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'SIMPLE' INSPIRATION



His Holiness the Dalai Lama jokes with members of the media during a press conference after his Healing Address Sunday at the Hailey High School arena. The address, on the fourth anniversary of the Sept. 11 tragedy, noted the need for compassion in the world.

Dalai Lama delivers message of compassion in Hailey

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

HAILEY — Walking toward the stage, he must have felt the weight of 20,000 eyes upon him.
With a mere wave of his hand and a flash of that famous smile, the Dalai Lama eased the anticipation rippling through a crowd of 10,000 people quietly awaiting his arrival.
That simple gesture would radiate throughout His Holiness's speech, "A Healing Address," delivered in Hailey on

the fourth anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.
With the sun lightly blessing his forehead at the Wood River High School football stadium, the Dalai Lama noted that the American flag at the back of the stadium had been lowered to half mast to honor the victims of Sept. 11.
"Those who have passed away feel your pain," the Dalai Lama said.
To ease the suffering of all impacted by that terrible day, the loved ones left behind and those traumatized by the event should not turn to anger,

he said. Anger will not bring the victims of Sept. 11 back.
"Try to rebuild your home," His Holiness said. "Try to rebuild your life."
The Dalai Lama admitted that he, too, knows something of suffering. In 1959, the spiritual and temporal leader of Tibetan Buddhists fled his homeland of Tibet after an uprising by his people failed to prevail over the Chinese. His Holiness established a government in exile in India shortly afterwards and has advocated a nonviolent solution ever since.

"We never lose our spirit," he said. "We never lose hope."
A message of compassion and hope is what the event's sponsor intended to provide.
Months ago, Kiril Sokoloff, an investment strategist and Wood River Valley resident, approached Gov. Dirk Kempthorne about bringing the Dalai Lama to Idaho for an address. For Sokoloff, the timing was crucial — he felt that mankind had reached a critical point in time, a tipping point for compassion. That
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Approximately 10,000 people wait in anticipation of the arrival of the Dalai Lama Sunday afternoon at the Wood River High School football stadium in Hailey. The Dalai Lama's message of compassion coincided with the anniversary of the Sept. 11 tragedy. His Holiness has developed an international following among Buddhists and non-Buddhists alike for his exhortations to peace and compassion.

Diverse crowd comes together for address

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

HAILEY — You might think only a dedicated follower would stand in line nearly six hours to hear a Buddhist leader speak.
But, the Dalai Lama's appearance in Hailey on Sunday seemed to transcend many barriers, bringing believers and nonbelievers together for a message of compassion. While waiting for the address to begin, audience members discussed their reasoning for attending.

Just ask Peter Roberge about the Dalai Lama's appeal.
A resident of Triumph, Idaho, Roberge arrived at 5:45 a.m. and took his spot as the first in line, entertaining those that followed with his juggling. Although he doesn't practice Buddhism, Roberge recognized the importance of the event.
"I think 9/11 is a very significant time to see him," Roberge said.
"I think there's a tremendous amount of natural beauty here,"
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Hopelessness begins to lift from city as cleanup continues

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Workers here were picking up trash Sunday, a small miracle under the circumstances. The airport opened to cargo traffic. A bulldozer-wielding volunteer led relief workers in a chorus of "Amazing Grace."
Nearly two weeks after Hurricane Katrina's onslaught, the day was marked by signs that hopelessness was beginning to lift in this shattered city. While the final toll from the disaster remains unknown, there were indications New Orleans had begun to turn a corner.
"You see the cleaning of the streets. You

see the people coming out," said the volunteer with the bulldozer, Norman Flowers. "The people aren't as afraid anymore."
Flowers, deployed by the Southern Baptist Convention, stood in the bed of a pickup truck on Canal Street, leading police, firefighters and relief workers in song, punctuated by the exuberant honk of a fire truck nearby.
"This is a sign of progress," said New Orleans resident Linda Taylor, gesturing at the impromptu gathering. "Last Sunday, I couldn't find any church services. This Sunday, people have gathered together to worship."



Coast Guard searchers return to a boat after searching a home for survivors in New Orleans on Sunday.

9/11 again

Family members read loved ones' names on the 4th anniversary

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Weeping relatives marked the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attack Sunday with prayers, solemn remembrances and heartfelt messages to their dead brothers and sisters at the site where the World Trade Center collapsed in a nightmarish cloud of dust and debris four years ago.

In a ceremony lasting longer than four hours, more than 600 relatives read the names of the 2,749 victims who died at the trade center. Several blew kisses to the sky after reading a loved one's name, while others left the microphone sobbing. Several held up photos of their loved ones.

"We miss you Charlie and we love you your boys will always remember," Peggy Garbarini told her brother, Fire Lt. Charles William Garbarini, who was 44 when he died at the trade center.

The ceremony came as Hurricane Katrina left Americans once again struggling with a catastrophe that caught the nation unprepared and left citizens dead and grieving. Mayor Michael Bloomberg opened the ceremony with words of condolence for those devastated by the hurricane.

In New Orleans, New York firefighters helping with the relief effort gathered around a makeshift memorial for their fallen comrades, accepting the gift of a bell from a nearby church whose steeple was destroyed in the storm. Rescue workers in Biloxi, Miss., took a break from searching for the storm's missing to remember those who died on Sept. 11.

For the local emergency workers, honoring their New York comrades while dealing with their own destruction was particularly important. "Now we can relate," said Deputy Biloxi Fire Chief Kirk Noffsinger.
At ground zero, the names of the dead echoed across the site one by one.
"You're taking care of us from heaven but someday we'll be together," Ilani Flores said, choking up and raising her face to the sky in memory of her younger brother, a fire department paramedic.
"My big sister, my better half, life will never be the same without you," Rolando Moreno said to Yvette Moreno, who worked for a brokerage in the north tower.

As the names were read, weeping mourners filed down a ramp to a reflecting memorial pool at the floor of the site, which remains virtually empty four years after the attack. Families filled the water with red, orange and yellow roses, some shaking as they inscribed dedications on the wooden edge of the pool.

The ceremony paused for moments of silence at 8:48 a.m., the time at which a hijacked jetliner crashed into the north tower at 9:03 a.m., the moment a second plane struck the south tower at 9:59 a.m., when the south tower fell; and at 10:29 a.m., when the second tower collapsed.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy and breezy. Highs in the mid 60s.
Tonight: Fair and cool. Lows in the lower 40s.
Tomorrow: Sunny and not as breezy. Highs under 60s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy and breezy. Highs in the mid 60s.
Tonight: Cool. Lows under 30s and lower 40s.
Tomorrow: Sunny and not as breezy. Highs under 60s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Partly cloudy today. Breezy and cool tonight. Fair and chilly tonight. A little warmer Tuesday and Wednesday.

BOISE
Today: Highs 40s to 50s. Tonight: Lows 30s to 35.
Partly cloudy and cool today. Breezy at times. Fair and cool tonight. Warmer Tuesday and Wednesday.

NORTHERN IDAHO
Brisk winds and partly cloudy. Chilly tonight. Fair and warmer Tuesday and Wednesday.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 75 at Lowell; 16 at Shary. Weather map by National Weather Service. Low-level clouds over the Snake River Valley. High-level clouds over the Boise area. Low-level clouds over the Boise area.

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Breezy and partly cloudy	Clear and cool	Sunny and a little warmer	Partly cloudy	Fair and warmer	Partly cloudy
High 65	Low 41	68/45	72/46	76/47	77/44

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset	Pollen Count
Today's High: 65 Today's Low: 41 Record High: 88 in 1971 Record Low: 16 in 1958	41 Month to Date: 0.37 Year to Date: 0.37 Normal: 0.37 Record: 0.37	Today's Humidity: 45% Today's Humidity: 45% Normal: 45% Record: 45%	Today's Pressure: 30.11 Today's Pressure: 30.11 Normal: 30.11 Record: 30.11	Sunrise: 7:16 AM Sunset: 7:31 PM Summer: 7:16 AM Summer: 7:31 PM	Today's Pollen: 0 Today's Pollen: 0 Normal: 0 Record: 0

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Boise	65/41	68/45	Idaho Falls	65/41	68/45
Blackfoot	65/41	68/45	Shoshone	65/41	68/45
Butte	65/41	68/45	Arco	65/41	68/45
Chubbuck	65/41	68/45	Almo	65/41	68/45
Coeur d'Alene	65/41	68/45	Blaine	65/41	68/45
Elgin	65/41	68/45	Blackfoot	65/41	68/45
Ellensburg	65/41	68/45	Boise	65/41	68/45
Gardenburg	65/41	68/45	Butte	65/41	68/45
Hammond	65/41	68/45	Chubbuck	65/41	68/45
Heppner	65/41	68/45	Coeur d'Alene	65/41	68/45
Idaho Falls	65/41	68/45	Elgin	65/41	68/45
Jerome	65/41	68/45	Ellensburg	65/41	68/45
Laurel	65/41	68/45	Gardenburg	65/41	68/45
Malheur	65/41	68/45	Hammond	65/41	68/45
Marion	65/41	68/45	Heppner	65/41	68/45
Massena	65/41	68/45	Idaho Falls	65/41	68/45
Minidoka	65/41	68/45	Jerome	65/41	68/45
Mountain View	65/41	68/45	Laurel	65/41	68/45
Myrtle Beach	65/41	68/45	Malheur	65/41	68/45
Nampa	65/41	68/45	Marion	65/41	68/45
Payson	65/41	68/45	Massena	65/41	68/45
Prater	65/41	68/45	Minidoka	65/41	68/45
Rupert	65/41	68/45	Mountain View	65/41	68/45
Salt Lake City	65/41	68/45	Myrtle Beach	65/41	68/45
Shoshone	65/41	68/45	Nampa	65/41	68/45
Star Line	65/41	68/45	Payson	65/41	68/45
Timberline	65/41	68/45	Prater	65/41	68/45
Twin Falls	65/41	68/45	Rupert	65/41	68/45
Valley View	65/41	68/45	Salt Lake City	65/41	68/45
Wendover	65/41	68/45	Shoshone	65/41	68/45
Yukon-Charley	65/41	68/45	Star Line	65/41	68/45

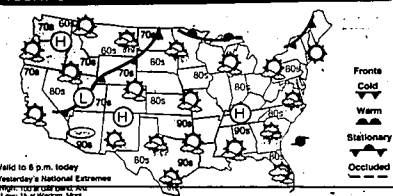
NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	65/41	68/45	Phoenix	65/41	68/45
Boston	65/41	68/45	Portland	65/41	68/45
Chicago	65/41	68/45	San Francisco	65/41	68/45
Columbus	65/41	68/45	Seattle	65/41	68/45
Dallas	65/41	68/45	Spokane	65/41	68/45
Denver	65/41	68/45	Tempe	65/41	68/45
Detroit	65/41	68/45	Tucson	65/41	68/45
Houston	65/41	68/45	Urbana	65/41	68/45
Indianapolis	65/41	68/45	Wichita	65/41	68/45
Jacksonville	65/41	68/45	Yonkers	65/41	68/45
Las Vegas	65/41	68/45			
Los Angeles	65/41	68/45			
Memphis	65/41	68/45			
Miami	65/41	68/45			
Minneapolis	65/41	68/45			
Mobile	65/41	68/45			
New Orleans	65/41	68/45			
New York	65/41	68/45			
Oakland	65/41	68/45			
Omaha	65/41	68/45			
Philadelphia	65/41	68/45			
Pittsburgh	65/41	68/45			
Raleigh	65/41	68/45			
San Antonio	65/41	68/45			
San Diego	65/41	68/45			
San Jose	65/41	68/45			
St. Louis	65/41	68/45			
St. Paul	65/41	68/45			
Tampa	65/41	68/45			
Washington	65/41	68/45			
Wichita	65/41	68/45			
Yonkers	65/41	68/45			

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Amsterdam	65/41	68/45	London	65/41	68/45
Antwerp	65/41	68/45	Madrid	65/41	68/45
Berlin	65/41	68/45	Moscow	65/41	68/45
Brussels	65/41	68/45	New York	65/41	68/45
Copenhagen	65/41	68/45	Paris	65/41	68/45
Helsinki	65/41	68/45	Rome	65/41	68/45
Stockholm	65/41	68/45	San Francisco	65/41	68/45
Toronto	65/41	68/45	Seattle	65/41	68/45
Washington	65/41	68/45	Spokane	65/41	68/45
Wichita	65/41	68/45	Tempe	65/41	68/45
Yonkers	65/41	68/45	Tucson	65/41	68/45

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REFLECTING



A child sits by a reflecting pool Sunday at the World Trade Center in New York during the fourth anniversary commemoration of the 2001 terror attacks.

Flood

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Numerous residents were able to visit their homes for the first time, however briefly, as floodwaters receded and work crews cleared trees, debris and downed telephone poles from major streets.
Albert Gaudin III, a Louisiana State University fisheries agent, was among those returning for the first time since the storm.
"They wouldn't let us in before, but we made it now and we could drive the way we have with no problem," he said.
President Bush flew to New Orleans Sunday to spend the night aboard the USS 100, an amphibious assault ship that is serving as a control center in the relief efforts. On Monday, he planned to tour the devastated town of Gulfport, Miss.
The Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport re-opened for cargo traffic Sunday, and limited passenger service was expected to resume Tuesday, airport director Roy Williams said.
Williams said he expects about 30 departures and arrivals of passenger planes a day — far below the usual 174 — at the airport, where a week ago, terminals became tragic ruins and more than two dozen people died.

Officials maintain New Orleans will be rebuilt.

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Authorities raised Louisiana's death toll to 197 on Sunday, and recovery of corpses continued. Teams pulled an unspecified number of bodies from Memorial Medical Center, a 317-bed hospital in uptown New Orleans that closed more than a week ago after being surrounded by floodwaters.
Trash collection began over the weekend, a service unimaginable in the apocalyptic first days after Katrina's fury battered the Gulf Coast and broke holes in two levees, flooding most of New Orleans.
Mayor C. Ray Nagin was asked by NBC's "Meet the Press" whether New Orleans could stage Mardi Gras in February 2006. "I haven't even thought that far out yet," he said.
But he added, "It's not out of the realm of possibilities. It would be a huge boost to us. We could make it happen."
Nagin declined to say when the city might be drained of floodwaters.
"But I always knew that once we got the pumps up, some of our significant pumps going,

that we could accelerate the draining process," he said. "The big one is pumping station six, which is our most powerful pump, and I am understanding that's just about ready to go."
The city's main wastewater treatment facility will be running by Monday, said Sgt. John Zeller, an engineer with the California National Guard.
"We're making progress," Zeller said. "This building was underwater yesterday."
David Smith, a volunteer firefighter from Baton Rouge, said it's a sign of progress that people like him are now in New Orleans aiding the city's recovery.
"We are helping people get the medicine they need," Smith said. "People who haven't been able to get prescriptions filled. That's a big step forward."
Army Lt. Gen. Russel L. Honore, the commander of active duty troops engaged in hurricane relief, told CNN's "Late Edition" the number of dead would be "a heck of a lot lower" than dire initial projections of 10,000 or more. Recovery of corpses continued Sunday.
On CBS' "Face the Nation," Honore asked Americans to take care of hurricane evacuees and help reunite them with their families. "And there's light at the end of the tunnel here," he added.

Throughout the shattered city, many of the thousands of the troops and relief workers paused to reflect — some to mark the fourth anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, some simply because it was Sunday.
At a Sept. 11 memorial service in the Algiers neighborhood, firefighters from New York told their colleagues they understood the pain and frustration wrought by Katrina.
"I just want to see what's going to happen tomorrow. And tomorrow after that," said Capt. Mike Donakowski, a New Orleans firefighter who attended. "It starts looking up from here."

Residents

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and he has a tremendous amount of inner beauty," he said.
At 10:30 a.m. three Booleans — Hannah Rainey, Jackson Smith and Alex Price — sat near the front of the line having arrived an hour before. To pass the time, the three ran down their "Top 5" lists — the top five bands they want to see in concert and the top five countries they want to visit.
"This has been one of my dreams to see him," said Alex Price. "So, I can cross it off my list."
Rainey looked forward to escaping from the scenes of sadness and desperation left behind by Katrina and absorbing a positive message for a change.
Earl Cook, of Boise, also noted the timeliness of His Holiness's visit after Hurricane Katrina. Cook serves as area director for Soka Gakkai International in Boise and practices Nichiren Buddhism, a form of Buddhism founded in Japan. Cook will participate in the meeting the Dalai Lama will have with 100 Idaho religious leaders on Wednesday.
"The timing is just impeccable," Cook said.

Cook anticipated the Dalai Lama would center many of his thoughts around Hurricane Katrina. The hurricane brought two important points to light. First, it focused attention on poverty — not only in New Orleans and the surrounding communities, but throughout the nation. Cook said. And, second, the hurricane also emphasized the depth of compassion that already exists in the nation and world.
"It could be the silver lining of Katrina," Cook said.
Twirling a bronze Tibetan prayer wheel in her hands, Heather Lundquist spread prayers of goodwill as she walked across the football field to find a seat, once the gates opened. Lundquist came on from Tucson, Ariz., after her father surprised her with tickets. The photographer spent much of last summer traveling around Tibet, but Sunday would be the first time she saw the exiled Tibetan Buddhist leader in person.
"Buddhism has changed my perspective on life," she said. "It's actually kind of mind-blowing to be here."

Message

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moment was made that much more pivotal by the recent efforts of Hurricane Katrina.
"Where there is great sorrow, there must always be great hope," Kempthorne said on Sunday.
"I'm proud that Idaho can be the place where this tipping can take place," Kempthorne said.
Sokoloff told audience members at the nationally televised address that they should always remember the Dalai Lama's message.
"You were present when the energy shifted on the planet," he said. "We are now at the beginning of what can be known as the compassion century."
Sokoloff asked audience members to raise their hands if they felt they were compassionate people. A sea of hands waved back as the Dalai Lama nodded his approval from his seat on the stage.
"I think that is wonderful," His Holiness said.
Those present took a pledge to be more compassionate, he said. Compassion benefits both the person practicing it and anyone receiving that compassion. To act compassionately, a person only needs to start with himself or herself.
That point stuck with Jim

Gaudette of Seattle, Wash., who attended the speech with his friend, Patricia Bolding, a Wood River Valley resident. Gaudette described the Dalai Lama's message as a simple one — not complex like what many might perceive.
"He boils it down," Gaudette said. "Rather than feeling overwhelmed with changing the world, just start with yourself."
Bolding also took the Dalai Lama's message to heart.
"I thought his message was important to focus on," she said. "He made a point of not focusing on the negative."
Over the past four years, the Dalai Lama said, Americans have suffered two tragedies the first man-made, the second a natural disaster.
"You should not lose your hope," he said. "I think all the people worldwide are really fed up with violence."
While the 20th century was one of violence, the 21st century should be one of compassion, His Holiness said.
"And, it will be led by those people who did this," he said, raising his hand and smiling, once again.

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A RALLY LIKE NO OTHER

Event mixes 9/11 remembrance with call to support troops

WASHINGTON (AP) — It was a demonstration unlike legions of others in the capital. The T-shirts were Pentagon-approved, signs were banned and Cabinet secretaries, usually the target of protest, cheered on the throngs.

Thousands walked Sunday in remembrance of the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, in tribute to U.S. troops abroad. By their presence, marchers endorsed the worldwide fight against terrorism that began after airlines slammed into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a Pennsylvania field four years ago.

U.S. soldiers in Iraq, Afghanistan and other outposts watched on video links as the crowd shouted, "America supports you." References to the politically divisive Iraq war were muted, but support for President Bush's policy was, for many, a subtitle of the day.

His voice breaking, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld noted during a wreath-laying at Arlington National Cemetery that the children of some of the 184 victims killed inside the Pentagon and aboard hijacked American Airlines Flight 77 on Sept. 11 were in his audience.

"They will likely want to know why this terrible thing happened," he said. "It's hard for me to explain to a child the mix of extremism and hatred that led terrorists to murder innocent men, women and children. But perhaps we can tell them this: Throughout human history there have been those who seek power through fear and mass murder but eventually all of them — every one — has fallen."

In a city more accustomed to protests against government policy, the crowds gathered in praise of soldiers. Walkers in-



Participants leave the Pentagon at the start of the Freedom Walk to the National Mall on Sunday in Arlington, Va. The event concluded with a concert by country music star Clint Black on the National Mall.

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cluded families of Sept. 11 victims, workers for federal agencies and employees of the defense contractor Lockheed Martin.

They observed a moment of silence outside the Pentagon and softly sang "God Bless America" before filing past the now-rebuilt walls of the Defense Department headquarters that was breached by the jet. People saw one old brick embedded in the new con-

struction, charred black from the burning jet fuel and etched with the date of the attack.

