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Israel begins Gaza Strip pullout

38-year-occupation may soon come to an end

The Associated Press

KISSUFIM CROSSING, Israel — Israel lowered a road barrier sealing the Gaza Strip to Israeli civilians at midnight Sunday — signaling the start of a historic withdrawal that will end its 38-year occupation, redraw borders and reshape prospects for the region.

The action made it illegal for Israelis to live in Gaza. Soldiers lowered a red road barrier at the Kissufim Crossing between Israel and Gaza, with a sign on the barrier reading: "Stop, entry into the Gaza Strip and presence there is prohibited by law."

With about 200 people looking on, the barrier was raised and lowered several times, apparently because of technical problems. Soldiers secured it with a wire to keep it shut.

Two large Israeli flags waved beside the barrier. As it went down, a traffic light changed from green to red and three vans carrying settlers and their belongings drove out of Gaza, never to return.

"The Gaza Strip has been closed today based on the decision of the Israeli government and today another phase begins," said Brig. Gen. Guy Tsur, a senior commander.

The withdrawal, marking the first time Israel gives up settled

land claimed by the Palestinians for their future state, comes after months of political wrangling and mass protests. On Sunday, Israeli troops took up positions to launch the evacuation and Palestinian security forces fanned out to prevent militant attacks.

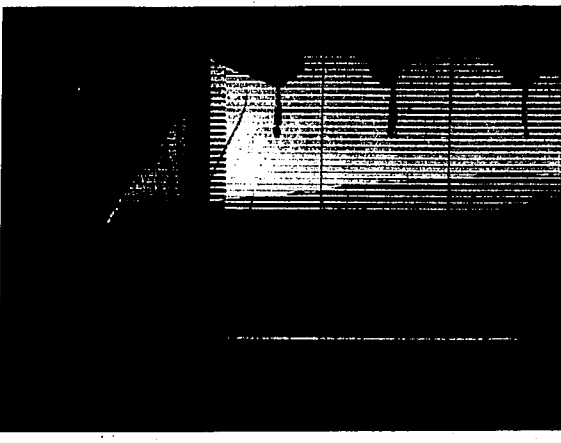
Israel's army chief appealed to troops to show restraint in removing thousands of Jewish settlers from their homes amid concerns that resistance could turn violent after thousands of anti-pullout activists slipped into the territory.

The presence of a few thousand Israeli soldiers in Gaza. Please see GAZA, Page A3



Israeli army police officers stand behind a road barrier marking the closing of the Gaza Strip early Monday morning. Israel sealed off the Gaza Strip to Israeli civilians — signaling the start of its historic withdrawal that will end Israel's 38-year occupation of the coastal strip.

SUM OF ALL FEARS



'Janie' has struggled with anxiety for as long as she can remember. At its worst, she didn't venture out of her home for a year. 'I felt like my house was my prison and the blinds were the prison bars,' she says.

Anxiety disorders are common, treatable

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It was the late 1960s, long before 24-hour news channels, online discussion groups and Oprah.

"Janie" was growing up in a small Idaho farm town and she'd never heard the words "anxiety disorder." Her family had its own name for Janie — "worry wart."

"Janie" is a real person with a real story, but she asked that her real name not be used. Unfortunately, there's still a stigma about people with anxiety disorders even though they're the most common and easily treatable of mental illnesses.

Janie just always was a worrier. When she was small and her parents took a trip out of town, she worried they'd be killed in a car accident. Her fear of cars was understandable. When she was 4 years old, she was in the back seat of a car that rolled. She said she could never fall asleep in a car after that. Later, when her friends couldn't wait for their 16th birthdays to get their driver's licenses, Janie

Disorders affect children, adults

- Anxiety disorders are the most common psychiatric illnesses affecting both children and adults. An estimated 19 million Americans between the ages of 18 and 24 suffer from an anxiety disorder.
- Anxiety disorders may develop from a complex set of risk factors, including genetics, brain chemistry, personality and life events.
- Anxiety disorders are highly treatable, yet only about one-third of those suffering from an anxiety disorder receives treatment.
- Psychosocial treatments, including cognitive behavioral therapy, exposure therapy, anxiety management and relaxation therapies and psychotherapy.
- Drugs used to treat anxiety disorders include Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (SSRIs), Selective Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitors (SNRIs), tricyclic antidepressants, benzodiazepines, beta blockers and Monoamine Oxidase Inhibitors (MAOIs).
- Combination therapies including psychosocial treatments and medications are often used to treat anxiety disorders.

would gladly have waited forever.

She was a sickly child, in and out of hospitals for treatment of kidney problems. When it came to childhood activities, Janie felt most comfortable in her own room with a good book. She remembers it was difficult to leave her parents' house when she married at 19, even though she was very much in love. That was 24 years and a very long journey ago.

"I'd hyperventilate. My heart would start jumping. My home became her entire world."

"I felt like my house was my prison and the blinds were the prison bars," she said.

She linked up with a bad psychologist who attributed all of her problems to repressed memories, terrible things he said happened to her that she had since erased from her mind. But Janie couldn't believe that. After all, she'd grown up the middle child in a family that was both nurturing and supportive. It would later be discovered the psychologist had given most of all his clients that same diagnosis, but not before Janie ended up in a state institution. She spent six weeks there. The staff there told her, "You don't belong here."

Janie, with the help of her husband and family, began the process of healing. Her husband gently urged her out the front door and eventually got her to go to the grocery store with him. Her mother took her on errands. She said it was a

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When worry spins out of control

Treatments for OCD can take as few as 10 sessions

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A place for everything and everything in its place.

That's pretty much describes Bernard Bailey's childhood philosophy of housekeeping. Bailey wanted everything around him and everything he did to be absolutely perfect. That's a pretty tall order, especially for a kid.

By the time Bailey was in his 20s, he couldn't leave the house until after he'd checked the locks on every door and window several times. He'd set the alarm clock four times before hitting the pillow at night.

Bailey, now 45, looks back at those years as the good old days.

"If that was my only OCD problem, it wouldn't be a problem," Bailey said in an e-mail from his home in New Zealand. That's OCD as in Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder, an anxiety disorder in which people suffer from recurrent unwanted thoughts — obsessions — and compulsions, according to the National Mental Health Association. Compulsions include checking doors, hand washing and counting. The compulsion is a way of self-medicating the obsession. It helps quiet the obsessive thoughts and takes some of the edge off the anxiety.

"It has a relaxing effect," said Dr. Rick Yavruan, a psychiatrist at Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services.

Bailey's OCD got worse as the years went by, and by the time he reached his 30s, it became something he could no longer ignore. He said he became "franked out about contamination."

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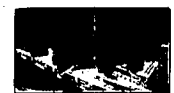
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Bush's popularity marks lower than other two-term presidents

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush's standing with an American public anxious about Iraq and the nation's direction is lower than that of the last two men who won re-election to the White House — Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton — at this point in their second terms.

But solid backing from his base supporters has kept Bush from sinking to the depths reached by former presidents Harry Truman, Richard Nixon, Jimmy Carter and Bush's father.



George W. Bush

Truman decided not to run for re-election. Nixon resigned. Carter and Bush were defeated in re-election campaigns.

"This president should be glad he's not running for re-election," said Karlyn Bowman, a public opinion analyst from the American

Enterprise Institute. "But the president is clearly holding his base. It's very important for him to keep the base support in terms of getting things done."

Indeed, Republicans in Congress already are starting to fret about the 2006 election. If Bush's approval ratings sink lower, more of them may be unwilling to go along with his major initiatives for fear it could cause backlash for them with voters.

Bush's job approval in recent polls ranges from the low- to Please see BUSH, Page A3

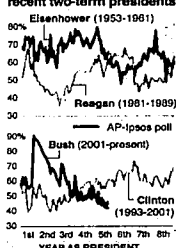
Rating presidents

President Bush's approval rating has fallen well below its peak immediately following the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, but it has remained higher than the lows soon by some other presidents.

Lowest approval ratings among recent presidents

Harry Truman (April-May 1951)	31%
Jimmy Carter (June-July 1979)	31%
Richard Nixon (August 1973)	31%
George H.W. Bush (July 1992)	31%
Lyndon Johnson (March 1968)	31%

Monthly approval ratings for recent two-term presidents



SOURCES: The Gallup Organization; AP/Insee

Airliner crashes in Greece

Official: Crew, passengers may have died before plane went down



Rescuers walk by the tail of a Cypriot Helios Airways jet near the coastal town of Grammatiko, about 25 miles north of Athens, Greece, on Saturday. All 323 aboard were killed.

16 fighter jets were dispatched soon afterward. When the F-16s intercepted the plane, jet pilots could see the co-pilot slumped over his seat. The captain was not in the cockpit, and oxygen masks dangled inside the cabin, government spokesman Theodoros Roussopoulos said.

"When a pilot has no communication with the control tower, the procedure dictates that other planes must accompany and keep the plane land."

Minister Haris Tharas said. The head of the Greek airline safety committee, Aristos Tsofakis, said the crash was the

"worst accident we've ever had." He said the plane's black boxes had been recovered, containing data and voice recordings valuable for determining the cause.

The British-based Air Transport Intelligence magazine said. The F-16 jets met the plane at 34,000 feet, the Greek air force said. At that altitude, the effects of depressurization are swift, said David Kaminski Morrow, of the Greek air force.

"If the aircraft is at 30,000 feet, you don't stay conscious for long, maybe 15 to 30 seconds. It is like standing on top of Mount Everest," he said. "But if you are down at 10,000 feet, you can breathe for a lot longer."

The flight was to have continued to Prague, Czech Republic, after stopping in Athens. The crash occurred at the height of Europe's summer vacation when Mediterranean resorts like Cyprus are packed with tourists. The area was likely to be particularly crowded, be-

cause Monday is a national holiday in Greece and Cyprus.

There were 46 children aboard, mostly Greek Cypriots. Helios spokesman Giorgos Dimitriou said in Athens.

Greek state television quoted the Cyprus transport minister as saying the plane had decompression problems in the past. However, Helios representative Dimitriou said the plane had "no problems and was serviced just last week."

On Cyprus, several callers to radio and television programs said they experienced severe air-conditioning problems on Helios jets in recent months. Some said the cabin was freezing and the crew provided blankets; others said it became unbearably hot.

Sudden loss of pressure was blamed for a similar crash in South Dakota in 1999, of a Learjet 35 carrying pro golfer Payne Stewart and four others. They became unconscious, and the jet went down after flying halfway across the country on autopilot.

New Iranian president names hard-line Cabinet

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's new president named a government Sunday, replacing hard-liners in key ministries, nominations seen as likely to insure more confrontation with the West over the country's nuclear program.

None of the 21 ministers in President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's proposed Cabinet are known to back democratic reforms. They are seen as followers of Iran's conservative supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who has the final say on all state matters.

The proposed foreign minister, Manouchehr Mottaki, has criticized Iran's nuclear negotiations with the European Union and urged that the country adopt "a tougher position and make no concessions."

Several other proposed ministers are either members of the Revolutionary Guards or have a history of cooperating with the Guards and security agencies, which take hard-line positions on Iran's nuclear program.

If the new Cabinet is confirmed by parliament, it is expected to adopt more aggressive positions with the Europeans, who have been trying to persuade Iran to abandon its uranium enrichment program to avoid being referred to the U.N. Security Council for consideration of sanctions.

The United States and others contend Iran has a secret plan to build nuclear bombs — a charge Iran flatly denies.

Iran already rejected a resolution last week from the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency urging it to stop converting uranium into gas. Two Iranian officials repeated that stance Sunday, but said Tehran was willing to talk with the Europeans about Iran's still suspended uranium enrichment program.

Conversion of uranium to gas is a step before enrichment, which produces material usable for both energy-producing reactor fuel and atomic bombs. A former hard-line deputy in-

telligence minister, Mostafa Pourmohammadi, was named as interior minister. Ahmadinejad named as intelligence minister Gholam Hossein Mohseni Ejehei, a cleric whom reformist journalists regard as an unyielding opponent of press freedom.

The proposed Cabinet contained only one member of the outgoing government of former President Mohammad Khatami: a reformist who tried to moderate the Islamic social code and build bridges to the West. The centrist politician Mohammad Rahmati remained as transportation minister.

"All those who worked against Khatami's reformist agenda have now been nominated to sit in the government," the reformist writer Ali Reza Rajai said. "Most of them are either former military commanders or people in close touch with security agencies."

Political analyst Saied Madani agreed, saying the appointment of people associated with security forces to executive positions would retard Iran's progress.

The list means Iran will be having more secrecy in its dealings, both with the nation and the international community," he said, adding it would add just greater emphasis on security.

No women were included in the nominated Cabinet. Khatami, who was president from 2001 to 2005, had appointed women to his cabinets, but he appointed two women as vice presidents.

Ahmadinejad named his close ally Ali Saeedou as oil minister. Saeedou was Ahmadinejad's deputy when he became mayor of Tehran until the lame session.

Ahmadinejad has promised to purge the hierarchy in Iran's oil administration. Outgoing Oil Minister Bijan Namdar Zangeneh was at odds with some of the hard-liners who backed the new president in his election campaign.

Gaza

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-and Israelis in Gaza, among 1.3 million Palestinians, is becoming a security burden, said Vice Premier Ehud Olmert. The state of Israel does not want to be in the Gaza Strip and does not want to fund the Gaza Strip," he told Israel TV's Channel One.

In the hours leading up to the closure, thousands of Palestinian police moved to positions near Jewish settlements within orders to keep away Palestinian crowds - and to prevent attacks by militants during the parades.

Officers planted Palestinian flags and pitched tents while some chanted in praise of their leader, Yasser Arafat.

Hundreds of supporters of the militant Islamic Fatah group gathered in Gaza City and began firing in the air, and teens setting off fire crackers and distributing sweets.

The violent Hamas group organized a night of midnight prayers of thanks at Gaza mosques.

Palestinian residents watched street packing up. "They are actually leaving. Who would have ever thought?" said Palestinian former Ziyad Satari, 40, standing on the roof of his three-story home in the Palestinian town of Khan Yunis, which overlooks the Mazar settlement.

Many Palestinians have expressed doubt that the settlements will be dismantled.

Palestinian Authority leader Mahmoud Abbas offered the Israelis reassurance.

"We are the Israeli people. You have chosen the right path," he told Israel TV's Channel 10. "This is the right path. Don't listen to the voices of the conspiracy who want a continuation of the occupation. I don't want — and I will not accept — any clashes with the army or the settlers."

Monday, the military will distribute eviction notices to the settlers, but it called off spokesmen to enter five of the 21 settlements, said the spokesman.

Earlier, settlers there had said they would block the entrances to their villages. That was the first hitch in the pullout plan.

They are actually leaving. Who would have thought?

Ziyad Satari, a Palestinian farmer on the Israeli pullout

Shortly after midnight, several hundred people from the largest settlement, Neve Dekalom, blocked the main road, stopping army vehicles and scuffling with soldiers.

"It is OK to cry with them," the army chief, Lt. Gen. Dan Halutz, told commanders in hanging troops to show and stand of the traumatic time for settlers.

During the two-day grace period, "we are there to take it and not to clash," he added.

However, once forcible removal begins — Wednesday morning, soldiers will act with determination, Halutz said.

As part of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's withdrawal plan, which was approved by parliament, Israel also will evacuate four small settlements in the north while consolidating control over some 500 people.

Many hope the pullout from the territory Israel captured in 1967 will be the start of a true nation of historic Palestine between Arab and Jew.

Others fear it is a ploy by Sharon to get rid of areas he doesn't consider crucial to Israel while consolidating control of parts of the West Bank, where the vast majority of the 240,000 Jewish settlers live.

The Palestinians want to create their own state out of the Gaza Strip and West Bank, with east Jerusalem as their capital.

Hundreds of Gaza settlers vowed to ignore the deadline and stay in their homes.

clers from delivering eviction notices.

In many families packed their belongings and left the Gaza Strip in recent days, and more were leaving Sunday.

In the West Bank settlement, Yankov Magalarem set fire to his two warehouses that contained irrigation equipment and two vehicles.

The night watchmen knocked down what was left of the structures. Settlers stopped to watch.

One-crying-woman-rushed her children away.

Most residents of Peat Sedeah already moved to Israel and were spending the weekend in a hotel.

Dozens of anti-pullout protesters put up tents in the beachfront settlement outpost of Shikriat Hayam.

