vigil with rosary at 6 p.m. Monday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls; graveside service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Sunset Memorial Park; friends may call one hour before the rosary Monday at the funeral chapel.

Mary Pauline "Polly" Moden of Fresno, Calif., and formerly of Twin Falls, funeral at 4 p.m. Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church, 360 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls (White Mortuary).

Obituary notice for Bill Thomas, thanking friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy during his recent time of sorrow. Family of Bill Thomas, special thanks to Dr. Lawrence Hicks, Minidoka Memorial Hospital, ECU in Rupert, & Hansen Mortuary.

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DEATH NOTICES

Joe Savage
KIMBERLY — Joe Savage, 74, of Kimberly, died Friday, Sept. 24, 2004, at Swedish Medical Center in Seattle, Wash.

Helen C. Buhler
TWIN FALLS — Helen C. Buhler, 85, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Sept. 25, 2004, at BridgeView Estates in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Tobi Connell
WENDELL — Tobi Duane Connell, infant son of Casey and Marci Lowder Connell of Wendell, died Friday, Sept. 24, 2004, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2004, at the Wendell Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Donmarry's Wendell Chapel.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

OBITUARY

Winnie Thrall - Heyburn
Winnie Pauline Ward Thrall, 85-year-old longtime Burley area resident, was reunited with Christ the Lord on Thursday, Sept. 23, 2004, in Rupert, following a short illness.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Winnie was born June 29, 1919, in Hallett, Okla., the fifth child of Edward and Pauline Alva Ramsey Ward. At the age of 21, she came to the Jerome area of Idaho. This is where she met and married Charlie Monroe Thrall on Nov. 21, 1942, in Jerome. They farmed in the Jerome and Burley areas until their retirement in 1975. Since 1975, they have lived west of Heyburn. Winnie, as she was aptly put it, was able to make something beautiful out of a piece of junk. She was an avid crafter, seamstress, homemaker, poet, and lover of flowers. Her favorite color was red and favorite flower the red rose.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27, 2004, at the Burley First Christian Church, 1401 Oakley Ave., with Pastor Herb C. Whitaker officiating. Burial will be in the Paul Cemetery, following the burial, there will be a luncheon for family and friends at the Burley First Christian Church. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St., in Burley, and from 11 to 1:45 p.m. prior to the funeral Monday at the church.

Survivors include her husband, Charlie of Heyburn; their six children, Virginia Kay Thrall of Shoreline, Wash., Leon Howard Thrall of Burley, Donald Dean (Gloria) Thrall of Apple Valley, Calif., Ted Ward Thrall of Burley, Fred Monroe (Dorothy) Thrall of Palmer, Alaska, and Monica Thrall (Kelly) Dickson of Boise; five grandchildren, Tamra Kowitz of Halley, Terri Thrall of Green River, Wyo., Teresa (Scott) Olson of Buhl, Robert Thrall of

to the American Heart Association, the Alzheimer's Foundation or a charity of choice. One of Winnie's poems: A Home Up In Heaven A Home Up In Heaven Where Jesus doth reign That's what I dream of Again and again. He will be waiting For you and for me I pray I'll be ready For Jesus to see When I see Jesus In His home above He will receive me With a heart filled with love A Home up In Heaven Where Jesus doth reign That's what I dream of Again and again.

Winnie Thrall - Heyburn



SCHOOL LUNCHES

BUHL SCHOOL
 Breakfast Menu
 Milk served daily. Choice of fruit or juice every day.
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Breakfast pizza
 Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy
 Thursday: Pancakes on a stick
 Friday: Doughnuts
 Lunch Menu
 Salad bar and milk served every day.
 Monday: Sweet and sour chicken
 Tuesday: Turkey and noodles
 Wednesday: Chicken nuggets
 Thursday: Chili and crackers
 Friday: Chicken drumsticks

CASTLEFORD SCHOOL
 Breakfast menu
 Milk and juice served daily.
 Monday: Waffle sticks
 Tuesday: Pancakes
 Wednesday: Breakfast McMurphy
 Thursday: Burgers
 Friday: Biscuits
 Lunch Menu
 Salad bar and milk served daily.
 Monday: Spaghetti
 Tuesday: Beef stew
 Wednesday: Hamburger steak
 Thursday: Hot turkey dip sandwich
 Friday: Baked ham and cheese

CLOVER TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL
 Milk served daily.
 Monday: Chicken nuggets
 Tuesday: Pizza
 Wednesday: Turkey sandwich
 Thursday: Scrambled eggs
 Friday: Chili

FILER SCHOOL
 Monday: Chicken patty
 Tuesday: Super nachos
 Wednesday: Beef stroganoff
 Thursday: Corn dogs

HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Breakfast Menu
 Milk served daily.
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy
 Wednesday: Scrambled eggs
 Thursday: Pancakes
 Lunch Menu
 Milk served daily.
 Monday: Ham and cheese pockets
 Tuesday: Sub sandwiches
 Wednesday: Nachos
 Thursday: Tuna sandwich

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL
 Choice of milk every day.
 Monday: Turkey cheese melt
 Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce
 Wednesday: Baked potato bar
 Thursday: Walking taco
 Friday: Vegetable beef soup
KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 Milk served daily.
 Monday: Chicken nuggets
 Tuesday: Pizza
 Wednesday: Roast turkey
 Thursday: Hamburgers
 Friday: Chili

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 Monday: Sloppy joes
 Tuesday: Fish sticks
 Wednesday: No School
 Thursday: No School
 Friday: No School

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
 Choice of milk served daily.
 Monday: Popcorn steak bites
 Tuesday: Marwich sandwich
 Wednesday: Deli sandwich
 Thursday: Italian lasagna
 Friday: Papa John's pizza

MURTAUGH SCHOOL
 Milk served daily.
 Monday: Chicken noodle soup
 Tuesday: Ham sandwich
 Wednesday: Hamburger with gravy and potatoes
 Thursday: Corn dogs
 Friday: Chicken burgers

ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH
 Breakfast menu
 Milk served daily.
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Ham and cheese sandwich
 Wednesday: Cereal
 Thursday: Yogurt
 Friday: Cereal
 Lunch menu
 Milk served daily.
 Monday: Deli sandwich
 Tuesday: Hot pocket
 Wednesday: Chicken fried steak
 Thursday: Pigs-in-a-blanket
 Friday: Pizza

ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL
 Monday: Pizza
 Tuesday: Tacos
 Wednesday: Ham and cheese

Thursday: Bean and cheese burritos

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY
 Milk served daily.
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Ham and cheese sandwich
 Wednesday: Cereal
 Thursday: Yogurt
 Friday: Cereal
 Lunch menu
 Monday: Chicken sandwich
 Tuesday: Chili and crackers
 Wednesday: Chicken nuggets
 Thursday: Double crust pizza
 Friday: Baked spaghetti

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL
 Breakfast is served daily.
 Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar, and salad bar each day, taco bar on Wednesdays, and potato bar on Fridays. Main line menu varies every day.
 Monday: Spicy chicken sandwich
 Tuesday: Shaker salad
 Wednesday: Cheeseburger
 Thursday: Ham and cheese hot pocket
 Friday: Papa John's pizza

VALLEY SCHOOLS
 Breakfast is served daily.
 Monday: Lasagna
 Tuesday: Cheeseburger
 Wednesday: Enchiladas
 Thursday: Turkey gravy
 Friday: Open menu

BLISS SCHOOL
 Milk served daily.
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Breakfast on a stick
 Wednesday: Crispy cereal bar
 Thursday: Scrambled eggs and toast

DIETRICH SCHOOLS
 Salad bar, fruit and milk served daily.
 Monday: Shepherd's pie
 Tuesday: Sub sandwich
 Wednesday: Pizza
 Thursday: Biscuits and gravy

GLENN'S FERRY
 Monday: Chef salad
 Tuesday: Ham
 Wednesday: Chicken burger
 Thursday: Chili

GOODING SCHOOLS
 Choice of milk served daily. The third choice is for junior high and high school students only.
 Monday: Quesadilla
 Tuesday: Cheeseburgers
 Wednesday: Chicken nuggets
 Thursday: Ham and cheese
 Friday: Walking tacos

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS
 Choice of milk offered daily.
 Breakfast menu
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Yogurt
 Wednesday: Cereal
 Thursday: String cheese
 Friday:

Lunch menu
 Monday: Corn dogs
 Tuesday: Tacos
 Wednesday: Turkey gravy
 Thursday: Nachos

IDAHO SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND
 Milk served daily.
 Breakfast menu
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Pancakes
 Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy
 Thursday: Cinnamon toast
 Friday: Cheese omelet
 Lunch menu
 Salad bar and choice of milk served daily.
 Monday: Sloppy joe or turkey sandwich
 Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
 Wednesday: French bread pizza
 Thursday: Hot dogs or roast beef sandwich
 Friday: Tuna sandwich or macaroni and cheese

JEROME SCHOOLS
 Milk served daily.
 Monday: Barbecue beef
 Tuesday: Traveling taco
 Wednesday: Chicken drumsticks
 Thursday: French toast sticks

RICHFIELD SCHOOLS
 Breakfast
 Milk and juice served daily.
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Pancakes
 Wednesday: Cereal
 Thursday: Biscuits and gravy
 Lunch
 Monday: Chicken nuggets
 Tuesday: Hot dogs
 Wednesday: Pizza
 Thursday: Hamburgers

SHOSHONE SCHOOLS
 Breakfast and choice of milk served daily.
 Monday: Chicken fried steak
 Tuesday: Spaghetti
 Wednesday: Deli sandwich
 Thursday: Beef stew

WENDELL SCHOOLS
 Breakfast and choice of milk served daily.
 Monday: Chicken patties
 Tuesday: Ground beef stroganoff
 Wednesday: Turkey sandwich
 Thursday: French toast

BURLEY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
 Breakfast Menu
 Milk served daily. A variety of fruits and vegetables are served with each meal.
 Monday: Waffles
 Tuesday: Yogurt
 Wednesday: Scrambled eggs
 Thursday: Cereal
 Friday: Breakfast hot pockets
 Lunch Menu
 Salad bar and milk served every day.
 Monday: Pizza or cheese square
 Tuesday: Hamburger, cheeseburger or bacon cheeseburger
 Wednesday: Pigs-in-a-blanket

Thursday: Chili or barbecue
 Friday: Chicken sandwich or corn dog

MINIDOKA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 Choice of milk served daily.
 Breakfast menu
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Cheese toast
 Wednesday: Muffin
 Thursday: Breakfast burrito
 Friday: Cereal
 Lunch menu
 Monday: Macaroni and cheese
 Tuesday: Chicken sandwich
 Wednesday: Nachos
 Thursday: Hot dogs
 Friday: Chili and crackers

MINIDOKA MIDDLE SCHOOL
 Breakfast menu
 Milk served daily.
 Monday: Hashbrowns
 Tuesday: Granola bars
 Wednesday: Muffin
 Thursday: Breakfast burritos
 Friday: Muffin
 Lunch menu
 Milk served daily.
 Monday: Chicken sandwich
 Tuesday: Baked cheese sandwich or chef salad
 Wednesday: Enchilada or baked potato bar
 Thursday: Nachos
 Friday: Hot dogs or chef's salad

CASSIA SCHOOLS
 Milk served daily. A variety of fruits and vegetables are served with each meal.
 Breakfast menu
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Breakfast on a stick
 Wednesday: Crispy cereal bar
 Thursday: Scrambled eggs and toast
 Friday: Cereal
 Lunch menu
 Monday: Italian dunkers
 Tuesday: Macaroni and cheese
 Wednesday: Corn dogs
 Thursday: Chicken nuggets
 Friday: Crispy burrito

School lunch menus are printed as a public service. To have the lunch menu (breakfast menu if desired) printed with the menus in Sunday's paper, send the menu to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or fax it to 734-5538, attention: Lunch Menus. Deadline is noon Wednesday for publication Sunday.

Teen, prosecutor reach plea agreement in shooting death

LEWISTON (AP) — A Lapwai teenager accused of shooting his stepfather last October has reached a plea agreement with prosecutors.
 Samuel Olson Jr., 18, was charged with first-degree murder in the shooting death of his 46-year-old stepfather, Sam George.
 The plea agreement reduces the charge to felony voluntary manslaughter, which carries a maximum sentence of 15 years and a \$15,000 fine.

Under the plea agreement, Olson would only have to serve at least five years before he could be eligible for parole.
 District Court Judge Carl Kerwick will review the agreement before deciding whether to accept it.
 Police contend Olson shot George with a shotgun last Oct. 11. The two were playing a late-night drinking game when Olson confronted George about allegedly raping another family member.