Marchers then filed to the National Mall for a concert by country singer Clint Black. Rumsfeld shook hands and posed for pictures with Sept. 11 families, soldiers and their well-wishers.

Security was tight. Participation in the walk was limited to those who registered before the weekend. Marchers were not allowed to carry signs. The crowd included a small group of anti-war protesters, who kept their criticism muted and walked respectfully with the others.

Mark Burlingame, 54, of Lancaster, Pa., whose brother, Charles, was the pilot of the jetliner that hit the Pentagon, said: "I'm here to show support for our military and represent 9/11 families in support of the military's effort to crush the scourge of terrorism in the world."

Mimi Evans, 56, whose son is serving with the Marines in Iraq, flew from Cape Cod to express her displeasure with what she saw as the politicization of Sept. 11 commemoration. "I felt this event was exploitative in that it connected 9/11 and what our military is doing now."

Severance issue ends Northwest strike talks

Night Rider News Service

DETROIT — After three days of negotiations between Northwest Airlines Inc. and its mechanics' union, talks broke down Sunday over severance pay issues, prompting the union to leave the bargaining table with no deal and no talks scheduled.

Barring a last-minute settlement, Northwest plans to start hiring permanent replacement mechanics Tuesday.

That deadline, combined with the breakdown of negotiations, could further erode the union's momentum in the 3-week-old strike, labor experts say.

Northwest has been able to maintain its operations with few noticeable disruptions.

Meanwhile, the carrier faces the task of maintaining what some experts say is a successful but fragile operation with replacement workers.

With the threat of bankruptcy lingering, Northwest says it must extract even more concessions from its unions to avoid filing for Chapter 11 protection from creditors.

If the failed negotiations with the Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association are any indication, that could be difficult.

In a note to members, AMFA negotiators said talks fell apart on the issue of severance pay for the union's 3,181 mechanics, custodians and plane cleaners who wouldn't return to their jobs under the airline's latest proposal.

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Nuke doctrine includes pre-emption strategy

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon has drafted a revised doctrine for the use of nuclear weapons that envisions commanders requesting presidential approval to pre-empt an attack by a nation or terror group using weapons of mass destruction. The draft also includes the option of using nuclear arms to destroy known enemy stockpiles of nuclear, biological or chemical weapons.

The document, written by the Pentagon's Joint Chiefs of Staff but not yet finally approved by Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, would update rules and procedures governing use of nuclear weapons to reflect a pre-emption strategy first announced by the Bush White House in December 2002. The strategy was outlined in more detail at the time in classified national security directives.

At a White House briefing that year, a spokesman said the United States would "respond with overwhelming force" to the use of weapons of mass destruction against the United States, its forces or allies, and said "all options" would be available to the president.

The draft, dated March 15, would provide authoritative guidance for commanders to request presidential approval for using nuclear weapons, and represents the Pentagon's first attempt to revise procedures to reflect the Bush pre-emption doctrine.

A previous version, completed in 1995 during the Clinton administration, contains no mention of using nuclear weapons preemptively or specifically against WMD threats.

Titled "Doctrine for Joint Nuclear Operations" and written under the direction of Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the draft document is unclassified

and available on a Pentagon Web site. It is expected to be signed within a few weeks by Air Force Lt. Gen. Norton A. Schwartz, director of the Joint Staff, according to Navy Cmdr. Dawn Cutler, a public affairs officer in Myers's office. Meanwhile, the draft is going through final coordination with the military services, the combatant commanders, Pentagon legal authorities and Rumsfeld's office, Cutler said in a

written statement.

A "summary of changes" included in the draft identifies differences from the 1995 doctrine, and says the new document "revises the discussion of nuclear weapons use across the range of military operations."

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee said Sunday he will not ask Supreme Court chief justice nominee John Roberts whether he would vote to overturn Roe v. Wade, the landmark decision that legalized abortion.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., did say he planned to ask Roberts, the president's pick to succeed the late William H. Rehnquist as chief justice, whether there is a right to privacy in the Constitution.

But Specter said Roberts is free to refuse to answer questions. "It has been my experience that the hearings are a subtle minuet with nominees answering as many questions as they think they have to in order to be confirmed," the chairman



John Roberts

But Democrats are pressing for Roberts to fully answer all of their questions. They are upset that the White House refused to release Roberts' paperwork from his time as principal deputy solicitor general in the George H.W.

Bush's administration.
The White House did release more than 70,000 documents from Roberts' time as an admin

Without the solicitor general's documents, Democrats say senators should question Robert Bork intensely since he will lead the Supreme Court for the rest of his life.

A: Eleven years and two months. Stephen Breyer's confirmation hearings were July 12-15, 1994.

Q: How many of them have questioned a Supreme Court nominee at a confirmation hearing?

- The Associated Press

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person nominated to be the final arbitrator of the meaning of their Constitution and the law. Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont, the top Democrat on the committee, plans to say in his opening statement, also released in advance.

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His Holiness the Dalai Lama waves to visitors while riding in a golf cart after his address Sunday in Malley.



Thousands of audience members raise their hands after Kiril Sokoloff, sponsor of His Holiness the Dalai Lama's visit, makes a call for more compassion in the world.



Desiree Hubbartt, of Boise, uses a kate (scarf) to block the blazing sun while waiting for the Dalai Lama's address.

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The Times-News

Iran warns against referral to U.N. council

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran said Sunday it would not stop uranium conversion and warned of consequences if it was referred to the U.N. Security Council for possible sanctions over its nuclear program.

Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki said Iran wants to continue dialogue with Europe without preconditions and rejected a U.S.-European threat that Tehran has about a week to freeze uranium processing activities or face referral to the Security Council.

"There is no legal or legitimate reason, given Iran's transparent activities and its open cooperation with the IAEA ... that Iran be referred to the U.N. Security Council," Mottaki told a news conference.

"If a political decision is made to refer Iran to the U.N. Security Council, it will be entering a lose-lose game," he said. "It will have its own certain consequences and will affect Iran's decisions. We prefer that such a game is not played."

Mottaki also said Iran plans to seek bids for building two more nuclear power plants in the coming months. Russia

now is finishing a plan in Bushehr through which Iran expects to begin producing electricity early next year.

The United States accuses Iran of using its civilian nuclear program as a cover to secretly produce nuclear weapons. Iran has rejected the charges, saying its nuclear program is geared toward generating electricity, not a bomb.



A Palestinian militant holds a Palestinian flag as he prepares to enter the Jewish settlements in the central Gaza Strip near the Palestinian town of Deir Al-Balah on Sunday after the Israeli pullout.

Israel completes final phase of Gaza pullout

MORAG, Gaza Strip (AP) — Triumphant Palestinian troops accompanied by cheering, flag-waving crowds took control of abandoned Jewish settlements in the Gaza Strip on Monday, as Israeli troops rolled out of the territory in convoys in the final phase of Israel's pullout from the territory after 38 years of occupation.

Fireworks lit up the sky. Palestinian gunmen fired in the air in celebration and crowds set fire to the synagogue in the abandoned Morag settlement, closest to Palestinian towns. In another synagogue, gunmen climbed on the roof and set off bags of militant groups, including Hamas, shouting "God is great."

"It is the first step to more liberation ... to uproot and liberate all of Palestine," Gaza resident Mohammed Khalil Habboush shouted, with a mosque loudspeaker.

Israel had demolished nearly all buildings in its 21 Gaza settlements after evacuating the residents, but it decided at the last minute to leave 19 synagogues intact, a decision criticized by the Palestinians and the United States.

Early Monday, Palestinians started carrying off what was left in the debris in the settlements, including chairs, tables and shopping carts. Young men tore down electricity poles, grabbing the wires, and several people carried off window frames.

In the former isolated settlement of Netzarim, women ululated in celebration.

The 5,000 Israeli troops who had been left in Gaza began driving toward Israel before dawn Monday. Dozens of soldiers

waited on the Israeli side of the crossing as the first convoy of armored vehicles passed through the Kissufim crossing. Gaza commander Brig. Gen. Aviv Kochavi was expected to be the last Israeli soldier to leave.

Late Sunday, Israeli troops had lowered their national banner in New Dekalin, once the largest Jewish settlement in Gaza. They snapped farewell pictures and closed army headquarters, which were left intact for use by the Palestinians.

In a somber farewell ceremony, Kochavi expressed hope the pullout would be a step toward peace. "The guarantee that will be behind us is also the gate that will open," he said. "We hope it will be a gate of peace and quiet, a gate of hope and goodwill, a gate of neighborliness and if a bad wind breaks through then we will greet it with a force of troops ready and waiting."

But the withdrawal, codenamed "Last Watch," was overshadowed by Israeli-Palestinian disputes, including over border arrangements and Israel's last-minute decision not to demolish Gaza synagogues.

The 14-2 Cabinet vote against razing the houses of worship was a reversal of position and angered the Palestinians, who have detailed plans for the settlement areas but fear international criticism if buildings are demolished or defaced by Palestinian groups targeting symbols of occupation.

In Washington, U.S. State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said the Israeli Cabinet decision "puts the Palestinian Authority into a situation where it may be criticized for whatever it does."

Japanese leader gets boost after party's landslide win

TOKYO (AP) — Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi scored a political triumph Sunday as the long-ruling Liberal Democratic Party headed for a landslide win in an election touted as a referendum on his push to privatize Japan's cash-swollen postal system.

Early Monday, public broadcaster NHK projected the LDP won 296 seats in parliament's 480-seat lower house, leaving the opposition Japanese Communist Party with 241 needed for a majority.

The 249 seats it held when Koizumi dissolved the chamber Aug. 8, the most the party ever held was 300 of the body's then 512 seats in 1994.

Compared with the killed New Komei Party, the LDP-led ruling coalition would have more than 320 seats — a two-thirds majority that would let it override vetoes by the upper house, the body that blocked postal restructuring last month.

Official results were to be announced later Monday for the highly fought election, which saw voter turnout jump seven points to 69.5 percent from the 2003 ballot, according to a Kyodo News Agency estimate.

"I had hoped we would win a majority with our party alone, but we did even better than that," a beaming Koizumi said last Sunday. "I thank the nation for its support and understanding."

The results keep a staunch ally of President Bush in power. Koizumi is expected to send his dispatch of troops to support the U.S.-led coalition in Iraq over opposition objections, and he also strongly supports the continued presence of 50,000 U.S. military personnel in Japan.

Japan also is one of the United States' negotiating partners in an effort to disarm North Korea

of its nuclear weapons.

In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Dana Jordan said the Bush administration looked forward to continuing to work closely with Koizumi's government and "to move ahead in our close cooperation on a broad range of global, regional and bilateral issues."

"Koizumi was a great leader, who called the election after defections within his party scuttled a legislative package he had championed for breaking up and privatizing Japan Post. He kept the campaign focused on his plan, overshadowing the opposition and rejuvenating the image of the LDP from a ruling party to agent of dynamic change."

Along with delivering mail, Japan Post has savings and insurance programs with \$3 trillion in deposits, making it the world's biggest financial institution. Koizumi contends putting those operations in private hands will bring more efficient lending of the cash and produce a bigger boost for the economy, which is the world's second-largest but has stagnated for years.

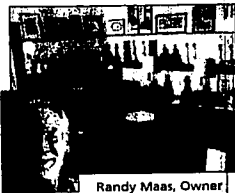
That seemed to resonate with a public worried that bloated government bureaucracies are sapping economic growth as the aging of the population raises questions about how Japan will pay for future retirees. Postal savings have long been used by the LDP as a shush fund for public works projects blamed for waste and corruption.

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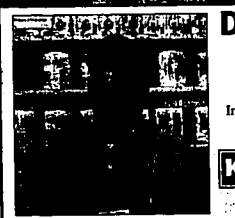
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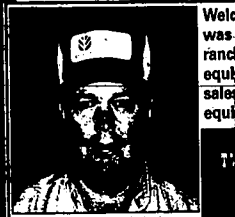
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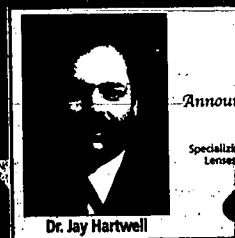
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'Exorcism' gets nod at box office

Knight Ridder News Service

"The Exorcism of Emily Rose" bedeviled its competition in its box-office debut over the weekend, hauling in \$30.2 million with its mix of courtroom drama and classic horror.

Its PG-13 rating and cast, including Oscar nominees Tom Wilkinson, Laura Linney and Shohreh Aghdashloo, helped give it wide appeal, bumping last week's newcomer, "Transporter 2," from the No. 1 spot, according to studio estimates.

"Transporter 2" fell to third place with three-day estimated ticket sales of \$7.2 million. The action sequel dropped below "The 40-Year-Old Virgin," which held onto the No. 2 spot in its fourth week with \$7.9 million, boosting its total domestic gross to \$82.3 million.

The critically panned "The Man" opened in sixth place with \$4 million.

Survey: Gas prices hit all-time highs after storm

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Damage to Gulf Coast refineries and pipelines by Hurricane Katrina pushed retail gas prices to historic highs in the past two weeks, with self-serve regular averaging more than \$3 a gallon for the first time ever, according to a nationwide survey released Sunday.

The weighted average price for all three grades surged more than 38 cents to nearly \$3.04 a gallon between Aug. 26 and Sept. 9, said Tibby Lundberg, who publishes the semi-monthly Lundberg Survey of 7,000 gas stations around the country.

Self-serve regular averaged \$3.01 a gallon nationwide, according to the survey. Midgrade was pegged at about \$3.11, while premium-grade was at nearly \$3.21.

"That's all thanks to Katrina," Lundberg said. The spike occurred despite

declines in the cost of crude oil in recent weeks.

The hurricane decimated refineries along the Gulf Coast, cutting 11 percent of the nation's refining capacity for all petroleum products and shutting down essential pipelines to the East Coast and elsewhere, Lundberg said.

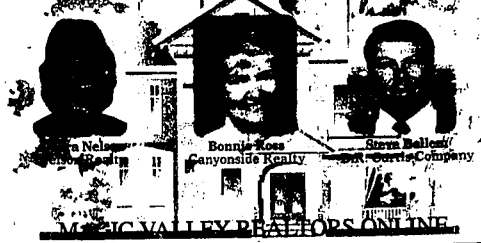
On Saturday, more than 120 Gulf of Mexico oil and gas platforms were still closed and nearly 60 percent of the Gulf of Mexico's normal daily oil production remained blocked from the market because of evacuations due to Hurricane Katrina, the federal Minerals Management Service said.

Adjusted for inflation, the nation's previous high weighted average for all three grades was \$1.38 a gallon in March 1981. That would be \$3.03 in current dollars.

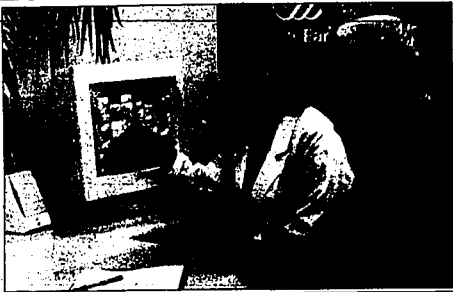
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District tests the waters for new building

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — Administrators are working behind the scenes to create a proposal for citizens of Shoshone to see how far the community is willing to go to support the construction of additional school facilities.

"An architectural group is working right now," said Mel Wiseman, superintendent of the Shoshone School District. "We don't know yet if we will need to renovate or construct a new facility."

The district is pushing a 3 percent growth rate in student attendance — Shoshone measures its student population by attendance rather than enrollment — and the current student population has the building at capacity.

The elementary, middle and high schools are all housed in the same building on the east side of Shoshone. The 7-year-old building was constructed to hold about 500 students, but the district now has more than 530 students.

"In my three years it's been a pretty good jump," said Dan

Pagoga, principal of Shoshone Elementary School. "We're up about 20 kids in kindergarten through fifth grade."

"The impact is visible within the building where the three schools are housed in the three wings of the building. Small classrooms appear even smaller when they are filled to capacity and trying to support two or three instructors — classes frequently have a bilingual paraprofessional to assist students who have difficulties speaking English."

The cafeteria, music room and computer lab have more traffic than a city street. The music room is shared by all grade levels and the cafeteria not only serves all the students, but it is also converted into a gymnasium for elementary students during the winter months.

"It's harder for kids to have their own world as we keep the kids all under one roof," Wiseman said.

Although the small space creates difficulties, it has also fostered a sense of community within the school. Surprisingly, students flow through the hallways without any problems

between them.

"There haven't been any significant problems," Wiseman said of the close proximity of the students in the building. "And in my opinion, it has been a real statement for our kids."

But administrators realize that it cannot continue to house all the students in the same building as the student population continues to rise. It is a decision that the administration does not want to make alone, and so it is asking for community input.

The district will face the changes that other districts are up against, which include flat funding that does not provide additional funds for new buildings and mounting federal and state sanctions for failing to meet Adequate Yearly Progress, a mandated benchmark of student proficiency related to the No Child Left Behind Act.

"We are working with community surveys and educational needs to see what we are working with," Wiseman said.

Districts across the state will need their communities support as schools struggle to find

funding for facilities and day-to-day operations. One cause of the schools' financial woes was a cap on property tax levies in 1997. Lincoln County records a \$126 million tax base, but a state cap forces the Shoshone School District to raise no more than \$75 million from that base.

Without the help of state funds, the district will be left with few options, which may include a bond for additional moneys from the county.

Administrators said they will hold a meeting to continue discussions with the board and to continue analyzing different solutions to the facilities question. Ultimately, they will plan on presenting the options to the community for discussion and comment.

"The community has always been supportive," Wiseman said.

Few doubt the support of the community and local businesses after their contributions towards the construction of the current school building, but the real question is: will the community be willing to continue to support the district.

REVVING UP

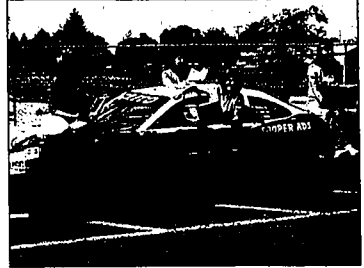


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The teachers at Kimberly Elementary School say they are revved up and ready to teach. The theme for the Accelerated Reader reading program for the new school year will be "Racing to Read." All of the students will be working to reach 200 percent of their AR goal by reading 100 laps by May. Pictured are third-grade teachers Susan Jessor, Mary Wilson, Roberta Beck and Carol Shirley. The race car was provided by Mike Greco, who races at Magic Valley Speedway.

FARM BILL FORUM



Photo courtesy of National FFA

The USDA Natural Resources and Environment Under Secretary Mark Rey, far right, met with two state officers of the Idaho FFA Association at the Eastern Idaho State Fair on Sept. 6. Rey was at the fair conducting a Farm Bill Forum to give citizens the opportunity to have a voice in the development of a new farm bill. Meeting with Rey were Pat Tagasuki, director, Idaho State Department of Agriculture; Brad Hale, State FFA president, of Rigby and Jill Dalton, State FFA secretary, of Gooding. FFA is a national youth organization of student members preparing for leadership and careers in science, business and technology of agriculture.

JHS Tigers roar into new school year

The Jerome High School Tigers are roaring into the new school year.

Classes and activities are under way, and students are eagerly joining in community service events. In order to encourage all freshmen to get involved in a sport or activity at JHS, teachers Wendy Wright and Tracie Craig organized "Roar Week," a celebration of involvement in high school. During "Roar Week," every freshman signed up for at least one activity, sport, or club.

In addition to their course work and activities, JHS Tigers are ready to serve their community. The student body, led



TIGER PRINTS
Patti O'Dell

by Dorothy Lopez of the Key Club, is raising money for the Red Cross to go toward the Hurricane Katrina relief fund. Also, about 100 students helped to assemble the 9-11 flag memorial at Crossroads Ranch.

The Tigers student leaders this year include Jeff Bernsen, who fulfilled a life-long goal by

becoming student body president and says he is eager to make the 2005-06 school year the best yet at JHS. Jeff will be assisted by Vice President Cody Luper, Secretary Ashley Gardner, Manager Danielle Mikesell, and live of the Tiger Trojman. Class presidents are as follows: Senior, Keith Blanc; Junior, Rebecca Mendoza; sophomore, Kayla Luper; and freshman, Angie Mercado. The student body officers have been organizing community service activities, planning for homecoming and setting goals to make the year memorable for everyone.

The sophomore information

Technology Academy provided a booth at the Safety Fair, sponsored by Con Paulos. Students involved were Gary Kuhn, Justin Praetizer, Kayla Allen, Sebastian Mullenwag, Sam Culbertson, Tim Heuer, Justine Jackson, Elizabeth Johnson, Jeff Morgan, Logan Nelson, TJ Milu, Chris Basti, Sabrina Farnes, Konin Shana, Tom Boguslawski, Jessica Lopez, Gabriela Gonzalez and Ben Pope. Students made and distributed fliers on safe internet usage and organized online information for students and parents.