At a synagogue in Neve Dekalom, Gaza's largest settlement, seven people sat in the sanctuary and quietly prayed.

At a synagogue in Beit Simchon, 17, came to the synagogue to collect his father's prayer shawl and said his family decided to leave on their own so as not to lose out on compensation money.

"My mother and father are crying a lot," he said.

Pinchas Ariel, a farmer from the Ganai Tal settlement, said he also was leaving on his own because of his face clashing with Israeli soldiers. "I was in the army. I have two sons who were paratroopers, and I'm not going to fight my sons," he said.

Earlier Sunday, hundreds of settlers sang traditional prayers of redemption as part of a ceremony at the Gush Katif cemetery to commemorate the Tisha B'Av holy day marking the destruction of the Jewish Temples. The cemetery's 49 graves are to be moved to Israel.

"I have sympathy for the settlers, but they cannot replace a national choice."

Bush

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mid-40s. It was 42 percent in the latest AP poll. His ratings on everything from handling Iraq to the economy to Social Security and other domestic issues are at their lowest levels so far.

Reagan was at 57 percent at this stage of his presidency and Clinton was at 61 percent, according to Gallup polling at the time.

The partisan divide for Bush is stark — 80 percent of Democrats approve of his overall performance while nearly 90 percent of Republicans approve.

Charles Black, a veteran GOP strategist and close Bush ally, said Republicans are siding with Bush for two reasons: personal affection and loyalty.

"I haven't seen anything like it since Reagan," he said. "But follows through on issues that are largely popular with the base, even when it's not popular with the general public to do so."

Bush may have a hard time pushing up his numbers because issues like the violence in Iraq and gas prices are largely out of his control.

But Bush's efforts to put conservatives on the Supreme Court and overhaul the federal tax code are likely to please his conservative base.

Other presidents have seen their political bases dissolve, in Gallup poll figures.

"Truman's approval dipped to 24 percent in the late spring of 1951 after he removed popular

Gen. Douglas MacArthur from command in Korea.

"Nixon's approval dropped to 31 percent in August 1973 as the war dragged on in Vietnam and revelations of administration misdeeds kept spilling out of the Senate Watergate hearings."

Cartter's approval plunged to 29 percent in the early summer of 1973 amid economic troubles and news of increasing problems with his Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini.

The late Bush's approval sank to 32 percent in July 1992 as his presidential rivals Clinton and Ross Perot gained momentum in the campaign and the jobsless rose.

For the current president to fall to those levels, Republicans and Republican-leaning independents would have to

abandon him in large numbers. So far, there's no indication that is happening, though there are some rumblings of discontent.

"I voted for Bush," said Jerry Fleming, a GOP-leaning independent from Athens, Ala. "I feel like he's pretty much a straight-shooter as far as his religious background. I respect that part of him."

"But if the situation in Iraq keeps dragging out for a long period of time with no hope for peace, I would eventually get set up with it," Fleming said.

Presidential scholar Charles Jones cautioned against reading too much into low poll ratings for a president at a given point of his term.

"Truman got some of the lowest poll numbers any president ever got," Jones said.

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WORLD

Some former Taliban turn backs on insurgency

By N.C. Abanman
The Washington Post

KABUL, Afghanistan — A cartoon flickered on a television set in Abdul Samad Khaksar's living room as he took a drag from a cigarette and considered the merits of Afghanistan's former Taliban government.

"The Taliban are like a medicine for Afghanistan that has expired," said Khaksar, 42, a white-bearded religious scholar who is running in parliamentary elections scheduled for September. "They want people to live like in the time of our Holy Prophet. I am in favor of how he lived, too. But it's impossible to bring that time back. The people of Afghanistan need something new."

It was a surprising assessment from a man who was once a senior official of the Taliban government — an Islamic group so extreme that it outlawed television. Hundreds of Taliban fighters continue to wage a guerrilla war against the Afghan government nearly four years after the group was ousted.

But Khaksar's candidacy also points to a central paradox of the Taliban insurgency. While the extremist coalition is waging an unprecedented wave of attacks, apparently aimed at sabotaging the elections, several hundred Taliban members have returned from exile in Pakistan to join a government reconciliation program.

A handful of well-known Taliban figures have even decided to run for parliament. Over the last several months, small groups of Taliban fighters have repeatedly battled U.S. and Afghan forces for hours at a time, and they have staged child attacks and bombings that have killed hundreds of civilians — aid workers, religious leaders, election workers — as well as Afghan and U.S. troops.

Yet the militia's resurgence comes as a new government reconciliation program moves on, but all senior Taliban militants linked to terrorism or war crimes, is yielding unprecedented results. Several hundred former Taliban members have recently streamed back into Afghanistan from Pakistan after formally renouncing violence.



Deedar, left, who is running for parliamentary office, greets villagers outside Kabul. He refuses to admit that he was once a Taliban member, but several of the group's former officials said he used to be a commander.

according to Afghan and U.S. officials.

"The response has been tremendous," said a senior Afghan official who oversees the program. "So many of them are fed up and want to come home, as long as they are promised they will be treated well."

Some of those candidates were considered moderates when the Taliban ruled Afghanistan — including Khaksar, who was deputy minister of Interior, and Wakil Ahmad Muttawakil, a high-profile foreign minister who spent three years in U.S. custody and then houses arrest in Afghanistan after turning himself in.

There are also several Taliban military commanders in the race, including Rais Bahgiani of southern Helmand province and Abdul Salam Rickett, named for his skill at aiming rockets.

Although none of the candidates and few of the returnees appear to have been active in the recent insurgency, analysts said that their re-entry into Afghan society has had an important psychological impact.

After that incident, Khaksar said he feared he would be killed if he dared criticize the government, let alone try to resign from his position. Even today, he said, he receives death threats, and fears he cannot safely campaign in his native Kandahar province, once a Taliban stronghold.

Other candidates have been more ambiguous in their critiques. Abdul Hakim Mounib, 35, a former Taliban telecommunications official, refused to condemn the militia's laws banning music.

"I myself do not like music," said Mounib, a candidate from Ghazni province. "I like a calm environment. As to whether government should forcibly prevent people from listening to music, Mounib said, 'I don't know ... this is a question that's really better for the Supreme Court.'

One candidate from Kabul province who came through the reconciliation program refuses to admit he belonged to the Taliban at all, even though several former Taliban leaders have described him as a commander who led more than a hundred men from a base here.

"I sent about 10 or 15 men from my village to help with security when the Taliban were going to visit certain areas of Kabul province. That's all," protested the candidate who uses the single name Deedar, who is the silver sport-utility vehicle bumped along a dirt road toward a campaign event in a mud-walled village outside Kabul.

A burly man with a gravelly voice that often rises to a giggle, Deedar, 46, said he had complained to Taliban leaders about the religious police beating women in the street, as well as the scorched-earth campaign against residents of the Shomali plain north of Kabul who opposed Taliban rule.

A campaign aide brought a stack of campaign posters featuring a photograph of "Commander Deedar" and a biography that described his years as a fighter against the Soviet Union after its invasion of Afghanistan in 1979. There was no mention of his activities under the Taliban.

The subject also never came up at the campaign meeting, a gathering of about 100 men from local villages who crowded on red carpets in a mosque to hear Deedar and other speakers rail against communists, praise President Hamid Karzai and complain about the lack of water and power in the region.

The next day, comments made by several villagers suggested Deedar had risen to be cautious. "I don't know anything about what Deedar did under the Taliban," said Ahmad Shah, 62, a government technician. "But if we know someone was a Taliban, even if they were the best of Talibs, we wouldn't vote for them. They stopped the schools, they didn't let our women out of the house and they told us to just pray five times a day. How could we support our families with just praying?"

Mohammed Yasin, 42, who complained that a Taliban fighter had severely beaten him for making an innocent joke, was more forgiving of Deedar's purported affiliation.

Cash drives the rebellion in Afghanistan

ASADABAD, Afghanistan (AP) — It doesn't take much money to set up a militia force in Afghanistan. A few dollars a day buys the loyalty of impoverished villagers, and weapons are cheap and available.

It's so easy that one Afghan province, Kunar, near the eastern border with Pakistan, is filled with thousands of illegally armed groups. U.S. military officials say. Though each has its own agenda, they are believed to share a common aim: to clean up or even overthrow mark legislative elections next month.

"I got them all—Taliban—al-Qaida, the foreign fighters, smugglers and other criminals," said Lt. Col. Peter Munster, a U.S. Army commander in Kunar. "They are like the Mafia."

Hig refers to a militant network led by renegade former premier Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, who is wanted by the United States.

Munster said the militias "are against the elections. ... They are coming in with money and throwing it around. This is a poor area. People can be bought."

The Sept. 18 elections are Afghanistan's next big step toward democracy after a quarter century of war and subverting them would be a highly symbolic defeat to the U.S.-backed nation-building process that is slowly marginalizing the Taliban and other extremist groups.

The amount being spent on recruiting new fighters and the number of foreign militants coming into the region has led to the lead in the vote, said Kirmat Tanhah, an Afghan Special Forces commander in Kunar.

This area is full of foreigners: Pakistanis, Chechens, Arabs. Weapons caches have been hidden and the local villagers are being paid to fight," he said, before a joint operation with U.S. Marines into Korengal Valley, a militant stronghold in remote mountains in Kunar.

Afghanistan suffered its deadliest blow in the valley on June 28, when militants killed three Navy SEAL commandos in an ambush and shot down a special forces helicopter with 16 troops on board who had gone to rescue them.

The attacks came amid a major upsurge in fighting nationwide that since March has left nearly 1,000 people dead, more than half of them suspected militants — some of the bloodiest months since the Taliban's ouster by U.S.-led forces in late 2001.

"To counter the worsening violence and the threat of attacks during the elections, the U.S. military has brought in extra troops and gone on the offensive. Launching major operations in southern and eastern regions, where most of the militants are based."

"We want to get the bad guys off-balance in the lead-up to the elections. We want to disrupt them," Lt. Col. Jim Donnellan, commander of the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, said in an interview with The Associated Press at a U.S. base in Asadabad, the main town in Kunar.


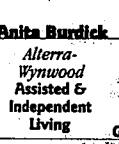
"We want to show villagers before the elections that there is security, that they have nothing to fear," he added.

One such operation is the deployment of hundreds of Marines and Afghan Special Forces into Korengal Valley to flush out Taliban rebels suspected in the June 28 assault.

The U.S. military and the Afghan government also have set up local militia forces of their own. In Kunar, nearly 1,000 villagers have been recruited, trained and armed in the past month to provide security. This force is in addition to the police and Afghan army.

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N.Y. security cameras please police, disturb civil libertarians

NEW YORK (AP) — Six could be seen peering out from a chain drug store on Broadway. One protruded awkwardly from the awning of a fast-food restaurant. A super-sized, domed version hovered like a flying saucer outside Columbia University.

All were surveillance cameras — and to the dismay of civil libertarians and with the approval of law enforcement — they've been multiplying at a dizzying rate all over Manhattan.

"As many as we find, we miss so many more," Alex Stone-Tharp, 21, said on a recent

afternoon while combing the streets, clipboard in hand, counting cameras in the scorching heat.

A student at Sarah Lawrence, Stone-Tharp is among a dozen college interns enlisted by the New York Civil Liberties Union to bolster their side of a simmering debate over whether surveillance cameras wrongly encroach on privacy, or effectively combat crime and even terrorism — as in the London bombings investigation, when the cameras were used to identify the bombers.

The interns have spent the

summer stalking Big Brother — collecting data for an upcoming NYCLU report on the proliferation of cameras trained on streets, sidewalks and other public spaces.

At last count in 1998, the organization found 2,397 cameras used by a wide variety of private businesses and government agencies throughout Manhattan.

"This time, after canvassing less than a quarter of the borough, the interns so far have spotted more than 4,000.

The preliminary total "only provides a glimpse of the magni-

tude of the problem," said NYCLU Executive Director Donna Lieberman. "Nobody has a clue how many there really are."

But aside from sheer numbers, the NYCLU says it's concerned about the increasing use of newer, more powerful digital cameras that — unlike boxy older models — can be controlled remotely and store more images.

The group expects to eventually publicize its findings to convince the public that the cameras should be regulated to preserve privacy and guard

against abuses like racial profiling and voyeurism. Privacy advocates have cited a case earlier this year in which a police videotape that captured a suicide at a Bronx housing development later turned up on a pornographic Web site.

The NYCLU plans to post an interactive map on its Web site pinpointing the location of each surveillance camera, and it may include a feature for the camera's location that would highlight the least-surveilled route between two points.

But the map could be obsolete on arrival.

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority plans to spend up to \$250 million to install new surveillance cameras in the city's vast subway system.

The New York Police Department also has requested funding for about 400 digital video cameras to help combat robberies and burglaries in busy commercial districts.

Police officers already watch live feeds from hundreds of cameras in city housing projects throughout the five boroughs, where they are a proven deterrent," NYPD spokesman Paul Browne said.

White House gets first female head chef

WACO, Texas (AP) — Kitchen duties may have traditionally been viewed as women's work, but not at the White House, where Cristeta Comerford has been named executive chef.

After an extensive six-month search, the first lady Laura Bush announced Sunday that Comerford was chosen from hundreds of applicants to head the executive kitchen. A naturalized U.S. citizen from the Philippines, she will be the first woman and first minority to hold the post.

The 42-year-old Comerford has been an assistant chef at the White House for 10 years. She worked under former executive chef Walter Scheib III, who resigned in February.

Scheib said Sunday that Comerford was, hands down, the best assistant in he had in his 30-year career and a wonderful choice to take over. He said she is a great cook with an artistic eye and a calm demeanor that can handle the pressure of a chef who happens to be a woman.

dinner guests dined on chilled asparagus soup and lemon cream; pan-roasted halibut, ginger-cornut butter, basmati rice with pistachio nuts and currants and herbed summer vegetables; and salad of Bibb lettuce and citrus vinaigrette.

Comerford will have ample opportunity to oversee more simple fare — the Bushes are known for staying in most nights rather than socializing like their predecessors.

The president has a liking for cheeseburgers, peanut butter and honey sandwiches and, of course, Tex-Mex and barbecue.

The first lady's press secretary, Susan Whitson, said Mrs. Bush chose Comerford while spending August at the Bushes' Texas ranch.

The job was offered to Comerford on Friday by the White

House social secretary, Lea Berman, and head usher Gary Walters.

Whitson said Comerford then left for a vacation to a foreign country that the White House would not disclose and was not available for interviews Sunday.

Comerford has a bachelor's degree in Food Technology from the University of the Philippines. She has worked at Le Ciel in Vienna, Austria and at restaurants in two Washington hotels — the Westin and the ANA, which has since changed ownership.

The head chef is responsible for designing and executing menus for state dinners, social events, holiday functions, receptions and official luncheons hosted by the president and first lady. The job pays around \$80,000-\$100,000 a year.

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People keep talking about how wonderful it is that she's a woman," Scheib said in a telephone interview. "If there is value in the gender, that's fine and dandy. But I say she's a great chef who happens to be a woman."

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Activists protest the war, or protest the protesters

The Washington Post

CRAWFORD, Texas — Barbara Cummings was home in San Diego last Monday, listening to an Air America radio broadcast, when she heard the tale of a woman who was coming here to join Cindy Sheehan in her growing protest against the war in Iraq.

"The woman on the radio had a son who had signed on for a second tour of duty in the Army after losing his job. In two weeks, he is scheduled to ship out to Iraq. Cummings jumped on the phone and called her friend, Clark Polk. "I asked her, 'Are you following the Cindy Sheehan story?' And she was."

The next day, the two retirees heeded in a rented minivan the 22-hour drive to the heart of Texas.

Saturday, Cummings found herself in front of the Crawford Peace House, a gathering place for protesters, holding a hand-lettered sign. She was directing a stream of cars escaping on this normally sleepy town to a dirt parking lot adjacent to a nearby high school football field.

Polk, meanwhile, was at the wheel of her blue Dodge Caravan, shuttling protesters up to the roadside campsite near President Bush's 1,600-acre ranch where Sheehan has been holding her defiant vigil for more than a week.

"We're both here because of our grandchildren," Cummings explained. "It feels like a word-of-mouth thing. Everybody I meet is saying they had to be here."

