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"And to the extent that the federal government didn't fully do its job right, I take responsibility."
— President Bush

Bush accepts blame for response time

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush for the first time took responsibility Tuesday for federal government mistakes in dealing with Hurricane Katrina and suggested the calamity raised broader questions about the government's ability to handle both natural disasters and terror attacks.

"Katrina exposed serious problems in our response capability at all levels of government," Bush said at a joint White House news conference with Iraqi President Jalal Talabani.

"And to the extent that the federal government didn't fully do its job right, I take responsibility. I want to know what went

right and what went wrong," said Bush.

Facing sharp criticism and the lowest approval ratings of his presidency, Bush scheduled a speech to the nation from Louisiana for Thursday evening. It will be his fourth trip to the devastated Gulf Coast since the storm struck two weeks ago.

It was the closest Bush has come to publicly faulting any federal officials involved in the hurricane response, which has been widely criticized as disjointed and slow. Some federal officials have sought to blame state and local officials for being unprepared to cope with the disaster.

Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., welcomed Bush's conciliatory

remarks. "Accountability at every level is critical, and leadership begins at the top," she said.

Other Democrats were less charitable.

"The season has come for Americans to look homeward... instead of continuing to spend billions of dollars in Iraq," said Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va.

And Louisiana's Democratic governor, Kathleen Blanco, accused the Federal Emergency Management Agency of moving too slowly in recovering the bodies. The dead "deserve more respect than they have received," she said at state police headquarters in Baton Rouge.

Meanwhile, R. David Paulson, in his first full day on the

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President Bush appears at a joint press conference with Iraqi President Jalal Talabani on Tuesday.

CONFIRMATION HEARINGS HEAT UP



Chief Justice nominee John Roberts testifies Tuesday in Washington at his confirmation hearing by Senate Judiciary Committee.

Roberts stands ground under questioning

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Chief Justice nominee John Roberts repeatedly refused to answer questions about abortion and other contentious issues at his confirmation hearing Tuesday, telling frustrated Democrats he would not discuss matters that could come before the Supreme Court.

"I think nominees have to draw the line where they are most comfortable," said Roberts, who also sidestepped questions about civil rights, voting rights and the limits of presidential power in a long, occasionally antagonistic day in the witness chair.

Appearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee, he said past Supreme Court rulings carry weight, including the Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion in 1973. But he quickly balanced that by adding that the "same principle" allows for overturning rulings, as well.

Over and over, he assured lawmakers he would be guided by his understanding of the facts of cases, the law and the Constitution, not by his personal views.

"My faith and my religious beliefs do not play a role," added Roberts, who is Catholic.

"I will be my own man," he said later in a daylong session that Republicans said had firmly established his prospects for swift confirmation.

The 50-year-old appeals court judge and former Reagan administration lawyer fielded questions about dozens of legal precedents without benefit of notes. His wife, Jane Roberts, also an attorney, sat behind him, flanked by a delegation of aides the White House assembled to assist him.

Roberts flashed his wit occasionally, announcing with a smile that he had reconsidered his long-ago support for term limits for judges. If confirmed, his appointment will be for life.

In a more serious vein, he disavowed the Reagan administration's support for a tax exemption for a university that banned racial dating — but also said he hadn't been involved in discussions on the issue.

He twice rebuffed Democratic attempts to draw him into a discussion of his views on lawsuits under the Voting Rights Act.

The proposed budget targets three areas that Howard hopes will give districts the resources they need to attract and retain highly qualified teachers and to support academic programs that are under increasing scrutiny by state and federal assessments.

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- Increased financial support for rising enrollment.
- Increased base salaries for instructional, administrative and classified employees.

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Howard said additional discretionary money will support increases in maintenance and operation.

The budget also proposes a 3 percent increase in teachers' base salaries, which Howard said will attract and retain teachers. The increase would affect teachers at all levels of

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Abortion becomes topic of questions for Supreme Court nominee

Supreme Court nominee John Roberts declined to answer specific questions about abortion during Senate Judiciary Committee hearings on Tuesday. In its new term, the court will hear a case involving parental notification.