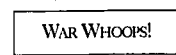
Patti O'Dell is principal of Jerome High School.

Shoshone will hold homecoming activities

SHOSHONE — An old-fashioned community barbecue will highlight Shoshone High School's homecoming. "Shoshone Through the Decades."

The student council will join the school district in hosting a community barbecue on Wednesday. The meal will be served following a school-wide open house.

Parents, patrons, students and alumni are encouraged to visit the school beginning at 4 p.m., enjoy the free barbecue beginning at 6 p.m. at the play-



ground near the football field, and then, cheer the Shoshone High School girls' Powder Puff football game beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The Powder Puff game is a homecoming tradition that also serves as a fundraiser for the Shoshone High School athletic program.

During the open house, students' artwork in the form of

homecoming bulletin boards, spirit signs and window painting, will be displayed.

In the spirit of the tradition of passing the school spirit rock, the student council has added a new competition for individual students to submit smaller rocks that they have painted to go with the theme. The entries will also be on display at the high school on Wednesday.

Homecoming activities will continue throughout the week with student dress up days, class competitions and the tra-

ditional parade, football game and homecoming dance on Friday.

The student council is also involved in a fund-raising effort for victims of the Gulf Coast hurricane, and participants at the public activities Wednesday will be encouraged to donate to that effort. All money raised will be donated to the Red Cross.

"War Whoops!" is the Shoshone High School newspaper.

Magic Valley HS joins Katrina fundraising efforts

Magic Valley High School has joined the relief effort for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Each class received a change jar and the class that earns the most money will be rewarded with a root beer party.

Already, local businesses have begun contributing to the fundraiser. If a business or individual would like to donate to the effort, call MVHS at 782-8823. The competition ends Thursday.

MVHS students participated



MVHS MOMENTS
Jennifer Miller

in the first All-School Write of the year, with the focus of the essay on world class charity. The competition will be watching "The Flight That Fought Back" on

Monday as part of the 9/11 memorial held every year at MVHS.

The Main Street Players, MVHS drama club, has begun working actively on the script for the district drama competition. The Players will perform in the solo and ensemble pantomime divisions, in conjunction with James Haycock's drama program at Twin Falls High School. The Players are also planning on attending a performance at the Idaho Shakespeare Festi-

val with TFHS drama students later on this month.

"Superstars" earning a place on Dionne Davidson's bulletin board for this week are Junior Carlos, Andrea Jiscus, Edith Suazo, Brenda Gonzales, Chantel Mallos, Nick Small, Ynez Veenstra, Nicolas Linares and Alma Hatdzic.

Jennifer Miller is the English and speech teacher at Magic Valley High School in Twin Falls.

Hansen High School kicks off homecoming

"We will, we will Rock You!" is this year's Hansen High School homecoming theme during the week of Sept. 12 to 16.

Student body duty activities will take place throughout this week with evening activities including Wednesday's Powder puff football/volleyball game, with the time to be announced.

A bonfire will follow Thursday's volleyball game against Hagerman. Friday's homecoming parade is at 1 p.m., followed by the Huskies playing the

Casdeford Wolves at 7 p.m.

Royalty will be presented, along with crowning of the homecoming queen and king, during half-time ceremonies. The annual homecoming dance will follow the game.

For more information, call 423-5593.

The column is written by teacher Jon Kloss "Husky Writers."

SCHOOL NEWS

Students seek funds for American Heritage tour

WENDELL — Wendell Middle School students are raising funds so they could go on the American Heritage Tour of several historical locations.

The total cost per student is estimated at \$1,750 and a \$300 first payment is due Oct. 1, and other payments are due in November, December and February 2006.

This nine-day tour of Washington, D.C., Pennsylvania, New York and Massachusetts includes the Ford Theater, Lincoln Museum, Smithsonian, U.S. Capitol, Arlington National Cemetery, Gettysburg, Amish country, Empire State Building, a Broadway show, Statue of Liberty, the U.S.S. Constitution and a Boston Celtics game. Send contributions in care of Dani Bonawitz, Wendell Middle School, 800 E. Main St., Wendell, Idaho 83355. Make checks out to Wendell Middle School.

The students also are planning several fundraisers.

Commission awards grants to local teachers

The Idaho Forest Products Commission has awarded 25 educators with grants to help implement forest-related teaching in Idaho schools.

Those receiving grants include: Alvin Andrew — Oakley High School; Chad Berni — Lighthouse Christian Middle/High School, Twin Falls; Kathy Graham — Sawtooth Elementary School, Twin Falls; Patti Patterson — Filer Elementary School.

Martial arts instructor offers free classes

TWIN FALLS — Brian Higgins of Success Martial Arts will provide free after-school classes to children at Perrine, Lincoln, Rickett, Morningridge and St. Edward's elementary schools.

The classes offer lessons of respect, confidence, positive

mind-set and the nationally recognized "Bully Busters" concepts for children, organizers say.

For more information, call 733-8910.

Optimist Club develops volunteer program

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Optimist Octagon International has been developed by the Twin Falls Optimist Club for young people ages 14 to 18 to help other young people in the community through projects.

An informational meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Sept. 20, at the Obenchain Community Room, 264 Main Ave. S.

Parents are welcome, and brownies and ice cream will be served.

For more information, call Jason Rutz at 733-9399.

Shoshone district invites community to open house — SHOSHONE — The

Shoshone School District invites the community to an open house from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday.

The public can meet staff members and see improvements to the grounds at 61 E. Highway 24.

A free community barbecue will follow from 6 to 7 p.m. at the school. At 7:30 p.m. the annual powder puff game will be held. Admission is \$2 each.

The homecoming football game will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, against Oakley.

For more information, call the district at 886-2038.

Shoshone schools offer screenings, yearbooks

SHOSHONE — Shoshone schools are scheduling appointments for early childhood special education screenings for children ages 3 to 5.

To schedule an appointment, call Mrs. Sant at 886-7643, ext. 133.

Shoshone High School is selling extra 2005 yearbooks and

taking orders for 2006 yearbooks. The cost is \$25. For more information, see the high school office.

Richfield seniors hold class dinner on Sept. 19

RICHFIELD — Richfield High School seniors are having a class dinner with deliveries at 6 p.m. and walk-ins at 7 p.m. on Sept. 19 at the school, 555 N. Tiger Drive.

The menu includes baked chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll and dessert.

The cost is \$5.50 each or \$20 for a family of four or more.

For more information, call the school at 487-2790.

Burley HS announces homecoming schedule

BURLEY — Burley High School, 1 Bobcat Blvd., has announced its homecoming week activities.

They include: Today: Cowboy Day, queens

assembly, girls soccer versus Minico at home at 4:30 p.m., boys soccer at Minico at 4:30 p.m. and Iron Man Volleyball at 7 p.m.

Tuesday: Ninjas versus Pirates Day, block party from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and volleyball versus Jerome at home at 6 p.m.

Wednesday: Fake an Injury Day, girls soccer at Preston 4:30 p.m. and boys soccer versus Preston here at 4:30 p.m.

Thursday: Famous Couple Day, junior varsity football at Preston at 7 p.m., volleyball at Preston with Rigby at 6 p.m., cross country at Kimberly Invitational at Magic Mountain at 3:30 p.m. and powder-puff game at 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 16: Spirit Day, queens assembly at 11:55 a.m. and football versus Preston at home at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 17: Varsity volleyball at Jerome Invitational at 9 a.m. and homecoming dance from 8 to 11:30 p.m.

For more information, call the school at 878-6606.

OTHER VIEWS

After Katrina, an epic humanitarian response

Tecoma News Tribune

Major disasters have a way of transcending geography, suspending old enmities and tapping the deepest wellsprings of human empathy. That's especially true of Hurricane Katrina, the most destructive storm in U.S. history.

Americans are now witnessing one of the greatest outpourings of humanitarian assistance in peacetime history. The international relief effort is remarkable by itself. Adversaries like Cuba and Iran have offered help (though perhaps for propaganda value, in some cases), as have some of the poorest nations on earth, such as Bangladesh.

Americans themselves have opened their hearts and wallets to the hurricane's victims. Hundreds of Wash-

ingtonians have used the Internet to offer places in their homes to people whose own homes were ruined by Katrina.

Many states have pledged to take in refugees from the Gulf Coast. But the greatest response has come from Texas, which has found places for a quarter of a million Katrina victims. The City of Houston deserves some kind of medal for a humanitarian response beyond the call of duty: It took in 100,000—15,000 at the Astrodome alone.

The hospitality of Texans and various relief organizations has extended to providing refugees with showers, clean clothes, cots, medical care and the enrollment of displaced children in local schools. "They seem like loving people here," one New Orleans marveled to The Wall Street Journal.

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Lance Armstrong adds to his laurels

Tri-City Herald

Even as the French newspaper L'Equipe tried to gain traction while peddling its "expos" of Lance Armstrong, the seven-time Tour de France champion two-upped them.

Armstrong first announced he and Cheryl Crow are engaged.

Then he told the Austin American-Statesman he was coming out of retirement to try for an eighth victory.

He was just kidding, an Armstrong spokesman said the next day. (About coming out of retirement, not about Crow.)

Then Armstrong said, well, maybe he wasn't kidding. The reason he gave for the supposed change of heart was

that he just wanted to annoy the French newspaper.

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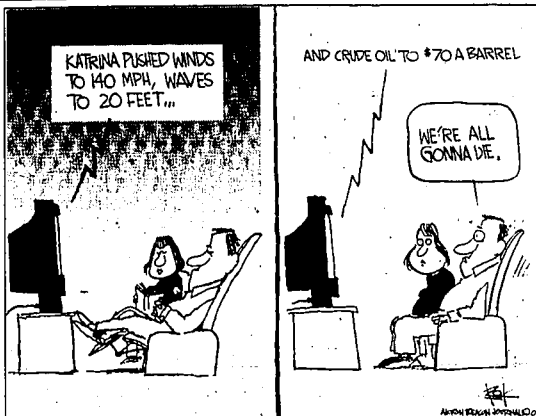
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The Times-News

Broad Hurd, Publisher Chris Steinhach, Editor

The members of the editorial board and writers of editorials are: Brad Hurd, Chris Steinhach, Steve Crump, Eleanor Burkhardt, Ramona Jones and David Cooper.



Katrina haunts all officials

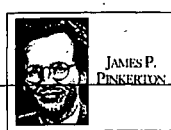
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Even the pro-Bush Wall Street Journal editorial page noted "the obvious initial failure of the Department of Homeland Security in its first big post-9/11 test." Which should remind us also that more such catastrophes—nature-made as well as man-made—are coming.

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton has helpfully—helpfully for her own presidential ambitions—suggested a 9/11 Commission-like inquiry. No doubt she



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looks forward to headlines embarrassing the Republican administration for years to come. But she's not blameless. She's a federal official, too.

And what exactly does Congress do, anyway, except kvetch for attention? One thing it does is vote for pork programs that have no connection to urgent priorities. In July, Congress passed a \$286 billion highway bill, including 6,300 "earmarked" projects. On that list of earmarks is the \$223 million "bridge to nowhere" in Alaska—and not a dime for Louisiana levees. Yet, Clinton voted for it.

Voting for it, too, were Louisiana's two senators and seven representatives. One of those Pelican State lawmakers is Sen. Mary Landrieu, who knows that the best defense is a good offense. On ABC she said she would "punch" the president or anyone else who questioned the quality of the state and local response.

But those willing to risk a senatorial left hook should ask: What in the blue blazes is wrong with Big Easy officials? We've seen the pictures of those New Orleans school buses, which could have been used to evacuate residents, sitting forlornly in flooded streets. We've seen the pictures of those New Orleans school buses, which could have been used to evacuate residents, sitting forlornly in flooded streets.

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Japanese sneak attack—yet Katrina was no surprise. Let's inquire into that. Wait, it gets worse. In New York City on 9/11, 403 firefighters and police officers were killed trying to rescue people from the World Trade Center. In New Orleans, one third of the cops appear to have deserted. That's something to investigate.

And let's not forget Mayor Ray Nagin, the anti-Rudy Giuliani. Whereas Giuliani was stoic and resolute four years ago, the pathetic Nagin was part of the problem. Even as bodies floated through the streets, he sent cops off on an R-and-R junket to Las Vegas. When asked about that bonodoggie, he brayed, "Las Vegas is a party town. New Orleans is a party town. Get over it."

Nagin epitomizes the worst of urban politicians. Showing a combination of incompetence, defiance and arrogance, he makes the problem worse. Having worsened things, he puts the pathetic results on display, seeking to guilt-trip the rest of the country into sending aid.

Speaking of pathetic, let's look at the lumper proletariat of New Orleans, the looters, shooters, rapists and child snatchers. If they have problems, and they obviously do, let's help. But let's not just think further funding of the status quo is the same as helping. If they have problems, and they obviously do, let's help. But let's not just think further funding of the status quo is the same as helping.

So, yes, let's investigate. Done right, such an investigation will make almost all of our "leaders" look bad.

LETTERS

Hospital merger with St. Luke's is best option

I would like my voice to be heard in regard to the proposed merger of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center with St. Luke's Regional Medical Center. I am an employee of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. It is unfortunate, as a resident of Jerome County, that I do not have an opportunity to vote on such an important issue as health care in our region.

I hope the county commissioners will seriously look at all the proposals, and realize that St. Luke's is the right choice. While Saint Luke's and the Sisters of Charity are good hospitals, they are not Idaho-based hospitals. Trinity Health, located in Novi, Mich., is corporate headquarters for Saint Luke's. The Sisters of Charity have no corporate headquarters in Kansas. The Sisters of Charity want to "buy" us. A merger with Saint Luke's and a "buy out" with the Sisters of Charity means we have no local voice; the monies would not stay in our community.

A "for-profit" health-care business is made up of investors that live in other parts of the country and are not local investors. By affiliating with a "for-profit," we will lose a local voice. More importantly, we will lose the funds that should go back into the community, not into the investors' pockets. They are only interested in their bottom line—money. St. Luke's is Idaho-based, willing to bring together a system that provides a local board. This board will be made up of members of our community. We will have a voice in the decision-making process. All funds will stay in our area.

We must make this issue seriously. I hear people saying, "I hope the county commissioners will seriously look at all the proposals, and realize that St. Luke's is the right choice. While Saint Luke's and the Sisters of Charity are good hospitals, they are not Idaho-based hospitals. Trinity Health, located in Novi, Mich., is corporate headquarters for Saint Luke's. The Sisters of Charity have no corporate headquarters in Kansas. The Sisters of Charity want to "buy" us. A merger with Saint Luke's and a "buy out" with the Sisters of Charity means we have no local voice; the monies would not stay in our community."

It will take five to seven years to implement a new facility, so if we don't act now, we will lose an opportunity that might not come again.

One hundred thirteen doctors strongly agree to the merger with Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and St. Luke's. More than 83 percent of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center employees believe that it is significant to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center to be a part of a regional health care system. More than 76 percent agree or strongly agree that with St. Luke's, there will be a long-term benefit to health care in the Magic Valley.

LORRAINE DEWEY
Jerome
(Editor's note: Lorraine Dewey is the director of Volunteer Services at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.)

Colleagues enable doctor to help in New Orleans

I am writing to publicly thank my wife, her employer and her fellow employees.

My wife, Dr. Cathy Engle, is in New Orleans helping with the triage and treatment activities going on at the Louis Armstrong Airport. She is from Louisiana and attended LSU Medical School, which placed her in a position of caring for the poorest of New Orleans (those who were hardest hit by the flooding). I have the utmost pride in her for what she is doing.

Dr. Engle works for Family Health Services, and I wish to extend my thanks to the administration and staff. Cathy the time off (on such short notice) in order to go to New Orleans. I also wish to thank her co-workers who have been an additional work in her absence.

JASON ENGLE
Twin Falls

Looking for Doonesbury or Mallard Fillmore?

Check out the new comic pages on C4-5

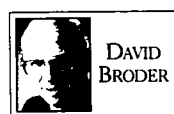
U.S. government must rein in federal spending

WASHINGTON—In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, credible private experts are forecasting a federal budget deficit of \$500 billion for this year, a sharp reminder of the fiscal folly of the current government.

For all the deserved criticism the Bush administration has received for its tardy and ragged response to the storm's ravages on New Orleans and the Gulf Coast, the long-term costs to the nation of the reckless disregard both the president and Congress have shown toward paying the nation's bills may be even greater.

In time, those forced from their homes in Louisiana and Mississippi will be returned, and a degree of order restored to their communities. Business as usual, even Mardi Gras, will again be celebrated in the French Quarter. But our children and grandchildren will pay a continuing price for the refusal of our leaders to face the reality of an out-of-control budget.

The enormity of the failure is



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measured by a set of numbers that Rep. John Spratt, the senior Democrat on the House Budget Committee, carries with him. They chart the annual increases passed by Congress in the national debt limit. In 2002, it was \$450 billion. In 2003, \$584 billion; in 2004, \$600 billion; and this year, the House has passed an increase of another \$781 billion, on which the Senate has yet to act. That totals a stunning \$3 trillion in additional debt in four years—a 50 percent increase in the cumulative debt from all of America's previous history.

When you look at that record, the self-congratulatory tone of the Republicans who have been running Washington seems absurdly unjustified. In July, when the White House Of-

fice of Management and Budget said the deficit for this year would decline to \$333 billion from \$412 billion in 2004, President Bush said, "It's a sign that our economy is strong, and it's a sign that our tax relief plan, our pro-growth policies are working."

In August, when the Congressional Budget Office lowered the deficit forecast to \$331 billion, Republican Rep. Jim Nussle of Iowa, the chairman of the House Budget Committee, said, "We're clearly on the right track. The strong economy, higher revenues and falling deficit projections are all results of the successful leadership and policies of the Congress and the president."

"These judgments were faulty at the time. They made no provision for the continuing costs of the war in Iraq, the Republican plan to end the estate tax and make all the previous Bush tax cuts permanent. And, most of all, they did not calculate realistically the costs of the new Medicare prescription drug benefit and the looming obliga-

tions to the millions of baby boomers who are nearing retirement age.

Now those pre-Katrina estimates have been rendered even more ridiculous. In the first 10 days since the storm hit, the president asked Congress for emergency appropriations of \$62 billion—and the bills are just starting to come in.

The question is whether this will force the president and congressional Republicans to suspend their obsessive drive to reduce the revenue base of the federal government, or whether they will finally start paying the bills their government is incurring.

It is hard to be optimistic at that score. This president may not literally be incapable of reversing directions. But we have yet to see him do that on any significant matter. Treasury Secretary John Snow reportedly told congressional Republicans in a closed meeting that Katrina strengthens the case for making the Bush tax cuts permanent. Some Republicans in Congress are appalled at the

fiscal wreckage, but the leadership on Capitol Hill has yet to assert its constitutional power of the purse or do anything but increase the damage by cutting taxes while simultaneously boosting spending.

The runaway spiral of impending economic calamity are every bit as evident as were the forecasts of ruin for New Orleans when a major hurricane hit. The runaway budget deficits are compounded by the persistent and growing imbalance in our trade accounts—jeopardizing the inflow of foreign funds we have used to finance our debt.

At a private dinner the other evening where many of the men and women who have steered economic and fiscal policy during the past two decades were expressing their alarm about this situation, one speaker summarized the feelings of the group:

"I think it's 1929," he said, "and we're headed for 1929."

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Looters in New Orleans shame nation

Shame on all of the people from Louisiana. I can't believe during the middle of a national disaster that looting and car jacking is the best idea they can come up with.

I can see the need for food and water for desperate people would make them steal rather than starve, but the behavior

I'm witnessing on TV shows me greed and simple thievery. I am sickened to think Americans can behave like animals during a national crisis.

This is not the country that our forefathers gave their lives to preserve. This is simple thievery. The entire Cadillac dealership in the French Quarter is stealing. That's not desperation. That's stealing! I can't imagine being in those

horrible conditions, but I do know that I wouldn't steal anything unless my children were starving to death.

I wonder what the monsters of the media are thinking. Maybe, cause a 9/11-type disaster on many major cities and American "animals" will take care of the rest. These people are stealing like animals. Stealing, robbing, looting—whatever you call it—it takes a

special kind of person to commit these crimes in a time like this, and I hope they are all prosecuted and spend many years in jail.

I do know that if something like this happened in Idaho, we would not see this behavior. Idahoans would come together and fix things without this sad

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How can we minimize future damages?

Nearly all of us will bear some of the cost of Hurricane Katrina's destruction, so we all have a stake in minimizing future disasters. This isn't as easy as it may sound. Decisions on how we spend now to reduce possible future damages are fraught with uncertainty and human irrationality. We are never going to get it completely right.