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The Little Red Hen invites you to a very exciting unveiling of the amazing sculpture on **October 1st from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** in their store at the **Magic Valley Mall.** Come in for refreshments, prizes and to be one of the first to view this unique sculpture that Mr. Armani created in honor of our wonderful community.

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WEST

Crash story unfolds as deaths mourned, survivals celebrated

KALISPELL, Mont. (AP) — When the fog rolls into the mountains of western Montana, all a pilot can do is climb and hope nothing emerges from the clouds in his path.

This week, something did, and all five people aboard a small plane were given up for dead.

Two days after the crash, Matthew Ramige, hobbled by a broken back and severe burns, and Jodee Hogg, bruised and burned with a sprained ankle, emerged from the wilderness after spending 29 hours hiking five miles to get off the mountain west of Glacier National Park to reach a highway for help.

Neither survivor has given an interview to the media, but from their hospital beds they have spoken to law officers, medical workers and family members.

Hogg, 23, and Ramige, 29, were among four Forest Service workers on board the plane headed for the Big Bear-Bob Marshall Wilderness Monday to survey vegetation and fix telecommunications equipment.

But soon after takeoff, pilot Jim Long, 60, found himself caught in stormy weather. The peaks of the Rockies can be treacherous due to unpredictable winds, and a blanket of low and thick clouds makes it worse, veteran pilots say.

Long's plane was unable to clear a ridge, so he began to turn around, Hogg told a local sheriff. Without navigation aids, the clouds can become blinding.

"You can't see forward, you can't see behind you, you can't see right or left," said Robbie Holman of Whitefish, a pilot of 40 years. "So all you can do is go up. You don't do that unless things have closed in so bad you don't have any choice."

As Long began to turn, the plane hit Mt. Liebig, above the timberline at about 6,500 feet, just 15 minutes after takeoff.

The plane clipped a rock and broke into pieces, with the front portion flipping over and coming to rest upside down. By that time, the plane was on fire.

Even before they stopped, there was fire in the air, said Flathead County Sheriff Jim Dupont said Hogg told him. "She recalls tremendous pressure, heat and then a flash."

"At least four of the five people survived the initial impact."

But the flames were growing. Hogg opened a door, unlatched her seat belt and fell from the overturned plane onto the snowy ground. "She turns around, reaches for Matt and his foot was caught," Dupont said. "She was pulling on him and got him out."

Hogg said she checked on her friend, Davita Bryant, 32. "I saw blood in her hair and on her face and she wasn't moving," she told Dupont.

Meanwhile, Long had unbuckled Ken Good, 58, and pushed him from the plane. The fire was "just roaring" by the time Hogg, Ramige and Good had gotten out, Dupont said.



Wendy Becker smiles as she looks at Dr. David Helmbach at a news conference Thursday at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle. Becker's son, Matthew Ramige, 29, of Jackson Hole, Wyo., was one of two survivors of a Monday plane crash in the rugged wilderness of northwest Montana who emerged on a highway Wednesday after making their way on foot through the mountains.



Matthew Ramige survived Montana plane crash.

Long and Bryant never did.

The three survivors, some of their clothes burned off, huddled together to share body heat that night as temperatures fell to 20 degrees. They assembled a crude shelter from pieces of the plane. They had no food, no matches for a fire, and Ramige's back injury made it difficult for him to stoop over for water from streams.

By 8 a.m. Tuesday, Good had died.

Hogg and Ramige began their walk off the mountain — they knew a highway was relatively close because the plane had been flying along the road before it crashed. They positioned the plane doors and engine cowlings in the snow hoping the red stripes on the debris would draw the eye of searchers once the clouds lifted.

They also thought their footprints leading away from the site would be a sign of survivors. But by the time searchers reached the site later Tuesday, the snow had melted.

The craft had cracked into pieces and burned, leaving officials with no sign that anyone had escaped.

After 29 hours of walking, apparently in excruciating pain, Hogg and Ramige found the highway. There, a motorist who saw them left the pair, drove to the nearest phone and called for help, said paramedic Lance Westgard, one of those responding.

Westgard said Hogg wanted only to talk to her family. He recalled her saying, "They probably think I'm dead."

"Well, yeah, they do," Westgard told her.

Ramige's family was putting together his obituary and his grandmother was making funeral arrangements.

Ramige was in serious condition Saturday at a Seattle hospital for a broken spine and severe burns. Hogg was being treated for burns and bruises at a Kalispell hospital; her family said she was in good condition.

Officials, shocked at the discovery of survivors, have struggled to explain how four people survived the initial impact of a plane crash officials had initially declared was "unsurvivable."

John Gisselbrecht, the air search coordinator for Diamond Air Search and Rescue in Kalispell, said there were indications that the crash was not so violent that no one could have survived.

"We have an issue that they declared them dead without having proof," Gisselbrecht said. "That's a serious issue. You would declare them missing until you have concrete evidence that they are dead."

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The Tiger Woods PGA Tour 2005 was released last week for Xbox, GameCube and PlayStation 2 consoles.

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David Dornford, executive producer for the game, said the course "landed on our radar because of the obviously very famous island green that's been featured in golf magazines over the years."

He said that feature is known as the signature hole of the course throughout the United States and Internationally.

In the spring of 2003, the company conducted a full photo survey of the course, shooting every hole in 360 degrees.

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IDAHO

150-year-old saw in Lewiston still has teeth

LEWISTON (AP) — Ted Weaver is known for saving logs. But the 75-year-old mechanic is far from showy.

He appeared recently at the Nez Perce County Fair with an antique stationary wood saw he restored.

Weaver says the saw is about 150 years old. This year is the first time it's been shown in 20 years.

"It's been all over the Northwest and up and down the Pacific Coast," the longtime Lewiston resident says.

It came into his family near Karetick in 1935, when his stepfather, Lester Weaver, bought it from a family in Bovill. He doesn't recall how much it cost, but he guesses it wasn't much.

"I was 6 years old when Dad got it, and it was an old piece of machinery then," he says.

Weaver inherited the saw in 1973, when his stepfather passed away.

The saw is imprinted with the name Appleton Manufacturing Co. In the 1980s Weaver tried to track down this factory in Batavia, Ill., and found that it had been closed at least 100 years.

The machine's engine was completely worn when Weaver took it on. He spent about \$1,000 to restore it.

He did all the work himself, putting in more hours and more dollars than he can count.

His stepfather used the saw for everyday work. But Weaver prefers it as a restoration project and show piece.

His first show was at a fair in Brooks, Ore., in the late 1970s. It drew a crowd when Weaver got the engine running.

"All those people were eight deep around that saw," he says. "I thought, 'Oh, gosh, wouldn't Dad be proud of that after using it all those years.'"

Old machinery proved so fascinating to Weaver that he founded a club for Lewiston's antique machine buffs with Elden Fogelman and the late Henry M. Johnson 25 years ago.

The Lewiston club later dissolved and some of its members joined the regional Antique Power Club in the mid-

"I was 6 years old when Dad got it, and it was an old piece of machinery then."

— Ted Weaver, saw's owner

1980s, according to its president, Eddie Toyn of Moscow. "They brought some valuable information to us," Toyn says of the Lewiston members. "Our clubs been very strong."

The group meets quarterly and has more than 100 members, according to Toyn. New club members can sign up at the fair display. The fee is \$15 and new memberships will begin Jan. 1.

Weaver has seen club members with antique tractors, grain graders, corn shellers, washing machines, vacuums, the forerunner to the cream

separator and other wood saws. "I think I was the first one in the group that had an engine that actually did anything," he says of his saw engine.

He was a mechanic in the Valley for 44 years, and retired from a seven-day work week at Twin City Foods in Lewiston in 1990. Before that he worked at Industrial Paris and Machine (now Tisco) and Dodge in the Valley.

He hasn't rested since retirement. The only difference is that now he isn't paid for his work.

He says the metal building that towers next to his home is his "hobby shop."

"I call this my 'Taj Mahal.' This year I was busy from January to June restoring a 1976 Dodge 100 that had been under a maple tree for 12 years. Now it's a pearl-green fabled that he uses to haul logs and his saw to shows.

"It was like trying to make a silk purse out of a sow's ear. It was a pretty sad-looking relic."

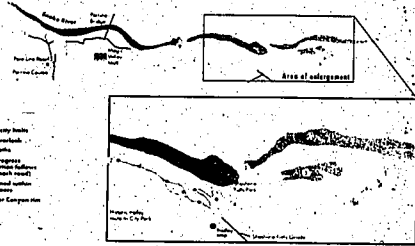
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| 4 Cards at Senior Center from 6:00-9:00 p.m. | 14 Rotary at 12 noon at Grandstands | 25 Cards at Senior Center at 7:00 p.m. |
| 5 Chamber Lunch 12 noon at Grandstands | 14 Regular meeting at Moose Hall at 8:00 p.m. | 27 Kiwanis at 12 noon at Grandstands |
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| 6 Bingo at Moose Hall at 7 p.m. | 16 Community Breakfast at Senior Center | 28 West End Men's Assoc. at Grandstands at 6:30 a.m. |
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| 7 Rotary at Grandstands at 12 noon | 18 Castleford Men's Club 12 noon at The Red Barrel | 30 Halloween Costume Contest |
| 7 NO SCHOOL | 18 Cards at Senior Center from 6:00-9:00 p.m. | 30 Flea Market at Filer Fair Grounds - Merchants Building #1 |
| 8 Milk Producers Tournament at Clear Lake Country Club | 19 Chamber Lunch 12 noon at Grandstands | 30 Gem Show at Filer Fair Grounds - Merchants Building #3 |
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— Boxing promoter Bob Arum about all the NBA stars who showed up at the MGM Grand Garden Arena to see the Bernard Hopkins-Oscar De La Hoya fight last weekend

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IN BRIEF
Hinds wins inter-city golf title

TWIN FALLS — The seventh and final match of the Magic Valley Ladies Inter-City Golf Association was held Tuesday, Sept. 21 at the Canyon Springs Golf Course.

Judith Hinds of Blue Lakes won the medalist, carding a 76. She was followed by Rosemary Reed of Gooding with 82, Marcia Rankin and Gayle Kemp of Blue Lakes with 85, Wilma Shockey of Rupert with 86, and Diann Gules of Rupert with 87.

The low net winner was Dorene Venable of Canyon Springs, who shot a 67, followed by Bernice Howell of Canyon Springs with 69, Carol Bennett of Gooding with 70, Carolyn Weaver of T.E. Mann, Teddy-Frey of Clear Lake with 71, and Carol Small of Jerome with 72.

Final point standings for the 2004 season: 1. Rupert Country Club 71.5; 2. Burley Golf Country Club 69.5; 3. Clear Lake Country Club 68.5; 4. Blue Lakes Country Club 66.5; 5. Canyon Springs Golf Course 59.5; 6. Twin Falls Municipal Club 55; 7. Jerome Country Club 45.5.

Rupert CC plans final golf tourney
RUPERT — The Rupert Country Club will host its final meeting and Fun Day on Tuesday, Oct. 5th. Golf will be a short 9 holes start at 9:30 a.m., with a lunch meeting to follow. Sign up at your home course or call Bob Lantz at Rupert country club at (208) 436-9168.

Jerome recreation offers volleyball
JEROME — The Jerome Recreation District would like to announce the upcoming adult co-ed and women's volleyball season. League registration will begin on Oct. 11th for returning and Jerome-based teams.

Open registration will begin on Oct. 25 on a first-come, first-serve basis. Preseason play will begin on Monday, Nov. 25. Team fees are \$120 per team, plus \$5/150 player fees. A league meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 9th at 7:00 p.m. For more information, call the Jerome Recreation District at 324-3389.

Jerome Rec will offer fencing classes
JEROME — The Jerome Recreation District is offering a six-week fencing class on Fridays, Sept. 24 through Nov. 5 from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Students will have the opportunity to learn fundamental techniques, skills, rules, and safety procedures. James Bennett will instruct. For more information, call the Jerome Recreation District at 324-3389.

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Soaring high



College of Southern Idaho outside hitter Monique Schaal spikes the ball over Snow College's Summer Kalmikau during CSI's 30-17, 30-13, 30-17 win Saturday at CSI Gymnasium.

Eagles overwhelm Snow College

By Kevin Colbert
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It may be true that the Snow College Badgers have a much-improved volleyball team since last season.

They're still not in the same stratosphere as the College of Southern Idaho.

The No. 2 Golden Eagles used sheer athletic dominance, as well as some skillful play, in smothering Snow 30-17, 30-13, 30-17 on Saturday at the CSI Gymnasium.

CSI (33-1 overall, 3-0 Scenic West Athletic Conference) had no trouble mounting an offensive attack against the Badgers (7-10, 0-3). The Eagles displayed an overwhelming height and jumping advantage to get almost any hit they wanted at any time. CSI finished the match with 50 kills

on 79 attempts, good for a .520 hitting percentage.