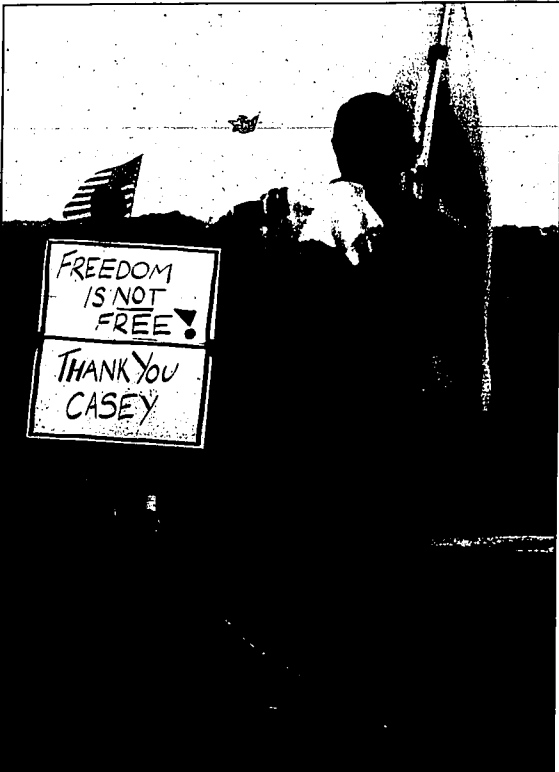
While the antiviral activists buzzed around the Peace House preparing for a scheduled rally, more than 150 flag-waving marchers made their way toward Sheehan's camp to show their support for the war. Also, a lone demonstrator on a pickup truck blaring country music with a large American flag flying from its bed. A sign on his door read "Texas is Bush's Country."

James Vergaunau and his wife, Wynell, preferred to stay just west of their Harley to make their point. "I'm just here to let the president and the troops know that there are people here who do support them," said James Vergaunau, who wore a cap emblazoned "The price of freedom is not free."

"I don't agree with the president about everything. I just wish Cindy Sheehan could spend one hour in the president's shoes making tough decisions."

Sheehan's hundred antiviral protesters converged on Crawford this weekend, and many of them had similar stories. They believe that Cindy Sheehan, the widow of a Marine killed in Iraq last year, has magically ignited a struggling peace movement with her quiet, but defiant protest.

"It's just a miracle what's going on here," said Bill Mitchell, who lost his son, Michael, in Iraq on



Aaron Martin, left, of Garland, Texas, stands across the road from Tim Oringer, of Santa Fe, N.M., on the road to President Bush's ranch near Crawford, Texas, on Saturday. Martin came out to counter-protest the camp of Cindy Sheehan.

April 4, 2004 — the same day that Sheehan's son, Casey, was killed. Along with Sheehan, he has protested the war for more than a year and helped organize other military families in support of their cause. But often it seemed that no one cared. "We've worked so long and hard to get our message out," he said. Ray McGovern, a former intelligence official turned antiviral activist, came down from Virginia to support Sheehan. "I think Cindy has lit a spark where Americans can identify with the human costs of the war," he said.

While Sheehan's protest has received the aid of public relations' political operatives and even a television spot since it started a week ago Saturday, many of the people drawn here said it was because of her simple but compelling story. Sheehan is the grieving mother of a fallen soldier and she wants the president to explain to her why.

"I'm here just to support this lady and show there is support for getting out of Iraq and stopping this maniac from doing what he is doing," said Lawrence Reuben, a Vietnam veteran and a helicopter technician, from nearby Benton, Texas. "Why can't the president just stop and talk to the woman and say 'Lady, I know where you're coming from. This war is not going the way I intended.'"

At the Peace House, a small wood-frame cottage just across the railroad tracks from this town's only traffic signal, things were humming. Outside, the parents of fallen soldiers were doing interviews with reporters while volunteers prepared signs, sold T-shirts and buttons and offered food and water to protesters.

Before Sheehan's arrival, the house, established in 2003 by Dallas peace activists, had \$121 in the bank and its phone out of because of overdue bills. But

once word of Sheehan's protest took flight, money began to flow in. A woman from Italy paid for a large party tent, coolers and a generator. Other strangers sent checks and made deposits directly into the group's PayPal account. In one week, the house has amassed enough money to pay off its \$40,000 mortgage.

"I've been walking around with my mouth open and in a daze for the past two or three days," said Kay Lucas, the Peace House director. "It's a blessing, a miracle. It's like the parable of the loaves and the fishes. The money and the phone calls and the letters of support have all been phenomenal."

Lucas said that the staff of the Peace House sent an e-mail to Sheehan once they learned that she planned to come to Crawford. Since her arrival — the house has been a sanctuary, a place for Sheehan and other protesters to take a nap, a shower or a break from the roadside camp.



Land owner Larry Mattinge looks out from his ranch across the street from Cindy Sheehan's camp Sunday near Crawford, Texas. Mattinge says that the protesters should go home.

Angry neighbor has had enough of war protesters

The Dallas Morning News

CRAWFORD, Texas — Larry Mattinge has had enough. He's tired of all the commotion at the anti-war camp across the road from his ranch house. He wants all the cars out of his ditch, and the anti-war protesters, the pro-war demonstrators and the media to leave.

So, he's closed the iron gate to his small spread outside of town and posted "Sorry, We're Closed," and "Help Wanted" signs. And on Sunday morning, as Cindy Sheehan and a small gathering of other anti-war supporters prepared for a worship service, he fired in his goat pasture and stood a shotgun on the air.

"I'm getting ready for dove season," he said when reporters pressed him. "I'm protesting."

His message, though, was unmistakable as he talked on. "These neighbors out here are upset," he said. "I don't want nobody getting hurt. I just want them to pack the damn tents and go where they came from."

Within minutes of his shotgun blast, sheriff's deputies and Secret Service agents, who protect President Bush at his nearby ranch, rushed in. And McLennan County Sheriff Larry Lynch said he counseled Mattinge to exercise some restraint.

"He's on his own property," Lynch said. But he warned that Mattinge can't just "shoot across the road."

"Everyone needs to use restraint in this situation out here," the sheriff said. The situation began Aug. 6 when Sheehan pitched camp at the fork in the road about three miles south of the president's Prairie Chapel Ranch and vowed to stay until Bush, who's spending most of the month in Texas, meets with her to talk about the war in Iraq.

Qwest, union resume talks

DENVER (AP) — Negotiations between Qwest Communications and its largest union resumed Sunday evening as workers remained on the job without a contract.

A bargaining team with Communications Workers of America spent much of the day in caucus and briefing members on the negotiations. Among the key issues were

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- Larry Mattinge
Her son, Army Spc. Casey Sheehan, was killed in the war last year, and she and other families met with the president a couple of months later at Fort Lewis, Wash. Now, she's seeking a new meeting, she says, to confront him on what she sees as an unjust war.

"It is disruptive," Sheehan acknowledged after Mattinge's complaints about the camp. "But George Bush is the one who caused the disruption, not us."

The White House had no comment Sunday, referring inquiries to local law enforcement authorities.

"Look," said Mattinge, who has a longstanding deal with NBC News for a view from his spread of the president's ranch. "When they first came out here, I was sympathetic to their cause. They, as American citizens, have a right to march and to protest."

But "they're just like company," he concluded. "If you had had your brother-in-law in your house for five days, wouldn't it start stinking after a while?"

health care and other benefits for the nearly 25,000 employees across a 13-state region and retirees, but other issues also remained unsettled.

"There are a lot of areas yet that need to be worked through," CWA spokeswoman Candice Johnson said.

Qwest spokesman Bob Tveit said the company was bargaining in good faith but declined to offer specifics.

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WHY WOULD YOU ENY ME?
BECAUSE YOU HAVE ROOTS.
I DO?
YES!
THANK GOODNESS! I THOUGHT MY TERNALS HAD GONE BERSEK.

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott

EEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEK!!
CROCKETS AND GARNISHES... BEST ALARM CLOCK THERE IS.
HOW DID I KNOW YOU WERE INVOLVED IN THIS?

Baldo By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE FOR YOUR BAYONNE, GRACK?
A HURVED EDUCATION, THE CURE FOR CANCER AND AN END TO WORLD HUNGER.
I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN DO.
I SHOULD HVE ASKED FOR SOMETHING MORE IN HIS PRICE RANGE.

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

I THOUGHT YOU WORKED AT THE GOLF COURSE.
I USED TO.
BUT BUSINESS IS MUCH BETTER FOLLOWING SARGE AROUND!

Blonde By Dean Young & Stan Drake

WOW! I HVE TO REMERGE MY SPEECH TO OUR GUESTS AT THE PARTY, BUT I HVE THE HICCUPS!
WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO, DEAR?
DON'T KNOW, JUST SCARE ME SOMEHOW.
HERE'S THE FINAL BILL FOR THE ENTIRE PARTY.
WELCOME DEAR FRIENDS AND FAMILY...

The Bom Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

WOULD YOU CARE FOR A DRINK BEFORE YOUR MEAL?
YES, I'D LIKE A GLASS OF WINE.
DO YOU HVE A HOUSE WINE?
SURE! COLONIAL, SPLIT-LEVEL OR CAPE COD?

Dilbert By Scott Adams

I WAS THE WORLD'S FASTEST WORKER.
MY BIG MISTAKE WAS BECOMING A LAWYER.
FLASHBACK
DO YOU THINK I NEED AN ESTATE PLAN?
HERE'S YOUR WILL AND HERE'S MY BILL FOR 9 CENTS.

The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

General... did you know yesterday was International Naggng Day?
Yes! You told me at dinner last night!
I'm trying to get rid of Gladys!
Professor!! Are you aware yesterday was International Naggng Day??
Why no. How very interesting! I'll put that in my calendar for next year!
Thank you so much, Gladys!!
(That man can take the fun out of anything.)

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

WHAT HAPPENED?!!
I WAS ALONE IN THE BUILDING AND HE ONLY AFTER ME WAS SMOTHING, BUT NO ONE GOLF GOLF!
SORRY LIZ, WE WERE HERE RUNNING THE WORKERS.
TRIAL MY FRIEND ANTHONY SHOWED UP.
I GUESS.
WHAT? THAT WAS LUCKY! YEAH, YOUR LUCKY BIRTHDAY!
I'VE BEEN WAITING TO GET MY AGE!

Garfield By Jim Davis

HACK!
GARFIELD!
IS THIS YOUR FEATHER?
DO I LOOK LIKE A CANNARY?

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

WHY DON'T WE JUST OFFER TO BUY THEM A DRINK AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS?!

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

SO, HOW WAS YOUR WEEK AT THE BEACH?
EVER SEE SPRING BREAK ON MTV?
YEAH!?
IT WAS NOTHING LIKE THAT!

Classic Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

SO WE FINALLY FOUND THE COURTHOUSE, SEE AND THEN MY ATTORNEY RANCKED AND RAN HOME.
VERY STRANGE.
IN THE LEGION WE KNOW HOW TO HANDLE MEN-LIKE THAT!

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, PIG?
I'M TASTING A BUNCH OF DIFFERENT WINES, AND IN BETWEEN I'M MAKING SURE TO CLEANSE MY PALATE.
THE WORD IS 'PALATE', NOT 'PILOT'.
YOU SURE?
I'M SURE.
YOU CAN GO HOME NOW, LARRY.

Pickles By Brian Crane

LOOK AT THAT BEAUTIFUL PINE TREE! I'M SOMETHING OF AN AUTHORITY ON TREES, YOU KNOW!
IN FACT, I CAN IDENTIFY JUST ABOUT ANY TREE IN THE WORLD.
WOW!
THAT MUST HVE BEEN REAL HARD TO LEARN THEM ALL.
NO, IT'S ACTUALLY VERY EASY. THERE'S EITHER PINE TREES OR THEY'RE NOT PINE TREES.

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

THIS IS SO GREAT!
YEAH.
NOT LYING HERE.
I'M TRULY RELAXED.
IT'S LIKE NIGHT, BUT WITH SUN.
THAT'S ONE WAY TO PUT IT.

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketchum

WE WOULD LIKE A TASTE OF EACH FLAVOR, SO WE CAN DECIDE WHICH ONE WE WANT!

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bill Keane

"It's a sand crab, Mommy! Can we keep him?"

Strange Brew By John Deering

SEEMS LIKE A NICE GUY, PROBABLY A REAL WACKO...
CIVILITY IS HUMAN NATURE...
WHAT IS IT, LASSIE?? WHAT IS IT, GIRL? IS IT TIMMY?? DID HE FLY TOO CLOSE TO THE BUG ZAPPER AGAIN??

OTHER VIEWS

Tight oversight can sustain new INL plutonium reactor

Post Register (Idaho Falls)

If an anti-nuclear power group wanted to undermine Idaho National Laboratory, it could select no better target than the Advanced Test Reactor.

Close the reactor and you lose what lab Director John Crossbacher calls the "crown jewel."

— a unique facility upon which he plans to build INL. Where would the lab be without it? That's precisely the question critics of the Department of Energy's space battery program have raised.

Aside from challenging the DOE's plan to manufacture plutonium-238 powered batteries for space and national security devices at INL, critics such as Keep Yellowstone Nuclear Free have zeroed in on ATR.

They point to the reactor's age; it was built in 1967. They raise safety concerns. A former staffer alleges the site sweeps safety problems under the rug. And they argue the DOE should replace it with a new reactor to be built in Los Alamos, N.M.

The argument won't stop production of Pu-238. Indeed, if DOE drops plans to cool Pu-238 and battery production in Idaho, the agency still would rely on the Idaho reactor to produce half the nation's supply of the isotope. Another reactor in Oak Ridge, Tenn., can't meet the nation's demand.

But that tactic might undermine public confidence in the site's test reactor, and ultimately damage the site's ability to pursue its mission.

The reactor has a good record of testing fuel materials for the nuclear navy as well as producing isotopes for the medical community. It may be 40 years old, but the reactor's core internal parts have been replaced at least twice.

Also revamped are its control room and its earthquake protection gear.

So it's unfair to suggest ATR is inadequate. But adequacy isn't enough. First, you need checks and balances. And that's not happening, according to former nuclear safety analyst

Tami Thatcher of Idaho Falls. Testifying at public hearings, she said that when "compliance (with safety standards) would be costly, DOE does not see that compliance is necessary."

Meanwhile, contractors lack the funds to correct problems, so "crisis-mode, quick fixes to safety problems are the norm at ATR and not the exception," Thatcher said.

The ailment — Thatcher isn't the first to say it — is a lack of independent scrutiny of DOE. Much of the time, the federal agency is responsible for determining its own safety compliance. The answer is clear enough — more daylight.

Expand the state's INL Oversight Program's authority to review ATR workers and public safety, as well as emissions. Bring in representatives of the reactor's clients — the Navy and the medical community — to review operations. And why not involve experts in the nation's commercial nuclear program? They're already familiar with a more rigorous scrutiny from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Second, you must concede the logic of the Keep Yellowstone Nuclear Free argument. The test reactor is an old machine. Granted, it's been overhauled. But it would be approaching 70 years of use at the close of the 21st program. Eventually, it's going to be replaced.

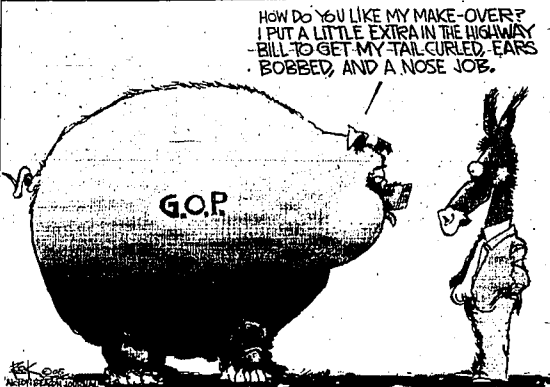
When that happens, the new test reactor will incorporate the latest designs and safety features. That should allay some concerns while creating new opportunities for projects, contributing to a potential renaissance in U.S. nuclear energy.

The \$1 billion cost may induce a little sticker shock, until you amortize it throughout the 30 years of the space battery program.

The place for this cutting-edge technology is not Los Alamos, a national lab nestled in a community of 12,000 people in New Mexico.

The place for this new test reactor is in relative isolation and at the nation's lead nuclear research facility. It belongs here in Idaho.