Let me emphasize that while most citizens will bear some cost from Katrina, these costs are not shared equally. Those who lost family members bear an enormous human cost. The lives of those who lost their homes and possessions are altered in ways unimaginable only weeks ago. Many will never regain the wealth—however limited—that they had before the storm. Many will be out of work for weeks or months.

In comparison, the tax bills and higher gas prices that affect the rest of us are small. But they are not negligible. President Bush has asked for \$40.5 billion in disaster relief appropriations. That is about \$370 per household and it is only a start.

Add the higher costs of gasoline and natural gas, higher insurance premiums, and the overall slowdown in the country's production of goods and services, and it is clear that the costs of Katrina will be considerable.

If such disasters affect most households across the nation to some degree, how can we minimize future damages? Naïve Monday morning quarterbacks make this sound simple: Just spend a little more money to construct obvious defensive measures.

Levee failures caused most of the human and property damage to New Orleans. If we had spent a couple billion more on higher or stronger levees in past years, the argument goes, we would not be spending tens of billions now. If only incompetent politicians had not failed to see the obvious, we would not have incurred the damage we did.

The problem is more complicated than this, however. For protecting what should we do to reduce the harm that earthquakes will eventually cause in Memphis, Tenn., and Charleston, S.C.? What about protecting the east coast from tsunamis?

Most people would not identify either Memphis or Charleston as cities facing severe earthquake risk. Americans are fascinated by the possibility of a great quake in California, and we ignore dangers elsewhere.

Three of the largest earthquakes in U.S. history took place near New Madrid, Mo., in the winter of 1811-1812. No instruments measured earthquakes back then, but modern seismologists estimate that all three quakes were about 8.0 on the Richter scale, stronger than the 7.8 quake that devastated San Francisco

EDWARD LOTTERMAN

in 1906.

Some argue that there is a 90 percent probability of a great quake near New Madrid by 2050. A single 8.0 quake might level half of Memphis, 90 miles due south. A much weaker quake in Kobe, Japan, caused \$100 billion damage in 1995.

Nor is Memphis the only city facing a quake. Charleston had a devastating quake in 1886 and Boston had one in 1755. Repeats of these quakes might kill tens of thousands.

The F5 tornado that destroyed my mother's house in Chandler, Minn., in 1992 stayed on the ground for more than 10 miles. What if its path had proceeded from densely populated Minneapolis to Mendota Heights instead of from Leota to Lake Wilson?

Nor is Memphis the only city facing a quake. Some scientists argue that a volcanic eruption in the Canary Islands could trigger a tsunami of over 40 feet, devastating an arc of coastline from northeastern Brazil to Greenland. It might happen next year and it might happen in 5,000 years. What precautions should we take to protect Manhattan, Miami or points in between?

People have a hard time making sound choices involving uncertain outcomes.

Sometimes when one such outcome might prove disastrous but has a very low chance of actually occurring. Experiments show that individuals overestimate the importance of unfamiliar risks with low probabilities and underestimate familiar dangers that are much more likely to affect us. We fret about mad cow disease but ignore E. coli or Campylobacter. We worry about airplanes but think nothing of negotiating busy highways. We don't let our kids play at a house where there are guns, but we don't worry about them going to a home with a swimming pool. In all cases the more familiar hazard is the more dangerous one.

Conversely, as a society, we collectively underestimate the importance of unfamiliar low-probability events. We place undue importance on avoiding repetition of the last shocking disaster and ignore other possible perils not recently experienced.

Scientific and economic analysis can provide some insights. But allocating resources to reduce future disaster losses is inherently an uncertain process exacerbated by human irrationality.

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White House made big mistakes

CARL P. LEUBSDORF

In picking John G. Roberts Jr. for chief justice less than 36 hours after the death of William Rehnquist, President Bush showed his ability to act swiftly and decisively at crucial moments.

His demonstration of that aspect of presidential leadership marked a sharp contrast with his slow assumption of command and responsibility in meeting the challenges of Hurricane Katrina.

That generated a spate of negative stories likely to sap further his diminished job approval standing. But history is likely to show that Bush's real failure in decision-making occurred in the years leading up to Hurricane Katrina.

Though presidential aides have touted his skills as the nation's first president with an MBA degree, the way he has allocated scarce fiscal resources, selected key personnel and structured the government's crisis machinery made last week's crisis almost inevitable.

Resources: The White House consistently rejected efforts by local politicians and the Corps of Engineers for funds to strengthen flood control and prevention efforts in the New Orleans area.

While this may indicate their lack of political clout, it may reflect a feeling that those warnings of disaster were crying "wolf," since decades of such alarms had never materialized.

But it mainly reflects the result of a battle for fiscal and human resources by a government increasingly stretched thin. One factor is the heavy demand of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan both in financial and human terms, because of the heavy reliance on National Guard troops. But it goes beyond that.

After all, one principle behind the Bush tax cuts was to limit the scope of the federal government to essential services. Though there is disagreement on defining "essential," it presumably includes protecting the American people.

Personnel: Bush's first head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and his former chief of staff, Joe Allbaugh, was an experienced hand at state government issues with real clout at the White House. His successor, lawyer Michael Brown, is neither.

The first secretary of homeland security, former Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge, was the experienced executive of a major state, and he had trouble managing the massive new department. His successor, Michael Chertoff, is neither and is unequipped to run one of the biggest federal bureaucracies.

Things might have moved a lot more quickly if a Rudy Giuliani had been in charge.

Structure: After decades in which federal responsibility for disaster relief was scattered, it was centralized in FEMA during the Carter administration. President Bill Clinton brought in James Lee Witt, who held a similar job in Arkansas and had both standing and instant access to the White House.

When FEMA was combined into Homeland Security, it lost both standing and focus. The emphasis was shifted to combating terrorism. And in July, FEMA lost its role of working with states and localities to

plan for disasters. Fixing these errors will come too late to prevent the mess in dealing with this crisis but may be able to prevent one the next time.

Still, much of Bush's post-hurricane grade may depend on whether he takes decisive steps to deal with the aftermath.

It's not just providing billions of dollars and needed personnel. His administration needs to come up with imaginative ways to cope with the economic impact on the thousands of New Orleansians who have neither homes nor jobs. Wal-Mart set a standard by offering its employees jobs in their new locations. Clinton suggested Monday that the government offer incentives to other companies to do that.

Meanwhile, Bush needs to review his entire economic plan in light of the possibility that the initial \$10 billion is only the start—and this at a time when the collapse of economic activity in the Gulf South will reduce revenues for a budget already in deficit.

Senate leaders made a good decision in delaying this week's scheduled debate on repealing estate taxes. The measure ought to be dropped entirely. If anything, it may be time for the administration and Congress to consider ways to raise the billions that the disaster will require.

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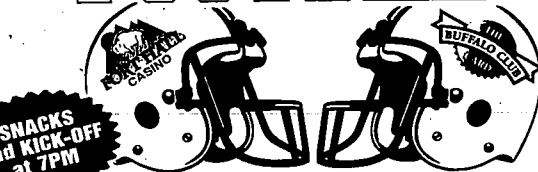
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Dead body found in Rock Creek Park

TWIN FALLS — The dead body of a man was found in Rock Creek Park Sunday afternoon, according to Twin Falls County Sheriff W. Douglas. Children in a family picnicking in the park made the discovery in the northwest corner of the park, Tousey said.

Tousey said dispatch received the call about 3 p.m. He said the body was of a white male in his 40s. He said the case is under investigation.

Buhl man dies in rollover Saturday

Idaho Falls — A one-vehicle rollover Saturday afternoon killed a Buhl man and injured three others.

The accident occurred about 4:30 p.m. at the westbound Interstate 84 on-ramp near Jerome. A 1995 Jeep Cherokee driven by 21-year-old Nicholas Kuntz of Buhl was traveling down the off-ramp when he drove onto the right shoulder, overcorrected and drove into the median where the vehicle rolled and came to rest on the westbound on-ramp. Kuntz was ejected and pronounced dead at the scene, according to a news release from the Idaho State Police.

The vehicle had three passengers, two who were ejected. The two ejected passengers were Aaron Rodriguez, 19, of Twin Falls, who was taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, and another man whose name was unknown at press time who was flown to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. A third passenger, 18-year-old Colt Bess of Buhl, was also taken to Magic Valley Regional, the news release said.

Bess was the only person in the vehicle wearing a seat belt, according to the ISP. The accident is under investigation.

Sealing project continues in T.F.

TWIN FALLS — The chip-sealing project on Twin Falls City streets will be completed today. Emery Brothers Construction is doing the chip sealing and Road Work Ahead Construction Supply is conducting traffic control. Signs and flaggers will be present to ensure safety and protection for those using the streets.

Today's schedule:

- Locust from Kimberly Road to Addison Avenue East
- Glendale from Maurice to the end

Three days after streets are chipped, a street-sweeping crew will clean up excess chips. Street sweeping will be conducted at night, and traffic control will be present to make sure the public is aware of any work crews.

Meeting will discuss Salmon Falls Bridge

HOLLISTER — An open house meeting to discuss the Salmon Falls Bridge Project will be held between 5 and 7 p.m. Sept. 21 at the Salmon River Canal Co. office, 2700 Highway 93 in Hollister. The Idaho Transportation Department and the Twin Falls Highway District are partnering on this project.

The Salmon Falls Bridge Project proposes a new bridge and approaches to replace the existing Jarbridge Three Creek Road crossing on the privately owned Salmon Falls Dam. At the meeting, five alternatives will be presented that satisfy current user needs, address safety concerns and support land uses throughout this remote area. Input to help determine the best alternative will be sought. The project has come from the local project advisory committee, area landowners, adjacent communities, affected agencies and roadway users.

Representatives from the Idaho Transportation Department, the Twin Falls Highway District and the project consultant team will be at the meeting to answer questions.

For more information, visit the project Web site at www.itsd.idaho.gov/get-involved/D4/, click on Salmon Falls Bridge Project, or contact Bob Johnson, TID project manager, at 886-7830 or Mike Pepper, KNP Planning, at 734-6206.

— compiled from staff reports

Fires burn through resources

By Marie Michel
For The Times-News

BURLEY — Plumes of smoke from light burning are a frequent sight in Mini-Cassia this time of year, but they cause headaches for firefighters because the controlled burns aren't registered in advance as required by law.

Even if it's a small burn, if the smoke goes up in the air, with cell phones these days, we get six or seven calls just on one burn," said Curtis Jensen, BLM fire mitigation specialist.

Unless fire departments have been notified of a controlled burn in the area, "we always roll, and it's getting into budgets," he said. "Even if there's no suppression taken, it still costs."

Many local fire departments are manned by volunteers who are paid for each call they respond to. Fuel is another expense.

Statewide, unregistered controlled burns are costly not only because of false alarms but because of how often they go out of control and endanger property and lives, said Mark Grimes, Buhl fire chief and a board member of the South-Central Idaho Fire Co-op.

Grimes is gathering statistics to prove his case. He plans to present the statistics to the Idaho Fire Chiefs Association and have them approach lawmakers for tighter regulations and enforcement.

"When we see how much of the taxpayers' money is spent on this, and it's absolutely unnecessary, I think there will be less reluctance" for enforcement, he said.

Currently, a citation may be given for not obtaining a burn permit, but Grimes said citations are rare.

Among the local departments

frequently responding to unregistered controlled burns are the West End Fire District and, to a lesser extent, Rupert and Burley. "We have so many problems with controlled burns; people not notifying dispatch or getting a burn permit," said West End Fire Chief Randy Sutton.

The problem is particularly common in the rural areas, said Burley Fire Chief Bruce Alcorn. "It creates an expense for the fire department," he said. "We're trying to find a way to reduce the amount of (unreported controlled burns) that take place so we're not dispatched."

Local fire officials are requesting that those who burn obtain the required state-issued burn permit through the BLM and notify local dispatch centers of the location of the burn.

Burns must be out before dark, Sutton said, adding that burn barrels must have a screen

over the top to prevent embers from floating out.

While Burley allows open burning with a permit, tighter restrictions govern Rupert residents. Open burning is prohibited within the city limits except for leaves during a six-week period each spring and fall for yard cleanup, said Rupert Fire Chief Larry Pool.

State burn permits may be obtained by calling the BLM Intermountain office at 208-886-2373 or 1-800-974-2373. To notify Minidoka County officials of a controlled burn, call dispatch at 434-2320. The number for Cassia County dispatch is 878-2231.

Dispatchers will need the location and time of the proposed burn and the name and a contact number for the person responsible. They should be notified the day of the burn at least an hour before the fire is set.

SHARING A LAUGH



Nancy Resko, left, Erin Resko, and Jan Hayes, all of the Wood River Valley, share a laugh while waiting to see His Holiness the Dalai Lama at Wood River High School on Sunday. See pages A1 and A5 for more on the Dalai Lama's visit to Idaho.

WILLINGNESS TO SHARE

Farm wife, horse driver always made room for more

By Jami Whitte
Times-News writer

WENDELL — She was born a hard-working farm girl and stayed that way her entire life. Even as a child, Martha Ruby could lead a team of draft horses and work soil with the best of them and was always ready to help with any project. She died Aug. 30 at 92 years old.

Growing up on a farm, Ruby learned to cook, sew and take care of a home, but her favorite chore was working on the farm. She drove draft horses, took care of the land and most of all, learned the value of hard work.

She married Ray Ruby, they moved to a farm in Wendell where they raised four children on 80 acres.

During peak seasons, she'd fix breakfast, work all day with the men, fix lunch at noon, clean and then work with them until dinner.

The family worked together and the work was always shared. At age 13, her son Harold broke his leg and Ruby took his place on the farm and taught him to cook and the times to have meals ready.

Most of the food she prepared was raised on the farm; her daughter Rebecca Niemi said that if her mom spent \$25 at the store a month, she thought it was outrageous.

"They didn't have to produce more, they just spent less when times got tough," said Harold.

Even when machinery came about to replace traditional farm tools, Ruby's preferred their trusty horses, which their children say they could get just about anywhere.

Niemi added that the ability

was passed down to Harold, who now owns the farm.

Just a few years ago, Harold was teaching horse-driving classes and a student asked Ruby to come along.

When a student asked Ruby about driving, she had Harold scout over and she took the reins of a four-horse hitch, leading them in figure-eights and other maneuvers.

"She just loved driving," Harold said.

Even in elderly years she competed in the Twin Falls County Fair Draft Horse Show Competition for seniors and, as the only woman competing, gave the men a tough battle.

She took first a time or two, but it made no difference to her.

"She always had a smile on," Harold said.

At 86, she drove a team of horses she'd never driven for a man whose driver hadn't shown up and won second place.

She was named the Southern Idaho Draft Horse and Mule Association's 2000 Member of the Year and actively participated in all of the organization's activities, including bringing pills to fundraisers.

Her homemade cooking was a treat to the family. Niemi always preferred her mom's dill pickles to cookies. Harold loved her minicement pie and her homemade bread remains a family favorite.

"It never bothered her if she was cooking for one or 100," Harold once said. "The food was always good and there was plenty to eat."

Through it all, she found time to judge 4-H shows, plant and cook meals for church functions, and participate in the

Wendell Grange, Garden Club, and square dances.

Square dancing was a favorite pastime and as a member of the Buttons and Bows and Magic Valley Singles square dancing clubs, she loved to go to every opportunity.

Harold once said that the biggest mistake one could make is to get in her way when she wanted to go square dancing.

"Even when she wasn't feeling good and couldn't dance, she would come to visit," said Carol Allison, a fellow square dancer.

In her spare time, Ruby made denim quilts of old jeans and gave them to each of her grandchildren when they graduate from high school.

Niemi has kept up the tradition, sewing quilts of the same material for each of her grandchildren when they graduate from high school.

After retiring, she enjoyed traveling and was able to visit Europe, stay in a castle, see the glass of Venice and go to Nova Scotia — where she discovered family history and met a cousin.

She also spent a lot of time on senior trips with Rosemary Lawton.

Since about 1938, the two have been close friends; Lawton married Ruby's brother-in-law and they were always there for each other.

Something Lawton remembers most about Ruby is that she never seemed to get flustered and was able to handle any situation with grace.

Ruby was a woman who represented the all-American traditional values of a farm wife and gave everything she could to make sure her family — or anyone else who came along — had plenty to eat, friendly con-

a life remembered



Martha Ruby

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versation and warm denim blankets.

"Come on in and eat with us," she'd say," said Niemi. "You just scooted over and took a little less and she was that way to the very end."

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Cassia hires new building inspector

By Renee Wells
For The Times-News

BURLEY — The hiring of Cassia County's new building inspector has necessitated changes in its zoning board.

Zoning chairman Dee Yeaman was selected from a field of three to take over the inspection position held by Dan Barker, who will return at the end of this month, according to Cassia Administrator Kerry McMurray.

"We had three very good applicants," McMurray said.

One withdrew because someone else, good, happened with his current job and it came down to who rose to the top during the interviews with the other two."

McMurray said Yeaman's strong construction background and his knowledge of rules and regulations were strong selling points, but both candidates were very nearly equal.

"There was really no tangible difference specifically but through the interview process we determined Dee best fit our needs," McMurray said.

"We didn't feel we'd go wrong with either candidate and we are looking forward to Dee officially coming on board the first week of October."

Yeaman said some changes the staff of his personal construction business led him to consider applying for the position.

"I've had two or three of my key employees leave for one reason or another and when this came up I felt it might be a good fit for me," Yeaman said.

"I have 30 years of experience in the construction business, with 25 of those being self-employed, so I feel I have a working knowledge of the responsibilities."

Yeaman will be attending a week-long class at the end of the month before testing for his certification, he said.

The new position means Yeaman must leave the Cassia County zoning board to avoid a conflict of interest.

"I'll miss working on the zoning board, but I'll still be associated with it, just in a different capacity," he said.

"We have some very good people serving on that board and there are many more in our communities who can do a good job for the county. I don't believe the county will have a hard time finding a good person to fill my position."

Burley City Council disappointed about lighting for Christmas

By Renee Wells
For The Times-News

BURLEY — Burley City Council members say they hope lighting Centennial Park at Christmas will make up for the lack of street lighting this year.

A change in the city's wiring downtown has put an end to a canopy of Christmas lights, and council members say they are not happy about the situation.

At council meeting, Councilman Don Dean questioned why the canopy lighting could no longer be used.

Die Electrical Manager explained that when the city moved the old wiring along the streets for safety reasons, it eliminated the infrastructure for the canopy lighting.

"When the wires ran along both sides of the street, we could stretch the Christmas lights from pole to pole, but those wires are gone and it is too far to go from pole to pole because they run at a diagonal across the road with too large a span," Monson explained.

"We have the ability to put up the pole decorations or banners on the pole and there are outlets so lights could be wound

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THIS WEEK AT CSI

Today
Over 60 and Getting Fit class begins, 9 a.m., gym.
Idaho Small Business Development Center Business Boot Camp, noon, Evergreen C35.
CSI Athletic Boosters weekly luncheon, noon, Taylor 277.
Jerome Tech Academy ropes challenge, 12:30 p.m., CSI Challenge Course.
CSI Student Senate weekly meeting, 4 p.m., Student Union 232.

Tuesday
CSI Foundation Board meeting, 11:30 a.m., Taylor 276.
CSI 84 Club weekly meeting, 1 p.m., Shields 106.
CSI Ambassadors weekly meeting, 2 p.m., Student Union 232.
Idaho Office of State Superintendent meeting, 2 p.m., Taylor 277.
CSI Outdoor Program chry, skeet and trap shooting class begins, 3 p.m., Shields 105.
CSI Math and Engineering Club weekly meeting, 4 p.m., Shields 203.

"Hubble Vision," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
"Stoke" wood-fired ceramic show, public reception for the artists, 7 p.m., Herrett Center, Jean B. King gallery (free admission).
CSI Chi Alpha Club weekly meeting, 8 p.m., Student Union north cafeteria.

Wednesday
Twin Falls School District data team training, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Taylor 277.
Sagehen Elementary sixth graders ropes challenge, 9 a.m., CSI Challenge Course.
CSI Latinos Unidos weekly

meeting, noon, Student Union 242.
Idaho Small Business Development Center Business Boot Camp, 6 p.m., Evergreen C35.
Twin Falls Arsenic Project planning committee meeting, 6:30 p.m., Taylor 277.
"Styx Narcotics Anonymous" meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113.
Idaho Society of Idaho Amateurs monthly meeting, 7:30 p.m., Shields 106.

Thursday
CSI Human Services rope challenge, 9 a.m., CSI Challenge Course.
St. Luke's Regional Medical Center Magic Valley Board meeting, noon, Taylor 277.
CSI Phi Theta Kappa weekly meeting, noon, Student Union 232.
Students Accessing Abilities weekly meeting, 3:30 p.m., Student Union 240.
U.S. Constitution Day public lecture on constitutional history, 7 p.m., Herrett Center, Rick Allen Community Room.
Centennial Dance Band weekly rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts 121.