"When you go against a team with that much power and athletic prominence, you need the horses to win," Snow coach Les Calles said. "When you don't have them, you just try to stay aloft as long as you can before you go down."

CSI consistently hit over the Snow block, using high sets to render the Badgers' block useless, even when the front-row players were in good position.

"The challenge is getting that high up above the net to even come close to their attack," Calles said. "We can take our best three blockers, and they could tell us where they're going to go. But the fact is, they're contact with the ball is up here, and our block is down here."

The Eagles didn't only beat Snow with athleticism. CSI also played a very sound floor game and varied its offensive attack.

"We were just moving it around and not staying with one hitter," said sophomore Via Filipe, who finished with seven kills. "Just going outside, right side, middle, back outside, you know? Just switching it up."

Eliane Santos paced CSI with 10 kills. Maria Siemiatkowska added nine kills and Tatyana Menshikova eight.

Eagles setters Ashley Gandaul and Ednail Serralu each dished out 22 assists for the Eagles.

"We really had them confused," CSI head coach Ben Stroud said. "Our setters did a really nice job."

Snow hit a paltry .038 with 11 kills. Lindsay Durant finished with a match-high 12 kills. Ashley D'Agostini had 16 assists and Heather Spencer chipped in with 12.

None of the three games were ever in doubt. CSI broke open an 11-5 tie in Game 1 by later scoring 10 of the final 13 points. The Eagles then

scored 14 of 16 points midway through Game 2 to take control before sailing away the match in Game 3 by building a 24-12 lead after an 8-0 run.

Freshman outside hitter Samara Freitas made an impact for the Eagles on Saturday at middle hitter after struggling in her first appearance of the season Friday on the outside. She finished with two kills and two block assists against the Badgers.

Freitas had been sidelined for nearly a month after injuring the middle finger on her left, non-hitting hand.

"I liked our lineup with Samara in the middle," Stroud said. "That's going to make us a little bit better. She's more comfortable there. That's her natural position. That's where she played in Brazil. That's where we're probably going to keep her."

CSI will next take to the floor Oct. 9 when it hosts North Idaho College.

Senators preside over home invitational

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

GOODING — The Gooding Senators successfully defended their home court Saturday, defeating Nampa Christian 2-1 in the championship match of the Jennifer Koyle/Bobbie Jo Miller/Glabia Volleyball Invitational at Gooding High School.

The Senators came back from one game down to win 22-25, 25-19, 15-8. Game 1 of the championship match was a classic back-and-forth battle

where neither team could gain a large advantage.

After the Senators jumped out to a 6-1 lead early, Trojans middle blocker Lindsay Forsyth led Nampa Christian back into the game, tying the contest at 15-15. Minutes later with Gooding ahead 21-20, the Trojans rallied around the serving of Ashley Sedillo to take Game 1 by three points.

But the Senators had an answer in Game 2, chipping off a long run of points with Lesley Silman serving.

Senior outside hitter Ashly Abramowski was a beast, spiking down four important kills while Silman added two aces to lift Gooding to a 25-19 finish.

In the match's final race to 15 points, junior Brittanie Toome came away with one kill and two huge blocks against a vastly taller Trojans team in Game 3.

"The girls just did what they do well — play defense," Senators co-head coach Jenny Koski said. "We also served really well today. We didn't miss a serve in the final match."

The Senators were forced to make a few adjustments to take on a much taller Trojans team.

Gooding middle blocker Cady Coates is the Senators' tallest player at 5-feet, 9-inches.

Nampa Christian has seven girls taller than Coates.

"We talked to our setters about finding their weak points and going away from their big girls," Koski said. "We made sure to keep it out of the middle."

Coates held her own in the middle, tallying nine kills and five blocks.

Picking NFL games

— with a touch of flair

JERRY GREENE
The Orlando Sentinel

Now I had been Johnson, my answer would be to wonder if my coach is so old enough he may be wearing them, too. I guess it depends upon whom you ask.

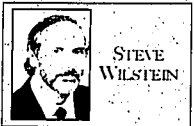
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LAST WEEK: Oh, all right. Hey, I told you Week 2 was always tough. So I was off my game just a touch, going 6-10 straight up (17-15 for season) and 5-11 against the spread (16-15-1 for season). You can count on nothing but "play-it-safe" picks Sunday until I get my "mojo" back.

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MLB award candidates burnish credentials

Playoff spots are still up for grabs and so are postseason awards as baseball heads into the final week of the regular season.



For the Rookie of the Year, my choices would be San Diego's Khalil Greene in the NL and Oakland's Bobby Crosby in the AL.

None of those picks, except perhaps Clemens, is a lock with other voters and I wouldn't be surprised to see my colleagues in the Baseball Writers Association of America go with other names.

Strong cases surely could be made in the NL MVP voting for St. Louis' Scott Rolen, who carried the Cardinals through the first half of the season, and Albert Pujols, who powered them through the second half. Both will finish among the league leaders in batting and RBIs, with Pujols still contending for the home run title. They are the best players on the NL's best team.

Working against them is the possibility they may split the vote among those inclined to vote for a Cardinal. Rolen's absence from the lineup because

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We're No. 1, right?

Boy, does America love rankings. From the Associated Press' top-25 college football list to David Letterman's Top 10, we love our information sorted and stacked.

From the top 10 brie cheeses to the top 10 Canadian Football League groin injuries, print, radio, and television media has given us all definitive lists of how well (or poorly) the things we know and love stack up to what else is out there.

Except for Idaho high school football.

Here we have power rankings, the black sheep offspring of the marriage of sports and nerds — fantasy football. Power rankings are useful for one thing — giving lost-mouse fantasy sports losers something to brag about. So what if the Albany Albino is 0-8 in a fantasy football league. They're No. 3 in the power rankings and their owners will be your envy.

If you're still not convinced of the overwhelming evil of power rankings, I have three letters for you — BCS. As we speak, the Bowl Championship Series acolytes are playing 'Bessie BINGO' to determine the Miami Hurricanes' strength of schedule.

Back in Idaho, we have Noland Purry's Power Guide — which runs Fridays in *The Times-News* — and the Idaho sports power rankings. Both battle to be the authority on Idaho sports rankings, with mixed results. Purry's 74.4-per-

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Carolina Panthers tight end Kiri Mangum (86) spikes the ball after scoring a touchdown during the first quarter of their game against the Kansas City Chiefs at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 19. Kansas City Chiefs line-backer Kawika Mitchell (50) walks off following the touchdown.

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SCORES AND STATS

Baseball - Detroit vs Baltimore. Detroit 4, Baltimore 2. Detroit leads 4-2. Detroit has 11 hits, Baltimore has 10. Detroit has 3 runs, Baltimore has 2. Detroit has 10 hits, Baltimore has 11. Detroit has 3 runs, Baltimore has 2. Detroit has 10 hits, Baltimore has 11.

Auto Racing

Hotel Cup, MNA America 400, TFF, 11 a.m. NHRA, Fall Nationals, final round, ESPN2, 9 p.m.

Baseball

Marlins at Braves, TBS, 11 p.m. Cubs at Mets, WGN, 11:05 a.m. Yankees at Red Sox, ESPN2, noon. AS at Angels, ESPN2, 8 p.m.

Basketball

WNBA playoffs, first round, Game 2, Detroit at New York, Oxygen, 10 a.m. WNBA playoffs, first round, Game 2, Sacramento at Los Angeles, ABC, 2 p.m.

Football

NFL regular coverage, 11:30 a.m. Chargers at Broncos, CBS, 2 p.m. Packers at Colts, Fox, 2:15 p.m. Buccaneers at Raiders, ESPN, 8:30 p.m.

Golf

European PGA Tour, The Heritage, final round, TGC, 7 a.m. Champions Tour, SAS Championship, final round, TGC, 11:30 a.m.

San Francisco vs Seattle, 2:15 p.m. Kansas City vs Cincinnati, 4 p.m. Dallas vs Atlanta, 4 p.m.

NFL Injury Report. NEV YORK (AP) — The updated National Football League injury report...

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Washington bows past Idaho State. CHENEY, Wash. — Eastern Washington (2-2) jumped out to a 26-9 halftime lead en route to a 47-22 Big Sky Conference football victory Saturday night in Cheney, Wash.

Burley girls basketball registration begins. BURLEY — Registration for the Burley Lions' Club Youth Girls Basketball program will be taken Wednesday, Sept. 29 and Thursday, Sept. 30 from 5-7 p.m. in the front foyer of White Pine School.

Burley ladies announce golf winners. BURLEY — The Burley Ladies Golf Association played a least-puts tournament on Wednesday, Sept. 22 at Burley Municipal Golf Course.

Williams, Kuznetsova reach China Open final. BEIJING — Serena Williams overcame problems with her service to defeat Russia's Vera Zvonareva 6-2, 6-3 Saturday, advancing to the China Open final against U.S. Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova.

Truxex wins at Dover. DOVER, Del. — Points leader Martin Truex Jr. bided his time, took the lead with 12 laps to go and drove to an easy victory in the NASCAR Busch race Saturday at Dover International Speedway.

Steelers-Dolphins game postponed. MIAMI — Hurricane Jeanne forced the postponement of Sunday's game between the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Miami Dolphins.

U.S. returning to Davis Cup finals. CHARLESTON, S.C. — Twins Bob and Mike Bryan led the United States to the final of the Davis Cup for the first time in seven years with a 6-1, 6-3, 7-5 win Saturday over Max Mirnyi and Vladimir Voltchkov of Belarus.

Two WNBA honors for Lynx coach, Edwards. NEW YORK — Suzie McConnell Serio was honored as WNBA coach of the year Saturday after guiding the Minnesota Lynx to a second consecutive playoff berth despite the loss of leading scorer Katie Smith to a knee injury with 11 games left.

Mayfield, Newman need great finishes. DOVER, Del. — Jeremy Mayfield and Ryan Newman are badly in need of great finishes Sunday at Dover International Speedway after bad luck a week earlier made them long shots to win the Nextel Cup championship.

Football - Dallas Cowboys vs Kansas City Chiefs, 4 p.m. Houston Texans vs Oakland Raiders, 4 p.m.

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Let's Go Bowling Thelma Tucker... Bowladrome in Twin Falls, United States Bowling Congress field representative Patti Parker will be holding a meeting...

ers can be considered within the local associations... The State Men's Bowling Association Tournament was moved to Lewiston after Coeur d'Alene's Sun Bowl closed...

M.V. senior games bridge results announced

TWIN FALLS — Ninety six bridge players participated in the M.V. Senior Games Bridge events held at the MV Bridge Center of Twin Falls... Party Bridge was held Aug. 25 with 13 tables.

Pierson and Ruben Tschackofsky; Bronze, Richard and Carmen Kavan... Flight C medal winners were Gold, Ruben Tschackofsky and Edna Pierson; Silver, Richard and Carmen Kavan...

Bass fishing tournament results announced... BURLY — In July, the Mini Cusisa Bassers held their annual Sponsors Tournament in appreciation to the businesses and individuals who contribute to the club throughout the year.

YOUR SCORES AND STATS

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SPORTS

Oregon routs Idaho, 48-10 No. 1 USC holds off Stanford, 31-28

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — Terrence Whitehead ran for 115 yards and scored two touchdowns on Saturday, lifting Oregon to a 48-10 victory over Idaho, which is mourning the death of cornerback Eric McMillan earlier this week.

Idaho (0-4) struggled all week with the loss of McMillan, who was shot Sunday in his Moscow, Idaho, apartment and died on Monday.

Oregon (1-2), coming off a 31-7 loss at No. 2 Oklahoma, quickly jumped on the out-matched Vandals and built a 34-3 lead late in the first half, capped by Kenny Washington's 2-yard scoring run.

Oregon starter Kellen Clemens completed 11 of 19 passes for 157 yards and three scores, two to tight end Tim Day. After Matt Barrow's 51-yard field goal for the Vandals in the first quarter, Michael Harrington hit Jimmy Labita with a 16-yard touchdown pass to close out the first half — and Idaho's scoring for the day.

Washington, the younger brother of the former Duck QB Joey Harrington, completed 20 of 32 attempts for 192 yards and

the score. He was intercepted twice.

Labita finished with five catches for 62 yards. Another first-half field-goal attempt for Barrow went wide left.

Colorado St. 39, Montano State 14

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — Justin Holland threw two touchdowns passes and Jeff Babcock kicked three field goals to lead Colorado State to a 39-14 victory over 1-AA Montano State on Saturday.

Holland, who had thrown eight interceptions in the first three games, was 21-for-35 for 311 yards and only one interception. Dave Osborn caught five passes for 101 yards.

Colorado State (1-3) was off to its worst start since opening the 1987 season with six straight losses.