Some of the Supreme Court's decisions on abortion cases

- 1973: The court for the first time legalized abortion nationwide, in *Roe v. Wade*.
- 1986: The court struck down Pennsylvania abortion regulations that would require doctors to inform women seeking abortions about potential risks and about available medical assistance benefits for prenatal care and childbirth.
- 1992: The court upheld the core of its *Roe v. Wade* decision and banned states from outlawing most abortions. But the justices said states may raise new hurdles for women seeking to end their pregnancies.
- 2000: The court struck down Nebraska's law about a type of late-term abortion, in part because the ban did not provide an exception to protect the mother's health.
- 1997: The court said states cannot give husbands veto power over their pregnant wives' decisions to abort pregnancies and that parents of minor, unwed girls cannot be given an absolute veto over abortions.
- 1989: The court provided states with new authority to limit a woman's right to abortion but stopped short of reversing its 1973 legalization decision.

Iraqi assembly seeks timeline for U.S. withdrawal

Report describes troops as 'occupation forces'

Knight Ridder News Service

BAHJAD, Iraq — In an attempt to lay the legal groundwork for asking the United States to withdraw its troops, an Iraqi National Assembly committee released a report Tuesday that said the presence of the American military prevents Iraq from becoming fully sovereign.

The 18-member National Sovereignty Committee, made

up of legislators chosen in national elections in January, said the only way Iraq could achieve sovereignty was for multinational forces to leave. The report called for setting a timetable for the troops to go home and referred to them as "occupation forces," a first.

The report is the second time in four months that National Assembly members have expressed frustration with the

continued American military presence. In June, one-third of the 275 assembly members signed a petition asking the United States to set a timetable for withdrawal.

It wasn't clear what impact the new report would have. Iraqi government officials have said they oppose a U.S. withdrawal or setting a timetable, a position that President Jalal Talabani repeated Tuesday in Washington.

"We will set no timetable for

withdrawal. A timetable will help the terrorists," said Talabani, who's a Kurd.

Most of the committee members are members of the Shiite Muslim political coalition that dominated January's parliamentary elections, though it was impossible to know how widespread their view is among government supporters.

Assembly members were silent after Jawad al-Maliki, the committee's chairman and a

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Howard calls for greater support

Superintendent seeks money for salaries, rising student numbers

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — For more than five years, teacher salaries have been eroded by the rising cost of health care, retirement and day-to-day expenses, but now it appears the state is trying to turn the tide.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Marilyn Howard is visiting every education region in Idaho to bolster support for a proposed budget that asks for \$47.5 million more to support public schools.

Howard said the proposal comes after four years of level funding and rising costs that "have eroded the capacity of schools to offer even basic educational programs."

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Howard's request

Where the proposed increases would go:

- \$1.6 million to substance abuse programs
- \$2.2 million to transportation funding
- \$7.15 million to school facilities funding
- \$11,067,200 to employee benefits

What the proposal would add:

- \$1.45 million to High School Reform budget
- \$5.6 million to Physical Education Initiative budget

Roberts is carefully noncommittal during hearings

By Charles Lane
The Washington Post

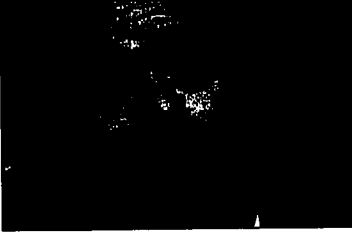
WASHINGTON — Under detailed public questioning for the first time since President Bush tapped him for a seat on the Supreme Court, John G. Roberts Jr. sounded a less conservative note on abortion-related issues than he had in the memos and briefs he wrote as a lawyer in the Reagan and George H.W. Bush administrations.

He offered a surprisingly emphatic endorsement of a constitutional right to privacy — the basis of the Roe v. Wade decision recognizing a right to abortion which he seemed to disavow as a young lawyer in the Reagan administration.

And, as if repeating a carefully formulated phrase, he referred time and again to a 1992 Supreme Court ruling upholding Roe as "a precedent entitled to respect."

Yet, over the careful lawyer, Roberts committed himself to nothing more tangible than a promise to think hard before voting either to uphold or overturn the abortion precedents about which so much controversy revolves. Each time a senator pressed him for a clear statement, up or down, on abortion rights, Roberts refused, saying that to do so would be to declare his views on an issue that the court may face in the future.