Friday
CSI Golden Eagle volleyball team participates in the North Idaho Tournament, Spokane, Wash., (through Saturday).
Idaho State Denturists meeting, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Taylor 276 and 277.
Certified Nursing Assistant written testing, 10 a.m., Aspen 143.

U.S. Constitution Day panel discussion featuring CSI students and professors, 2 p.m., Aspen 108.
"Hubble Vision," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Narcotics Anonymous weekly meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113.

Saturday
National Traffic Safety Institute traffic class, 8 a.m., Shields 108.

Idaho Small Business Development Center, AAJIP and Incentive Revenue Service tax aide volunteer training, 8 a.m., Evergreen C33.
CSI Ag Department and Twin Falls Farmers Market (local produce and crafts), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., across from Eldon Evans Expo Center.

Idaho State Denturists meeting, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Taylor 276 and 277.
CSI additions class ropes challenge, 9 a.m., CSI Challenge Course.

Idaho Valley Youth Orchestra rehearsal, 9 a.m., Fine Arts 121 and 123.
Idaho Office on Aging Expo for Seniors, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., gym.

Sunbridge Care and Rehabilitation Alzheimer's Memory Walk, 10 a.m., campus circle.
United Church of God weekly meeting, 10 a.m., Aspen 145.

Senior Expo memory and aging class, noon, Fine Arts Auditorium.

"The Search for Life in the Universe," 2 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
Magic Valley Early Iron picnic, 2 p.m., Eldon Evans Expo Center.

"WNKY: Radio Station of the Stars" followed by live sky tour, 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
"Hubble Vision," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
"Lynryd Skynryd: Fly On Free Bird," 8:15 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Idaho and Washington stake students' future on new testing

MOSCOW (AP) — Public school students have embarked on a new frontier, and a pioneer spirit is necessary if they're going to emerge with diploma in hand.

Never have school children been tested so often and at such expense, and never have test results mattered so much not only to individual students, but to their school districts as well. In Idaho, high school seniors will not graduate this spring unless they pass a statewide achievement exam given by computer and called the Idaho Standards Achievement Test. The ISATs are multiple-choice exams that cover basic skills.

In Washington, 10th graders this spring will take a long set of handwritten exams they must pass before they can graduate with their class in 2008. The exams, called the Washington Assessment of Student Learning, are specifically designed to test "higher level" thinking, reasoning and composition.

The WASL exams are considered some of the toughest in the nation.

Although Whitman County schools post high scores on the WASL compared to the rest of Washington state, about 38 percent of last year's 10th graders failed one or more WASL test.

"I think it's important to have standards to measure everyone by, and it's good to have a high standard," said Jim DeVerning, a Pullman optometrist who has twins in 10th grade and one younger child. "But I think they've lost their minds on how high they've set the bar on some topics, particularly in math ... we can't expect fourth graders to do algebra."

The high-stakes school exams in Washington and Idaho grew out of ideas about educational reform planted in the political landscape during the Reagan administration. Hardly in response to frustration with public schools that gave "social promotions" to failing students, some people came to feel a sense of urgency about school reform by the end of the 1980s.

"The criticism of the schools was summed up in the idea that some high school graduates couldn't read their parents' newspaper," said Rep. Don Cox, R-Colfax, a former public school teacher and superintendent of Colfax schools who now serves on education panels in the Washington State House.

In response to the concern that some students lacked basic skills, politicians in both Washington and Idaho began a series of education reforms in the 1990s. Mandatory statewide testing of students soon became a cornerstone of those efforts, leading to development of the WASL and the ISAT. Other states traveled similar paths.

In 2002, Congress and President Bush created the No Child Left Behind act. The legislation ties federal aid to the performance of students on standardized exams. Under that law, schools and districts with students who don't meet federal

targets will find their funding tightened rather than increased.

"The beauty of No Child Left Behind is that we really have to work to make every child successful, every single child," said Moscow School District curriculum director Cindy Bechinski. "But punishing schools and kids (who fail to meet standards) isn't right and doesn't do justice to the good work that educators are doing today."

As the new school year begins, many reformers say they are pleased to have high standards in the schools and exams that measure student progress toward meeting those standards.

Paul Sturm, assistant superintendent of the Pullman School District, says the government-mandated exams in Washington have pushed teachers, administrators and students to do more than they did in the past.

"The goals behind the WASL have helped us focus on authentic, real-life skills in what we teach kids. That's been a real step forward," Sturm said.

On the other hand, some parents and educators are critical of high-stakes exams, particularly the tests must be passed before students can earn a high school diploma. School district administrators believe NCLB

punishes districts and schools that may have low test scores simply because they have many children living in poverty or who speak only limited English.

"All kids start in a different place," Sturm said. "Some parents don't think standardized exams can measure students' individual abilities, arguing that one size can't fit all kids. And parents of special-education students often don't see a place for their children in the new landscape of testing."

The special-education population has been simply left out in the whole testing scheme," said Nancy Vernon, mother of a disabled child in western Washington and an opponent of the WASL.

Washington state is still working on ways to fairly test special-ed students. There is no doubt the WASL exams have generated more controversy than the ISAT.

The WASL exam costs about four times as much as the ISAT. So far, Washington has spent about \$150 million to develop, administer and score WASL exams.

"It's an open question now as to whether we can afford to maintain the exam, year after year," Cox said.

The WASL takes days to administer to students while the ISAT takes only hours. Because the WASL exams are graded by people, not machines, it takes several months for scores to be determined and returned to local schools.

Between 40 percent and 45 percent of this year's 10th graders in Washington are likely to fail one or more WASL test. Students can have up to four retakes.

"It's a train wreck. There is no doubt about it," Cox said.

Some education-advocates of the WASL say they will be written at a level that guarantees elementary school students will fail them.

"The fourth grade math WASL is simply designed for cognitive abilities that are at least two years beyond fourth grade," said Washington State University emeritus education professor Don Orlich. "There's no way that a significant fraction of fourth-graders will pass the WASL unless the exams change."

ON THE AGENDA

Today
Camas County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 501 Soldier Road, Fairfield.
Camas County School Board, 7 p.m., high school, 610 Soldier Road, Fairfield.

Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 1459 Overland.

Elmore County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 150 S. Fourth E., Mountain Home.

Gooding County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 624 Main.

Hagerman School Board, 7 p.m., elementary school, 324 Second Ave. N.

Hailey City Council, 6 p.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Hailey.

Hansen City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 308 Main.

Hazton City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 246 Main.

Hollister City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 2392 Main.

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

Ketchum Planning and Zoning Commission, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 480 E. Ave. N.

Laurel County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 111 W. B. Shoshone.

Idaho Valley Regional Medical Center Board, 6 p.m., Education Center, 598 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls.

Malta City Council, 5 p.m., Rat River Electric Co.-up conference room, 155 N. Main.

Minidoka County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 715 G St., Rupert.

Richtfield City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 180 W. Lincoln.

Shoshone School Board, 7:30 p.m., district office, 409 N. Apple.

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 Parks and Waterway Advisory Board, 7 p.m., 450 Shoshone St. N.

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

Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency, noon, City Hall, 321 Second Ave. N.

Valley School Board (Eden-Hazelton), 7 p.m., media center, 882 Valley Road S.

Tuesday
Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Hailey.

Buhl City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 203 Broadway Ave. N.

Cassia County School Board, 7 p.m., central office, 237 19th St., Shoshone.

Dietrich School Board, 7:30 p.m., school business room, 400 N. Park.

Glen Ferry City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 119 E. Second.

Gooding School Board, 7 p.m., district administration office, 507 Idaho St.

Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A.

Kimberly City Council, 7 p.m., community center, 120 Madison Ave. N.

Sin Valley Planning and Zoning Commission, 9 a.m., City Hall, 81 Elkhorn Road.

Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., 305 Third Ave. E.

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

Wednesday
Declo City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 116 W. Main.

DeMory Memorial Library

Board, 4:30 p.m., 417 Seventh St., Rupert.

Heyburn City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 941 18th St.

Murtaugh City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 104 S. Fourth.

Nampa City School Board, 7 p.m., high school library, 500 Boyd W.

Paul City Council, 7:30 p.m., city office, 152 S. 600 W.

Reynolds School Board, 7:30 p.m., high school, 555 N. Tiger Drive.

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

Twin Falls Public Library Board, 5 p.m., library board room, 434 Second E.

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

Kimberly 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.

Sin 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.

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

1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Velma Mae Johnston of Jerome, service at 2 p.m. today at Farworths-Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln. Jerome. Visitation for family and friends will begin at 1 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Nick Kuntz
BUJIL — Nick Kuntz, 21, of Buhl, missed away Saturday, Sept. 10, 2005.

Funeral services will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel of Buhl.

Lois Faye Anderson of Declo, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Hansen Mortuary-Burley Chapel, 321 E. Main St. Friends may call one hour before the service today at the mortuary.

Julia N. DeShara of Twin Falls, rosary at 7 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Edward The Confessor Catholic Church.

Lillian M. Oliver Hinton of Hazelton, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Valley Presbyterian Church in Hazelton. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls and one hour before the service Wednesday at the church.

Gerard J. McNamara of Rupert, graveside service at 10

a.m. Thursday at the Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, Calif. (Payne Mortuary).

Shawn Lee of Hansen, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home.

DEATH NOTICES

Imogene 'Jimmie' LaRue DeLaMare

BLACKFOOT — Imogene 'Jimmie' LaRue DeLaMare, 83, of Blackfoot, died Saturday, Sept. 10, 2005, at the Bingham Memorial Extended Care Facility. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, 2005, at the Thomas Fourth Ward in Thomas, Idaho. Burial will follow at the Riverside-Thomas Cemetery. Family will

meet with friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the Hawker Funeral Home in Blackfoot and one hour prior to services at the church.

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Racing boats provoke noise complaints in Coeur d'Alene

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Property owners and boaters at Lake Coeur d'Alene have been complaining to authorities about noise from racing boats that go up to 150 miles per hour and create a loud thumping sound in waterfront homes.

Deputies get at least six complaints a week about the sleek powerboats, said Sgt. Matt Street. Some people have called to say they were in boats at a time racing up and down the lake, which is about 27 miles long.

One guy who called was so angry he wanted the operator arrested, said Street. The boats vibrate his house and windows so bad that things fall off the walls.

The boats were built for ocean racing and can cost as much as \$250,000, Street said. He expects to see more of them as wealthy people move near the shoreline.

Lake Coeur d'Alene has a speed limit of 50 mph. Idaho law also regulates noise on lakes with a decibel limit, but the way the law is written, it's almost impossible to enforce,

said Jim Autcutt, a boater and president of the Kootenai County Waterways Commission. He said the racing boats stop all conversation when they pass his house on the Spokane River.

"It's really, really loud even when they aren't speeding," Autcutt said.

The boats can have two or three engines and run on high-octane racing fuel. Because they go so fast, it's nearly impossible for marine deputies to pull them over or track them down, Street said. And it's difficult for deputies to measure the decibels and ticket the owners for having boats that break the noise laws.

So far now, the marine deputies take photos of each boat and record owners' names so they will know who is responsible when they get complaints.

"We are simply just responding and putting out fires," Street told the Spokesman-Review. "It's difficult to be proactive."

Coeur d'Alene resident Grant Forest owns one of the boats —

a 36-foot 2005 Eliminator with 1,500-horsepower engines that he said was built to set a speed record but was never tested. He said the boat once went 150 mph on Arizona's Lake Havasu, but he thinks it could go more than 190 mph.

But he said he never goes that fast on Lake Coeur d'Alene, and instead uses the boat as a pleasure craft for customers of his business, Forest Steel.

"It rides really smooth like a Cadillac," Forest said last week. Forest said he knows fishermen and others who like the boats, and said he understood the concern of the sheriff's deputies.

"I believe they are going to have to crack down on the situation," Forest said. "It only takes one to cause a problem."

But it's not clear what can be done. Autcutt said his waterways committee hasn't come up with a solution.

"We've had some discussion, and we've heard a lot of complaints. But at this point we don't have any idea what to do," he said.

Mormon leaders join opposition to radioactive storage site in Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is adding its voice to the cacophony of objections to a decision to allow a radioactive waste storage facility to be built in Utah's west desert.

In a statement issued late Friday, church leaders said:

"We regret (the) decision by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to authorize the issuance of a license that would allow storage of radioactive waste in Skull Valley. Storage of nuclear waste in Utah is a matter of significant public interest and requires thorough scrutiny."

Hours earlier, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission announced it had rejected claims by the proposed storage site was too dangerous and had authorized a license for the facility.

Private Fuels Storage will contract with the Skull Valley Band of Shoshone Indians to build the facility on their reservation about 50 miles southwest of Salt Lake City. The facility will have the capacity to hold 44,000 tons of spent nuclear fuel rods.

It is the first license to be granted for a high-level waste facility in more than 30 years.

Politicians and community environmental groups have fought the plan for eight years. But Mormon church leaders had not previously voiced an opinion, and some of the statements released Friday is significant.

"The church is the only political entity in the state powerful enough to defend us," said Maryann Webster, a church member, who has long petitioned leaders to help fight the proposal. "I hope they will speak more strongly and work to prevent it."

Waste opponents will continue to block the commission's decision — something about 87 percent of Utahns oppose, according to polling in 2002.

State leaders say only Private Fuels Storage and Goshute tribal members, most of whom live below the poverty level, are the only beneficiaries of the commission's decision.

Michael S. Lee, chief counsel for Gov. Jon M. Huntsman Jr., says Utah will take a three-pronged approach to fighting the facility, taking their objections to the federal court, to Congress and to federal agencies.

Former Rep. Jim Hansen still

sees the U.S. Capitol as Utah's best hope, but says his bill to block the plan for eight years with wilderness would have succeeded a few years ago if an environmentalist had not stymied the move.

"The bill is being carried this year by Hansen's successor, Republican U.S. Rep. Rob Bishop. It has passed in the House but stalled once again in the Senate. I don't know that it can be done, but we are going to keep trying," said U.S. Sen. Orrin Hatch, also a Republican.

But some wonder if the Utah congressional delegation's support of the Yucca Mountain project has doomed the state's chances of getting any help from others in Congress, particularly Utah's (R-L), Sen. Michael Lee. A Nevada Democrat and a Mormon.

Jason Greenwald, director of the Health, Environment and Justice Center (HEJC), notes that a deep rift divides Utah leaders from Reid.

"It may be time to change strategies," said Greenwald. "And we hope that Senators Bennett and Hatch will work with our allies in the West rather than alienating them."

Idaho residents will weigh in at physical-education hearings

BOISE (AP) — Beginning Tuesday, Idaho residents will get a chance to tell officials what they think of a plan to beef up physical education requirements for public-school students.

The state Department of Education will hold six public hearings around the state to discuss increasing the amount of time that every student spends in the gym — from kindergarten through high school. Among other things, the proposal would require about 30 minutes a day of physical education for elementary students, and would make the subject a high school graduation requirement.

Advocates' problems with obesity are well-documented in Idaho and elsewhere. And as Americans have grown in size over the last few decades, physical education offerings have shrunk, sacrificed to an increasingly tight schedule at schools that now require a variety of testing in subjects far removed from the gym.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, public school physical-education programs, including individual and group sports, have declined significantly since the 1980s.

"School physical education has been reduced because of the perception that other academics 'subjects are more important,'" said Grace Goe Karp, who coordinates physical teachers at the University of Idaho.

But physical education actu-

ally helps students do better in academics by reducing stress and helping them focus, said Karp, who plans to speak at the Moscow hearing in favor of the change.

"We know that with activity, endorphins kick in, and they (the students) feel better about themselves," she said.

Educating students about sports also helps them stay fit as adults, said Barbara Eisenbarth, the health-education coordinator for the Idaho Department of Education. She helped put together the proposed regulations.

Earlier this summer, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released figures showing that a majority of the adults in Idaho are overweight or obese. In 2003, nearly 60 percent of Idaho adults were considered overweight by CDC standards, and 22 percent of them were obese.

Teaching children about sports and exercise instills good habits for life after graduation, Eisenbarth said.

"We want to see healthier people down the road," she said. "We need to start somewhere."

Physical education in Idaho started dwindling in the mid-1980s, said Eisenbarth.

High schools used to require at least one year of physical during the four high school years. That requirement was dropped in 1997, she said, and though

many schools continued to offer at least that much, others dropped the subject altogether. Elementary schools and junior highs are still required by the state to provide some physical education, but the rules don't say how much. The offerings vary from 20 minutes a week at some schools to 90 minutes a week at others, she said.

The new standards are based on the recommendations of the state Education Department and the Idaho Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. The state Board of Education gave preliminary approval to the new standards in August, but the department must hold public hearings to refine them.

The standards would require elementary schools to offer 150 minutes of physical education a week — about 60 minutes a day, junior and middle schools would be required to offer four credits or two years of physical education, and high schools would require two credits of physical education for graduation.

Time is scarce at school these days, with new testing requirements in reading and math. But physical education fits in, Eisenbarth said.

"We know we're asking a lot of teachers ... We know there's a lot of pressure," she said. "But what is one of the best ways to relieve pressure? Exercise."

Radio collars will yield better wolf data

GREEN RIVER, Wyo. (AP) — The Wyoming Game and Fish Commission agreed to allocate \$13,000 of federal money to buy radio collars to study wolves in and around Yellowstone National Park.

The high-tech collars will give researchers more information than standard radio collars, said John Emmerich, assistant chief of the Game and Fish Department's Wildlife Division.

"This is an excellent project," Commissioner Bill Williams said.

Emmerich said Yellowstone wolf researchers planned to collar wolves in the Delta Pack in

the southeast corner of the park, then track their movements.

The results will give state wildlife officials information they need to manage wolf populations once wolves are removed from Endangered Species Act protections.

Became the information will be so detailed, it could easily spill over into other research projects, Emmerich said. For example, moose populations in the same area have struggled, and researchers hoped the new collars might help determine the extent to which wolves have contributed to the problem.

"Results from this monitoring

project would provide valuable information relative to our current moose research, as well as for management purposes in the future if the Game and Fish ever takes over wolf management," Emmerich said.

"The critical prior condition of moose research is that the survival rate be low," Emmerich said. "And we're hoping our research and this new study will be able to answer some of those questions."



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Caldwell holds forum on gang violence

CALDWELL — Public officials and educators are holding a public forum today to talk about gang violence in Canyon County.

The meeting is part of a series aimed at fighting crime in Idaho. It's being held by a group that includes the Idaho Department of Correction, four universities and colleges, and state legislators.

The gatherings are designed to educate the community about the challenges Idaho faces as its population grows and its crime rate increases. Idaho's prison population is at an all-time high, at 6,653 inmates. More than 11,000 others are on probation and parole.

"Corrections really is a community issue," said Tom Montecale, director of the Idaho Department of Correction. "If the community is connected and aware of this information, they can have an impact on public safety."

The meeting Monday will be

held at Albion School. Rich Harmond, a local district probation and parole manager, asked that the gang issue be included as a topic for the forum in his community.

Man stands trial for vehicular manslaughter

SANDPOINT — A Spirit Lake man accused of accidentally killing a pedestrian with his pickup truck was scheduled to go on trial today.

Paul James Cavanaugh, 44, is charged with felony counts of vehicular manslaughter and leaving the scene of a crash. Police said he hit Sarah Marie Jones, 18, as she walked on the side of a road March 10. They said Jones' boyfriend, who was walking to meet her, saw the accident.

Jones died the next day. Cavanaugh allegedly left the

scene as people in the neighborhood came out to help. According to court documents, he called authorities several hours later to say he thought he had hit someone on the road.

Jones' boyfriend told police he and Jones had been walking well away from traffic.

Cavanaugh was first jailed on suspicion of drunken driving resulting in injuries, but the charge was upgraded to manslaughter after Jones died.

His trial was expected to last three days.

— compiled by wire reports

Christmas

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around the poles," Monson said, "but we cannot run them across the streets as we are currently set up."

Dean expressed concern that the lighting was removed without any consultation with the council. "I don't think this decision should have been made without the council's input," Dean said.

Other council members agreed.

"I wouldn't want the Grinch to feel comfortable in this town,"

Councilman Dave Ringle said. "We need to revisit this issue and see how our community is well for the holidays."

Other council members suggested the city provide the lighting for Centennial Park this Christmas in lieu of the canopy lighting, as there is "flirt" sufficient lighting to rectify the issue at this point.

Dean said he hopes to get private donations to replace the canopy lighting at a later date.

The lighting issue will be on the council's agenda Sept. 20.

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Desert House is oasis of life

POCATELLO (AP) — The Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist call it Desert House, but it's really more of an oasis. It's situated on a patch of green earth with flower, herb and vegetable gardens in the midst of acres of dry grass and sage.