Montana 27, N. Colorado 26

MISSOULA, Mont. — Jefferson Heidelberg caught three passes for 59 yards and two touchdowns Saturday and Mon-

tana's defense held Northern Colorado out of the end zone on two key drives late in the fourth quarter to post a 27-16 victory.

Montana (3-1), ranked 7th in NCAA Division I-AA, forced Northern Colorado (1-3) to turn the ball over on downs on the 11-yard line with 3:52 remaining. The Bears had a touchdown pass called back on a penalty as the clock ran out.

Northern Colorado outgained Montana 506 yards to 343 in total offense, but the Bears settled for field goals on three drives and had three turnovers.

Montana covered 61 yards in three plays on the opening drive of the second half to take a 17-10 lead on a 15-yard TD pass from Craig Ochs to Heidelberg.

Notre Dame 38, Washington 3

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Brady Quinn tied a school record with four touchdowns passes to lead Notre Dame to a 38-3 victory over Washington on Saturday.

Quinn was 15-of-23 passing for 196 yards with two TDs en route to Matt Shelton and Anthony Fasano in the first half, leading

Notre Dame (3-1) to its first easy win of the season.

The sophomore finished 17-of-32 for 266 yards with one interception.

Washington (0-3), which hasn't had a losing season since 1976, is off to its worst start since 1969.

Washington St. 20, Arizona 19

TUCSON, Ariz. — Josh Swogger, ignoring a partially torn tendon in his knee, rallied Washington State twice with fourth-quarter touchdown passes to Jason Hill and the Cougars opened Pac-10 play with a 20-19 win over Arizona on Saturday.

The Wildcats (1-3) forced five fumbles and recovered four to nearly make up for their weak offense, but gave the game away when Gilbert Harris fumbled with 1:15 left while they were trying to protect a 19-14 lead. Little-used safety Husain Abdullah recovered on the Arizona 28, and Swogger covered the distance in three plays, connecting with Hill for a 15-yard TD with 53 seconds to go.

poor performance by Leinart.

But Leinart was nearly flawless against Stanford, going 24-of-30 and finally getting his offense going late in the third quarter on Smith's 51-yard reception to the Stanford 12. Leinart scored on a 1-yard runner, cutting the lead to four points.

Ryan Killeen missed a 23-yard field goal on the Trojans' next drive with 11:10 to play, but Bush's spinning 33-yard punt return set up a short drive culminating in White's TD drive.

Stanford couldn't reach midfield on its final drive, with Proseur Rucker flattening Trent Edwards on a fourth-down incompletion with four minutes left. USC then ran out the clock inside the Stanford 15.

Edwards was 23-of-35 for 183 yards and two touchdowns, though Stanford's offense flourished in the second half. Still, this impressive performance was encouraging for the Cardinal, who were beaten by a combined 89-36 in the schools' last two meetings.

Buddy Reynolds, Stanford's third-year coach, is under pressure to show results this season after going 6-16 in his first two seasons. The Cardinal began this season with easy victories over San Jose State and BYU — and this performance should have him back in his fans' good graces.

Longhorns cook Rice with running attack

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Cedric Benson and the Texas running machine keep rolling along.

Benson rushed for 189 yards and a touchdown and Vince Young passed for three scores to his tight ends as No. 5 Texas beat Rice 35-13 Saturday night.

Texas (3-0) came in with the nation's No. 1 rushing attack and pounded the Owls on the ground from the start, grinding out 339 yards.

The Longhorns have won 37 of the last 38 meetings with Rice (2-1).

The latest win was steady if unspectacular and just the kind of game Texas wanted as the Longhorns fight the urge to look ahead to their Oct. 9 matchup against No. 2 Oklahoma in Dallas. Benson had 169 yards on 18 carries in the first half. His second carry went for 57 yards to set up Young's first scoring pass, a 10-yarder over the middle to Bo Scaife, who hung on despite a ferocious collision with a defender in the end zone.

Rice came in with the nation's No. 1 rushing defense, giving up just 7.5 yards per game in wins over pass-happy Houston and Hawaii.



Texas running back Cedric-Benson (32) runs for short yardage over right tackle during second quarter action against Rice on Saturday in Austin, Texas. The Rice defensive back on the right is Andray Downs.

No. 6 West Virginia 45, James Madison 10

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Rashied Marshall threw two touchdowns passes to Chris Henry to lead West Virginia.

West Virginia's defense scored one touchdown and set up another as the Mountaineers (4-0) trounced unbeaten James Madison in a showdown next week with former Big East rival Virginia Tech. James Madison (2-1) has been outscored 135-10 in its last three contests against I-A teams and is 3-13 all-time against them.

No 8 Florida State 41, Clemson 22

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Wyatt Sexton threw for 162 yards and a touchdown after replacing an injured Chris Rix and Florida State forced five turnovers.

Rix sprained his right ankle late in the first quarter and was able to return, but spent the rest of the game on the sideline watching Sexton lead the offense for Florida State (2-1, 1-1 Atlantic Coast Conference).

Justin Miller matched a school record with two kickoff return touchdowns for Clemson (1-3, 0-2), which has lost three straight.

Ainge again got the bulk of the playing time while alternating with fellow freshman Brent Schaeffer. Ainge finished 10-of-15 for 198 yards, and Gerald Riggs had a career-high 116 yards on 16 carries.

No. 12 Virginia 31, Syracuse 10

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Marques Lingans had 283 total yards with two touchdown runs and a TD pass to lead Virginia.

Wall Lundy added a 27-yard run for his 10th touchdown of the season for the Cavaliers (4-0).

The Orange (2-2), 51-0 losers to Purdue in their season-opener, drove 68 yards for a field goal on their opening possession, then managed just 41 more yards on four possessions and trailed 21-3 at halftime.

No. 14 Utah 49, Air Force 35

SALT LAKE CITY — Marty Johnson tied a school record with four rushing touchdowns and Utah held off Air Force for its best start in 10 years.

Johnson, who had 20 carries for 68 yards, became the fourth Utah player to score four TDs and Alex Smith added a rushing score and passed for two more. Smith completed 13 of 23 passes for 260 yards and had 13 carries for 84 yards.

No. 16 Florida 20, Kentucky 3

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — With Hurricane Jeanne approaching, Florida squeezed in its game against Kentucky and beat the Wildcats 20-3 Saturday behind Ciatrick Fason's career-high 210 yards rushing and two touchdowns.

Kickoff was moved up 6.5 hours to 9:30 a.m. EDT because of the growing storm, which bore down on the state's Atlantic coast with winds near 115 mph. Three million people were told to evacuate.

No. 18 Michigan 30, Iowa 17

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Braylon Edwards caught six passes for 150 yards and a touchdown and Michigan turned four turnovers into 27 points.

The Wolverines (3-1, 1-0) won their 23rd consecutive Big Ten opener. They have won 12 straight at home since Louva handed them their worst loss at

Michigan Stadium since 1967.

Ed Hinkle's one-handed, diving TD catch on the opening drive gave the Hawkeyes (2-2, 0-1) their only lead.

Chad Henne was 16-of-26 for 236 yards with a TD and, most importantly for Michigan, no turnovers.

No. 20 Wisconsin 16, Penn State 3

MADISON, Wisc. — Matt Bernstein bullied his way to a career-best 123 yards after replacing an ineffective and injured Booker Stanley to help Wisconsin hold off Penn State.

The Badgers (1-0 Big Ten) held their opponents out of the end zone for the third time in four games and ended the month 4-0 despite the absence of star tackle Anthony Davis (eye) for the last 3.5 games.

No. 23 Maryland 55, Duke 21

DURHAM, N.C. — Joel Staubam threw four touchdown passes to offset a host of mistakes Saturday, and Maryland piled up 685 yards in total offense.

Vernon Davis caught three of the TDs — the first of his career — and Rich Person had other of the touchdowns.

Chapel Hill N.C. — Eric Shelton ran for three touchdowns and Louisville earned its second shutout of the season.

Shelton rushed for 86 yards to lead the Cardinals, who improved to 3-0 for the second straight season under coach Bobby Petrino.

CLOSE GAME



Boise State quarterback Jared Zabransky (5) keeps the ball for a 20 yard gain as BYU defensive back Spencer White (24) tries to catch up in the first quarter Friday in Boise.

No. 21 Boise State edges BYU in the final seconds

BOISE (AP) — What started as another Boise State blowout came down to the final seconds.

The No. 21 Broncos jumped to a 16-0 lead in the first quarter, but needed a missed field goal with 23 seconds remaining to a 16-0 lead in the first quarter.

Friday night. The game ended when the Times-News' press time.

"I'll be real honest with you — I'm not kidding. I never for a moment thought we would lose that game," Boise State coach Dan Hawkins said.

The Broncos extended the nation's longest winning streak to 15 games, but had to rally to do it. The Broncos (4-0) and Cougars (1-3) traded lucky breaks and big plays all night, but Boise State got the one that mattered most when Matt Payne missed for the first time this season.

"Matt's a great player. He makes that 99 out of a hundred times," said BYU's Todd Watkins, who had nine catches for 211 yards and a touchdown.

Payne, who had field goals of 32 and 42 yards as the Cougars fought back from the early deficit, was just wide to the left of the upright and the Broncos ran out the clock to remain unbeaten.

Boise State averaged 55 points through its first three wins, but got its biggest test so far from the Cougars, who lost to the Broncos last year in Provo 50-12.

"That's how you build championships. They aren't built when you win 52-0," offensive lineman Daryn Colledge said. "We can come back. We know

we can come back. We're a strong team."

Jared Zabransky's 44-yard scoring pass to TJ. Acree with 3:42 remaining turned out to be the game winner. BYU had taken the lead on a pair of touchdown passes from John Beck, who threw a 79-yard scoring strike to Watkins on a 57-yarder to Austin Colliate in the third quarter.

"I think we showed what kind of caliber team we are. We showed a lot," Watkins said.

BYU is off to a 1-3 start for the first time since 2000. LaVell Edwards' final season as coach. The Cougars haven't beaten a ranked opponent since Gary Crowton took over for Edwards in 2001.

Beck led BYU with 390 passing yards, completing 20 of 35 with two touchdowns. But again, he had no help from the running game. BYU finished with just 25 yards rushing.

Zabransky passed for 302 yards and two touchdowns, both to Acree, and the pair appeared to have the Broncos ahead to stay after the late score.

BYU had stunned the 30,601 fans on a 57-yard touchdown pass from Beck to Colite, who got behind the defense along the BYU sideline and went untouched to put BYU up 27-22 with 34 seconds left in the third.

BYU had just gone for it on 4th-and-1 inches from its own 42. Barely converting on a sneak by Beck.

Glenns Ferry's Corey Hall led the Boise State defense with 11 tackles, four for loss, and two sacks.

YOUR BUSINESS

MILESTONES

New restaurant opens Monday

BURLEY — McKong Oriental Restaurant is a new business that will open Monday at 2126 Overland Ave. in Burley. The phone number is 678-2003. Business hours will be 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday.



The new Burley restaurant will offer a variety of Oriental foods, including family-style and dinner items. There are also a children's menu and daily lunch specials.

New Total Look Salon opens in Buhl

BUHL — Buhl has a new Total Look Salon. Co-owners Diane Kaminski and Colleen Kinyon operate their full-service salon at 813 Burley Ave.

The salon offers hair styling and nail technician services plus facials, body wraps, tanning and cosmetics. Hair stylists are Kaminski, Kinyon, Crystal Burbank and Tina Kunkel.

Nail technician Carl Shepherd is running a special on a full set of nails for \$28 through the end of September. Tanning packages include two \$25 specials for one-month unlimited tanning or 250 tanning minutes.

The salon, with tropical paradise decor, is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

The business can be reached at 543-9014.

Perez starts new day care in Paul

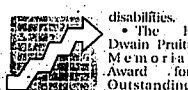
PAUL — Wish Upon a Star Daycare is a new business at 218 E. Ellis in Paul. The phone number is 438-5533 or 670-8376. Business hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. Times and days are negotiable.

The business is owned and operated by Claudia Perez. She is a certified nurse assistant and is certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid. She also has 12 years' experience in child care.

The daycare center provides meals, snacks, transportation, preschool, after-school care and a fenced-in play area. The center is state licensed and Idaho Child Care Program-certified.

Magic Valley Rehab presents awards

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services Inc. recently presented awards for exemplary efforts toward the collaborative process of training and employing people with



disabilities. The Dwan Pruitt Memorial Award for Outstanding Program Participant was given to Darin Iles. Valley Food Service-McDonald's on York Line Road received the Outstanding Employer of the Year Award.

Rob Leith, assistant manager for the Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation in south-central Idaho, was recognized as Advocate of the Year for being a longtime advocate of people with disabilities.