Their view: This guest editorial from the Idaho Falls Post Register says new technology, with checks and balances, can make INL's plutonium mission work. **What do you think?** We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.



Times-News sees content changes

Life can have many meanings. To many Americans who lived through World War II, life was a magazine. Its now-classic photos brought the world to towns and countryside where television was in its infancy and no one had heard of 24-hour cable news networks.

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To help with the transition, readers will get a TV Weekly this week in both the Friday and the Sunday editions of The Times-News.

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Chris Steinbach

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LETTERS

Bush cleans up previous president's mess

In response to Mr. Schuckert's GOP war comments: How dare you stand there and point fingers at the Republican Party!

President Bush is standing up for what is right! You obviously feel the American people should hide under their desks with intern in hand — sir, that is exactly why the United States is involved in this war, your Democratic leader focused his attention on "other" pressing issues.

I'm proud to have a president in office that has enough testosterone to make changes based on "morals" instead of money.
MICHELLE SCHOORF
Shoshone

Relocation criticisms don't stand up to facts

The Aug. 3 letter by Jim Payne on the World War II relocation and internment of the west coast Japanese is utterly without historical truth.

Every one of Payne's points are untrue, including, or extending, or exaggerating.

Space and word limitation do not permit me to comment on them all, but I would point out that Payne insists that the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians Commission's Dan Inouye requested 400,000 evacuees to grant the Japanese \$20,000 each in untrue.

Lundgren was in favor of an apology to the Japanese for their wartime inconveniences but not for the \$20,000.

He is also grossly wrong about the number of medals won by the 442nd and 8888th, which has been widely publicized by the Smithsonian's prize exhibit "A More Perfect Union" and the honor roll at the Idaho Relocation camp at Minidoka.

Those medal figures are totally wrong. The Smithsonian had to reduce its 442nd medal count to approximately one-half the previous greatly exaggerated count, when indisputable proof was given to Col. Lee Allen of Provo, Utah, and his congressman. That exhibit is now disbanding. Payne is wrong.

For more complete information on this please log on to athenapress.com/smithsonian.

If you would grant me the space in your fine newspaper, I will endeavor to itemize and correct the remainder of Payne's disjuncted untruths. Your readers deserve no less than the full true story.
RALPH WILLIS
San Jacinto, Calif.

Parents can opt out on student info to recruiters

High school students and their parents should be aware that schools may supply student names and demographic data to military recruiters that does not require family or individual consent.

There is, however, an "opt out" provision whereby students can specifically prohibit the release of this personal information.

They must contact their school administration to do this.
JEFF RUPRECHT
Twin Falls

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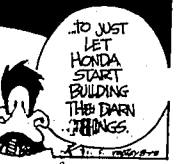
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'Dukes of Hazzard' resurrects Confederate flag flap

Someone could make a bumper sticker: "I brake for pickup trucks with a Confederate flag on a gun rack."

Count me among those braking. But not out of reverence; I want to stay out of the way.

Every time I see such a truck — and living in the Midwest it is not completely an unknown occurrence — I see. And then I wonder: "What are they thinking?"

The answer is, probably not what I'm thinking.

They think the Confederate flag. Few symbols have been more misunderstood, co-opted and outright slandered.

It's displayed on some, the same flag is emblematic of hatred to others.

In my case, I wonder if rebel flags are displayed as a message of being against something I stand for: a

MARY SANCHEZ

diverse nation.

The release of "The Dukes of Hazzard" movie is resurrecting this recurring flap.

True to the original television series, the Confederate flag adorns the top of the movie's gasoline-powered star — the General Lee.

The General Lee is a car, a 1969 Dodge Charger to be exact.

And the Confederate flag, of course is just a flag. It is a battle flag to be more precise.

Or is it?

Critics say the flag should have been left out of the movie.

They argue that because the Confederate flag has been used in the past by racist groups like the Ku Klux Klan, it shouldn't be allowed such public showings.

I'm not so sure.

The movie offers the opportunity to make sense of this flag's fascinating history.

And really, "The Dukes of Hazzard" aside — the Confederate battle flag is getting plenty of display lately.

The flag is appearing on Web sites and at rallies aimed at immigration and population control; as in keeping Latinos and other immigrants out of the United States.

From their posted writings, these are not people who are concerned with needed reforms of the nation's immigration policies to better reflect labor and security needs.

No, those who haul the Confederate flag into immigration debates lean more toward the

keep those brown-skinned, lesser than us folks out of here mentality. Not exactly an enlightened crowd, especially

given that we are a nation of immigrants.

Organizations tracking hate groups have noted increasing efforts aimed at Latinos, especially in Southern states where large numbers of Mexican and other Spanish-speaking workers have flocked in recent years.

What a shame the Confederate flag did not always have all the racist baggage it often represents today.

Anyone who came to stop back from emotional arguments and learn some facts would do well to pick up John M. Coski's "The Confederate Battle Flag: America's Most Embattled Emblem."

Coski is a historian at heart. He is director of The Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond, Virginia.

Coski examines the Confederate battle flag from this perspective, "... a symbol's use determines its meanings and affects the way people perceive it."

Sounds simple enough. Coski recounts the flag's use during the Civil War, as a symbol of opposition to integration, by college fraternities, NASCAR, and those who believe it represents a good-hearted, rebel-like free spirit — the "Dukes of Hazzard" image.

Coski points out the Klan actually did most of its terror using two other symbols: the Christian cross and the American flag.

But those symbols were a lot less available to racist overtones.

And despite efforts by Southern heritage groups to stop the Klan's usage, that is what is remembered by many people.

Coski also details how the

flag gets reinterpreted as people are "debating the meaning and relevance of history."

The fact that people continue to fight about the meaning of the Confederate flag is often more telling than what is being said.

Half-baked accusations come from both sides.

My own hesitation about the combination of pickup trucks, gun racks and Confederate flags is a part of that.

Flags are nothing more than symbols.

Pieces of cloth, fashioned to stand for one thing, and sometimes propagated to stand for another.

It's the actions of the people who pick them up that should be judged.

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Teachers say they won't duck standards

I took me a while to catch up with her, but I got to Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings just before she left town for vacation last week. I was pursuing her via a combination of an extraordinary outpouring of e-mails and other messages from teachers and principals — triggered, I'm afraid, by a memo in June in which I'd questioned the educators' commitment to the goal of improving school performance.

The column was prompted by a survey for the Educational Testing Service by the polling firms of Peter D. Hart, a Democrat, and David Winston, a Republican. In it, three-fourths of the high school teachers were unenthusiastic toward No Child Left Behind, the four-year-old Bush administration initiative which Spellings helped design when she was on the White House staff.

More troubling, as I said, was the fact that teachers seemed skeptical of the basic premise of that law — that students, teachers and schools should be rigorously judged by a single standard. They were asked to choose between the statement that everyone should be held to the same standard of performance because it is wrong to have lower expectations for students from disadvantaged backgrounds, or the contrary view that they should not be held to the same standard because we should not expect teachers working with disadvantaged students to have them reach the same level of performance on standardized tests as teachers in more affluent schools.

More than half the parents in the survey favored the single standard, but only one-quarter of the high school teachers agreed.

I suggested that the teachers' attitude spelled trouble for the effort to improve the schools — and the teachers let me know they thought I was dead wrong.

One Pennsylvania educator called the legislation "a wonderful concept, but woefully inadequate when dealing with the realities of public education. Yes, I believe in standards, high standards for my students. I am also realistic enough to know that not all students have the natural ability, the desire or the family structure to succeed at the highest level. While I believe my brightest or hardest-working students can compete with anyone, I also know that I have many students who struggle just to get through life daily. Yet 'educators' expect these students to sell excel on a standardized test?"

Another teacher, with 20 years' experience teaching third



DAVID BRODER

and fourth grades in Ohio, questioned the notion that parents expect more of the students than teachers do. "I just cannot fathom where or how you obtain data that supports the thesis that parents are more likely than teachers to believe expectations and standards are set too low. I can say that certainly in my suburb of Sybania, the exact opposite situation exists. Frequently teachers express the opinion that expectations and standards need to be raised, but the parents' complaints would cause the phones to ring off the hook."

I knew that Spellings' response would be a lot more significant to these teachers than my own, so I pursued her for an interview. Her first comment was that she was sure the excerpts I just quoted came from "good-hearted and well-intentioned teachers," but then — employing the president's favorite phrase — she said, "I hear a lot of the soft bigotry of low expectations" in there.

Turning to the survey itself, she said it was surprising that high school teachers would be so negative toward No Child

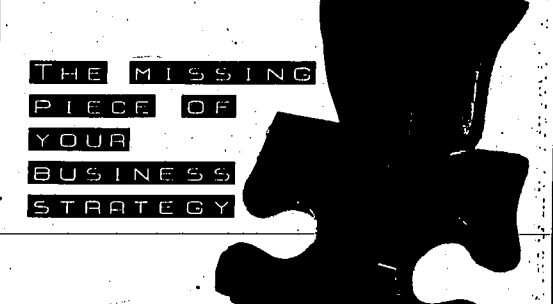
Left Behind since "it is such a minor part of high school — and yet they're hard over on it." No Child Left Behind mandates extensive testing in the primary grades but only one test during high school years. But the president wants to extend its reach into high schools with more testing.

On one point made by many of those who filled my inbox, Spellings offered a significant concession. These teachers had argued that they should be rated on the year-to-year progress their students are making, and not just on their attainment of a particular standard.

Spellings said she has a task force, including teachers' union representatives, working on how measures of students' progress might be blended with performance standards in evaluating schools. "It is a complicated challenge," she said. "I think we were right to start with performance standards, but now that they are in place, we are working our way into more sophisticated approaches."

I do not expect her words to end the argument. But I will continue to relay messages back and forth — because all of us have a huge stake in what happens in the schools.

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Koreas celebrate liberation from Japan

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A North Korean delegation paid a first-ever visit to a cemetery in the South where Korean War dead are buried, as the two countries launched celebrations marking the 60th anniversary of the peninsula's liberation from Japanese colonial rule.

Meanwhile, North Korea celebrated in Pyongyang with an event attended by senior party and military officials, where the No. 2 leader said the country seeks a peaceful solution to the international standoff over its nuclear weapons ambitions.

About 200 North Koreans arrived Sunday in Seoul for the joint events, set to begin in the

evening with an opening ceremony and "reunification" soccer match between the two Korean national teams. Liberation Day is Monday.

Ahead of the opening, about 30 North Koreans including delegation head Kim Ki Nam, vice chairman of North Korea's Committee for the Peaceful Reunification of Fatherland, visited Seoul's National Cemetery.

The burial ground houses Korean War dead as well as independence-fighters who died resisting Japan's brutal 1910-1945 colonization of the peninsula, said Unification Ministry spokeswoman Yang Jeong-hwa.

"We've proposed the visit to

remember the many who died for Korea's liberation," Kim told Unification Minister Chung Dong-young in a meeting at a Seoul hotel, according to pooled news reports.

The North Koreans paid respects in silence at the cemetery for about five minutes.

Meanwhile, a small group staged an anti-North Korea demonstration near the cemetery, demanding that Pyongyang apologize for launching the Korean War.

Chung said South Korea welcomed the cemetery visit as a move "toward a new future."

North Korea invaded the South in 1950.

Fighting between U.S.-led

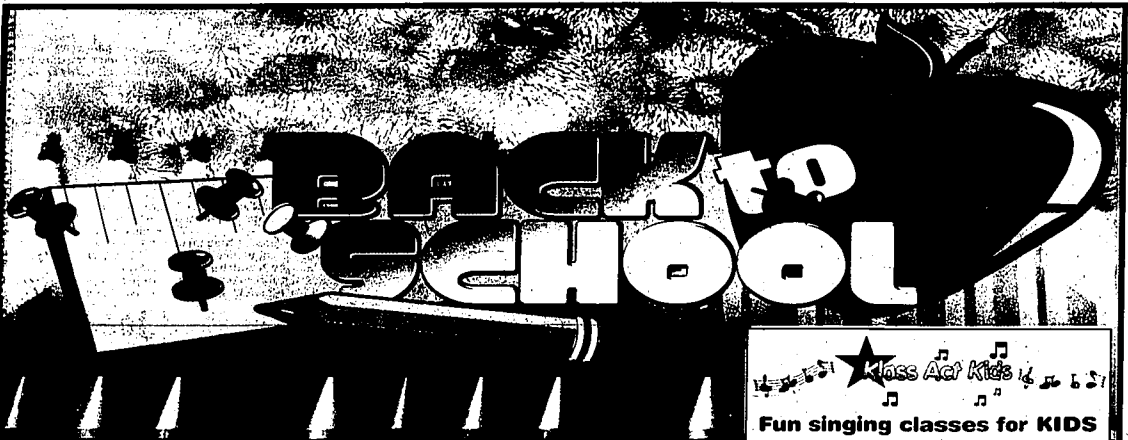
United Nations forces and China-backed North Korean troops ended in a truce, not a peace treaty, in 1953, and the divided Korean Peninsula remains technically at war.

However, the two Koreas have made strides toward reconciliation following a landmark 2000 summit between their leaders.

Moves to closer ties have been frustrated by the North's standoff with the international community over Pyongyang's nuclear weapons ambitions. International disarmament talks failed earlier this month to reach a resolution of the issue and went into a recess, set to resume the week of Aug. 29 in Beijing.



An injured South Korean protester is surrounded by riot policemen during an anti-North Korean rally before a friendly match between South and North Korea marking the 60th anniversary of liberation Sunday at the World Cup Stadium in Seoul.



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AROUND THE VALLEY

Buhl School Board to meet Tuesday

BUHL — The Buhl School Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the district office, 900 Main Street.

They will be accepting the resignation of the 60th-grade science teacher as well as approving the routes and student handbooks.

At 6 p.m., Grant Haycock will give the board an update on the finalization of construction of the new high school.

For more information, call the office at 543-6436.

School Board may OK math coach position

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls School Board might approve a new staff position tonight to work with middle teachers in the middle grades.

The math coach for grades five through eight also would help administer the district's Mathematics and Science Partnership grant.

Other items on the board's agenda include bus routes and an update on high school and middle school reform efforts that might go before the Legislature.

The meeting will be at 7 p.m. today in the boardroom of the school administration building, 201 Main Ave. W. The meeting is open to the public.

Heyburn approves budget in split vote

HEYBURN — The Heyburn City Council approved a \$5.5 million budget without comment last week at its regular meeting.

The council's vote on the budget was split 2-2. Mayor George Anderson was the deciding voter in favor of passing the budget.

Cleo Gallegos and Dee Ivey Bailey voted against the budget. During a July 27 meeting, the two council members opposed a 3 percent across-the-board salary increase for city staff.

Bailey said he favors merit raises, and Gallegos opposed the increase because of the salary disparity between the office staff and other city employees.

Four of the city's six police department employees make less than \$30,000 a year, while two of the office staff make more than \$31,000 and \$37,000.

CSI plans to offer bus service to M-C area

BURLEY — The College of Southern Idaho is offering round-trip bus service once again this fall to CSI students in the Mini-Cassia area who have classes on the Twin Falls campus. The service will begin Aug. 22 and run through Dec. 15.

Students will load and ride on the old Knart parking lot in Burley starting at 6:45 a.m. each Monday through Friday and have them to Twin Falls in time for 8 a.m. classes. The bus will begin loading for the return trip to Burley at 3:15 p.m., waiting until 4 p.m., if necessary, based on the needs of that day's riders.

The cost of each round trip will be \$5. Riders will pay the bus driver on a daily or weekly basis. For more information, contact Inves IV at 735-2133.

New campground is now ready for visitors

TWIN FALLS — The new Forest Service Percutney State Family Campground in the South Hills of the Minidoka Ranger District is now available for campers.

Located approximately 31 miles south of Hansen, the campground offers eighteen family campsites, restrooms and drinking water.

According to Minidoka District Ranger Scott Nannenga, campsites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. "Eventually, campsites here will be on the national reservation system," Nannenga said. "But for the remainder of this camping season, all sites will be on a first-come, first-served basis."

The fee for overnight camping is \$12 a night.

The Forest Service plans to have an official opening of the new campground on August 27.

— compiled from staff reports

Daughter: Nothing held her back

By Jami Whitton
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Her daughter says that if her physical state hadn't limited her abilities, Midge Churchman would have been on wheels.