Cattails line a spring-fed pond, stocked with pan-fried rainbow trout, that attracts trumpeter swans, sandhill cranes, great blue herons and other migrating birds. Sister Mary Paul's elaborate flower beds add a touch of color to an irrigated bank, accessed by a long, wooden foot bridge.

They have seven goats, five cows, nine baby lambs and two small dogs, and they don't disturb the small, mud homes swallows have built on outside walls. They were saddened by the news of a well-meaning visitor killed Helen, one of the snakes that occupied their underground barn.

It's a serene setting for an order of Catholic nuns who answer their phone with a sincere, "Peace be with you," and live according to the example of St. Francis of Assisi, known as the patron saint of ecology.

St. Francis, Sister Mona explained, encouraged people to use their hands to cultivate life because he believed all creation can teach people about God.

Inside Desert House, the heavenly aroma of fresh-baked bread — wheat bread filled with air as 14 loaves cooled on the kitchen counter. Sister Mona paused to a let a massive dough ball rise, and waited for another batch to bake. She planned to bake 75 loaves that day in preparation for a convent fundraiser, Harvest Dinner.

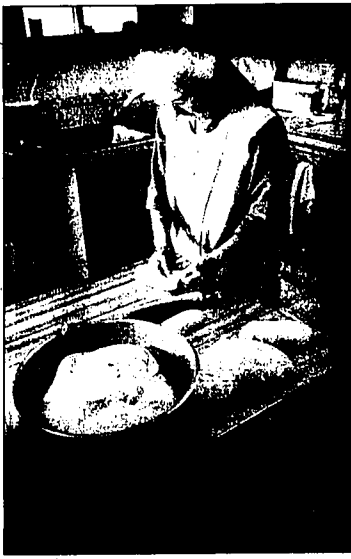
"She's been baking for a month at least," Sister Mary Paul said, adding they sell loaves at various times throughout the year, especially during the Christmas season.

Nine Franciscan sisters live together in the home, located off Interstate 86 exit 52 on rural property west of the Pocatello Regional Airport.

The property is located right on the historic site of the Oregon Trail. Each June, the sisters take children on a three-day wagon ride along back roads following nearly the same path as the Oregon Trail to Massacre Rocks State Park. During their 52-mile trek, the children are treated to jerky, hard bread, Dutch oven meals and home-made root beer.

The sisters moved into the home, formed from two Army barracks moved to the site and moved, in 1975. It contains a kitchen, living and dining room and four bedrooms. They converted the garage attached to their home into a chapel. In 1980, they had a new, large garage built, designed with the Harvest Dinner in mind. It has ample room for annual crowds of 300 to 600 at the dinner. They also set up two rows of buffet lines to serve bread, jam and homemade stews, made from their own produce.

A trailer home provided additional housing. Until 1985, when they had an addition built with eight more bedrooms, a library and a workshop. Sometimes, other



Sister Mona prepares bread for baking on Aug. 31 at Desert House in Pocatello. The Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist call it Desert House, but it's really more of an oasis.



Sister Mary Paul takes care of farm animals at the Desert House, home of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist, on Aug. 31 in Pocatello.

groups rent the workshop for meetings, and the sisters cook meals. The following year, they replaced the trailer home with a manufactured home used for retreats and guest housing.

The cloister of the home, which includes bedrooms and the library, is closed to outsiders.

The chapel was built with the four elements of creation in mind: earth, water, fire and wind.

A large boulder topped with a glass altar reminds the sisters of the earth. The chapel was built around the boulder. Water is represented by an old irrigation pump, which serves as a font for holy water, and an irrigation head — a heavy iron object that swivels and diverts water into various irrigation pipes — houses the blessed Sacrament.

believed by Catholics to be the body of Christ.

A stained-glass window depicting the burning bush which Moses visited symbolizes fire. Seats in the chapel face several windows overlooking the pond and surrounding trees, allowing the sisters to watch the wind blow.

Most of the sisters have outside jobs. Both Sister Mona and Sister Mary Paul are licensed counselors, specializing in marriage and family therapy.

At home, they devote extensive time to chores and prayer. They raise about half of their own food in their gardens, greenhouse and corral. They take turns cooking, and each has routine tasks to perform.

On winter days, Sister Mary

Paul rises at 4:45 a.m. to care for the animals before morning prayer and meditation at 6 a.m.

Sister Anthony Marie is in charge of the expansive vegetable garden, which includes rows of tomatoes, squash, corn, peppers, carrots, parsley, onions, cucumbers and other produce. Much of the decor that gives the landscaping at Desert House its character is salvaged junk, like the water symbols in the chapel.

Sister Mona has a knack for finding refuse at junkyards and putting it to good use. There are fountains made of old well, drill bits, sculptures created from rusty plows, an old saw blade converted into a sign for the chapel and a host of other artistic creations.

The garden is surrounded by a hedge and an iron fence — salvaged metal grids used to build airport runways — with an archway entrance made from a wagon wheel.

The sisters name many of their buildings. Their shed is called the Prigidal Shed.

Their guest house is known as Domus Lubilo, meaning the jubilee of the Lord in Latin. It was named in honor of the 75th anniversary of Sister Chrysologos' life devoted to Christ.

Chrysologos, now approaching her 101st birthday, still resides in the convent, although she can no longer fish in the pond as she once loved to do.

The sisters call their wooden bridge the Bridge Over Troubled Water because of the moss that fills the pond. Sister Mary Paul plans to introduce a species of fish that eats moss to curb the problem.

The underground barn, where Sister Mary Paul was pleased to spot a new snake coiled on the top of a cool rock wall, is called Cave, meaning cave.

A family built the sisters' greenhouse as a memorial to their father. Near the greenhouse, there's a small orchard of fruit trees, all of which were planted in remembrance of a particular person.

"It's a wonderful life," Sister Mary Paul said of her home since 1988. "For myself, I kind of know this is what I was really called to do. It's a call to service, and it's very rewarding."



Christine Johnson, children's librarian at the Denver Public Library, places one of the Spanish-language books on the shelf in the downtown branch, Aug. 18, in Denver.

Libraries beef up books, materials in Spanish

DENVER (AP) — On a rainy Saturday, Mireya Gomez quickly thumbed through a book titled "Los Colores" as her two young sons carried comic books to their father in the children's section of the Central Public Library on the outskirts of downtown Denver.

"They really enjoy it here," Gomez said as her husband read a Spider-Man comic to 3-year-old Israel, who was listening intently as he hugged his father's knee. "We come here mostly for the kids, for books and movies — educational and entertainment — in Spanish and English."

Dozens of states have seen soaring growth in Spanish-speaking populations in recent years and hundreds of libraries have tried to keep pace by stocking up on books, magazines and movies.

But the growth has been controversial in some places, with critics saying taxpayer money shouldn't be spent on a population that can include illegal immigrants or on proposals that promote languages other than English.

In Denver, where the foreign-born population tripled between 1990 and 2000 largely because of Mexican immigrants, the public library system is considering reorganizing some of its branches to emphasize bilingual services and material.

Similar efforts have been

taken by libraries across the country, from the Queens Borough library in New York — whose Web site is offered in English, Spanish, Chinese, French, Russian and Korean — to the large Chinese-language collection at the San Francisco library.

Interest in foreign-language material is also expanding inland.

"The interest is in rural areas and cities that aren't the usual Spanish areas, like New York or Miami, but in North Carolina, Illinois and the Midwest," said Carmen Ospina, editor of Critica, a magazine for librarians that highlights Spanish-language material.

The plan being considered by the Denver Public Library system — the largest in Colorado — has come under scrutiny.

Rep. Tom Tancredo, R-Colo., sent a public letter to Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper this summer asking whether the library was considering Spanish-only branches or converting to Spanish-language material at the expense of English material. Tancredo, an outspoken critic of U.S. immigration policies, said he had been contacted by concerned librarians and patrons.

"When you have a strong cultural identity and there aren't incentives to become American, it creates a lot of tension and divides the community," said Tancredo's spokesman, Will

Officials light fires to improve habitat

LEWISTON (AP) — Officials at the Clearwater and Nez Perce national forests have started lighting backcountry fires to improve wildlife habitat.

"We're lighting fires down in the backcountry to reduce the risk of large and damaging wildfires in the future and to improve habitat for elk and other wildlife."

As planned, the fires have killed trees in some places, but burned thick undergrowth beneath the trees in others. "We've got a mosaic pattern we wanted to put on the landscape with some undergrowth burning, some mortality and some crown fire," said Doug Gober, "That is exactly what we were looking for."

Gober said the Forest Service has done a good job suppressing fires for the past 60 years, but he said some fire is necessary to thin out the forest and allow diverse plant species to thrive.

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COSMETIC FOOT SURGERY

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All entries will be printed Sunday, October 9th, in a special Times-News tabloid. Readers will vote on their favorite pet. Pictures of the top twelve finalists will run in The Times-News. Readers will have another chance to vote. The overall winner will be the 2005 Pet Idol.

The 2005 Pet Idol will receive special recognition in The Times-News and a grand prize (TBA).

To enter, submit a photograph of your pet along with a completed entry form. Include your pet's name along with your name, address, phone number, and \$10 entry fee to sponsor our non-profit Newspaper In Education program, which supports Magic Valley Schools. Make your checks payable to Literacy Leadership Inc. The Times-News. No photos will be returned. Photos must accompany original entry form, no photo copies are allowed. One entry form per photo will be accepted. All entries for the contest must be received by Friday, September 30th.

For more information, contact Newspaper In Education Coordinator, Tiffany Tenley-Harpen at 735-3212 or tharpen@magvalley.com. Pet owned by employees or immediate families of The Times-News and Lee Enterprises are not eligible.

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Deadline for photos: Friday, Sept. 30, by 5:00 p.m. Photos of pets along with pet names will be published in The Times-News for voting purposes.

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Coming Tuesday

The Falcons and Eagles in Monday Night Football action.

The Times-News

Monday, September 12, 2005

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“Sleep is undefeated. It has never lost a fight.”

—Phil Mushnick of the New York Post on East Coast tennis fans' battle to stay up for the 3:15 a.m. finish of the Andre Agassi vs. James Blake U.S. Open match.

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

These two Pittsburgh Steelers backfield mates combined for more than 10,000 yards rushing in the 1970s. Who are they?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High School

Boys Soccer

Burley at Minico, 4:30 p.m.

Girls Soccer

Minico at Burley, 4:30 p.m.

Volleyball

Dietrich at Community School, 6 p.m.

Marsing at Glenns Ferry, 5 p.m.

Magie Valley Christian at Hansen, 6 p.m.

IN BRIEF

CSI booster

luncheon is today

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho booster luncheon will be held Monday at noon in Taylor Building Room 277. Golden Eagles coaches and athletes will be in attendance to give updates on their respective programs. Anyone interested is invited to pick up lunch from the cafeteria and bring it to the event.

Burley fall best ball tourney scheduled

BURLEY — The Burley Golf Course will be holding a two-person best ball tournament Sept. 16-18 (play any two days of those three). Entry fee is \$100 per team. Teams schedule their own tee times between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Teams will be lighted by the low index of the two. Call the Burley Golf Course at 878-9807 for more information.

Shotgun competition set in Sun Valley

SUN VALLEY — Trap and skeet shooters will have an opportunity to compete in a novel team handicap competition and traditional events Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 24-25 in the Sun Valley Indian Summer shootout, part of the upcoming Ernest Hemingway Festival.

A skeet competition will be held Sept. 24 with prize money and trophies. Competitors will shoot 50 targets (two rounds of 25) with the top five shooters moving to a third round to determine the first through fifth place.

The trap competition is the 24th and 25th for teams of five shooters. Participants will shoot two rounds of 25 targets each day with the aggregate 100 targets being scored as followed: high score for team, individual men, individual women, and individual youth. Trophies will be presented for the top three places in each category.

To enter visit www.ernesthemingwayfestival.org, call The Ketchum/Sun Valley Chamber and Visitors Bureau at (208) 726-3423. Entries must be received by Wednesday, Sept. 14.

Minico Boosters meet next Monday

RUPERT — The Minico High School Booster Club will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19 in the Minico High School Library. Parents with students in grades 9-12 are urged to attend. Call 438-5260 for more information.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Franco Harris and Rocky Bleier.

SPORTS

Sweet distraction



New Orleans Saints head coach Jim Haslett, center, celebrates with the bench after kicker John Carney's 47-yard game-winning field goal to defeat the Carolina Panthers 23-20 in Charlotte, N.C. on Sunday.

New Orleans Saints win season's first game in dramatic fashion

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Football is no longer a simple game for the New Orleans Saints. They'll play this season for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, a burden they'll carry every time they step on the field.

The Saints won Sunday for their deluged city and the displaced victims of the Gulf Coast region, getting two touchdowns from Deuce McAllister and a 47-yard field goal from John Carney with 3 seconds left in a 23-20 season-opening win over the Carolina Panthers.

"In the back of our minds, we know we have to give them one tiny bit of hope," said New Orleans quarterback Aaron Brooks. "We have complete faith in what we are doing because every time we go out there, it is our job to give them hope that every day will be a better day."

The Saints have visited shelters in Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas, spending time with fans who had lost everything. Each time they heard the same request: Win a game for us.

If they needed another reminder, they got it during a Saturday night team meeting when coach Jim Haslett read an emotional letter from New Orleans Mayor C.

Ray Nagin.

"He talked about the things he had seen, babies dying," receiver Joe Horn said. "You would only see it in a horror story. People were crying on his shoulder, saying they don't know where their son is, where the daughter is."

"I can't speak enough about how our heart goes out to them. The letter had an impact. We respect and acknowledge what everyone has gone through."

They proved it by scoring an important victory over an NFC South rival and an emotional win for their fans. They rushed the field to celebrate Carney's game-winning kick, their first joy since Katrina tore through New Orleans on Aug. 29.

And they punctuated the victory by giving out two game balls — one to Nagin, the second to the victims of Katrina. "It's been emotional for us, but we're not in the same situation as the people in those shelters," said offensive lineman Wayne Gandy. "It was a good break for us to just be able to go out and play football, but it's not all about us anymore."

New Orleans opened the game with a businesslike first drive, running McAllister straight at Carolina's vaunted line. The Mississippi native has always been successful against the Panthers, and this time was no different. He touched the ball nine times on the drive, capping it with a four-yard touchdown run.

McAllister added another score, a two-yard TD in the second quarter, to give the Saints a 14-7 lead they took into halftime.

From there, nothing came easy for the



Carney, right, and holder Todd Bousman, left, celebrate Carney's 47-yard game-winning kick. Saints, who missed chance after chance to tie the game at 20 on John Kasay's 46-yard field goal with 1:04 to play.

The Saints wouldn't settle for overtime, though.

Brooks threw passes of 11 and 25 yards to Horn to move the Saints into field goal range. Carney then came onto the field to win a game that carried more meaning for New Orleans and the entire Gulf Coast region.

Three hours to be kids

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Long after he finished his official postgame news conference, Jim Haslett stood inside the door of the New Orleans Saints' locker room, talking about the jobs he's held the past two weeks — in addition to his official one as head coach.

Everything from tour director to chief executive.

"I wear about 15 hats," he said. "The real chief executive of the Saints, owner Tom Benson, had nothing to say. I might talk to you later in the week. Benson said after his team's remarkable 23-20 win in Carolina on Sunday. Or he might not as he ponders the future."



DAVE GOLDBERG

What the Saints have gone through the past two weeks — from Marriott to Marriott to Marriott — as offensive tackle Wayne Gandy put it — is not even close to what the victims of Hurricane Katrina have been through. They know that, and they gave one game ball to Mayor Ray Nagin for the people of New Orleans and another to the people of the Gulf Coast, which will take years to recover from Hurricane Katrina.

Whether the people of New Orleans and the Gulf Coast will ever get their team back is another question, one that can be answered only by Benson. Haslett prefers the Saints play in San Antonio after their trip to the Meadowlands next week for their "home opener" against the New York Giants. But next year they could be as far away as Los Angeles, perhaps with a new owner.

That didn't matter for three hours Sunday before a crowd that was perhaps a little less enthusiastic about the Panthers than they might have been. After all, who can root for an opponent trying to bring a little joy to a region in which so many people are still mourning?

"It's not about the New Orleans Saints," Gandy said. "It's about people sitting on coasts in an old army base weeks away from their families. We spent three hours today when we were able to forget about it, but now we're

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Lopez captures MVS Grand National title

By Linda Brittain
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Jeff Pohlman won the battle but Louis Lopez won the war Saturday night as the Grand National division drivers wrapped up their season at the Magic Valley Speedway.

Lopez, who held an 11-point lead over Jerry Rice going into the night, knew just where he had to finish in the race to capture the championship.

"I most definitely knew exactly where I had to be," Lopez said. "Five to six positions behind the No. 4 car."

Lopez began the 40-lap main event at the rear of the field along with Pohlman and Rice's No. 4 car, while Jerry McKeen started from the pole position. By Lap 16, the three had caught up to McKeen.

On lap 23, Lopez, McKeen and

Pohlman made it three wide going in to turn 4 with Rice directly behind. As the three battled for position, contact soon sent McKeen spinning onto the infield grass and all four drivers were sent to the back of the pack for the restart. Randy Price then held the lead for the next 10 laps, but it was Pohlman who was able to get around Price with five laps left in the race.

Pohlman went on to take his first win of the season, despite the sheet metal dragging underneath his car for most of the main event after contact with McKeen.

"I heard this horrendous racket," Pohlman said. "But I still felt we had a good enough car to win. Price was driving hard into

the corners but I eventually got around him."

Lopez finished the race directly behind Rice to become the 2005 Grand National Division Champion by nine points. "It was satisfying," Lopez said of his championship. "It was a lot of hard work all season long."

The Thunder Stock division also ended its season with Desi Ahrens capturing the championship title. Ahrens had a large point lead going into the night but the driver was nonetheless apprehensive.

"It's been a real week on my nerves the last two weeks," Ahrens said. "I don't think this has quite sunk in yet."

With Ahrens starting the main event towards the back of the field, 17-year-bruise Henry took a quick lead in the race. A caution on Lap 22 then eliminated his lead and forced several

challenging laps with Jim Shirley, who won the previous main event. In the dog fight to the finish, the two made contact, forcing Henry into the front stretch wall. Henry hung on, just barely crossing the finish line ahead of Shirley.

Lou Andersen convincingly won the Pony Stocks main event and now holds a four-point lead over Jason Whited with their final event set for Saturday night.

The Hornet race saw 21 cars take the track in the main event which was won by Cory Rutledge. Renee Lopez, wife of Louis Lopez, won the Queen Bee race. Taking the 2005 championship in these divisions were Jeff McCoy and Jason Phillips, who tied for the Hornet title, and Laura-Arrington, who accepted the Queen Bee crown.

Jason Wakeman of the Desert Hills Church of Gooding was

able to overtake Sam Fowler of Epic (Twin Falls Nazarene) in the final laps to win the Pastor Race. The Speedway was able to donate over \$600 to the Jubilee House for the pastor's efforts.

Results
Thunder Stock Division — 1. Desi Ahrens, 2. Jim Shirley, 3. Cory Rutledge, 4. Jason Whited, 5. Jason Phillips, 6. Jason McCoy, 7. Jason Wakeman, 8. Jason Phillips, 9. Jason Whited, 10. Jason McCoy, 11. Jason Phillips, 12. Jason Wakeman, 13. Jason Phillips, 14. Jason Whited, 15. Jason McCoy, 16. Jason Phillips, 17. Jason Wakeman, 18. Jason Phillips, 19. Jason Whited, 20. Jason McCoy, 21. Jason Phillips.
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Federer surges past Agassi for U.S. Open title

By Steve Wiltstein
Associated Press writer

NEWYORK — Roger Federer, a man of panache and unparalleled perfection in finals, withstood Andre Agassi's spirited upset bid to capture a second straight U.S. Open and sixth Grand Slam title.

Federer responded to his few moments of pressure by reeling off seven straight points in the tiebreak that turned around the match, then blew Agassi away in the fourth set to win 6-3, 2-6, 7-6 (1), 6-1 Sunday and run his stunning record in finals over the past two years to 23-0.

"This is probably the most special Grand Slam final in my career," Federer said. "To play

against Andre in New York, it's a dream."

Federer moved into the d with Stefan Edberg and Boris Becker for Grand Slam titles among Open era players, and one behind John McEnroe and Mats Wilander. Pete Sampras holds the record with 14 Grand Slam titles, but at 24 years old, Federer could well have a shot at that.

Federer shrieked and leapt in the air when Agassi's backhand return looped long on the championship point. The two men, who have the highest of respect for each other, shook hands warmly at the net.

"It's been a tough road, but it's been a great road," Agassi told the cheering crowd. "Roger played way too good today. Con-

gratulations Roger, well done."