Solo Cup Co. was selected as Contract Business of the Year for providing 7,863 hours of training and employment through contracting with Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services for packaging of plastic cutlery.

Steve Starling received the Clark I. Maddox Memorial Award as the Outstanding Employee of the Year.

Thirty-three members of center-based work crews were recognized as recipients of the annual safety award.

Two special recognition awards were given to APEX Container Inc. of Twin Falls and Tom Nicolson for volunteering more than a hundred hours providing consultation and supervision for Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services' psycho-social rehabilitation program.

Three employees were recognized for their years of service: John Forster, employment services specialist, five years; Svetlana Movsesyan, therapy technician, five years; and Jim Astorja, director of the Industrial Division, 30 years.

Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services is a private, nonprofit organization that provides training, employment, psycho-social rehabilitation and personal development programs for people with disabilities who reside in south-central Idaho.

Lithia Motors will present at consumer conference

TWIN FALLS — Managers of Oregon-based auto dealership group Lithia Motors Inc., which operates dealerships in Magic Valley, will present at the Thomas Weisel Consumer Conference in New York City this week.

The presentation will be webcast at 8 a.m. Tuesday. To listen, register at www.wisellivecast.com/rovet.aspx?id=2461.

Go to the site at least 15 minutes prior to the event to register. Lithia advises. A replay will be available for up to 30 days by accessing the same web address.

U.S. Cellular launches wireless data services

TWIN FALLS — Local U.S. Cellular customers have new access to certain technologies available on wireless phones. U.S. Cellular's "easyedge Enhanced Wireless Services" — launched locally this month — adds more than 150 applications designed to make lives easier, more productive and entertaining for cell phone users, the company said.

"Consumers can e-mail photos, send greeting cards; prepare for the SAT and even work on their golf game, all from their data-enabled wireless phones," said Denise Huton, U.S. Cellular director of sales. "easyedge will help meet the needs of business consumers, college students, busy families, travelers and anyone else who is thirsty for information at the touch of a button."

From their wireless phones, easyedge users browse a catalog of applications and connect with family, friends and business associates via e-mail, greeting cards and photos. Users can play games, download ringtones of many musical styles, access news and weather, and locate and download directions for restaurants, ATMs, gas stations and the like.

For information about U.S. Cellular and easyedge, visit the company's Web site at www.uscellular.com/easyedge.

CAREER MOVES

Gerald F. Haye

TWIN FALLS — Gerald F. Haye, director of maintenance at Reeder Flying Service, was selected as a designated airworthiness representative by the Federal Aviation Administration. The authorization will enhance the maintenance capabilities of Reeder Flying Service, the business said.

Haye has worked at Reeder for the past 12 years and is also a helicopter pilot and certified flight instructor.

Certified public accountants

TWIN FALLS — Cooper Norman said Ronald L. Belliston was elected as his new managing member on July 15. Former managing member David M. Cooper moved to Boise in January to open the firm's Boise office.

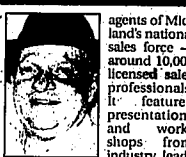
Norman's management team consists of Belliston, managing member Janet Roe, member in charge of the Twin Falls office, Clint K. Tavenner, member in charge of the Idaho Falls office; Cooper, member in charge of the Boise office; Bonnie Harpster, firm administrator; and Elna DiCostanzo Annas, marketing director.

Belliston, Cooper, Roe and Tavenner hold professional designations as certified public accountants and certified valuation analysts.

Twayne Buhler

TWIN FALLS — Twayne O. Buhler, a local general agent for Midland National Life Insurance Co., attended a Midland National Symposium, Sept. 9-12 in Sioux Falls, S.D.

The annual education conference is offered for the top 350



agents of Midland's national sales force — around 10,000 licensed sales professionals. It featured presentations and workshops from industry leaders.

Buhler Agency was founded by Jay O. Buhler. It has specialized in financial, retirement and insurance planning since 1965. It can be reached at 733-6923.

Colby Meyer

TWIN FALLS — Colby Meyer, an insurance agent for Gene Schiffer Insurance Agency, was awarded Rookie of the Year for the National Association of Insurance Women/Men state conference. She will advance to the regional conference in March.

The award recognizes excellence among members of the NAWW and its local affiliate. Criteria include the candidate's participation in association activities, involvement in insurance industry education, activities undertaken in the community, submission of an essay and membership in the NAWW for two years or less.

Pat Meyer

TWIN FALLS — Pat Meyer was elected as state Public Relations Committee chairwoman for the National Association of Insurance Women/Men.

Meyer will promote education, awareness of NAWW, membership growth and cooperative efforts with industry in the state. She also will compile, edit and publish the newsletter released to state, regional and national leaders.

Meyer, employed by Obenchain Insurance, is a member of the Magic Valley Insurance Professionals.

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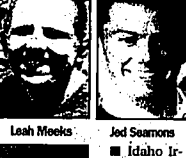
donated by Bird Sales. Matt Busby, son of Steve and Annette Busby of Buhl, received \$600 to pursue a degree in ag systems management at the U of I. Rain Bird Agri-Products and Interstate Plastic donated the scholarship money.



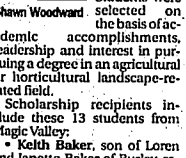
Lance Gillette, son of Rusty and Cindy Gillette of Gooding, received \$500 to study agronomy and ag business at Northwest College. His scholarship money was donated by Senninger Irrigation and the IIEA.



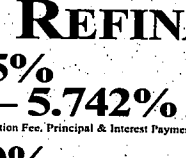
Mark Hatch, son of Reagon and Susan Hatch of Castleford, received \$600 to pursue a degree in agricultural engineering at the U of I. Wish Northwest Inc. and Irrigation Accessories donated his scholarship money.



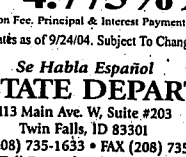
Wesley Hopwood, son of Rodney and Carol Hopwood of Kimberly, received \$300 to study biological and irrigation engineering at Utah State University. His scholarship money was donated by Mitchell, Lewis and Staver; the IIEA; Freedom Plastics; and Idaho Equipment Co.



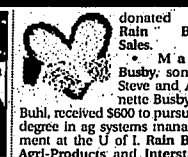
Heidi Lake, daughter of Rod and Rebecca Lake of Burley, received \$600 to study ag business at Idaho State University. Travis Pattern and the IIEA donated the scholarship money.



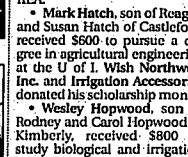
Todd Lanting, son of A. John and Carolyn Lanting of Twin Falls, received \$1,000 to pursue a doctorate in veterinary medicine at Washington State University. The scholarship money was donated by Lake Co.



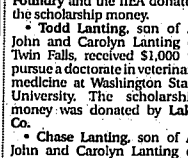
Chase Lanting, son of A. John and Carolyn Lanting of Twin Falls, received \$900 to study animal production and crop science at the U of I. His scholarship money was donated by Fresno Valve and Castings and Hastings Irrigation Pipe.



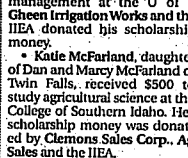
Leah Meeks, daughter of Dan and Wacey McFarland of Twin Falls, received \$500 to study agricultural science at the College of Southern Idaho. Her scholarship money was donated by Clemons Sales Corp., Ag Sales and the IIEA.



Katie McFarland, daughter of Dan and Wacey McFarland of Twin Falls, received \$500 to study agricultural science at the College of Southern Idaho. Her scholarship money was donated by Clemons Sales Corp., Ag Sales and the IIEA.



Jod Seamons, son of Joel and Karen Seamons of Jerome, received \$800 to pursue an agriculture degree at USU. His scholarship money was donated by Valmont Industries and Conroy Pump Co.



Shawn Woodward, son of A. John and Janet Woodward of Paul, received \$600 to pursue a degree in agricultural systems technology at USU. Matco-Norca donated the scholarship money.

YOUR BUSINESS

Your Business is a weekly feature that highlights commercial activity in the Magic Valley. If you have information about any of the following, The Times-News wants to hear about it:

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■ Bon-Macy's announced its "For the Love of Her Life" breast cancer awareness program, offering some of the top cosmetics and fragrance lines and a Gund teddy bear.

The program began Thursday and continues through Oct. 31. While supplies last, customers may visit any Bon-Macy's Estee Lauder cosmetics counter or men's or women's fragrance counter to purchase the Pink



Ribbon Bonus book and limited edition pink ribbon bear.

For \$5, customers may buy the book, which features offers from several brand names. The teddy bear may be purchased for \$12 plus tax. The \$5 from each book and \$5 from each teddy bear will be donated

to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation founded by Evelyn Lauder in 1993. Federated Department Stores plans to raise a total of \$250,000 for the foundation from sales in its Macy's locations.

Bon-Macy's a division of Federated, is based in Seattle and operates stores in Idaho, including one in Twin Falls; Montana; Oregon; Washington; and Wyoming.

CHRISTMAS COUNCIL CLEANUP



Employees of KeyBank in Burley and Paul spent time helping organize the warehouse for the Mini-Casita Christmas Council. Bank lobbies closed early to allow employees to help with the project. The Christmas Council is accepting donations of nonperishable food, gift items for all ages (infant to adult) and financial contributions. Donations can be taken to the Valley Wholesale warehouse at 500 E. 10th St. in Burley from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. For information, call Dolly Freilburger at 436-4057.

Premium gas proves superfluous in most cars

By Marshall Loeb
CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK — Many people believe that buying premium gasoline will help their cars run better, but unless you own a sports car or luxury vehicle, it really won't make a difference.

You should pay for premium only if your car requires the fuel, advised Mark A. Baxter, director of the Maguire Energy Institute at Southern Methodist University in Texas. "If you think it's going to run faster or you're going to get better mileage, don't waste your money," he said.

According to Consumer Reports, most engines are designed for low-octane fuel. Octane ratings, a measure of

how gas performs in a one-cylinder test engine, are based on a gasoline's resistance to engine knock — rattling sounds that occur when compressed fuel and air prematurely ignite. Higher ratings correspond with more resistant formulations: Regular fuel is 87, midgrade is 89 and premium is 92 or 93.

Premium gas is usually called for by makers of sports cars and luxury vehicles, which have engines that are more prone to knocking and can be damaged with repeated use of low-octane fuel. Some have special features that allow them to run on regular gasoline, but at a lower level of performance.

While pumping premium

into a car that doesn't need it won't harm the engine, it won't benefit the vehicle either. "It just causes damage to your bilfool," added Baxter.

To find out what type of fuel your car needs, first check the owner's manual. Some vehicles also have a label noting the ideal fuel type on or near the gas cap. You might also check with your auto dealer's service department.

If you can't find out what fuel to use, Baxter recommends trying the regular gasoline and then listening carefully for ping-pong or knocking sounds from the engine. If there is repeated knocking or ping-pong, you may need better-quality fuel — or a tune-up.

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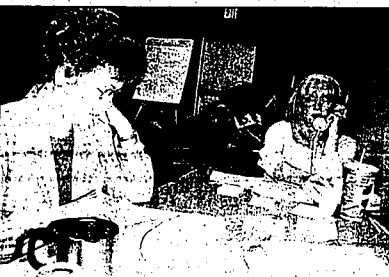
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SIGNING UP NEW MEMBERS

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Marvin Brice and Pennie Main were among 16 volunteers who helped with the recent Mini-Casita Chamber of Commerce membership drive, which led to 26 new members and numerous prospects. Volunteers called businesses to talk about the benefits of becoming a chamber member, including networking with other local business owners and participating in various events and programs. For information on the chamber, call Christina Toix, membership director, or Matt Flygare, executive director, at 679-4793.

Bulb

Continued from D1 and disperse it through a plastic ribbon to enhance the light's effect. After several years of work, Carl Scianna, PolyBrite's president, has packaged LEDs along with the electronics that power them in a plastic bulb-shaped product.

In a few months we'll have our light bulbs on the market," he said.

While price varies with bulb type, Scianna said the Westinghouse LED bulbs will sell for 10 to 15 percent more than three times the price of comparable incandescent bulbs. With the durability, longer life and lower operating costs, the new bulbs are clearly superior, he said.

The technology behind the new bulbs may be complex, but that shouldn't matter to consumers, said Sandra Goeken, vice chairman of Goeken Group Corp., parent company to PolyBrite, and Jack Goeken's daughter.

The first operating LED was

created in 1962 by Nick Holonyak Jr. working in a General Electric lab. Today Holonyak is a University of Illinois professor and continues working to improve LED technology.

Holonyak said it is not surprising that someone has found a way to package LEDs as a standard light bulb. "I've been waiting to buy one," Holonyak said. "We've got a good spot in the basement where it can go."