Growing up during the Depression gave Churchman a lifelong ambition to help people with their disabilities, whether physically or mentally — whenever she could. She died Aug. 10.

She was born April 21, 1916, and raised in Glens Ferry with nine siblings to a hard-working homemaker and a railroad construction worker.

Throughout the difficult times, the family managed to survive. There were many days when there simply wasn't enough to eat. The lessons learned from the hardships she faced stayed with her throughout her life.

After graduating from Glens Ferry High School, she worked as a cosmetologist and then met a handsome Basque immigrant named John Cristobal.

"She was an Irish woman who maintained Basque traditions," said Penny Glenn, one of her five children.

She and Cristobal had four children. He passed away in

aLife remembered

Midge 'Lillian' Cristobal Churchman

Born: April 21, 1916.
Died: Aug. 10, 2005.

Survivors: children, Richard (Liz) Cristobal, Dianne (Rich) Birrell, Penny Glenn, Patrick "Skip" (Rhonda) Cristobal and Glenn (Jan) Churchman; 14 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren; one brother, Gene Morrow; and two nieces, Linda Sanderson and Judy Arellano.

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1955 and she later married Ed Churchman and added a fifth child to her family.

She was involved in many community projects in Jerome, but it wasn't the organized service that was so meaningful to the community. It was how she went out of her way to help those less fortunate.

"In that time there weren't so many active, organized things," Glenn said. "People just did things to make sure their community didn't go without."

Even strangers on the street weren't strangers to long. Once Churchman saw they needed a good meal, she was happy to

whip up more than enough food and send them on their way with plenty of leftovers.

She was active in the Ladies Elks Lodge, bridge clubs and in later years she and Glenn sponsored needy children.

Children received winter coats, school supplies and much more, thanks to the mother-daughter team.

Her children and grandchildren meant the world to her and she did everything she could to make sure they were happy and healthy.

Her favorite activities, aside from watching her and her husband's thoroughbred horses

race, were camping and fishing with her family.

An avid fisherman, she taught her grandchildren and great-grandchildren how to fish and often joked that something must be wrong with a person who didn't like to fish.

It was returning home from a fishing trip up north about 25 years ago when a tractor-trailer driver fell asleep, according to Glenn, and hit Churchman and her son's vehicle head-on.

Luckily, both survived the accident, but Churchman was confined to a wheelchair for the rest of her life.

She didn't let that slow her down too much, though.

"Right up until last year, we rolled her wheelchair out on a plank so she could fish," said Glenn, laughing.

While in the hospital, a fellow Ascension Episcopal Church member often visited Churchman and she and Mollie Alexander became good friends.

"She was very independent in spite of her handicap," Alexander said. "She was a warm and dear friend."

During visits, Churchman would talk about her fishing trips and the two delighted in hearing about each other's children and their families.

Alexander said Churchman would often read from her prayer book and church literature she brought when Churchman wasn't busy canning, cooking, cleaning and raising beautiful flowers and vegetables.

She especially kept abreast of issues, small or large. It was something that amazed Glenn, who said her mother had an uncanny memory for even minute details.

In reading her many letters to the editor, it is clear that Churchman cared deeply for the greater good.

From picking up trash at annual Labor Day camping trips with her family or dealing with pesky magpies who ate pheasant eggs, she wanted to make a difference in the Magic Valley.

She sincerely cared about the community, the land, the values and the people.

Whether it be for her history with the area, her optimism for life, her drive to help others or her delicious, homemade meals, Churchman will live on as a piece of the magic in the valley.

Times-News writer Jami Whitton was reached at 735-3234 or writes to her at jwhitton@magicvalley.com.

Sportsmen group will fix wildlife fountains

**By Renee Wells
For The Times-News**

SUBLETT — Wildlife in the Heglar and Sublett areas is getting a little help from human friends.

"Sportsmen" for Fish and Wildlife volunteers have been busy repairing wildlife gazzers in the two areas.

Gazzers are man-made wildlife drinking fountains in fenced areas to keep cattle and sheep away, according to George Warrell Jr., a member of the local organization.

"We fixed five of the apparatuses, which were plugged and/or completely falling apart," Warrell said. "There are others located on public lands in the Mini-Cassia area that still need fixing and we will be doing those in the future."

Warrell said several gazzers on the Black Pine range are in need of repair.

The gazzers gather snow, rain and dew, funneling it into a tank that feeds the first-controlled drinking basins.

"In some areas, we have plenty of water for wildlife, but the Sublett area is a very dry area. Making water available is essential to the survival of the wildlife and birds there," Warrell said.

Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife held a fundraising event July 30 at Heyburn's Riverside Park to raise money to promote similar projects. Warrell said the group held a duck and goose-calling contest that was well-received.

"We had lots of entrants for the contest and awards were given out in four divisions," Warrell said. "In addition, we held a breakfast and lunch get-together to raise funds for our habitat restoration projects and to help with the cost of placing pheasants and bobwhite quails in the wilds."

"We sometimes hear people say they don't think birds raised in captivity will do well in the wilds," Warrell said. "We raise them to be returned to the wild on hunting seasons, so they will be birds for the hunters. We are not doing it to try to re-propagate a species or to increase population, although it would be great if some survive and raise young. We'd be delighted."

Renee Wells writes for the South Idaho Press.

ROCK ON



Tony, from the band 'GRAND PRIZE', plays his bass in the crowd as fans look on.

Joe Nichols will bring hard-won stardom to Cassia Fair

The Times-News

BURLEY — Imagine signing a record contract at age 19 — and then not scoring a hit until age 25.

It happened to Joe Nichols, who's headlining the opening-night concert at the Cassia County Fair on Tuesday.

Arkansas-bred, Nichols started playing in a rock band in high school but switched to country after graduation.

While moonlighting as a DJ, he met producer Randy Edwards, and under Edwards' guidance, performed regularly and worked on his songwriting. He landed a record deal with Intersound and released his first record in 1996.

"The single 'Six of One, Half a Dozen of the Other' was a minor hit, but the album itself didn't sell well. It did, however, earn Nichols a shot with Warner Bros., before a series of label mergers left him out in the cold."

Nichols worked a series of day jobs around Nashville while looking for a new deal.

In 2000, Nichols struck up a songwriting partnership with session guitarist Brent Rowan, and two years later he signed with Universal.

His Universal debut, "Man With a Memory," was released in 2002, and its lead single "The Impossible," went to No. 3 on the country charts.

A single from the album, "Brokenheartville," became his first No. 1 country hit in early 2003 and it helped send the album into the country Top Ten.

The Academy of Country Music named Nichols its Top New Male Vocalist; he was nominated for three Grammys, and his band toured with Alan Jackson.

This year, Nichols won the Country Music Association Horizon Award for best new artist.

Minidoka students will register this week

The Times-News

RUPERT — Minidoka County School District has announced its 2005-2006 registration.

Tuesday: East and West middle schools, A-L; Minidoka freshmen.

Wednesday: All elementary schools, Minico sophomore and East and West middle schools, M-Z.

Wednesday and Thursday: Mini-Cassia Opportunity Center and Junior High Alternative School.

Thursday: Minico juniors.

Friday: Minico seniors.

Students who are new to the district must bring a copy of their immunizations, birth certificate and a transcript from the school they previously attended.

Registration for Minico High School will be from 8 to 11 a.m. and from noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

The office will be closed from 11 a.m. to noon.

Enter through the east side door at the front of the main building.

Activity card pictures will be taken the day of registration. Activity card fees are \$35 and annual fees are \$40.

Registration for first trimester driver education will be Tuesday through Thursday.

The driver education registration fee is \$85.

First trimester driver education classes will begin at 6:45 a.m. Aug. 25 in Room 132 at Minico High School.

Students must present their school registration receipt to the instructor.

Permits for first trimester driver education class may be purchased from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday from the Minidoka County sheriff's office.

Students must register for driver education classes at Minico High School before buying a permit from the sheriff's office.

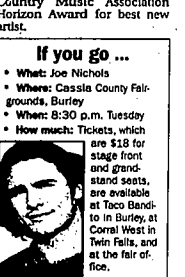
Parents are encouraged to visit the Minidoka County School District Web site for information on specific schools: <http://www.sd331.k12.id.us>.

The first day of school will be Aug. 23.

Kindergarten orientation also will be that day. Preschool will begin Aug. 29.

If you go ...

- **What:** Joe Nichols
- **Where:** Cassia County Fairgrounds, Burley
- **When:** 8:30 p.m. Tuesday
- **How much:** Tickets, which are \$18 for the first 100, are available at the fair office in Burley, at Corral West in Twin Falls, and at the fair office.



MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

Shasta makes appearance at fundraiser

POST FALLS (AP) — An 8-year-old girl kidnapped May 17 and allegedly held captive by a sex offender for seven weeks made a brief appearance Saturday before hundreds of people attending a fundraiser in northern Idaho to benefit the youngster.

Shasta Greene appeared at the daylong event at the Greyhound Park and Event Center in Post Falls for some 15 minutes. She received a bag of goodies and jumped in an inflatable balloon tent before leaving with her father, Steve Greene.

Coeur d'Alene-area home the night Shasta Greene disappeared. The body of her older brother, Dylan, 9, who was also kidnapped that night, was found in northeastern Montana.

SERVICES

Phyllis "Jean" Jennings of Wendell, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at New Life Community Church, 800 W. Main in Wendell.

Wayne "Tex" Thorpe of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the First Church of God, 131 E. Ave. E. (Hove) Robertson Funeral Chapel, Jerome.

Ermanuel Episcopal Church, 101 S. Second Ave., Halley (Wood River Chapel, Halley).

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call at 735-3278 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magvalley.com. Death notices are a separate service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place a message in an individual online guestbook, go to www.magvalley.com and click on "Obituaries."

Violet Hauser Hardy

HILARY — Violet Hauser Hardy, 89, a former Filer resident, passed away Saturday at the home of her daughter in Rupert.



She married John Hardy on Sept. 4, 1993, in Ogden, Utah.

mission in Vermont; Sherrill (Arvin) Hansen of Rupert; Jay (Dian) Hauser of Hagerman; and Michael (Shelia) Hauser of Ridgefield, Wash.

Delwyn Anthen Jackson

DELWYN — Delwyn Anthen Jackson, 67, passed away Friday at the Garden Terrace in Salt Lake City. He was born Sept. 4, 1917, in Kansas, Colo.



Falls Veterinary Hospital for 40 years.

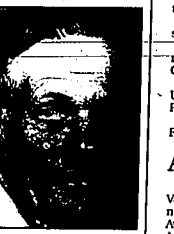
work, honesty and responsibility. He loved to work on his farm, spend time with friends, go on dates with his sweetheart Betty, tie flies, fish, garden and share his garden with everyone he knew.

Carvel O. Dutton

REPURT — Carvel Oscar Dutton, our beloved husband, father and grandfather, passed away Thursday at Minidoka Memorial Hospital's Country-side Care & Rehabilitation Center in Rupert. He was 78.



was always there for them. He is survived by his loving wife, Joyce of Rupert; his three daughters, Joyce Ann (Don) Dutton, Karen (Ken) Dutton, Kris (Kevin) Smith of Troutman, Utah, and Tamara



The funeral will be 11 a.m. Thursday at the Acquia First and Second Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 29403 5th St., with Bishop James McBride officiating.

Carl Jerome Pharris

BOISE — Carl Jerome Pharris, 81, of Boise passed away Thursday at his home.

He was preceded in death by his parents Guy and the Boise State University graduate. Carl married Clara L. (Lucy) Wilks on Aug. 24, 1957, in Weiser.

DEATH NOTICES

Francis F. Gunning

Francis F. Gunning, 93, of Twin Falls and former Wendell resident passed away Sunday at Alterra Wynwood. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary Chapel by the Park.

Lorraine Wilcox

Lorraine Wilcox, 64, of Richfield died Sunday at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital in Gooding. Services are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

THIS WEEK AT CSI

- Today CSI offices open until 6 p.m. each weeknight through Sept. 2 for fall registration.
Wednesday Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition board meeting, 6:45 a.m., Taylor 256.
Friday Certified Nursing Assistant written testing, 10 a.m., Aspen 144.
Saturday CSI offices open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for fall registration.

Arts council seeks nominations

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Arts Council is seeking nominations for the Mayor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts.

Authorities release victims' names

Cascade, Idaho (AP) — The names of three men killed in a plane crash about five miles west of central Idaho today have been released.

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Adam launches council campaign

By Susan Bailey
For The Times-News

SUN VALLEY — Milt Adam has launched his campaign for Sun Valley City Council.

Adam said a new era has dawned with the election of Thorsen as mayor, and he wants to be a part of the team.

"I care deeply about Sun Valley and our greater community," he said. "I support changes Thorsen is making in city government by engaging citizens and operating with an

open and transparent philosophy."

Adam calls for creative problem-solving skills, healthy debate and invigorated leadership for the coming year, and said those qualities are missing in a council of nine — and a more important time — to contribute to his community," he said. "I hope to earn the confidence of voters and join the mayor as one of Sun Valley's elected councilmen this November."

The election is Nov. 8.

strong leadership has arrived. "Marked by the coincidental events of Sun Valley city's once-elected applicant to the Comprehensive Plan, coupled with the Sun Valley Resort's Master Plan, there's never been a better time — and a more important time — to contribute to his community," he said. "I hope to earn the confidence of voters and join the mayor as one of Sun Valley's elected councilmen this November."

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ON THE AGENDA

Today

Bliss School Board, 7:30 p.m., school library, 601 E. Highway, 30.

College of Southern Idaho Board, 5:30 p.m., room 258, Taylor Administration Building, 315 Falls Ave., Twin Falls.

Gooding City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 308 Fifth Ave. W.

Hansen School Board, 7 p.m., district office, 550 Main.

Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln.

Ketchum City Council, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 400 E. Ave. N.

Minidoka County School Board, 7 p.m., district office, 633 Fremont, Rupert.

Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E.

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Twin Falls School Board, 7 p.m., administration office, 201 Main Ave. W.

First Ave. S., Hatley.

Buhl School Board, 6:30 p.m., district office, 920 Main.

Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1401 Overland Ave.

Castletford School Board, 7 p.m., school library, 500 W. Main.

Filler City Council, 7:30 p.m., council chambers, 300 Main.

Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A.

Jerome School Board, 7 p.m., high school telecommunications room, 104 Tigrer Drive.

Magic Valley Regional Airport Advisory Board, 11 a.m., Joslin Room, airport terminal.

Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 624 F St.

Shoshone City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Hall St. W.

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Wendell School Board, 7 p.m., high school library, 750 E. Main.

425 Shoshone St. N.

Thursday

Belleuve Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar.

Kanberly School Board, 7:30 p.m., Intermediate school library, 241 Center St. W.

Minidoka County Planning and Zoning Commission, 4 p.m., courthouse, 715 G St., Rupert.

Sun Valley City Council, 4 p.m., City Hall, 81 Elkhorn Road.

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Wendell City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 300 Main St.

Friday

Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln.

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Wednesday

Bliss City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 140 Kentucky St.

Filler School Board, 7 p.m., elementary school library, 700 Stevens.

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

This list is compiled from advance schedules. The Times-News suggests that you confirm the information by calling the appropriate clerk's office before attending.

TWIN FALLS ARRANGMENTS

TWIN FALLS — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls County included the following:

Jarrod J. Burns, 38, 3567 E. 4000 N., Kimberly, driving without privileges; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Aug. 30, \$50 bond; first degree kidnapping; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Aug. 19, \$100,000 bond.

Josee Joe Naranjo, 33, 3031 Holston, Heyburn; failure to appear/failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; pleaded innocent; no plea entered; to hire private counsel; preliminary hearing set for Aug. 30, \$132 bond; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; inattentive/careless driving; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Aug. 19, \$50,000 bond; possession of a controlled substance; no plea entered; to hire private counsel; preliminary hearing set for Aug. 19, \$55,000 bond.

Darrell Lee Swett, 24, 255 Sixth Ave. N., Twin Falls; robbery; no plea entered; to hire private counsel; preliminary hearing set for Aug. 19, \$35,000 bond.

John Phillip Sauer, 37, 248 South Ave. W., Twin Falls; failure to purchase/invalid driver's li-

cence; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Aug. 30, \$50 bond; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Aug. 30, \$50 bond.

Jay Kumar, 28, no address available; two counts enticement; no plea entered; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Aug. 19, \$55,000 bond.