Though the 35-year-old Agassi was the oldest U.S. Open men's finalist in 31 years, age had less to do with the difference in this match than Federer's sheer strength, variety of serves, and superior balance of attacks from the baseline and the net that were down Agassi.

Agassi was just a few months removed from a career-threatening back injury that kept him out of tennis for a year, led to his loss in the first round of the French Open and caused him to skip Wimbledon. He was playing a man who doesn't lose in finals, who is at the peak of his game and health, and who is coming off his third straight Wimbledon title.



Roger Federer returns to Andre Agassi during the men's final at the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York, on Sunday.

Beetle Bailey



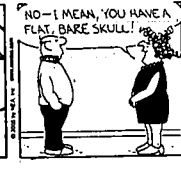
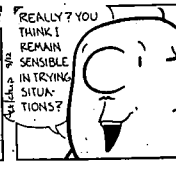
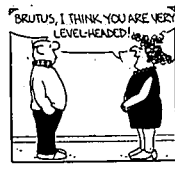
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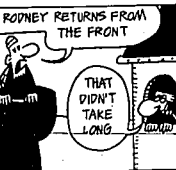
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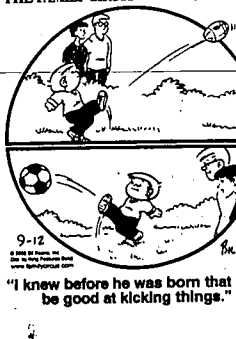
Dennis the Menace



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Drunk-driving accident puts strain on life-long friendship



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I was in a car accident two months ago. My best friend, "Heather," was driving. We grew up together and refer to each other as sisters. We were both under the influence, and I was so intoxicated I didn't realize how smashed Heather was. Anyway, I was really banged up in the accident. She got away without a scratch. For an entire week after the accident, Heather never once came to see how I was doing. It wasn't until after I was practically healed that she stopped by my house. Sometimes when I see her, I still feel angry at her. I don't know if I still blame her or what. But now that I have healed, she doesn't want to talk about the incident, and I can't hear anything because it makes her uncomfortable. But don't you think I am the victim here? It is almost to the point where I don't want to be around her. After 20 years of having Heather in my life, I think I can survive without ever speaking to her again. What should I do?

— LOST IN SAN MATEO, CALIF.

DEAR LOST: For the sake of your 20-year friendship, clear the air and say what's on your mind. Including the fact that you felt betrayed when Heather failed to see you after the accident. She may have felt too guilty to face you.

There are times when saying "I'm sorry" and "I'll never drink and drive again" may seem inadequate. And yet, those things are exactly what need to be said—and you need to hear them, regardless of whether or not the subject makes Heather uncomfortable. For your own peace of mind, please do it soon. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

DEAR ABBY: I am the mother of four children (ages 6, 4, 3 and 2 months). About a year ago, I gave my dad and stepmom a joint custody of my older kids so I could get my life together. During that time, I have gotten a job and found a great man. The fourth baby was not planned. I plan on moving to a larger place in February when my lease is up, and then getting my older three kids back. My question is: My stepmom says that my other children won't understand about the new baby and the fact that he can live with Mommy and they can't. So they have not seen him or Mommy since he was born. I'm not sure it is right to keep him from them. Who is right?

— CONCERNED MOM IN MISSOURI

DEAR CONCERNED: You are. Your children are old enough to understand that they are living with your father because you had problems and couldn't afford for them to stay with you for a while. If they want to know why the baby can live with you and they can't, tell them that it's because the baby is tiny and needs to stay with you—just as they did when they were babies. Assume them that in just a few months you will all be together again. THAT'S what they need to know. Distancing yourself from your children and hiding their sibling is not healthy for them—or for you.

DEAR ABBY: I have often heard the saying, "That would be like opening Pandora's box." Where did that phrase originate?

— YVONNE IN NORFOLK, N.C.

DEAR YVONNE: It refers to a story from Greek mythology. The box was a gift to Pandora from the gods, but was given with the warning that she should never open it. When curiosity got the better of Pandora and she opened it anyway, a swarm of evils was loosed upon mankind.

Aries: Put a hold on any major undertaking to avoid trouble

HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

IF SEPT. 12 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Neptune dances in tandem with your area of the zodiac next summer and you are likely to be filled with a sense of childlike wonder as your sensitivity to atmospheres and surroundings increases. Helping others less fortunate than yourself may bring a sense of satisfaction, but don't forget to take steps to improve your health, as well. Next July, a chance to dramatically improve your life in tangible ways might present itself, so don't ignore opportunity when it knocks.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Put a hold on major undertakings. The energy in the air nudges you to finish existing projects or explore alternatives. New starts could run into power struggles or result in failure.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Use your initiative to aim for a happy destination. If it isn't fun, then it isn't worth doing. Measure success by how well you get along with others and achieve mutual dreams.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Inspiration and flights of fancy might carry you away. Focus remains on home, family, and religion. Finish existing projects to improve certain situations or perform a good deed.

without recompense.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You are more aware of others and their financial situations than usual. If you are having a hard time keeping up with the Joneses, then maybe the answer is to work a bit harder or cut costs.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Might makes right. Or vice versa. Use the power of your convictions as leverage to get your way. If you believe deep in your heart you are making the best possible choice, it will all work out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Shine by being poised for action. Use the opinions of others to mold circumstances, but measure whether you are taking the appropriate steps. Your judgment and intuition are better than usual.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): They say opposites attract, but the reality is that you tend to gravitate toward the people who are the most like you. Don't try to mold circumstances, but let circumstances guide you instead.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Competition from others may force you to do your best. There is a difference between leading others and pushing them. Be upfront and sincere about your intentions to make headway.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Unbridled enthusiasm needs suitable outlets. Keep your "most important" goals firmly in mind and don't get distracted by side issues. Harness your passions and put them to work for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): If you make work a game it won't seem like work anymore. You cannot network to give up is likely to win recognition. See things through to the very end even if partners seem pessimistic.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): First impressions are the most important ones. You know how to put an acceptable spin on erratic behavior and make it appear reasonable. People are likely to tolerate your idiosyncrasies.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Pay attention to your dreams as you may receive an important message or insight. Offer a bit of tea and sympathy to a close friend who needs your support. Be forthright with partners.

Today in 490 B.C., Athens army defeated the Persians at the Battle of Marathon

This day in history: On Sept. 12, 490 B.C., the underdog Athens army decisively defeated the Persians at the Battle of Marathon. This minor battle had two lasting ramifications: Persia's empire was targeted by uprisings when its subjected people saw it wasn't invincible. And a myth about a triumphant long-distance runner sprinting to Athens afterward inspired the modern-day marathon.

For the record, the distance from the Marathon battlefield to Athens was only 24.4 miles. Modern marathoners run 26.2 miles.

Pope Gregory the Great was once a lawyer.

It takes the Crayola assembly line just about four minutes to make a batch of 2,400 crayons.

"Shamus," a slang name for a detective, may have come from the Hebrew word "shomus."



RANDOM KINOS OF FACINESS
Jack Mingo
Erin Barrett

meaning the caretaker of a synagogue.

Lincoln Logs are first cut and sanded from Oregon's timber.

Even stained and waxed to hold up under years and years of play, they're one of the few wooden toys still on the market that hasn't been replaced with plastic.

For his inauguration as president, Andrew Jackson's wife bought him a parrot. Jackson amused himself by teaching the bird some of the most obscenities of the time. The bird

outlived both Jacksons and got the last laugh at the former president's funeral as the guests were paying their last respects, the parrot screeched out a long string of profanities.

All 1,900 glowing insects are members of the family Lampyridae, which is not a bad name for a bug that lights up the night.

Longtime TV lawyer Perry Mason lost only one case in his entire TV career — The Case of the Speedy Trial.

Your Body Mass Index number is a measurement of how much fat you have on your body. If your BMI number is above 25, you're considered overweight. If over 30, you're obese. If more than 40, you're considered morbidly obese.

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

education system.

"That we're now apparently offering it as a HSC high school certificate" subject. In New South Wales is an absolute disgrace," Nelson said.

Byron Bay has 16 surfing students this year, but the state school board has only agreed to allow the subject to count toward a student's HSC from next year.

Australian school makes surfing a subject

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — An Australian high school hopes to stop beach-loving students from bailing out of class by making surfing an approved subject.

Byron Bay High School will offer surfing as part of a recreation course that from next year will count toward a high school certificate in New South Wales state.

"You've got students who are at risk of dropping out of school and the school has developed this course as a way to provide a pathway for these students into future employment and keep them connected to education, state Education Minister Carmel Tebbutt said.

But Federal Education Minister Brendan Nelson said surfing as a subject made a mockery of the

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





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Staying active in the second half of life

"Exercise can literally mean the difference between life and premature death: between living at home or in a nursing home; between enjoying life or merely enduring it."

—MacArthur Foundation Report on Fitness and Aging

Staying active becomes more important than ever during the second half of life. What was once considered to be "normal aging" we now know may have more to do with a sedentary lifestyle than it does with the actual aging process.

The beneficial effect of regular physical activity is well grounded in research evidence. Unfortunately, nearly half of the adults over age 50 in this country, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, do not participate in any leisure-time physical activity at all.



ALIVE AND WELL
Jan Mitteldeier

Exercise programs, such as CSI's Over 60 and Getting Fit program in partnership with area schools and recreation districts, become particularly important in reversing that trend.

The Over 60 program evolved over a quarter of a century into an informal, intimate laboratory showing snapshots of significant positive changes that occur with regular, moderate physical activity in a supportive social environment. As an instructor in that program, I have learned far more from my students than they've learned from me.

Here's a sampling of some of those lessons from the Over 60 crowd:

- I have learned that "... if you tell me a person's age, and nothing else, you have told me nothing," according to exercise physiologist Michael Hewitt. Chronological age is not the best instrument to measure an individual's aging process. An active 70-year-old may have the functional age of someone in his or her fifties. In general, people who exercise regularly have lower functional ages than people who remain sedentary with the same chronological years.

- I have learned that ... the sedentary person or the elite senior master athlete can make far different progress in fitness-related pursuits. And it appears that one is never too old to reap some benefit.

- I have learned that ... a bundle of your fast-twitch muscle fibers pack their bags and leave on permanent vacation. The benefits of physical activity may take longer to achieve and the movement may be slower for the older adult, but like the younger adult, there will be an increase in metabolism, mobility and "quality of life" management.

- I have learned that ... a spirited group of people working toward similar goals spill possibilities into other dimensions for successful aging: volunteer commitments in schools, courage to compete in a senior masters' event, enrollment in other college classes, new social connections, including marriages for a few.

- I have learned that ... you can have pain, but you don't have to be one. You can muster up a hearty laugh, a helping hand and a spark of hopefulness in the darkest of moments.
- I have learned that ... at every age we are constantly reinventing our lives. At every age we tell our life story in a different way. The past often predicts but does not determine our potential for happiness.

- And it's never too late to get a fresh start.

The Over 60 and Getting Fit Program starts daily in eight locations: at 9 a.m., at CSI, Flier Elementary, Jerome Recreation Center, the old Shoshone High School gym, The Idaho School of Leadership and the Blind Gym in Gooding, Rupert Civic Center and Blaine County gym in Halley; at 10:30 at Buhl High School, and Tuesday at the CSI Multi-Center Center in Burley at 11:30 a.m. For more information call 732-6475.

"In a judo match, it's just you and another person. You have to rely on yourself to get out of predicaments. I've learned how to keep after it and not give up."

—Wiley Dobbs, Twin Falls superintendent of schools

'The gentle way'

Residents take up judo for confidence, fitness and competition

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A half dozen barefoot men, dressed in white robes and pants, are tossing each other around a mat-covered floor. Grip the robe, twist, and *hi-yah!* — dazed opponents land with a thunderous slap. Then comes the headlock.

Welcome to judo. Magic Valley residents have been hurling each other judo-style since the first Twin Falls dojo opened in 1960. Today, more than 100 area folks practice their *Nage-waza* (throwing techniques) in a gym at the College of Southern Idaho. Some are experienced black belts who've proven their skills in competition.

Learn more ...

Judo for Beginners
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CSI Community Education Center, 732-6288
All ages welcome

Others are kids wanting to rough-house without getting backed by Mom.

It's for everyone, says local sensei and judo guru Bryan Matsuo, but it means something different for each person. Take judo and learn self-defense, self-discipline.

physical fitness, mental toughness and respect. Judo, however, won't teach you how to pound the kid stealing your lunch money. Judo means "the gentle way." It's primary purpose, as defined by its founder, is personal development.

"Judo focuses on discipline, responsibility, respect and integrity," Matsuo says. "And it's more



Mac Burrows throws Mark Fisher to the ground during a recent judo practice at the College of Southern Idaho.

tangible than Boy Scouts or church."

Philosophy aside, judo is a high-energy, violent sport. A judo match is won by scoring one point, securing a pin or forcing an opponent to submit. Half and quarter points are accumulated by throwing an opponent. Submissions are won by choke holds or armlocks.

Besides the uniform — called a *gi* (pronounced "gee") — judo more resembles American wrestling than other martial arts.

But don't expect to wring anyone's neck on the first day of practice. Matsuo says a judoist must master how to properly fall before learning to toss or choke someone.

"Safety is the priority," said Vicki Klesig, whose 9-year-old granddaughter, Alexis, trains with Matsuo. "I enjoy watching. There are times I worry she might get hurt, but Bryan is adamant about safety."

According to the American College of Sports

Medicine, judo is one of the safest sports for youngsters.

Klesig says Alexis' uncle got her involved as a way for her to gain self-confidence, learn respect and acquire coordination. Alexis says she practices judo because it's fun.

"My favorite part is doing the pins," she says. But judo isn't all play and games for serious athletes such as Mac Burrows. A student at CSI, Burrows won his weight class in the 2002 Junior National Championships, and there's talk in the dojo that he could someday make the Olympic team.

For now though, he concentrates on teaching judo. When Matsuo can't make it to practices, Burrows serves as interim sensei.

At a practice last week, Burrows — wearing a blue gi — led a group of CSI students taking judo as a physical education credit. He ran the hour-and-a-half session like a sea captain runs a ship.

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Geek tycoon: 'Napoleon' is cool with retailers

The Washington Post

In the telling first moments of "Napoleon Dynamite," nerdy Napoleon makes his way to the back of a school bus. A younger kid seated across the aisle watches him intently.

"What are you going to do today, Napoleon?" he says in a monotone.

Napoleon's drooped-lip reply gushes with melodramatic teen-geek angst: "Whatever I feel like I wanna do! Gosh!"

Ever since the quirky flick about an Idaho high school dweeb emerged last summer as one of the strangest and most unexpected blockbusters in years, "Napoleon Dynamite" started doing just that in the marketplace — whatever it feels like it wants to do! Gosh!

From the now-ubiquitous "Vote for Pedro" T-shirts to hundreds of other new or soon-to-be-released licensed products, "Napoleon Dynamite" is suddenly an oddball leader in back-to-school sales.

Made for a reported \$400,000, the cult hit grossed about \$50 million at the box office, then

added another \$104 million in DVD sales. While retail figures aren't available, Napoleon wear — the T-shirts, sweatshirts, knit tops, underwear, etc. — have become the strongest selling licensed products in the teens' and boys' mass marketplace.

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It is a testament to the power of fans and to hitting a nerve in pop culture," says Elie Dekel, executive vice president of licensing and merchandising at 20th Century Fox, the distributor. "This film continues to resonate and get stronger over time."

The retail onslaught began modestly last October, when the film was still catching on. One simple T-shirt design — "Vote for Pedro" — went on sale at Hot Topic, a mall-based retail chain in 50 states that specializes in apparel, accessories and music for teens. Since then, a half-million Vote for Pedro T-shirts have been shipped.

Now Hot Topic carries more

than 150 Napoleon Dynamite products. Heck yes, you can get a \$19 "Just Mom Goes to College" T-shirt there, or a \$2.99 "Sweet Dance Moves" notebook for school. The store's Web site sells Napoleon Dynamite fridge magnets, air fresheners, postcards, pins, trucker hats, wristbands, fleece throws, posters, bookmarks, stickers, keychains, shoelaces, wristbands and lip gloss — all listed from scenes or inspired by its oddball funny catchphrases that are now the daily retorts and subculture code of fans.

Just back from the MAGIC apparel show in Las Vegas this week, Dekel says the annual fashion trade show was abuzz over the phenomenon. "They are all getting reorder and the retailers are looking for more and more product," he says.

"It will have a nice little run and, in all likelihood, will have a short life until the next slightly off-kilter thing comes around," says Martin Brodstein, an editorial director of the Licensing Letter, a executive newsletter covering the consumer licensing business.

But why "the groundswell" How does a decidedly under Please see ATTITUDE, Page D3

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PEN SAYS 7 DIFFERENT LINES FROM THE MOVIE NAPOLEON DYNAMITE!

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IMAGE

Injuries mount among young athletes

The Stamford Advocate

Frank Gianchetta was a defensive back for the Greenwich High School football team in Connecticut last fall when he tore the anterior labrum in his right shoulder.

He consulted an orthopedist, who took an MRI and recommended immediate surgery.

Gianchetta, 17, chose to finish the season.

"I thought (the pain) was just something I could handle," he said. "I would have it wrapped during games. I thought something could be wrong but I didn't want it to end my season or rugby (in the spring)."

Gianchetta's rugby plans were affected anyway when he dislocated the same shoulder later in the school year. He landed at the office of Paul Sethi, an orthopedic surgeon and sports medicine specialist with Orthopaedic & Neurosurgery Specialists in Greenwich.

Sethi took note of Gianchetta's strong desire to play and the fact that sitting out the season would deprive him of a chance to try out for USA Rugby's national under-19 team, and he told Gianchetta that he could play as long as he also continued to rehabilitate his strength and his shoulder. Sethi also offered the teenager a warning: he could sustain further damage if he dislocated his shoulder.

Gianchetta trained that season as he normally would, participating in up to six practices a week for up to three hours a day. "I would work out every day another two hours, mostly weight-training," he says.

And he dislocated his shoulder twice before the rugby season ended.

His arm now is in a sling. Gianchetta is recovering from a June 30 surgery, diligently attending to his rehabilitation schedule in anticipation of December tryouts.

"That Gianchetta pushes himself as hard as he does is not uncommon," Sethi says, and it points to a growing trend in orthopedic intervention that until recently was the province of weekend-warrior, professional and college-level athletes.

"I'd say I do more than 300 surgeries a year but at least half are on kids under 21," he says.

Fayal Rhaizal, director of tennis at Kings Highway Tennis Club in Darien, Conn., says "I see in injury could be attributed to the excitement behind professional sports and its reigning stars."

Who, he asks, doesn't dream of victory and glory on the field or court?

And these dreams, he says, are supported by a culture that strongly endorses pushing through pain.

"The perception among parents and coaches is that without the hard training, you will fall behind (other competitors)," says Sethi, a former assistant team physician for the Los Angeles Dodgers, the Lakers and the University of Southern California football team.

Many may wonder what the problem is. At a time when everyone is talking about childhood obesity, a healthy interest in sport seems to be a good thing, even with the possible risk of injury.

Sethi, a former college football player and wrestler, would agree, but he cautions that children who actively participate in sports, and in some cases appear to train like pros, should be carefully monitored so an acute traumatic



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Eric Williams is an 18-year-old star pitcher, most recently for Stamford's Westhill High School varsity baseball and summer All-Star Leagues. In the spring 2004, a ligament in his right elbow suddenly gave out.

That June, Williams had surgery to repair the ulnar collateral ligament. The surgery, commonly known as Tommy John surgery, named after the former Dodgers pitcher who was the first to have the procedure, requires the ligament be replaced with a tendon from another part of the body, usually the forearm, hamstring or wrist.

Today, Williams is about to enroll at the University of Connecticut at Avery Point and is fully recovered. He played baseball last spring with a brace.

Williams' injury is classified among orthopedic as an overuse injury, also a rising phenomenon among young athletes.

"Overuse injuries are the result of repetitive activity in what we call repetitive microtrauma, such as repetitive overhand throwing or running on the ground," says Lyle Mitchell, director of the sports medicine division at Children's Hospital in Boston and co-author with Mark Jenkins of the "Sports Medicine Bible for Young Athletes."

The common denominator is usually overtraining, usually too much over too short a time.

Part of what constitutes overtraining, Sethi says, is an emphasis on one sport that necessitates repeated motion and stress on specific parts of the body.

"It's related to specializing," says Brad Wallace, wrestling coach for Greenwich High and a math teacher at Central Middle School in Greenwich. "Kids participate in travel teams and the year-round commitments that go with that."

Sethi, 34, said that when he was growing up, it was common for kids to play three sports, one for each season. "Now you see all these kids playing and training for one sport

and starting at a much younger age," he said.