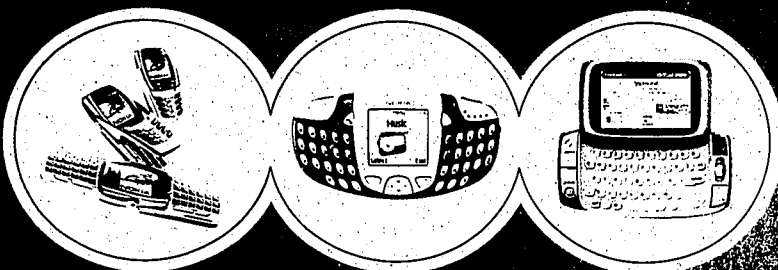
The nature of the alloy crystals used to make LEDs is that once they create light, they tend to hang onto it, Holonyak said. "You've got to seduce all that light out of the crystal," he said. "Matching the light from the LED with plastic is a good idea."

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MONEY

Online payments become more popular

By Richard Newman
The Record
(Bergen County, N.J.)

With just a few taps on the keyboard and a few clicks on the mouse, Joe LaSala makes his mortgage, car, and insurance payments.

The housing developer, who lives in Washington Township, Pa., pays nearly all of his family's bills — the phone bills, electric bills, even the landscaper — the same way.

"It's a great thing," LaSala said. "They'll even print out a personal check to somebody and mail it." LaSala, 38, is one of a growing number of Americans moving away from the time-honored chore of writing checks and stuffing envelopes in favor of pointing and clicking.

A new online survey by Insight Express, a marketing research firm, says the percentage of those who say they have paid at least one bill online has soared to 57 percent from 17 percent three years ago.

"We were surprised to see how quickly it jumped," said Lee Smith, president of the company that conducted the survey in September.

Most of the nation's largest banks have been touting their increasingly popular online bill payment services. Some, including Citibank, HSBC, Bank of America and Bank One, have dropped monthly fees.

And banks are not the only ones that offer the service.

Fee-based bill consolidation services, where you can pay a slew of bills from a single Internet portal, are also offered by Yahoo Inc. and Time Warner Inc., among others.

Some utility and credit card companies encourage customers to use the Internet to both receive and pay their bills. It saves the companies big

Banking by computer

• **Choose a service:** Many companies that send you bills in the mail also let you pay them through their own online billing sites. Or, to save the time of going to many different sites, you can subscribe to a service that will let you consolidate your bills at one site. Chances are, good your bank offers such a service. Go to its Web site to find out. Or, try other third-party services such as those offered by CheckFree or Yahoo Inc. All claim to be secure and reliable and, so far, have not been proven wrong. Fees of \$5 to \$7 a month, covering a dozen bills or more, are typical. Some banks charge no fee. Some waive fees for their best customers. Some give newcomers a free ride for the first three months.

• **Set up the payments:** The service's Web site will guide you through the secure log-on and setup process. It's a good idea to read all the small print. Carefully enter addresses of payees and account numbers. The setup can take an hour or more,

but has to be done only once. Payees can later be added or deleted. Some payments, if they are always the same amount, can be set up to be made automatically. For others, you log back in when you want to initiate the payment and enter the amount and the date you want it sent. The services have relationships with large companies that allow them to relay payments electronically. With other payments, such as those made to the landscaper or the baby sitter, you enter the amount and they print out checks drawn on your account and mail them. Some billing companies allow you to view your bills online as well.

• **Make the payments:** Generally, when you click on the button to trigger a payment, you will be asked to review the information and confirm its accuracy. Most services ask that payments be initiated a week or so before the due date. As with writing checks, it's important to be sure there is enough money in your account.

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Credit score affects financial future

By Marshall Loeb
CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK — Landlords, employers, bankers and credit-card company executives all look at it when deciding if you are a financially responsible individual.

But most people don't understand what a credit score is, or what constitutes a good or bad score, according to a survey by the Consumer Federation of America and Provident Financial.

This score is an analysis of your past credit history. Determined by your credit decisions, a credit score is calculated by credit bureaus and then used by lenders to figure out how much of a risk you are. Scores range from 300 to 850. The higher your score, the better.

Factors assessed include: Your payment record (late payments and penalty fees), your amount of debt, the length of time you've been using credit (a longer history is better), how often you've applied for new accounts, how and when you take on new debts and what kinds of debts you currently carry (student loans, mortgage debts, credit-card debts, etc.).

The median credit score is about 725, says Janet Bodnar, executive editor of Kiplinger's Personal Finance. If your score is 725 or higher, you'll be eligible for a lender's best rates. The lower your score (and, hence, the riskier you are), the higher your interest rates will be and the more you'll pay in associated finance charges. If your score is in the low 600s or below, you

may be denied credit. Most of those surveyed also didn't understand that lenders aren't the only ones to look at your credit score. "Your score is a measure of your financial responsibility," says Bodnar. People who might hire you, rent an apartment or house to you, sell you electric power or life insurance, among other goods and services, may also view your score to determine risk.

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parent puts money into a donor-advised fund or a community fund. He or she, along with the grandchildren to create an investment, administrative and grants committee. The grandchildren create a process for how a grant

is requested and voted upon. Each grandchild then makes a grant request, the older of whom make the request in writing. Only those that pass muster with the grants committee get funded.


What happens in the process is that children develop a number of skills, Hughes says.

When each child comes forward and makes his or her request, then he or she is learning the life skills of public speaking and learning in addition to learning to passionately advocate and ask for something for others."

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This 5-foot combine may be small but it is invaluable for collecting field data about barley plots. Barley breeder Don Oberst uses the information gathered in the field along with data from laboratory analysis to select which experimental barley lines will be kept or discarded.

Big gains come from small combines

FILER — When Don Oberst drives up to a field with his 5-foot combine, folks can't help remarking that it must take him a long time to finish a field. And they're right. But finishing quickly isn't the purpose of using this combine. It's getting in-field data about test weight, moisture and yield. That information, combined with laboratory analysis of protein, color, plump, will determine whether an experimental barley line is headed for the compost heap or the grain bin.

Oberst, who is the USDA-Agricultural Research Service's barley breeder at Aberdeen, may be looking at up to 500 lines at a time. Of those, just 50 might make it to advanced field trials across the state and merely a handful may eventually be released.

Most barley varieties must meet agronomic standards in the field as well as receiving approval from the American Malting Association in Madison, Wis.

Pulp price could have ripple effect

PAUL — Fewer sugar beet acres in the Magic Valley this year are likely to cause a domino effect on the area's dairymen. The price of beet pulp — which dairymen use for feed — has gone from \$90 a ton to \$100.

That could bring a change in rations and purchases to 165 beet pulp customers — 99 supplied by the Amalgamated Sugar Co. factory in Paul and 66 supplied by the Twin Falls facility — in the Magic Valley.

Frank Fullmer, manager of byproducts for Amalgamated, said there are several supply-and-demand reasons for the increase.

Steve Whitesides, one of the owners of Whitesides Dairy in Rupert, said not all feed commodities are up. "Grain markets are down," Whitesides said. "Grain is fairly cheap right now."

Dairy farmers could replace beet pulp with other feed ingredients if necessary, he said.

If it gets to a point where we can find products cheaper to replace beet pulp, that's what will happen," Whitesides said, adding, "It gets overpriced."

Sugar Beet Trade flavors outlook on candidates

BRECKENRIDGE, Minn. — When Mike Hasbargen strode

Farmbeat
Highlights of this week's Magic Valley Ag Weekly, The Times-News' weekly report on agriculture.

into the field near his homestead to pull up and inspect a plump, sugar-rich beet one late summer day, he was more worried about the trade policies of the Bush administration than the vagaries of nature or equipment.

In May, the administration signed an agreement with Central American countries that could open the door to an additional 97,000 tons of imported sugar a year. Trade officials say concessions to Guatemala and four other countries amount to no more than one day of U.S. sugar production. The trade deal, they say, would greatly benefit U.S. exporters who send beef, pork, wheat, soybeans, corn and other products to Central America.

Many in the beet industry — a mainstay of northwest Minnesota's economy — have taken the trade deal, who noted for support for sugar protections, and they are fighting back with money and lobbying muscle.

"It hurts the president," said Hasbargen, a self-described independent who voted for George W. Bush in 2000 but is supporting Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., for president this time around, largely because of sugar.

Ag commish: EPA, court deny rights in cases

BISMARCK, N.D. — South Dakota Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson says a little-known policy of the Environmental Protection Agency and a federal court ruling may deprive American farmers of their right to seek damages if pesticides damage their crops or fail to perform as advertised.

"If the U.S. Supreme Court allows the lower court decision on Bates vs. Dow AgroSciences to stand or if Congress fails to amend Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, American farmers may lose the right to sue the manufacturers for losses from ineffective or damaging pesticides," Johnson said. "This case sets a terrible precedent and establishes a policy that could have long-term and damaging effects for years to come."

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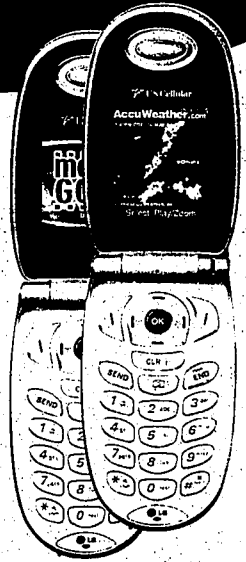
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The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce holds a ribbon cutting Sept. 16 for the opening of Advanced Drug Detection II at 233 Third Ave. E. Pictured, right to left, are Brenda Staley, Kristy Staley with baby son, Marcus, Richard Staley and Lois Denney from the Advanced Drug II office in Burley.

SERVICE BY THE SLICE



The Exceptional Customer Service Business of the Month winner recognized by the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce for August was 'Pizza Hut, at 2570 Overland Ave. in Burley. From left are Mike Anderson, Dallah Keener, LeeAnn Kraus and Laurie Gilford.

NEWLY REMODELED



Everybody's Business holds a celebration for its newly remodeled store at 1277 Pole Line Road E. The event kicked off with a ribbon cutting by the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce. From left are Gary and Penny Stewart, owners of Everybody's Business.

AWARDED FOR SERVICE



The Exceptional Customer Service Business of the Month winner recognized by the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce for May was Doc's Pizza, at 544 Sixth St. in Rupert. From left are Kallie Walton, John 'Doc' Dockter and Cheyanna Parton.

SERVICE 'RECOLLECTIONS'



The Exceptional Customer Service Business of the Month winner recognized by the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce for July was Recollections, at 1214 Oakley Ave. in Burley. From left are DeeAnn Taylor, Criss Rich, Joan Norby and Susan Ball. Not pictured are Jana Wilkins and Marianne Welch, owner.

ACES AT SERVICE



The Exceptional Customer Service Business of the Month winner recognized by the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce for June was Ace Hardware, at 2556 Overland Ave. in Burley. From left in back are Trish Young, Michelle Ford, Donna Mills and Joe Trau; In front: Barbara Higgins, Aaron Amos, Nina Pina and Marilyn Krieger. Not pictured are Kathy Bailey, Scott Jones, Teana Fletcher, Krista Hamby, Chase Kidd, Cotti Drage, Sabina Park, George Oldham, Mardene Adams, Laura Bohle and Cassie Christensen.

Looser lending leads to more foreclosures

By Pamela Yip
The Dallas Morning News

Are some American homeowners getting too much of a good thing?

Looser lending standards have expanded the dream of homeownership to more and more people, but a persistently weak economy has been nibbling away at that dream, snatching away houses in foreclosure proceedings.

Perhaps, some experts suggest, the army of new mortgage products has become too generous.

"We've been a little too aggressive," said Craig Jarrell, president of the Dallas region of Paluski Mortgage Co. "We may have misled people a bit into more houses than they can afford."

No one quibbles with the value of rising homeownership rates. Buyers are enjoying zero-down mortgages, no-documentation loans and other next products.

Trouble is, that means more Americans are holding mortgages that would be unsustainable if they missed just one or two paychecks.

The past due payments and serious delinquencies, foreclosures — the numbers are on the rise, and you can't tell me it's not because people may have borrowed more than they should have," Jarrell said. "Sure, it's job loss, it's the economy, but it may also very well be that they bought more house than they can afford to start with, and now it's coming home to roost."

Foreclosure postings expressed as the number of postings per 1,000 people have more than doubled in Collin and Denton counties since 2001.

If current trends hold, Dallas will be close to that pace by year's end.

One contributor, experts said, is that the concept of saving to buy a house has changed.

Not too long ago, home buyers had to scrape together a 20 percent down payment to be considered for a mortgage.