Bryan Elliot Sturgeon, 30, 146 Addison Ave., Twin Falls; petit theft; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Aug. 30, \$50 bond.

Olelio Hernandez, 44, no address available; trafficking in methamphetamine; maintain; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Aug. 19, \$150,000 bond.

Martin Bradley Davis, 31, no address available; burglary; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Aug. 19, \$10,000 bond.

Michael J. Corcoran, 23, 146 Addison Ave. W., No. 15, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Aug. 30, \$50,000 bond.



Tuesday

Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse, 206

Transportation department releases updates

SHOSHONE — The Idaho Transportation Department has released the following construction update this week for south-central Idaho:

U.S. 93, Twin Falls Alternate Route Stage 1: Utility trenching, on the south side of Pole Line Road from Key Bank to Fillmore Street and then the north side of Pole Line Road from Fillmore Street to Washington Street, began Aug. 2. A few businesses along this section will experience brief restrictions to their accesses. Utility crews are expected to complete trenching by Aug. 22.

Blasting will take place as part of the utility work through the construction corridor over the next few weeks. Flaggers will direct traffic through the blast areas when necessary. Motorists should anticipate delays of up to 10 minutes. The use of alternate routes around the construction zone

is encouraged.

Idaho 77, Declo to Albion: This road reconstruction project begins five miles south of Declo and continues to Albion (mileposts 18-23). Vehicles wider than 12 feet are required to decelerate around the work areas using Idaho 81 from Declo to Malta, and then Idaho 77 from Malta to Albion. Delays of up to 10 minutes are possible. The speed limit is 35 mph, and traffic is reduced to one lane. This project, expected to be complete in October, will create a smoother and safer road surface.

Idaho 77, City of Rocks Backcountry Byway: This reconstruction project from Idaho 77 to Almo (7.5 miles east of Malta) involves a detour, using 2975 South Road, 750 East Road, and 2800 South Road. Delays of 15 minutes are expected. Work is scheduled for completion by the end of September.

U.S. 93, Salmon Falls Creek

Canal Bridge: Crews are paving bridge approaches to prepare for expansion of the U.S. 93 Salmon Falls Creek Canal Bridge, about two miles south of Hollister (milepost 25). Flaggers will direct motorists through the work zone.

Delays of up to 10 minutes can be expected. The speed limit through the work zone is reduced to 50 mph, and vehicles are limited to a maximum width of 14 feet. Crews will work weekdays from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., although inclement weather could result in some weekend work. Motorists are reminded to slow down in highway construction zones. The project is expected to be complete by late August. The department is working in cooperation with the Idaho State Police on this project. A patrolman will be present at the construction site to monitor and enforce speed limits as part of Idaho's enhanced work zone safety program.

Crews gain ground on Idaho wildfire

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — The \$2 million it's cost to fight the fire near Grandview since last week appears to have paid off, with fire officials saying the fire is entrenched into a steep rugged canyon are probably enough to protect 80 homes that had been threatened.

The Blackberry Fire, a human-caused blaze, has burned more than 4,000 acres and scorched forest land to within 200 yards of some of the homes.

"The control lines that are protecting the houses on the north side of the fire are now complete," said Laura Smith, a spokeswoman for the Blackberry Fire Information Center. "The houses are pretty much protected. The control lines are there."

The 500 firefighters working near this town of 3,200 to control the fire plan to turn their attention from the homes to where the fire jumped the South Fork Clearwater River last week, to protect a plantation of new trees on National Forest land.

At least a dozen large blazes are still burning in Idaho, as well as multiple smaller blazes. Idaho currently is the most active of all states for fires. Still, cooler temperatures in the 70s and higher humidity helped firefighters gain ground for a

second day on Sunday after what fire officials termed "a long week."

The Long-Ruggles Fire near Craigmont, which like the Blackberry is burning on Idaho Department of Lands-managed territory, held steady at about 4,400 acres and hasn't advanced further toward six homes used by cowboys to herd cattle from neighboring ranches.

More than 200 personnel were digging fire lines and nine aircraft including helicopters were dropping water on the blaze.

"Things went well today," said Tammy Frost, air department of Lands' Craigmont Mountain Supervisory Area office, where crews are coordinating the attack on Long-Ruggles. Frost estimated the fire is burning in steep terrain, at 15 percent containment.

"The way it's been going, it could be a lot more in a day or two," she said.

Idaho County, where Blackberry and Long-Ruggles are burning, was declared a disaster area late Friday by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, making the county eligible for additional state and federal funding. Also in Idaho County, the West Fork fire went burning along the Salmon River east of Riggs, though it didn't grow beyond the 400 acres reported Saturday, Smith said.

Elsewhere in the state, a fire ignited Friday evening by a plane crash that killed three members of an Idaho family was still burning Sunday afternoon. About 100 firefighters had been transported to the 17-acre Sheep Creek fire west of Cascade, and they expect to have it contained by Monday evening.

The Salmon-Challis National Forest near the Idaho-Montana border, where more than a dozen fires are burning, a new blaze was touched off by a single tree lightning strike on the Leader Ranger District near Mill Canyon. It was contained the same day.

A second new fire, the Cronks Fire, along State Highway 93 about 31 miles south of Salmon, grew 2 acres before it was contained. Dirt that had been disturbed to install a fiber optic line helped create a fire line on that front.

Still, "the cause of the fire is suspicious and is being investigated," said Gail Baer, a spokeswoman for the Salmon-Challis National Forest, adding the Cadagan Complex Fire, located 14 miles west of North Fork, is 2,400 acres and 45 percent contained.

She said the weather in the region will be partly cloudy with a slight chance of dry thunderstorms.

Man remembers Nagasaki

LEWISTON (AP) — Sixty years after he walked the ruined streets of Nagasaki following the explosion of a plutonium bomb nicknamed "Fat Man," Guy Steeley still remembers the damaged skin of people in the Japanese shipyard. Troops were warned not to eat fresh vegetables — not because of atomic fallout, but because they were fertilized with human waste.

"We were in there walking around at ground level and no one thought anything of it," Steeley said.

Steeley says he agrees with the decision to drop the atomic bombs because it would have cost more lives if the war had dragged on. That was the same argument used by then President Harry Truman.

Still, Steeley wouldn't like to see history repeated.

That was also on the minds of British, German and French negotiators during failed talks with Iran last week. The country on the Persian Gulf rejected a package of aid measures, including offers of nuclear fuel, in exchange for a promise to abandon plans for uranium enrichment.

struction as he walked through the streets six decades ago, said Steeley, who was in the Navy, attached to the Marine Corps 5th Division.

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MORNING BREAK/IDAHO

Constant interruptions, corrections bring family conversation to a halt

DEAR ABBY: What can I do about a family member who corrects my grammar and pronunciation...



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

However, I will point out that people who interrupt others are rude...

don't consider going out on a "date" with him dating. I think of it as two friends hanging out...

I recently met a hot guy named "Mike" I really like a lot...

I'm afraid if I decide to go steady with Mike it will hurt Darren...

Also, what if Mike is wrong for me and I miss out on a great guy like Darren?

—SOUTHERN SIREN IN NEW ORLEANS

DEAR SIREN: You haven't led anyone on, and you are entitled to your feelings...

Aquarius: Try to be a good listener

IF AUG. 15 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Not only do others admire you and view you through rose-colored glasses...

HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

tongue could spell trouble.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Work hard, play hard. Things are ticking along like clockwork...

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Listen to the counsels of the heart and you can't make a mistake over the next several days...

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be a busy beaver and you may find someone special to share your free time with...

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You're charismatic under these stars so do your best to win friends and influence people...

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The keyword for you today is "patience"...

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 11):

Magnetic attractions are in the air and you may see a friend in a new light...

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Set sail for important destinations...

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Listen well as the key to success lies in paying attention to the opinions of others...

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Mild flirtations can grow into true romance under these stars...

Vitamin shampoos are often a sham

Hair is dead. Putting vitamins in shampoo has no effect on it.

This day in history: On Aug. 15, 1935, beloved comic commentator...

George, Wash., from naming streets after varieties of cherries.

The designer of the diner — PJ. Tierney — died complaining of stomach pains shortly after eating at one of his creations...

Homosexual behavior has been documented in about 450 bird and animal species.

No, it's not true that George Washington chopped down his dad's cherry tree...



RANDOM KINDS OF FACTINESS Jack Mingo Erin Barrett

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Erin Barrett and Jack Mingo can be reached at factmone@emingo-barrett.com.

Idaho activist gets audible crosswalks

SANDPOINT (AP) — A blind activist who campaigned for this northern Idaho town to install audible crosswalk signals...

But Loman said the signals aren't loud enough to hear above traffic...

About 60 percent of the world's cacao beans go to the chocolate-loving Europeans.

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Homeowners fear taxes

BOISE (AP) — Idaho homeowners nearly two-thirds of the \$1.1 billion in property taxes collected in the state...

More than 400,000 new residents have come to the Gem State since 1990, and real-estate investors are purchasing property in growing areas...

As a result, some residents are growing concerned they will no longer be able to afford to pay the taxes that help fund the accelerating value of their homes.

"Live on a pension," said Barbara Swetch, who lives just south of the Boise Foothills. "My pension is set. I get maybe a 2 percent raise a year for cost of living and that's it."

When she first moved here in 1988, her mortgage was around \$400 a month. As her property taxes increased, and with it her monthly payments...

Over the past 10 years, Idahoans have seen their total property taxes grow from less than \$700 million to \$1.1 billion to support local governments, schools and taxing districts.

They averaged \$714 per capita in 2002 — a couple of hundred dollars less than the national average. That ranks Idaho just 36th among the states, according to the Tax Foundation in Washington, D.C., tax-advocacy group.

But here's where many say the taxes are unfair: In 2004, homeowners paid 64 percent of the more than \$1 billion collected in property taxes. Commercial properties paid just 25.1 percent and agriculture, timber, utilities and railroads made up the around 11 percent left.

Idaho homeowners have never paid a larger share of the total property tax burden, according to the state.

The Idaho Legislature's Interim Committee on Property Taxes has been meeting this summer in cities such as Sandpoint, Moscow and Ketchum to address people's concerns.

They're hoping to come up with suggestions for possible legislation and introduced in 2006 that could redistribute the burden.

One possibility — increasing the homeowner's exemption, which hasn't increased since voters rejected it in 1982. Beneficiaries now can exempt from taxes 50 percent of the value of their homes, or \$50,000 — whichever is less.



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SPORTS

Thibault mashes three homers

The Times-News

HELENA, Mont. — Those who have been watching Kiel Thibault play for the Idaho Falls Chukars might want to reserve their tickets now. He might not be there much longer. The hard-slugging Jerome native had his best offensive game as a professional on Sunday, clubbing three home runs and driving in nine RBIs in a 15-10 road victory over the

Helena Brewers. Thibault finished the game 4-for-5, adding his ninth double of the year for the Chukars, who improved to 7-9 in the Pioneer League's second-half standings. They are now only two games behind Ogden for a tie of the Pioneer League South Division lead. Thibault opened his big day in the top of the second, hitting a two-out grand slam to help the Chukars to a 10-run inning and an 11-1 lead. He struck

again in the top of the third, connecting on another two-out blast that drove in three runs. Thibault smashed his third dinger of the night in the top of the eighth, this time a two-run shot with no outs. After the monster game, Thibault is now batting .344 with seven homers and 29 RBIs in 93 at bats. He is now slugging over .600 and came just a solo homer short of hitting for the elusive home run cycle during Sunday's game.

Thibault's only blemish of the game was his fifth error of the season on an errant pickoff attempt. For a struggling Kansas City Royals organization that is looking for any good news, Sunday night may give the upper brass enough motivation to move Thibault up to a higher classification from the rookie league. The parent Royals are currently in the MLB cellar at 38-78, and are riding an abysmal 15-game losing streak.

Ericson claims Canyon Springs Championship

The Times-News

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Francoeur lifts Braves past D'backs



Atlanta Braves outfielder Jeff Francoeur (7) connects with a three-run home run during the third inning against the Arizona Diamondbacks on Sunday at Turner Field in Atlanta.

ATLANTA (AP) — Jeff Francoeur hit a three-run homer and threw out two runners at the plate, and Atlanta scored seven runs in the third inning. Francoeur drove in a fourth run with a bases-loaded walk and Chipper Jones also had four RBIs with a homer and two doubles. Rockies Ryan Langerhans and Kelly Johnson added homers for the Braves. Troy Glaus, Kelly Stunnett and Chris Snyder homered for Arizona. Luis Gonzalez and Royce Clayton each had three hits. Returning from the disabled list, Mike Hampton (5-2) settled down after a rough start to allow three runs and nine hits in five innings. All the runs and six of the hits came in the first two innings.

burgh's four homers, leading the Pirates to their second consecutive shutout of Houston. Jason Bay, Jose Castillo and Ryan Doumit also connected for three hits. The Braves, who have blanked Houston four times this season, the Astros, who hold a slim lead in the NL wild-card race, have been shut out seven times overall — most in the major leagues.

for the first time in almost a month, getting help from Kerry Wood out of the bullpen to lead the Chicago Cubs over the St. Louis Cardinals 5-4 Sunday night. Pinch-hitter Jose Macias hit a debreaking, two-run single in the sixth inning off Matt Morris, shortly after he'd been hit by a line drive. In a game delayed twice by rain, the Rangers lost their seventh straight.

Twins 2, Athletics 1
OAKLAND, Calif. — Joe Mauer doubled and scored on a bloop error by Cory Spangone in the ninth inning, leading Minnesota over Oakland. Rich Harden struck out nine while allowing one hit in eight innings, but left without a decision because the A's managed just one run against Carlos Silva. Minnesota's only hit of Harden was Michael Ryan's long homer in the third.

Dodgers 2, Mets 1
LOS ANGELES — Pedro Martinez took a no-hit bid into the eighth, giving up a home run to Jose Reyes and a double to Jon Rauch in the ninth. The Los Angeles Dodgers pulled out a 2-1 victory Sunday over the New York Mets. Brad Penny (6-7) scattered 10 hits in his first complete game with the Dodgers and third in 155 career starts. He struck out nine and walked none.

Phillies 8, Padres 3
SAN DIEGO — Rookie Robinson Tejeda (3-7) pitched seven strong innings and Philadelphia beat San Diego, dropping the NL West leaders below .500. Chase Utley and Tim Lincecum had two-run singles in a seven-run fifth inning for the Phillies, who moved within a half-game of Houston in the NL wild-card race with their first road sweep of a three-game series this season.

American League Blue Jays 7, Orioles 6
BALTIMORE — Rafael Palmeiro went 0-for-4 in his first game since returning from a 10-day suspension for using steroids, making the final out with two runners on Sunday in the Baltimore Orioles' 7-6 loss to the Toronto Blue Jays. Orioles supporters welcomed back Palmeiro with a mixed response, but many of those remaining in the crowd of 39,854 began chanting "Boo! Boo!" as he stepped to the plate in the ninth inning.

Devil Rays 1, Indians 0
CLEVELAND — Pinch-hitter Travis Lee homered off Bob Wickman with one out in the ninth inning, sending Tampa Bay to its first series sweep in Cleveland. The Devil Rays had lost four straight when they arrived in Cleveland, where they were 7-21 all-time. But they completed their 12-game road trip with a three-game sweep and hurt the Indians' wild-card hopes. The Indians entered the series on a six-game winning streak — all on the road. But Cleveland, which is 11 games over .500 on the road, dropped to 27-30 at Jacobs Field.

Marlins 4, Glants 1
MIAMI — A.J. Burnett won his sixth consecutive start, pitching into the eighth inning in 52 consecutive starts. Juan Pierre had two hits, scored twice and drove in a run for Florida. He also made a diving catch of pinch-hitter Randy Winn's short fly ball to center field with two men on to end the game.

Nationals 9, Rockies 2
DENVER — John Patterson (7-3) won his third straight start with eight innings of one-run ball and Washington completed its seventh series sweep of the season. Nick Johnson hit a three-run home run and Jose Guillen added a solo shot for the Nationals.

Tigers 8, Royals 0, Game 2
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Mike Mauer came within one out of a shutout to help Detroit complete a doubleheader sweep and send the Royals to their franchise-record 15th straight loss. Kansas City's losing streak is the longest in the major leagues since Tampa Bay also dropped 15 consecutive games in 2002. The only AL team to have a longer skid in the last 30 years was the 1988 Baltimore Orioles, who lost a league-record 21 in a row.