Complicating matters further is the particular susceptibility children have to overuse injuries when compared to older athletes.

"The body of a child is not designed to take repetitive stress," Sethi says. "Kids' bodies are not small-adult bodies."

Adds Mitchell: "The ends of their joints are growing. They are softer and more vulnerable to injury. They have growth plates that can be injured and they, often in the course of development, are going through periods of muscle imbalance, particularly during growth spurts, which can increase the chance of overuse injury."

So how can injury be avoided?

"Play It Safe" is a sports safety campaign by the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America. It advocates that children be in proper physical condition to play a sport, should know and abide by the rules of a sport, wear appropriate gear, know how to use athletic equipment, warm up before playing and always avoid playing when very tired or in pain.

According to Sethi, young athletes should also follow a preseason conditioning regimen that focuses on core body strength and a season regimen that supports the sport, uses correct technique and schedules rest periods to avoid overuse.

"Most important is watching the rate of progression of training and the total volume of training," Mitchell says. "We have what we call the 10 percent rule, which is the child should not increase their volume of training more than 10 percent a week. So if the child runs 20 minutes, three times per week, they can probably safely run 22 minutes, three times per week, the following week." But they still must make sure that the training surface is not too hard and that they are wearing proper shoes, have proper coaching and training and use proper technique.

Researchers using brain scans to search for hints of Alzheimer's

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

MILWAUKEE — Maylee Aspuro's mother was a Milwaukee high school teacher who, at age 59, began showing signs of Alzheimer's disease.

"She was starting to experience memory loss," Aspuro recalled. "They were surprised she still was teaching. But she was a very intelligent woman, and she used her intelligence as a way of coping."

Eventually, the disease won out and at age 62 her mother, Acacia Aspuro, had to leave her teaching job. She died in 1993 at age 69.

So when University of Wisconsin-Madison researchers asked Aspuro if she wanted to take part in a brain imaging study involving middle-aged people whose parents had Alzheimer's, she did not hesitate.

Aspuro, 46, of Madison, was one of 122 people from Wisconsin who underwent functional magnetic resonance imaging, or fMRI, as part of a study designed to find the earliest stages of brain changes that may lead to Alzheimer's disease.

"They are all healthy adults," said lead author Sterling Johnson, an assistant professor of medicine at the University of Wisconsin who also works at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Madison. "It's just that half of them have parents with Alzheimer's disease."

Having a parent with the disease doubles a person's risk.

It is believed that the brain pathology that leads to Alzheimer's may begin as many as 20 years before symptoms appear in brain regions, such as the hippocampus, which is crucial in forming new memories.

Around the country, researchers are using the latest advances in imaging to peer into brain areas that are first affected by Alzheimer's. At the moment, there are no therapies that can halt the pro-

gression of the disease, although there are several promising approaches that now are being tested and others that are expected to begin clinical trials in the near future.

That creates the prospect of doctors having the ability to tell large numbers of people they are in the early stages of a disabling and deadly disease that is incurable.

The hope is that as potential new therapies become available, they will be developed more quickly and economically because of the diagnostic advances with imaging, said Neil Buckholz, a branch chief at the National Institute of Aging, part of the National Institutes of Health.

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Stenberg is a 2003 graduate of Fremont High School in Plain City. She is currently attending Utah State University, where she is studying family-human development.

Young is a 2001 graduate of Declo High School. He served a two-year mission in Sao Paulo, Brazil. He is also enrolled at Utah State University, majoring in international agri-business.

The wedding is planned for



Benjamin Young and Kristalyn Stenberg Friday, Sept. 16, in Logan, Utah. A reception to honor the couple will be held Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Young residence in Albion. A second reception will be held the following week in Utah.

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Caregiver support group will meet

The Caregiving Support Group will meet from 1 to 2:30 p.m. today at the Office on Aging Annex building, 698 Washington St., in Twin Falls.

The support group is for those who care for sick, disabled or elderly family members or friends.

Sherry Cane, support group facilitator, will continue "The Comfort of Home" series which will provide insight and tips to caregivers in caring for a family member or friend in a home setting.

For more information, call the Office of Aging's Information and Assistance Program at 736-2122 or (800) 574-8656.

Refresher course

A childbirth refresher course 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., E., Twin Falls.

The class is for those who have previously taken childbirth preparation and procedures will be reviewed, along with a debriefing of the Women's and Infant Center.

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

'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 "Safe At Home."

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

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

Alzheimer's support

Holley Homes will hold an Alzheimer's Support Group meeting at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Philo House, 525 16th Ave. E., Jerome.

The support group is for Jerome County residents who have family members with Alzheimer's.

Working out those excuses for not exercising

Knight Ridder News Service

BRADENTON, Fla. — What's your excuse?

For not exercising, that is.

Nearly everybody can come up with an excuse, but it's not exercising out at home, outdoors or in the gym.

People say they're too tired,

too busy or too out of shape to exercise.

Or they just can't fit it in.

Fitness experts and the American Council on Exercise have some ideas to get you out of the couch and keep you motivated.

ACE, a national fitness advocacy organization based in San

Diego, Calif., has the following tips for workout procrastinators or people who might be shy about starting a fitness program:

• Head to the gym when there may not be as many people around. For example, go early in the morning or at lunch.

• Consider taking your fitness routine outside by running, walking or bike riding.

• For strength training at home, use household items like soup cans or your own body weight to work major muscle groups.

• Try working out to an exercise video or CD.

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For more information, call Carey Crist at 324-8524.

Learn CPR

A Heartsaver cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Sage Room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Education Center, 588 Addison Ave., W., Twin Falls.

The class is offered under the guidelines of the American Heart Association and will include emergency procedures for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, chest compression and choking for adults and infants. The program includes classroom instruction and hands-on practice.

Cost is \$25. Pre-registration is required. To register, call 737-2007.

CPR for babies

An infant safety and cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in the lobby at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St., E., 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 required. For more information, call 732-3148.

Coping with widowhood

Widowed Wellness Programs of Idaho will hold a series of meetings, "Coping with Widowhood," from 10 to 11:30 a.m., beginning Wednesday, at the College of Southern Idaho's Office on Aging, 998 Washington St. N.

Through the sessions, widowed men and women will receive information and support in dealing with the problems of being widowed.

Organizers are also gathering

names for a younger widowed support series to meet in the evenings and for those working who would need to meet in the evenings. To attend an evening session or suggest a name, call the Office on Aging.

For more information or to register, call Shawna Vasko at the Office on Aging at 736-2122, ext. 307.

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, 588 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. For more information, call 732-2126.

About parenting

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center will offer 1-2-3-4 Parents, a class for parents with children ages 1-4. The class will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Thursday through Sept. 29, at the Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave., W., Jerome.

The class is free. To register or for more information, call 324-1122, Ext. 3361.

About C-sections

A cesarean childbirth class will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Sept. 20 in the lobby at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St., E., Twin Falls.

The class will include information on cesarean deliveries, pain management, hospital procedures and non-conforming labors.

Cost is \$20. Pre-registration is required. For more information, call 732-3148.

Exercise for seniors

South Central District Health is starting a six-week series of

Diego, Calif., has the following tips for workout procrastinators or people who might be shy about starting a fitness program:

• Head to the gym when there may not be as many people around. For example, go early in the morning or at lunch.

• Consider taking your fitness routine outside by running, walking or bike riding.

• For strength training at home, use household items like soup cans or your own body weight to work major muscle groups.

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"Fit and Fall Proof" exercise classes for seniors in the Fairfield area. The class will begin at 10:45 a.m. Sept. 20 at the Carnas County Senior/Community Center.

The low-impact class is designed to help individuals increase their strength and balance.

For more information or to register, call South Central District Health at 737-5988.

Walking class

South Central District Health's Arthritis Program and the First Christian Church are offering a free indoor walking class beginning Sept. 20. The class will be held from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the First Christian Church, 601 Shoshone St. N., Twin Falls.

Volunteer Joan Walton will lead the walking class. Warm-up and cool-down exercises will be included.

Anyone is welcome to attend the walking class, but people who have arthritis are encouraged to participate.

For more information, call Susie Beem at South Central District Health at 737-5946.

About weight loss

A weight loss class will be offered from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning Sept. 20, at Body IQ in Twin Falls.

The class will include information on making dietary, exercise and lifestyle changes for weight loss results. Participants will track food diaries, and some exercises will be done in class.

Cost is \$149 for the nine-week course. To register or for more information, call 737-0800.

To do for you is a calendar listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's image section. Mail notices to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83403, or deliver to our office at 132 Fairfield St. W.

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Attitude

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"I'll make uncool so cool and drive retail sales to take a sweet jump like Pedro's Sledgemo-bike!"

"People enjoy celebrating an awkward outsider such as Napoleon" is the simplified explanation Jared Hess, the film writer and director, e-mails from Mexico, where he's working on a new film.

Others say "Napoleon Dynamite" cultural momentum runs deeper — and richer. Neil Feinman, Los Angeles-based

Judo

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His black belt commands respect.

Judo has grave traditions such as bowing before entering the dojo and again when stepping on the mat. A photo of the judo's founder, Jigoro Kano, hangs on most dojo walls. They bow to it, too.

Kano, a Japanese jujitsu expert, developed the sport in the late 1880s. Essentially, Kano eliminated the dangerous techniques and placed emphasis on controlling — not striking — an opponent. The new martial art form had widespread appeal because it could be practiced with low risk of getting hurt.

One early follower was President Theodore Roosevelt, who took up judo after a boxing injury. Roosevelt so loved the sport that he built a small dojo in the second-floor White House library where he practiced three times a week. Roosevelt advanced to brown belt, just one step below black.

The U.S. Judo Federation ranks juniors of 21 belt levels from white, the lowest, to judan red, the most advanced. Seniors can receive eight belts, with black being the most advanced.

Twin Falls superintendent of schools Wiley Dobbs is a black belt. He's entering his 40th year in judo, a career that began when

author of "Geek Chic: The Ultimate Guide to Geek Culture," called the film "a cultural touchstone" for the younger generation. "Napoleon became the everyman for a huge subculture of kids, in particular, who saw themselves in that movie and who love this guy," he says. "They deeply got the joke. Somebody got it right."

And, adds Feinman, "that's gotta be a gold mine." It is for Jay Kamhi, whose daughters dragged him to see "Napoleon Dynamite" last fall.

his father started the Twin Falls program with Matsuko's father. "Judo is truly the best activity I've ever been involved in," Dobbs says. "It's really boosted my confidence."

He's been reaping the rewards since the first time he stepped on the mat as a seven-year-old. From judo, he learned fair play, respect and a lot of Japanese

culture.

These lessons translated to success in his professional career, Dobbs says.

"In a judo match, it's just you and another person. You have to rely on yourself to get out of predicaments. I've learned how to keep after it and not give up."

The third generation of Dobbs' is taking the mat, learn-

ing the traditions.

Judo has helped me more than anything else in my life," Dobbs says. And now, he hopes, judo can do the same for his children.

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'Do not go in the water'

Toxic muck threatens future of New Orleans

Knight Ridder News Service

NEW ORLEANS — It all lies submerged in a toxic gumbo: grease and gas from up to 350,000 vehicles, raw sewage, bleach and cleansers from the pantries of 160,000 flood-damaged homes; and, authorities fear, contaminants from damaged chemical plants and refineries.

Olive-colored like Army fatigues, the brew that covers New Orleans is brightened by rainbow petroleum slicks. It stinks of sulfur and rot.

Only when the waters recede will scientists begin to get a taste of what may be one of the largest environmental disasters ever. Then they have to figure out how to clean it up.

"You just cannot understand the magnitude of what we're facing," said Jean Kelly, spokeswoman for the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality.

About 20 million tons of debris will be left behind, much of it coated with potentially toxic muck. State environmental officials are scrambling to find safe ways to burn the debris and to junk the vehicles.

Some scientists caution that the receding floodwaters could leave polluted "hotspots" in the soil that would need to be cleaned up or capped before houses could be moved. Nobody has yet offered an estimate of the staggering costs.

The state DEQ and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency took 100 samples of the floodwaters last week. The agencies released test results showing dangerous levels of bacteria. They also detected the presence of heavy metals and toxic chemicals, but have not yet announced details of those findings.

In a statement, Louisiana DEQ said without elaborating that "very low levels" of toxics were found in the samples and said Sept. 4-5, Water sampling is ongoing, and the state is drawing up plans for extensive soil tests to begin when the city is safe.

Still, regulators and other scientists acknowledge that the full extent of the environmental devastation from Katrina is not yet known.

In addition, New Orleans and



Ronald Noel checks the flow of water being pumped over a flood wall by temporary pumps in the eastern part of New Orleans on Saturday. Health officials have warned that the water poses a threat to humans.



New Mexico Army National Guard Sgt. 1st Class Chris Andrews wades through polluted water as he does a house-to-house check in Port Sulphur, La.

its surrounding parishes host 66 chemical plants, petroleum refineries and petroleum bulk-storage facilities that contain 178 different chemical combinations, according to the national Toxic Release Inventory, which tracks facilities that release toxic chemicals. Environmental regulators are checking on them by air and on the ground where possible; on Sunday, the state DEQ asked railroad companies for information on the contents of scores of overturned cars.

Three oil spills occurred on the Mississippi River below the

city, but state officials reported they have been contained. The millions of gallons of water being pumped from the city into Lake Pontchartrain bring their own environmental concerns of contamination. And, because the water is low in dissolved oxygen, wildlife officials expect fish kills.

The brackish, 630-square-mile lake is a breeding ground for marine life and birds, including a refuge for the rare sandhill crane. Its drainage basin covers 20 percent of Louisiana, ranging from cypress swamps to saltwater marshes

near the Gulf of Mexico.

"The wonderful thing about nature is its resilience," state DEQ Secretary Mike McDaniel, a biologist, said at a news briefing last week. "The bacterial contaminants will not last a long time in the lake. ... The organic material will degrade with natural processes. Metals will fall and probably be captured with the sediments."

But in the city itself, questions about contamination could haunt rebuilding efforts.

"What we're talking about are hidden hazards," said Sylvia Lovance, a former director of the EPA's program regulating industrial toxic waste. "You don't see them, you may not feel the effects for a year, two years, 20 years. And that's what we have to worry about."

She and other independent scientists say that environmental agencies must set up an extensive monitoring regimen and proceed slowly to reopen the city.

"There will be a need to assess ... neighborhood ... neighborhood, water system by water system," said Lynn R. Goldman, professor at the Bloomberg School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University. "Some areas may come on line very quickly, and there are others where it may take a very long time before the 'all clear' to rebuild."

But now, water still stands in the lowest-lying areas of New Orleans, and people remain to be evacuated. Late last week, a military Humvee was parked on an Interstate 10 overpass, blasting a warning through loudspeakers to people still stranded in the Seventh Ward: "Do not go in the water! Soldiers attempting to convince the holdouts to leave repeatedly warn of the dangers from bacteria and toxic chemicals."

On Sunday, authorities were spraying pesticides over parts of the city to stop disease-bearing mosquitoes from hatching.

Rescue workers have reported nasty skin rashes and some infections of existing cuts from working in the water. Some members of an engineering battalion of the Louisiana National Guard shoveling muck from the drying streets in St. Bernard Parish. Many soldiers wear gloves as they ply the waters, but their main precaution, Flick said, is to avoid the water.

"It's deadly," said Sgt. Michael Flick, of the Ohio National Guard, who was searching for bodies by boat in eastern New Orleans. "You just can't touch this water."



Courtney Ball of Somerville, N.J., visits the temporary memorial to flight 93 in Shanksville, Pa., at sunrise on Sunday.

Families, friends gather to remember Flight 93

SHANKSVILLE, Pa. (AP) — Volunteers on Sunday slowly read the names of each of the 40 passengers and crew aboard hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 as pens from two bells marked the fourth anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Calvin Wilson, whose brother-in-law, co-pilot Lefay Homer Jr., was killed, thanked the community for embracing victims' families.

"This is always tough, but I'll do it every year," said Wilson, speaking through tears as he addressed the crowd of 1,000 people, which included U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, U.S. Senator Rick Santorum, Gov. Ed Rendell and former Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge.

United Flight 93 was en route from Newark, N.J., to San Francisco. The official 9/11 Commission report said the hijackers crashed the plane as passengers tried to take control of the cockpit. Officials believe the hijackers had targeted either the White House or the

U.S. Capitol.

Ridge praised those who died, saying their actions saved others.

"The passengers and crew are an emblem of America's great glory: freedom and patriotism demonstrated at its highest regard," Ridge said. "Here upon this field of honor, lives were saved and heroes were made."

The Flight 93 Advisory Commission on Wednesday announced the winner of a design competition for a memorial at the 2,000-acre site. The "Greatest of Embrace" memorial, created by a team of designers led by Paul Murdoch Architects of Los Angeles, will feature a chapel with 40 metal wind chimes symbolizing each of the victims.

The design still must be approved by the director of the National Park Service and the secretary of the Interior. Officials are hoping to raise about \$30 million for the memorial. The state of Pennsylvania has already donated more than \$10 million.

Rescued dogs head for California

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The first major airlift of dogs from the hurricane-battered Gulf Coast left Louisiana on Sunday, carrying about 80 pets to new temporary homes in California.

The Continental Airlines flight from Baton Rouge, La., was chartered for about \$50,000 by Texas oil tycoon Boone Pickens and his wife, Madeleine, in a movement dubbed "Operation Pet Lift."

About half the dogs on Sunday's flight were headed for San Diego, with the rest bound for San Francisco. Sunday's move was being organized by PetRelocation.com, based in Austin, Texas.

"The goal was to help rescue 200 dogs," Pickens' spokesman Jay Rosser said. "They're overjoyed that they were able to rescue these dogs, but clearly disappointed and dismayed at the bureaucracy, which prevented them from taking the full 200."

Organizers complained that some legal requirements were impractical, such as waiting 30 days for owners to claim their pets before transporting the animals.

Kelly Harrington, director of disaster response services for the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, said a makeshift shelter for up to several hundred dogs had been set up at the Lamar-Dixon Expo Center in Gonzales, La., about 45 miles northwest of New Orleans.

She hoped additional dogs would be flown out in the coming days, but said the effort was taking time.

General becomes the face of control

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — To troops, he's the "Ragin' Cajun," an affable but demanding general barking orders to resuscitate a drowning city. To his country, he's an icon of leadership in a land hungry for a leader after a hurricane exposed the nation's vulnerability to disasters.

With a can-do attitude and a cigar in hand, Army Lt. Gen. Russel Honoré arrived after Hurricane Katrina and directed troops to point weapons down in respect for a stunned and stranded population lacking food, electricity and safety.

Each morning, Honoré (pronounced AHN-ur-ay) boards a Blackhawk helicopter at Camp Shelby in Mississippi, 100 miles north of New Orleans, for a humanitarian mission as head of the military's Joint Task Force Katrina.

Honoré was born at home 57 years ago during a hurricane. His mother and an uncle always told him. He grew up poor in Lakeland, Fla., northwest of Baton Rouge, with 11 siblings, once winning a 4-11 contest with the family's lone dairy cow, Vieste.

His daughter and friends live in New Orleans. As a child, he spent two weeks at Charity Hospital, where Katrina's floodwaters trapped doctors and patients, after he was hit in the head with a baseball bat.

Stepping into a crisis that has drawn criticism of leaders at every level of government, Honoré was praised for his compassionate approach to residents and his colorful bursts of instructions to troops, delivered in a Louisiana drawl with a splash of profanity for emphasis.

"He's a man of action," said Maj. Gen. Bill Caldwell, commanding general of the 82nd Airborne Division in Fort Bragg, N.C. "He knows the area, understands the people and doesn't take no for an answer."



Gen. Russel Honoré

He came off the dog gone chupette, and he started cussing, and people started moving," Nagin told a radio station. "I give the president some credit on this. He sent one John Wayne dude down here that can get some stuff done."

The 6-foot-2 three-star general points out that John Wayne was an actor. "I'm a soldier. You get what you see," he said.

With his thin mustache and black beret, Honoré has become "one of the most visible figures of Katrina. On Sunday he appeared on both CBS' "Face the Nation" and on CNN's "Late Edition," where he defended

giving food and water to people who are refusing to leave New Orleans.

"Right now, we want to make sure that we're taking care of the people that are alive, and that we're treating them with dignity and respect, and we're providing food and water for them," Honoré told CNN.

He views Katrina as an enemy that pulls a "classic military maneuver," speeding toward land with overwhelming force, surprising and paralyzing the city and countryside and knocking out communications, electricity, water and roads in a "disaster of biblical proportions."

In a journey slowed by fallen trees, Honoré headed to Mississippi after the hurricane from an Atlanta base where he trains half the nation's troops for Iraq.

Honoré said it was as if he entered a football game to cheer in which was the "end of the first quarter and you're down 25 to nothing."

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