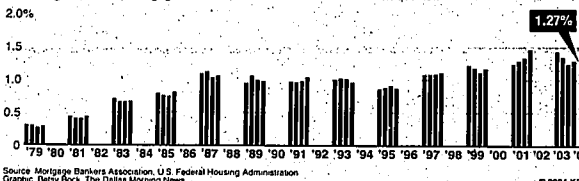
"Today, in many cases, Americans can buy a home with no money down even if they've filed for bankruptcy or previously been foreclosed on."

Over the last 10 to 12 years, underwriting guidelines have gotten much more lax," said David Motley, an executive vice president at Colonial National Mortgage in Fort Worth. "Today you can get a 100 percent loan on a purchase or a 106 percent loan on your purchase to cover the closing costs."

Critics say the looser standards contribute to high foreclosure rates nationwide because owners with no equity in their homes find it easier to walk

Mortgage defaults on upward trend

Percentage of all U.S. mortgage loans in foreclosure at the end of each quarter.



Source: Mortgage Bankers Association, U.S. Federal Housing Administration
Graphic: Betty Beck, The Dallas Morning News

away from mortgages if they get into financial difficulty and can get approved for another mortgage later.

"I do think that the erosion in underwriting standards, including the growing prevalence of low- or no-down-payment and no-documentation or low-documentation loans, is contributing to the very high and rising foreclosure rate," said Mark Zandi, chief economist of Economy.com, a consulting firm in West Chester, Pa., that specializes in studying regional economies.

Mortgage lenders say they know what they're doing. A relatively recent invention — credit scores — lets them more accurately judge a borrower's risk and set the interest rate at a level to make that risk worth their while.

"It wasn't until about 12 years ago that credit scoring was introduced into mortgage lending. Before that, it was done by hand, and you used a mandatory guide of ratios," Motley said.

Those qualifying ratios told lenders how much house a consumer could afford by computing the proposed housing expense plus other long-term debt expenses as a percentage of monthly income. The mortgage industry developed the ratios by studying delinquency rates, foreclosure data and other statistics.

According to the industry standard, your monthly housing expenses — principal, interest, taxes and insurance — couldn't exceed 28 percent of your gross monthly income. And your housing expenses plus other recurring debts couldn't exceed 36 percent of your income, Motley said.

"That was really before 1987," he said. "Now ratios have been essentially thrown out the window as a guide toward underwriting mortgage loans. What matters is the credit score."

A credit score is meant to predict the risk of giving you a loan, and the scores are key to automated underwriting techniques, which have replaced a bank's loan committee, said Jack Harris,

research economist at the Texas A&M Real Estate Center.

"They enable lenders to fine-tune the underwriting process, resulting in a higher statistical probability of making sound loans," he said. "Lenders can extend loans to borrowers with lower credit ratings at higher interest rates. By being better able to spot bad credit risks, lenders feel they can offset any increase in risk exposure."

It also makes it easier for lenders to sell their loans to secondary investors — especially the unconventional loans — packaged as mortgage-backed securities. And that can provide more funds for lending.

Many investors even stipulate what kind of loan packages they'll buy, said Keith Gumbinger, vice president at HSH Associates in Pompton Plains, N.J., which publishes mortgage information. "They say, 'I'm going to make these loans with these characteristics. Now go find those borrowers for those. Maybe I'll accept people with more debts than normal for higher interest rates.'"

The array of loan types is dizzying. A 30-year fixed-rate mortgage used to be about all a borrower could get. But at least 150 mortgage products are offered today, said Motley, who is also a board member of the Texas Mortgage Bankers Association. The options include adjustable-rate mortgages; interest-only mortgages, in which only interest is paid for the first few years of the loan; loans with a lump-sum "balloon" payment at the end; "option ARMs," which permit borrowers to make a monthly mortgage payment determined by one of four methods; and even a 40-year mortgage.

For consumers with credit blemishes, there are other options. TexasLending.com offers a zero-down-payment mortgage one year after the discharge of a Chapter 7 bankruptcy and a zero-down-payment mortgage one year after a foreclosure, although restrictions do apply. Industry representatives say creative products give con-

sumers more options, help expand homeownership and enable the industry to tailor its products.

Consumers with bad credit scores — the "subprime" market — aren't the ones getting zero-down mortgages, said Doug Duncan, chief economist at the Mortgage Bankers Association. Zero-down loans are typically aimed at consumers with high credit scores and high incomes.

"That's the more typical zero-down customer. But there are entry-level people who have managed credit well and who have good employment prospects" who also qualify, he said.

One thing is clear about such loans: The smaller the down payment, the more likely consumers are to default.

"Studies have shown that a loan's default risk is directly tied to the size of the down payment," Harris said.

The more money homeowners have in their homes, "the more likely they are to try and maintain ownership by keeping their payment current," Duncan said.

No or low down payments can hurt homeowners in other ways. For one, they may pay higher interest rates to offset the extra risk. For another, it takes them longer to build equity.

"If you don't have any money down on the property, you don't have a cushion in the equity of your home to play with," Motley said. If you run into financial difficulties, there's no equity in the home to tap, either through a second mortgage or through selling outright.

The liberal standards have also led some consumers to borrow more than they can afford.

"We see debt ratios today that would have never been approved," Motley said.

He gave this example: "Two borrowers husband and wife and they've got debt ratios of 40 percent for their proposed house and 60 percent for their total monthly debts. If they're paying a 30 percent tax rate, they don't have much money left over."

'Mrs. Fields' will speak at in Nampa

The Times-News

NAMPA — Debbie Fields, founder and former chairwoman of Mrs. Fields Cookies, will be the keynote speaker at the Business Enrichment Series to be held Oct. 7 in the Swayne Auditorium at Northwest Nazarene University.

The event begins at 1 p.m. with speakers Larry Read, Dick Vanschynkel and Joe Parkinson, former chairman and chief executive of Micron Technology. An interactive dialogue with presenters will follow. Fields will speak at 7 p.m.

Fields, an entrepreneur and businesswoman, started Mrs. Fields Chocolate Chippery in Palo Alto, Calif., and turned it into an empire that now has 650 domestic locations and 65 in-

ternational locations in 11 countries.

"The important thing is not being afraid to take a chance," Fields told Career World magazine. "Remember, the greatest failure is to not try. Once you find something you love to do, be the best at doing it."

Fields' presentation is free and open to the public. Registration for the afternoon Business Enrichment Series is \$45, with continuing education credit for an additional \$50. VIP seating for Fields' evening presentation is included in the series registration fee.

Registration for the afternoon sessions may be done online at www.nnu.edu/bizesem. For information, send e-mail to nnu-bizes@nnu.edu or call 467-8870.

Renovations can make a home more age-friendly

By Marshall Loeb
CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK — The number of Americans age 65 or older is growing, and the AARP reports that many of these seniors hope to remain in their current homes.

Not every house is accommodating to older residents. Bankrate.com reports that there are some renovations you can complete that will make your home more comfortable for older or disabled residents. If done correctly, these renovations won't hurt the resale value of your home, and may even increase it.

Here are a few projects to consider:

- **Sinks:** Install a pedestal or wall-mounted sink instead of one with cabinetry beneath it. Set it high enough for a wheelchair to fit beneath it.
- **Shower bars:** Shower or grab bars are cheaper than a roll-in shower, won't reduce your home's resale value and come in enough variety to be attractive and functional.
- **Flooring:** Choose a low-pile carpet instead of a thick-pile one. It's easier on wheelchairs and walkers.
- **Cabinets:** Replace knobs with bar-shaped drawer-pulls. They are much easier to grasp.
- **Door knobs:** Install levered handles in place of round knobs.
- **Kitchen makeover:** You might also consider repositioning kitchen appliances to be more accessible. Raise the stove and dishwasher so that a wheelchair could fit beneath the open door. Lower a section of countertop or a kitchen island. But don't lower all your cabinets — this makes it difficult to configure plumbing and fit in large appliances like the oven, and may cut resale value.

If you're building your own home, you can make other adjustments for little or no money while the house is being built. Place light switches lower on walls, and electrical outlets higher. Expand doorways to easily accommodate the width of walkers and wheelchairs. Create zero-step entrances, ramps or ramps wherever possible.

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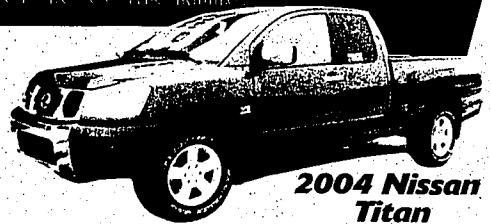
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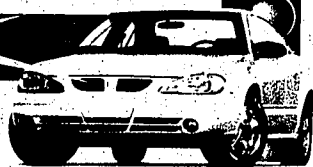
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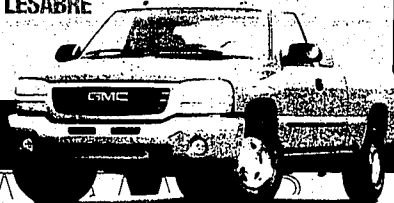
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Section E

Stylin': Looking good in the 2nd half

Grown-up fashion styles are in the works for 2005. In other words, expect to see fewer belly buttons next year. That's the word from Tastes and Trends, which tracks the fads among both males and females. The 2005 male, says Tastes and Trends, will be wearing plaids or checks or British stripes, but the look will be polished - tailored jackets, cardigans, stylish neckties. Postman blue, olive drab and bold red are the new guy colors, and there will be lots of leather, fur and elegant diamonds. T-shirts will be bright and lively, and gray denim will be big in jeans.



LIFE AND TIMES
Denise Turner

The new woman will be lady-like and prim, with a bit of Bohemian tucked in for fun. A vintage shirt may hang out of a jacket, and blouses may have dressmaker collars. Pretty, fitted jackets and pumps will team up with suede gloves. And there will be lots of satin and velvet. Big colors are wine, purple, teal and brown, with giant prints on shoes, handbags and hosiery. Want to go really wild? Try hosting a decorate-a-purse party, the hottest new ladies' night out - or buy some spray-on "hosiery" originally invented for Tokyo women required to wear stockings even in the heat. The more adventurous men need to know that gin is the big fragrance for the new year, and the happening male is now waxing his hair - on his back, arms and legs. I guess I have more time to ponder the new fashions now that my kids are grown and gone, but sometimes I fear I've been out of the loop for too long. Back when I was shuffling my children to school, one of the other moms drove up beside me, rolled down her window and said, "I want you to write a column about what we wear when we drive our kids to school."

It was a scary thought. There were times, back then, when I couldn't even think straight enough to give you a "working definition of 'color-coordinated wardrobe.'" And on those days when I was forced to go somewhere besides a special parking lot, I learned to specialize in 30-second style and quick-questions like, "Did I forget to take off my nightgown before I put on my skirt?" That way, I could be sure I was halfway successfully dressed. It was a step up from wearing oversized sweats and practical shoes - defined as "anything you can find under the bed when you step out of the shower." Some mornings, we carpool moms would arrive wearing something terrycloth and blotting our dripping hair. On days when I wore my ragged jogging suit, I would rationalize my look by telling myself that anyone who saw me would believe I had actually been jogging. Now I finally have time to shop for some new clothes. I think I'm ready. I wonder if my husband will want to tag along? Silly question. But sometimes we do get caught shopping with our spouses whether we like it or not. For those times, a group of German women have come up with a plan. I read about it in the Chicago Tribune. Fed up with their partners' grumbling on weekend shopping trips, the women started leaving their companions at a "kindergarten for men." For \$11.80, the men get two beers, a meal, televised soccer matches and activities such as home-improvement workshops. Last week, the men had a remote-control car to play with," said Alexander Stein of Nox Bar in Hamburg. "Next week, there will be a mini race track." What a deal!

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

PILOTS OF OLD

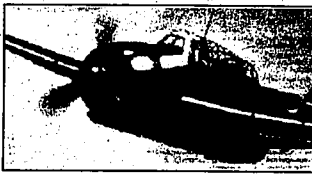


Eddy Sherwin, left, a World War II fighter pilot, talks with his fellow pilots and crew members during a reunion for the Navy Composite Squadron VC-94 at the Shilo Inn in Twin Falls.