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Pirates 8, Astros 0
HOUSTON — Dave Williams (10-8) pitched his first complete game and Jack Wilson hit a grand slam for one of Pittsburgh's

Brewers 8, Reds 3
MILWAUKEE — Rookie Corey Hart hit his first career homer, a three-run shot that capped a five-run eighth inning, and Milwaukee snapped Cincinnati's 10-game road winning streak. The Oberbay hit a go-ahead single in the eighth for Milwaukee, which had lost its last five games. The Brewers also halted Cincinnati's season-high five-game winning streak.

Yankees 10, Rangers 3
NEW YORK — Hideki Matsui beat a rainstorm with a three-run homer that gave New York the lead, Alex Rodriguez hit his fifth home run in eight days and the Yankees completed a four-game sweep of Texas.

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Cubs 5, Cardinals 4
CHICAGO — Mark Prior won

the marathon last year at the Athens Olympics. "This year was totally different," she said, "because I came in very strong and knowing that I was in good shape. It was the Brits' lone gold of the meet."

PGA
Continued from C1
a three-man playoff.

Track
Continued from C1
still wound up with 25 medals overall, one shy of the record 26 they won at the 1991 worlds in Tokyo.

The relay provided the Americans with their only chance to shine on a gorgeous final evening of a meet often marred by rain and wind at the cozy, 40,000-seat Olympic Stadium, where the Helsinki Olympics were held in 1952. The day's events began with a race of atonement for Britain's Paula Radcliffe, who led almost from the start to win the marathon, the first worldwide triumph for the world record holder. Radcliffe said she was ready for this one after falling to finish

the meet's other world marks were by Russians Yelena Isinbayeva in the pole vault and Olimpiada Ivanova in the 20-kilometer walk. Russia had a big final day to finish second in the medals competition with 20, seven gold. Russian women went 1-2 in the 1,500, defending champion Tatyana Tomashova leading Olga Yegorova for the gold. The Russians appeared to have a sweep, but second-place finisher Olga Chizhenko was disqualified for obstructing during a protest was filed by Bahrain.

Continued from C1
tough for Mickelson, Love and Singh to reach the par-5 17th at 650 yards. "This is a tremendous advantage, I think," Mickelson said. "Wedge a few extra holes to play, and hopefully calm weather after hopefully some rain will make it soften it up a bit." The course was getting firm and fast, and it showed. Only three players finished four rounds under par. Along with Woods, Tiger Woods and U.S. Open champion Michael Campbell, all shot 69 to put 279. The others were under par and still on the course.

Results	Results
Championship Flight	Championship Flight
Ericson — 114 (1st)	Ericson — 114 (1st)
Spangone — 120 (2nd)	Spangone — 120 (2nd)
Utz — 128 (3rd)	Utz — 128 (3rd)
Danilak — 153 (4th)	Danilak — 153 (4th)
Stroud — 153 (5th)	Stroud — 153 (5th)
Childs — 159 (6th)	Childs — 159 (6th)
Hanzel — 130 (7th)	Hanzel — 130 (7th)
Lobdell — 171 (8th)	Lobdell — 171 (8th)
Taylor — 124 (9th)	Taylor — 124 (9th)
Stunnett — 124 (10th)	Stunnett — 124 (10th)
Hampton — 124 (11th)	Hampton — 124 (11th)
Palmeiro — 124 (12th)	Palmeiro — 124 (12th)
Macias — 124 (13th)	Macias — 124 (13th)
Wickman — 124 (14th)	Wickman — 124 (14th)
Lee — 124 (15th)	Lee — 124 (15th)
Tejeda — 124 (16th)	Tejeda — 124 (16th)
Utz — 124 (17th)	Utz — 124 (17th)
Danilak — 124 (18th)	Danilak — 124 (18th)
Stroud — 124 (19th)	Stroud — 124 (19th)
Childs — 124 (20th)	Childs — 124 (20th)
Hanzel — 124 (21st)	Hanzel — 124 (21st)
Lobdell — 124 (22nd)	Lobdell — 124 (22nd)
Taylor — 124 (23rd)	Taylor — 124 (23rd)
Stunnett — 124 (24th)	Stunnett — 124 (24th)
Hampton — 124 (25th)	Hampton — 124 (25th)
Palmeiro — 124 (26th)	Palmeiro — 124 (26th)
Macias — 124 (27th)	Macias — 124 (27th)
Wickman — 124 (28th)	Wickman — 124 (28th)
Lee — 124 (29th)	Lee — 124 (29th)
Tejeda — 124 (30th)	Tejeda — 124 (30th)

Stewart wins at Watkins



Tony Stewart is sprayed by teammates as he celebrates after winning the NASCAR Sirius Satellite Radio at the Glen at Watkins Glen International in Watkins Glen, N.Y., Sunday.

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. (AP) — Tony Stewart won the NASCAR Sirius Satellite Radio at the Glen at Watkins Glen International in Watkins Glen, N.Y., Sunday. Stewart simply smoked the opposition on the final two restarts and cruised to his fifth victory in seven races. And his dominant performance Sunday at Watkins Glen International padded his lead in the NASCAR Nextel Cup standings. Still, he had to hope he had enough juice left after a late caution forced two extra laps. Stewart radioed in that he had an alternator problem, forcing him to shut off some systems and switch to a backup battery. Then he sprinted away from Bobby Gordon on the final restart. "The hard thing is Bobby Gordon is really good getting into the end of a race and dominating," Stewart said. "The big thing was to get a good restart and not be concerned with him. Stewart did just that, leaving Gordon as nothing more than a valiant competitor who charged from his 39th starting spot all the way to Stewart's rear bumper with two laps to go. But Stewart made him slow down just before the restart. "He got away because he stalled, but then he took off," Gordon said. "He's a great racer, but second is just first loser." Stewart used the same tactic to get away from Boris Said on the 76th lap. "I had good restarts all day, but Tony got me and I got bogged down," explained Said, who quickly lost the second spot to Gordon. Scott Pruett, who finished fourth, was even more impressed. "They could have taken 10 more restarts," he said. "We weren't going to catch him." Stewart has become a master of restarts, resembling the late Dale Earnhardt when he has the lead. "The only time anybody could get close to us was on the restarts," Stewart said. "But this thing was to get a good restart and not be concerned with him. Stewart did just that, leaving Gordon as nothing more than a valiant competitor who charged from his 39th starting spot all the way to Stewart's rear bumper with two laps to go. But Stewart made him slow down just before

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SCORES AND STATS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

WHAT'S ON T.V.

Baseball
Little League World Series,
MidAtlantic regional final,
ESPN2, 6 p.m.
Little League World Series,
Northwest regional final,
ESPN2, 7 p.m.
Royals at Mariners, FSNW,
8 p.m.
Football
Eagles at Steelers, ESPN,
6 p.m.
Tennis
ATP tour/US Open Series,
Western & Southern Financial
Round, ESPN2, early
round, ESPN2, 9 p.m.

Baseball scores and stats for various teams including Detroit, Cleveland, and others.

Football scores and stats for various teams including San Francisco, Philadelphia, and others.

Creamer outlasts
Myzato to win at NEC
KARUIZAWA, Japan
American teenager, Paula
Creamer shot a 4-under 68
Sunday to hold off Miyaoto
Japan's most popular player
to win the NEC Karuizawa
tournament.
Creamer, who turned 19 earlier
this month, finished at
134 under par, which was 68
ahead of Myzato, who shot a
69.
'I feel great,' said Creamer,
who carded four birdies in her
third straight boggy-free
round. 'I knew I had to play
good golf coming down the
stretch. I knew if I just stayed
patient and kept giving myself
birdie looks everything would
be OK.'
Myzato, who turned 20 in
June, won five titles last year
when she made her debut on
the Japan tour. She played in
four overseas events during
a two-year absence from
Japan this year, including the
U.S. Women's Open and the
Women's British Open.
The biggest win last year
was a 12-hole playoff over
twelve-year-old Creamer and
I today was the putting,'
Myzato said. 'I feel there's still a
big gap between myself and
the world's top players.'
Creamer put together consecutive
birdies on the par-3
No. 8 when her tee shot landed
on the green, she made her
fourth birdie of the day came
on No. 16 when her chip shot
from the greenside rough landed
inches from the cup.

BASEBALL

Baseball scores and stats for various teams including Texas, Minnesota, and others.

Baseball scores and stats for various teams including Cleveland, Detroit, and others.

Baseball scores and stats for various teams including Philadelphia, St. Louis, and others.

Bourdais defends title
at Grand Prix of Denver
DENVER — Defending
champion Sebastien Bourdais
took advantage of a late crash
by Paul Tracy, then pulled away
to win the Grand Prix of Denver
on Sunday, his third straight victory
and fourth of the season.
Bourdais, who has won two
titles, finished with a year's
lead on the back of the pack
winding his way from 13th to
first after getting bumped up
the first turn. The Frenchman
avoided another pile-up on the
first corner this time, then
waited for his chance.
That came in Lap 62, when
he cut the lead off by
cutting the corner too closely.
Bourdais moved into the lead
after that and was never
seriously challenged, finishing
15.27 seconds ahead of Marco
Dominguex on the 1.657-mile
temporary street course.
Bourdais, who won in
Edmonton last year and the
previous two years, celebrated
with a few doughnuts in front
of the grandstands after
crossing the line over the
Champ Car series to 25
points with five races left.

BASEBALL

Baseball scores and stats for various teams including Tampa Bay, Los Angeles, and others.

Baseball scores and stats for various teams including Pittsburgh, Houston, and others.

Baseball scores and stats for various teams including Philadelphia, St. Louis, and others.

Ex-NFL player Robbins
arrested on drug charge
SAN ANTONIO — Former
NFL offensive lineman Barrett
Robbins, awaiting trial on an
attempted murder charge
arrested on a charge of
possession of marijuana in
Florida police, was arrested
without incident in San Antonio
on a marijuana possession
charge, police said Sunday.
Robbins, a former Pro
Bowler with Oakland, was
detained Saturday night after a
bike patrol officer noticed the
smell of marijuana coming
from his car. Officer Joe Rios
said.
'We had probable cause and
the officer saw a man in the
pipe in plain view on the center
console,' Rios said. 'He gave
no resistance and was very
passive, but officers were
aware of his violent past.'
In January, Robbins was shot
twice in the chest after allegedly
fighting with Miami police
officers making a drug
call. Robbins, found hiding in a
woman's restroom, was
accused of beating one police
officer on the head with
another into a wall and
ramming a third officer's head
into a wall.
He has pleaded innocent to
three counts of attempted
felony murder and other
charges. No trial date has been
set.

BASEBALL

Baseball scores and stats for various teams including Toronto, Baltimore, and others.

Baseball scores and stats for various teams including Cleveland, Detroit, and others.

Baseball scores and stats for various teams including Philadelphia, St. Louis, and others.

Robbins, who has bipolar
disorder, was released from a
Florida hospital in April after
posting a \$51,000 bond. The
arrestment sending him to a
Houston hospital near his
mother's house for physical
rehabilitation and bipolar
treatment was approved by the
judge presiding over his case.
'We don't know why he was
in San Antonio,' Rios said.
Robbins was placed in the
Beech County Jail on an \$800
bond Sunday.

BASEBALL

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Nadal beats Agassi in
three sets at Montreal
MONTREAL — Nineteen-year-old
Rafael Nadal won on a
hardcourt for the first time,
beating 35-year-old Andre
Agassi 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 in the
Rogers Cup final Sunday.
Sharp, driving a Honda for
Delphi Fernandez Racing,
became the second driver of that
car to win the Kentucky Indy
Racing League race in as many
years, following Adrian
Fernandez.
Sharp's win was his ninth on
the series, but his first since
2003, a streak of 40 winless
races.
He averaged 175.981 mph on
the 1.85-mile tri-oval track but
had a winning margin of
0.0773 seconds.
The 37-year-old Sharp took
the first lap of the 206 U.S.
lap race, passing Dan
Wheldon. Wheldon regained
the lead twice, but Sharp
took the lead on lap 169
and never was in jeopardy
including the French Open.

Advertisement for Gregg Middlekauff's Factory Certified PC of the Week, featuring Honda Accord SE Sedan and Honda CRV 4x4, with prices and contact information.

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

"Which is better: to have Fun with Fun... or to have Idiocy with Ideology..."

Aldous Huxley

Six spades by South is an excellent contract... One that would make easily enough on a red suit lead.

East, an experienced performer, won the diamond king and advanced an innocent-looking heart eight... trying to look like a heart king.

The correct line is to draw trumps, eliminate the clubs, lead a diamond to dummy's ace... then play a second diamond.

However, they were both wrong about the right way to play the hand... The correct line is to draw trumps, eliminate the clubs.

NORTH A 6 4 3 J 3 A Q 6 3 K 4 3

WEST 10 9 7 9 7 6 2 9 8 5 4 J 10

EAST 8 K 10 8 5 4 K 10 B 7 6 5 2

SOUTH K Q J 5 2 A Q J 7 2 A Q 9

Vulnerable: East-West Dealer: South

The bidding:

South West North East 1 Pass 2 Pass 6 NT Pass 3 Pass 6 All pass

Opening lead: Club jack

LEAD WITH THE ACES

South holds: S 5 2 H 9 8 3 J 10 8 4 K 10 6 5

South West North East Pass 6 All pass

ANSWER: Lead the club five... My experience with auctions like this one tells me that dummy is about to produce a long suit of its own.

If you would like to request Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbywolff@midmag.com

ACROSS crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-31.

DOWN crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-47.

Saturday's Puzzle Solved

Crossword puzzle solution grid with words like CRAB, ASH, STRATA, HARE, FLA, PEALD, AGIN, RUR, INMATE, PUZZLERS, LESSEN, ASPHALT, SLEIGH, TASSELS, HANDS, SPAN, UTIL, ERNE, SNORE, DUTY, AGUA, QUIT, ZAIRE, REISSUE, DENSER, MARABOU, TOWCAR, GUESFLAT, HORACE, IRS, AIRY, OZARKS, TOI, CAMP, REPEAT, ANN, ERSE.

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Jumble puzzle grid with words RIVYO, YEMON, DEFILD, RUSLAW

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Word game puzzle with grid and instructions: I got the word. Whatever you say. WHERE HE ENDED UP WHEN HE GOT ARRESTED

Frank and Ernest

Frank and Ernest cartoon: GREAT FAMILY SQUABLES OF HISTORY The Hoods: Robin vs Little Red Riding I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU ROBBED GRANDMA AND GAVE IT TO THE POOR!

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Brevity cartoon: "WHATEVER... CROSSWORDS ARE STUPID."

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The Times-News

Monday, August 15, 2005

New column

College of Southern Idaho fitness specialist Jan Mittelder begins a new column today in The Times-News. It will appear regularly in the Monday Image section. Mittelder, best known for teaching the award-winning Over 60 and Getting Fit Program at CSI, will write about a variety of health and nutrition issues.

All about the succulence of tomatoes

There is nothing quite like the taste of a homegrown tomato that tap-dances on the top of your tongue when you take that first sensitive bite. The vine-ripened veggie causes people to do the strangest of things.

Muzzie Braun wrote a song about "there's nothing better than a homegrown tomato."

My grandfather, one of the best Idaho gardeners I ever knew, once bought a three-foot potted tomato plant dripping with green tomatoes from a local greenhouse which he planted in the back of his yard just so he could claim bragging rights for the first red tomatoes in his neighborhood of gardeners.

**ALIVE
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Jan Mittelder

Not only are tomatoes rich in flavor but they are also among the most versatile of veggies, and fruits since there is some confusion about where they belong.

They are refreshing in salads or dips; they taste great grilled or roasted; they can spice them up or eat them plain; they can be pureed into the most delicious sauces or soups; they make a refreshing drink.

Tomatoes are low calorie and platinum-plus when it comes to being just plain healthy. Tomatoes are rich in lycopene, a photochemical (plant chemicals also referred to as phytonutrients) that boosts antioxidant properties that neutralize harmful substances in the body called free radicals.

Free radicals are created as a result of environmental toxins, radiation, pollution and aging. You have undoubtedly heard about free radicals, those pesky-sounding entities running wild in your body.