After 59 years, World War II Navy fliers aren't fading away just yet

By Steve Crump Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Dodge a bullet once, and life is never the same. That's why old warriors gather to reminisce: Nobody else can comprehend that experience. "To go into battle with someone is to trust them completely," said Jack Lythoe, a 78-year part-time Twin Falls resident who hosted a reunion of his old World War II Navy aviation outfit, VC-94, this past week. "These are, in many ways, the closest friends you'll ever have, and to be with them again after so many years, well, it's a wonderful thing." This was fifth reunion of Lythoe's old carrier-based squadron. Most of the survivors - and there were 12 pilots and crewmen from all over the United States at this gathering - are Lythoe's age or older. "We've been having this reunion every two years, but we decided to make it an annual event starting next year because there aren't that many of us left," Lythoe said. VC-94 flew off the aircraft carrier USS Shannock Bay in the last year of World War II, participating in the invasion of the island of Luzon in the Philippines, the attack on the Pacific island of Iwo Jima and the gashy straggles for Okinawa. Lythoe, a petty officer, was a



A World War II-vintage Grumman Avenger dive bomber of the type flown by VC-94. Photo courtesy of JACK LYTHOE

gunner in the back seat of a heavy, rather slow-flying dive bomber, the Grumman TBM-3 Avenger. "I've seen flak (anti-aircraft fire) so thick it literally damaged every aircraft in the flight," he said. VC-94 - which also contained a famous, stumpy-looking fighter plane, the Grumman F4 Wildcat - was commissioned in February 1944 at a Navy base outside Seattle. It trained for six months at Pasco, Wash., and for two months more in San Diego. The squadron left for the South Pacific that November, and in December boarded the Shannock Bay. On New Year's Eve 1944, it departed for Philippines supporting the invasion of Lingayen Gulf. Throughout the first two weeks of that January, the unit flew hundreds of sorties, attacking bridges, ammunition and fuel dumps and Japanese troop concentration centers in the Philippines. At the middle

"I was summoned to the bridge immediately. After telling my story, the mechanic who had charged the gun which I had already cleared was chastised for not knowing his port from his starboard." Lythoe, a Pennsylvania-born chemical engineer who moved to Idaho in the early 1950s and became a performing magician and later a hypnotist, had lost touch with his squadron mates until he saw an advertisement for a reunion in an aviation magazine about a decade ago. "We knew each other so well and had been through so much together, it was like we'd never been apart that long." Despite the toll that the war and the years between have taken on VC-94, remorse and fatalism were not much in evidence at this year's reunion. "I never had any doubt that I'd survive the war," Lythoe said. "I was so well trained and the guys I flew with were so well trained. I knew we'd come through." Even when sitting in the back seat of a lumbering dive bomber and under fire from Japanese fighter planes speuding 30-caliber bullets? "Well, yes," Lythoe said. "But the war did have some anomalies."

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Try these cell phone shopping suggestions

Here are tips to consider when shopping for cellular service:

- Check the provider's coverage area. Ask exactly what the coverage area maps mean. What happens if you leave the coverage area? Will your phone still work? Will you still be able to make calls? If so, will you incur more charges? What's included in your plan? Does it change if you make the call from your home area versus when you're traveling?

Etc...

- Read the fine print of the contract and ask lots of questions. Find out exactly what your plan includes and doesn't include. What kind of extra fees are there for other services? What's the early termination fee? How long of a contract is it?
- Check providers charge taxes and certain fees. Federal taxes will be added to the base rate of all providers. It's also standard in the industry to charge you a one-time activation fee when you start your current service. Go to multiple phone lines, you'll have to pay an activation fee, anywhere from \$15 to \$35, for each phone. Some providers will charge you less in activation fees if you sign up for two years instead of one. Also, some providers will give you better deals on phones if you sign up for two years.
- If you transfer your phone number, don't cancel your current service. Go to the new carrier first with your old carrier's bills in hand. The new carrier will handle transferring your phone number.
- Check promotions. Cell phones are a highly competitive business, so there are always new promotions. Check with your provider to see if you can switch to the current promotion, but ask if you'll have to extend your contract in order to do so. Sometimes a promotion will be for a local calling plan instead of a national plan or family plans may not be included. For instance, I checked with all of the ads that ran in the paper to see if, through Friday, the Verizon ad was for a family plan, but the AT&T Wireless, Alltel and Cingular ads were either for individual plans or local calling family plans.

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Live and learn: Setting up a home school

The Washington Post

Ritzy Mitchell's 2,000-square-foot, split-level home in Herndon, Va., does not, at first glance, look like a place that doubles as a school. The kitchen has the usual appliances. There are three traditional bedrooms. Then you reach the dining room: Books are stacked on the walls, a globe perches on a sideboard, a world map substitutes as wall art, and there is an assortment of other unexpected items, including small containers of paint and a karaoke machine for learning Bible verses. Mitchell, 50, works out of the house as a drama coach, party planner and personal organizer. In that last role, she has helped some schooling clients arrange their own houses so they can teach their children without losing control of their living spaces. "You need a place for everything and everything in its place," Mitchell said. "There has to be order so that when you are done with home schooling for the day you can contain all your stuff and not have the house look like a cyclone hit it." Two centuries ago, almost all American children were home-



Two centuries ago, almost all American children were home-schooled in some fashion. Today, home schooling is making a comeback. Here, Ritzy Mitchell, 8, gets help on her schoolwork from her mother, Ritzy, at the dining room table in Herndon, Va.

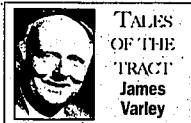
schooled in some fashion. One century ago, far fewer learned at home, and the modern school building became a symbol of the beginning of a new century, home schooling is making a comeback, with one federal survey indicating that as many as 2 million children are learning at home. The parents who reject regular public and private schooling say they do it for a number of reasons: dissatisfaction with the pace of instruction, impatience with the lack of moral and religious lessons, distaste for the pop culture that rules schools, and just the simple realization that they are always going to have more time to help their child than any teacher ever would. But architects and interior designers long ago lost their ap-

preciation of the need for learning spaces at home, so home-schooling parents such as Mitchell have to work out the designs and routines on their own. Mitchell has a 15-year-old and an 8-year-old whom she home-schools, as well as a 19-year-old. Their solutions can be helpful even to parents who don't home-school but who want to carve out areas in their homes that are conducive to homework and other school projects. In many cases, home-schooling parents attack the least-used space in their home, the living room. Peggy Weston in Tucson, who home-schools her two daughters, 10 and 13, said, "We ditched the formal living room and have bookshelves, two computers and toys stored there in industrial steel shelving units that are conducive to homework and other school projects." In Michelle Shaver's house in Springfield, Ill., the living room serves as a library and display center. It is decorated with posters of George Washington, Egyptian hieroglyphics, a world map and some satellite pictures of Earth showing different weather patterns. Some of this Shaver got off the NASA Web site, www.nasa.gov, which she considers a home-schooler's good friend. "We have bookcases all over filled with books; games, bins of crayons, pencils, etc.," said Shaver, who has two children, ages 16 and 6. "We'll never be asked to be photographed for Better Homes and Gardens, but for right now, this works for us." Janice Kiehl, an attorney, and Mark Kiehl, chief executive of a software company, put a great deal of thought and effort into rearranging their two-story brick colonial in Ann Arbor, Mich., when they decided four years ago to home-school their three children, now 11, 9 and 7. The first year they took the \$16,000 they had been spending on Montessori school tuition for the two oldest children and remodeled half of their basement. They put up drywall, installed new carpeting and replaced windows so they would open to give the long, rectangular space more light and air. At the end closest to the stairs, they established a reading area with a couch and bookshelves. On the wall above the couch they posted different timelines, depending on the era their children are studying. A globe is set on top of the bookshelves for ready reference.



'Buster Brown' visits T.F. in early promotion

Celebrity promotions are not unique to our modern era. Back in 1907, when Twin Falls was a mere 3 years old, a local department store brought to town one of the most popular commercial mascots of the day. And when "Buster Brown" arrived, it was said that "in proportion to his size" he attracted more attention in than would have President Theodore Roosevelt. "Without a doubt," claimed the promoters, "this was the greatest advertising attraction" ever brought to the city.



Buster Brown was a charmingly mischievous young cartoon character created by Richard E. Outcault, an illustrator who had previously published other strips called "The Yellow Kid" and "Poor Li'l Moss." From the day he first appeared in the New York Herald, May 4, 1902, Buster, together with his dog "Tige" and sister Mary Jane, delighted children of all ages. Indeed, Buster's Lord Dunsany clothes and antics behavior became familiar to those who read the funnies at the turn of the last century as were Little Orphan Annie and Charlie Brown to succeeding generations.

The somewhat stiffified Buster was always carefully dressed, with his long blond hair in bangs. His constant companion, Tige (Tiger) was said to be the first talking pet in American comics, though the cartoonist never let adult characters in the strip observe the bulldog's speech.

Buster's pranks usually resulted in a little homily meant to set the young reader straight on right and wrong.

By 1904, Buster Brown had become so popular that John A. Bush, a sales executive with the Brown Shoe Co., came up with the idea using the character as a symbol for the company's line of children's shoes. That year, Bush met cartoonist Outcault and, for \$200, purchased the right to use the "Buster Brown" name.

Working swiftly, the Brown company then introduced Buster Brown Shoes to the public at the World's Fair - the same "Meet Me in St. Louis" fair that introduced hot dogs. Buster was played by a 41-inch-tall, 44-year-old actor with a squeaky voice, Major William Ray, who had convinced the company that he could better portray the comic character than a real child. Ray's bulldog became Tige, Buster Brown's dog. Ray had previously been a circus performer.

So popular was Ray's routine at the fair that, for the next 26 years, the shoe company used him and other midget actors to play Buster Brown in promotions all across the United States. Well promoted in advance, they toured the entire country, pitching Buster Brown shoes with performances in theaters, department stores and shoe stores.

It was Saturday, May 11, 1907, when William Ray and his traveling show reached Twin Falls to advertise Buster Brown Blue Ribbon shoes for children on behalf of the Idaho Department Store. He and Tige had just visited all the large Eastern cities and were on their way for a tour of the Pacific Coast.

Despite Ray's train being somewhat delayed, he was met at the Twin Falls depot by a large delegation of children and their parents, whom he greeted with childish effusion, despite his apparent years. The Idaho Department Store had a "tallyho," drawn by three large horses abreast, to carry him. While Ray was taken to the Hotel Fortine for a meal, three local boys each with a megaphone, scurried around town to announce the time and place of the "reception" (performance).

Ray was scheduled to make his pitch in front of the department store, on a platform that had been built just for the occasion. But, since it had rained all night and morning, making the streets "fully sloppy," the event was held at Billy Rings' Skating Rink.



The Idaho Department Store in about 1907. This sponsor of the Buster Brown promotion was a descendent of one of the earliest general stores to open in Twin Falls, G.W. Tarr and Co. Tarr first occupied a tent near Rock Creek in July 1904, then relocated to a frame building on Main Avenue. In March 1905, Tarr was bought out by Harry F. Allen of Boise and others, doing business as Allen Mercantile Co. In June 1906, Allen sold out to his partners and the business was renamed Idaho Department Store. Completed and occupied in September 1906, the building shown here was at 158-154 Main Ave. S. Offices and a hall on the second floor were used by the Knights of Pythias and by the first officials of the new Twin Falls County.

Buster lives!

John A. Bush, who came up with the idea of using Buster Brown as a mascot, went on to become president of Brown Shoe Co. in 1915, and chairman of the board in 1948. Bush continued to promote the brand using print, radio, outdoor and eventually television advertising. Buster was also the subject of a popular series of silent film comedies from 1925 to '29. Later, talkies were also made. In 1928 the Buster Brown Radio Club was on the radio twice a week. From the mid-1940s to 1952 a network carried "Smilin' Ed's Buster Brown Gang," which subsequently moved to television. The Brown Shoe Co. still exists and continues to market "Buster Brown shoes for children, as well as other lines.



Image from author's collection.

Mary Jane, Buster Brown and Tige as they appeared in 1905 newspapers. Brown Shoe Co. gave the name 'Mary Janes' to the blunt-toed, single-strap shoes that both Buster and Mary Jane often wore. The name soon became a general term for strap shoes, a staple in any well-dressed little girl's wardrobe.



Photo courtesy of Brown Shoe Co.

BUSTER BROWN
TIGE

Coming to Town
SATURDAY
the 11th
Under the Management of
THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT STORE

THE BROWN SHOE CO.

They Will Hold a
RECEPTION
at 11 o'clock, Saturday, May 11, 1907.
Admission Free
Specialties Offer to the Children

Advertising the Buster Brown Blue Ribbon Shoes
Idaho Department Store

Advertisement from the Twin Falls News on May 7, 1907.

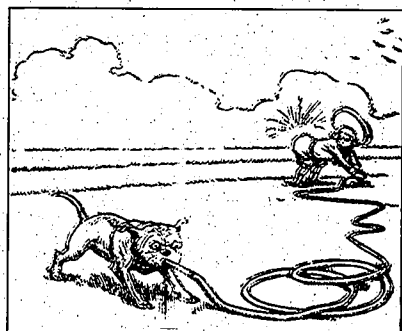


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Buster Brown gives Tige a drink.



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A Buster Brown 'reception' but in 1905 at Jonesboro, Ark.



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A 1903 Buster Brown comic strip.