These compounds are constantly being created throughout the body by metabolic reactions that chemists refer to as "oxidizing reactions."

The vivid vision of an oxidizing reaction is literal, not metaphorical. Uncontrolled free radical scavengers in their unstable state can muck up cell fluid and damage cell walls in previously well-organized cells.

They are implicated in degenerative diseases, including heart disease and diabetes as well as age-related processes.

Healthy cells produce enzymes that usually neutralize free radicals before they can do damage, but the body's natural antioxidant enzymes require certain trace minerals to work optimally.

Those traces linger in antioxidant protection from food—like tomatoes or other fruits and vegetables that boast colorful skins.

Unlike other photochemicals whose effects have been studied in animals, lycopene found in tomatoes has been extensively studied in humans.

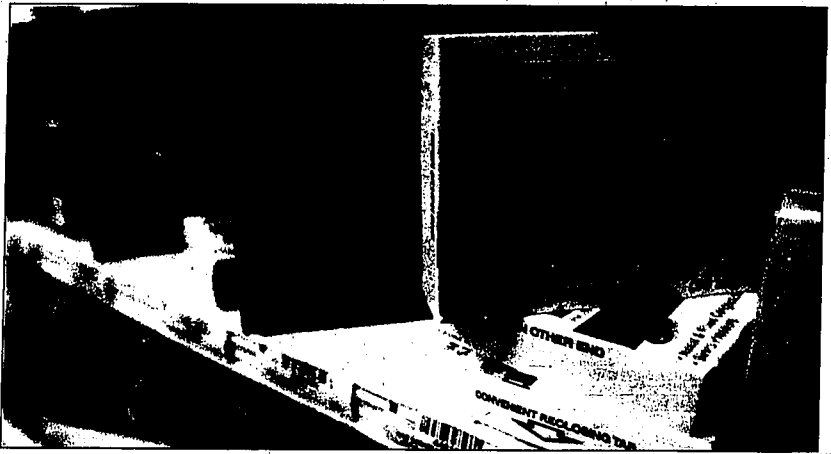
People with low blood concentrations of lycopene have thicker artery walls compared to people with high blood levels of lycopene. And that's not all.

Tomatoes contain beta-carotene, another blockbuster antioxidant that may be defending against heart disease and cancer in conjunction with other photochemicals, many of which have not yet been identified.

Lycopene found in tomatoes is much more effective than lycopene pills or supplements. Cooking tomatoes is even better.

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Locked



At Kurt's Pharmacy in Twin Falls, pharmacist Kurt Hefer stocks medicines containing pseudoephedrine within view of the pharmacy counter and refuses to sell them to minors.

Cold medicine is still sold on shelves at some local businesses

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Sneezing, coughing, runny nose, fever. It wasn't long ago that cold sufferers with these symptoms could walk into any drug store and buy medicine containing pseudoephedrine, a drug commonly found in cold and allergy products. But now, with cold and flu season just around the corner, getting relief may not be so easy.

Many Magic Valley retail stores and pharmacies recently have taken drugs containing pseudoephedrine off store shelves and moved them behind the pharmacy counter. It's a decision that could leave cold sufferers reaching for more relief if the pharmacy has closed for the night.

Pseudoephedrine, the active ingredient in popular cold and allergy medicines such as Sudafed, Tylenol Cold and Claritin-D, is a precursor chemical used to make methamphetamine. And although stores often limit the amount of pseudoephedrine a customer can buy at a single time, the drug is commonly shoplifted.

The recent behind-the-counter policy changes come after several Western states—including Oregon and Washington—passed laws restricting the sale of pseudoephedrine. A bill in the Idaho Legislature that would have limited sale of the drug to pharmacies and required customers to sign a log book failed last spring after it was heavily amended, according to its

sponsor, Rep. Rich Willis, R-Glenns Ferry.

The Twin Falls City Council tonight will consider a resolution requesting Twin Falls retailers to voluntarily remove pseudoephedrine from aisle shelves.

But some area stores have beaten the council to the punch.

Jody Cook, a spokeswoman for Rite Aid, said her company moved pseudoephedrine to the pharmacy on Aug. 1. "We want to work with local law enforcement agencies to ensure that communities are safe," she said. Rite Aid will only sell three "packages" of drugs containing pseudoephedrine to a customer at a time.

Fred Meyer stores are also taking precautions. "Retail sales of drugs such as Sudafed have become a serious problem for law enforcement agencies trying to contain a growing meth epidemic," reads a company memo to Idaho store directors dated April 29. At the time, Fred Meyer stores stocked pseudoephedrine drugs on aisle shelves. Now, all Fred Meyer stores

keep pseudoephedrine products behind the pharmacy counter. Target has the strictest pseudoephedrine policy among area retailers. The drug is only available during pharmacy hours, sale is limited to two boxes per customer and the buyer must sign a log book.

Locally owned pharmacies are taking steps to keep pseudoephedrine out of the hands of meth manufacturers as well, even if that means keeping cold medicine on aisle shelves. Pharmacist Kurt Hefer, owner of Kurt's Pharmacy, stocks medicines that contain pseudoephedrine within view of the pharmacy counter and refuses to sell them to minors.

Hefer tried moving the drug behind the counter but returned it to aisle shelves when customers became confused. "People thought we stopped selling it," he said. "Now we limit how much is on the shelf—and we keep a pretty good eye on it."

Pseudoephedrine is also on shelves at Sav-Mor Drug in small quantities. "We probably don't

stock enough on the shelves for it to be a problem," said Buhl Sav-Mor pharmacist Cahli Ketterling.

It takes more than a dozen boxes of over-the-counter cold medicine to manufacture meth, estimated Joseph Steiner, dean at Idaho State University College of Pharmacy.

Pseudoephedrine, a nasal decongestant, relieves nasal pressure by causing blood vessels to constrict. It is the most effective drug of its kind available without a prescription, Steiner said. And that's why keeping

it behind the pharmacy counter or limiting its sale within pharmacy hours may present problems for this winter's cold sufferers. When the pharmacy closes, pseudoephedrine is no longer available.

So what's a cold sufferer to do? "If you can't find a 24-hour pharmacy, try a convenience store," Steiner suggested in a telephone interview from his Pocatello office. "Most convenience stores sell drugs containing pseudoephedrine in single-unit doses."

Steiner said new forms of pseudoephedrine that can't be used to make meth are in development, though it may be years before they hit the market.

For now consumers are advised to keep some pseudoephedrine in the home medicine cabinet.

Times-News writer Matt Christensen can be reached at 735-3243, or write to him at mchristensen@magicvalley.com.

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— Joseph Steiner, dean of the College of Pharmacy, Idaho State University

The natural look: Women seek beauty with less makeup

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — When Sandy Di Stefano sees a woman wearing a lot of makeup, she doesn't think "pretty," she thinks "face paint."

Di Stefano prefers a more natural look. No foundation or powder for her in the morning. A little lipstick, blush and eyeliner and she is good to go.

"If it's really noticeable, it's like, 'That doesn't look good,'" says the 31-year-old marketing coordinator for the Italian Trade Commission in Chicago.

Like Di Stefano, lots of women are paring their morning makeup routines. The hottest look in makeup right now, beauty editors agree, is looking like you're not wearing any at all.

"No one wants to look like they are spackled," said Sarah Brown, beauty director at Vogue magazine. "The point is to make

your skin look better than it is."

Signs of the "less is more" approach are popping up in unexpected places.

Designer Diane von Furstenberg's spring makeup collection was billed as the "no makeup makeup."

High-profile models such as Gemma Ward sported a natural look on designer runways this spring.

"That prompted Vogue to declare the 'Flemish Face' the hot new look. "Forget dark lipstick. Don't even think about mascara. The look of the season carries with it the painterly signature of the Dutch masters," a headline in Vogue's July issue proclaimed.

The lighter approach is an easy sell to women in their 20s and early 30s, beauty experts say. Many young women are rejecting lengthy beauty routines

that require more than a dozen products for quick dustings of bronzer and swipes of lip gloss.

The pared-down look is low maintenance and matches the casual wardrobe they've embraced. The fresh-scrubbed look seems natural when you're wearing a camisole and flip flops.

Where younger women go, many older women try to follow, marketing experts say. One goal of many women who wear makeup is to disguise flaws and make them appear more youthful than they are.

Women who can afford the services of dermatologists are flocking to the doctors' offices for regular micro-dermabrasions, treatments that make their skin appear fresher by sanding off the top layer with a stream of crystals that are then vacuumed away. Prices run about \$160 per session.

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Hospital offers free infant CPR class

An infant safety and cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in the lobby at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St., Twin Falls.

The program is offered as part of the prepared childbirth course. New parents and grandparents are encouraged to attend the class to learn about infant CPR, choking child safety and prevention of injury.

The class is free. Pre-registration is not required. For more information, call 732-3148.

To do for you

their lunch to the meeting.
The meeting is free. For more information, call Lisa at 539-9615 or Marido at 734-6507.

Parkinson's support

The Magic Valley Parkinson's Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the KMYT Community Room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls.

For more information, call Don Arrington at 733-8868 or Jay Clark at 324-5013.

Alzheimer's support

SunBridge Care and Rehabilitation Center will offer Alzheimer's Support Group meeting at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at 10300, 640 Flair Ave. W., Twin Falls.

The support group is open to Twin Falls area residents who have family members with Alzheimer's.

For more information, call Steve Jones or Dawn McCoy at 734-8645.

About childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning Wednesday through Sept. 14, in the lobby at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

The program is designed to prepare the expectant mother

Breast-feeding 101

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center will offer a Breast-feeding 101 class from 7 to 9 p.m. at 732-3148 in the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

The class is for expectant mothers, fathers, grandparents and other support persons. The class will be taught by a registered lactation consultant.

Parents are encouraged to attend the class within two months of the baby's due date.

The class is free. To register, call 324-4301, ext. 3531.

Brain injury support

The Brain Injury Support Group will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Education Building, 650 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls.

The speaker will be Ann E. Flannery of Student Disability Services at the College of Southern Idaho.

The support group is for people who have had a brain injury or for their families, friends and caregivers.

The meeting is free. Pre-registration is not required. For more information, call 737-2126.

Picnic for cancer survivors

The Breast Cancer Support Group will hold a picnic at 6 p.m. Aug. 22 at the Heider Pavilion in Rock Creek Park in Twin Falls.

The picnic is for all general cancer survivors.

For more information, call Mary Howard at 734-1766.

Refresher course

A childbirth refresher course will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Aug. 24 in the lobby at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

The class is for those who have previously taken childbirth preparation and procedures will be reviewed. There will be a video tour of the Women's and Infant Center.

Cost is \$20. Pre-registration is required. To register, call 732-3148.

To do for you is a calendar listing of local-related activities and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's issue of the Times-News.

Mail notices to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83403, or deliver to our office at 132 Fairfield St. N.

'Baby and Me'

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center will offer 'Baby and Me' classes from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

This week's topic will be 'Got the Blues?'

The session is for parents of children from infancy through toddler years.

The class is free. For more information, call 324-7262.

Breathers Club support

The Magic Breathers Club will meet from 6:30 to 8:15 p.m. Tuesday at the Office of Aging Annex, 998 Washington St. N., located on the College of Southern Idaho campus.

The club sponsored by the American Lung Association, is a local support group for people coping with asthma and/or emphysema.

Those attending can bring

Before you buy, test several kinds of treadmills

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

ST. LOUIS — Consumer Reports estimates that more than 10 million Americans hop onto a treadmill every few days, making it one of the most widely used pieces of exercise equipment. But choosing the right treadmill can be tricky. So we've asked John Conik, national retail sales manager for True Fitness Technology Inc., and Jeff Bakken, district sales manager for Fitness Experience, to help us make sense of all those but-

tons and arros and controls.

Bakken said that quality is important, because "treadmills take so much abuse, you need a well-built frame, a good motor, good electronics."

Other hallmarks of a good treadmill is its quietness, an important factor for a piece of exercise equipment in the home. When Conik gave a demonstration on a True model, all you could hear was his steps landing on the treadmill.

Another important feature is shock absorption. True treadmills

are designed to absorb up to 40 percent of the impact when your feet land on the treadmill deck, which is a concern for those wishing to avoid stress on the knees or back. Some treadmills are adjustable, so a 200-pound man gets a different cushion than his 120-pound wife.

Other features appeal to people with specific needs:

- Speed: Most treadmills go up to 10 mph, but if you are super-speedy, you may want a faster higher-end model.

• Incline: Most go from and up to incline to 12 or 15 percent.

• Rails: Some offer longer side rails or attachments these will be important for people who have trouble with balance. For the best workout, however, Bakken says you shouldn't hang on to the rails.

• Programming features: Some treadmills come with pre-programmed courses that offer "hills" of varying length and steepness. Others allow you to program your own courses.

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Ones who pay for more expensive dermal fillers such as collagen or Restylane to minimize wrinkles around the mouth or Botox, an injection that paralyzes frowning lines in the forehead.

Still others seek out chemical peels or laser treatments that zap away broken blood vessels on the face.

Dr. Jerome Garden, a practicing dermatologist and associate professor of clinical dermatology at Northwestern University, says there are bigger cultural influences at work here.

Baby Boomers are rejecting the idea they have to age gracefully, and young people are telegraphing their sense of style with other things besides makeup and clothes.

"Younger consumers are very interested in other type of status signaling — tattoos, piercings, showing a little belly button," said Mottus, publisher of The Informationist, a magazine for the cosmetics industry.

"People don't necessarily say, 'What a great lipstick!' They say, 'She's really toned or she's skinny.' The way people are signaling in clubs today is totally different from the makeup-savvy women of the '60s and '70s."

While acknowledging that times have changed, Mottus also likes cosmetics makers for the lack of consumer interest in their products.

"If people have a compelling reason to buy products, they will do it," he says. "There haven't been as many seasonal variations. The advertising has become more like Popular Mechanics or

Scientific American. It, hypes things. If you want a 100 percent volume increase in your eyelashes? But it doesn't hype a compelling fashion and a reason to wear lipstick."

In the mid-1990s, Chanel's "Vamp" look was a runaway hit with consumers, and its nearly black lipstick and nail polish was widely imitated by competitors.

Mottus laments the lack of a new look that will inspire the kind of fervor that helped Chanel sell \$1 million worth of Vamp nail polish in a single year.

"I'll me how many fashion makeup ads are out there. That's not the answer anymore," Mottus sighed. "Everybody is playing it safe. They're not doing anything."

Cosmetic makers say they get it and are trying to respond. Revlon, — for example, — has launched two initiatives to boost revenue, including making better use of its Almay brand.

"We have listened to our consumers and have developed a completely new experience for the Almay consumer that will dress her busy lifestyle, need

for simplicity and desire for personalization," said Stephanie Peponis, Revlon's chief marketing officer.

A second effort involves creating new products for mature women "who have told us their current products no longer work for them," Peponis said.

Of course, many women would no more go out of the house without makeup than they would walk down Michigan Avenue in a bikini. And neither skin-care nor dermatologists have found a permanent, non-surgical cure for aging skin, so the need for foundation and eyeliner isn't going away.

One thing is certain, beauty editors say, and that is fashion is cyclical. Bright lipsticks and a made-up look may soon be on their way back.

Von Furstenberg is betting both ways. While keeping her nude makeup collection from spring in her permanent line, she is now showing red lipsticks and smoky eyes.

"For fall, we're going full color," said her spokeswoman.

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THE DUNCANS

RUPERT — Jack and Janet Duncan of Rupert will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, at 422 East Baseline in Rupert. The couple requests no gifts.

They were married Aug. 19, 1955, in Idaho Falls.

They lived in Oregon for a few years before moving to Rupert, where they have been involved in agriculture and other businesses. They are active in the LDS Church.

The event is being hosted by their children, Paul (Kathy) Duran, Lori (Kerry) Arritt, Sara (Warren) Crane, Julie (Todd) Rushton, Shelly (Barb) Hanson, Jason (Therese) Duncan, Melissa (Casey) Paul, Andrea (Scott) Mumford and Stacey (Richte) Dally.

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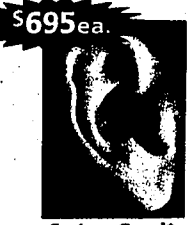
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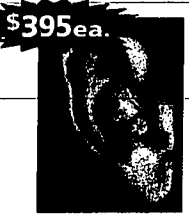


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