The overall impression was of a talented noncommittal who used his skills to avoid twin perils: re-



Chief Justice nominee John Roberts testifies in Washington at his confirmation hearing Tuesday before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

vealing nothing of his views, or revealing too much. "I'm not sure," he said, "that I would have more latitude to make changes in the law as chief justice than he has now as an appeals court judge. Roberts offered a list of factors he would weigh in deciding whether or not to overturn a precedent of the court.

"Stare decisis" is the legal term for the principle that courts should let existing decisions stand for the sake of stability in the law — and discussion of stare decisis took up much of the hearing, basically as a proxy for the larger issue of abortion.

Roberts told Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., the Judiciary Committee chairman, that established precedents, including

both Roe and the court's 1992 affirmation of Roe in Planned Parenthood v. Casey, should be overturned only when they have proven "unworkable," or when they have been "eroded" by intervening decisions of the court.

As examples of cases in which he thought the court was right to overturn precedent, Roberts cited the court's New Deal-era abandonment of its past cases invalidating economic regulations, and Brown v. Board of Education, the school desegregation case which overturned the court's 1896 validation of racial separation in public facilities.

But those reversals by the court, much debated in their day, are no longer controversial, Roberts said. "While superi-

Analysis

cially specific, are in fact highly elastic and could be used to overturn Roe and Casey, or to uphold them, depending upon his proclivities," said Michael Glennon, a professor of constitutional and international law at Tufts University's Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

No sooner had Specter, a strong supporter of Roe, gavelled the proceedings to order at 9:30 a.m. than he began boring in on Roberts about the abortion precedents, asking if he agreed with the Supreme Court's view, expressed in Casey, that so many women had come to rely on the abortion right that Roe had to be upheld.

Roberts did not answer directly, but did concede that Casey was a valid precedent, "entitled to respect," and that "it is a job to the legal system when you overrule a precedent."

Yet he repeatedly brushed aside invitations to say whether overturning Roe — even after being upheld in Casey — would be too big a job.

Specter invoked a change of heart by Roberts' mentor, the late Chief Justice William Rehnquist, for whom Roberts clerked in the court's 1980-1981 term. He

noted that Rehnquist, a life-long critic of the 1966 Miranda decision that recognized a suspect's "right to remain silent" when questioned by police, had ultimately voted to uphold it in 2000.

Rehnquist had concluded that Miranda was "embedded" in the "national culture," and Specter asked if the same could be said for a woman's right to choose.

Roberts, though, demurred. "I think that gets to the application of the principles in a particular case," he said. Like previous nominees to the court, Roberts said, he would refuse to say how he would rule.

In the coming term, the court will hear a challenge to a New Hampshire law that requires teens to notify their parents before getting an abortion. The

question for the court is whether Roe and Casey require the state to permit an exception to the law in cases where a girl's health may be in danger.

Sen. Herb Kohl, D-Wis., seemed pleasantly surprised when Roberts told him that he agreed with a 1985 Supreme Court decision declaring "that there is a fundamental right to privacy as it relates to contraception."

Kohl said he was "delighted" to learn that Roberts had just endorsed an opinion which, Kohl said, leads logically to "a woman's right to choose to terminate her pregnancy," the right recognized in Roe v. Wade. But, once again, Roberts slipped the punch. "That's an area that I do not feel it appropriate for me to comment on," he said.

Roberts

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Act — whether a showing of discrimination should be sufficient to prevail as opposed to a more difficult-to-establish intent to discriminate.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., the committee chairman, raised the question of abortion moments after the hearing began, and the issue reverberated again and again.

"The right to privacy is protected under the Constitution in various ways," Roberts said. "I've agreed with a 38-year-old high court ruling in a case involving contraceptives, for married couples, a decision often cited as the underpinning for abortion rights."

He said that if confronted with an abortion case — as seems likely in the high court's upcoming term — he would give full weight to the precedent of the landmark ruling that established a woman's right to end her pregnancy.

The legal principle of "stare decisis" requires that, he said — but he also said the same principle allows past rulings to be overturned.

Roberts struck sparks when he indicated his refusal to answer certain questions was based in part on a precedent of "no hints, no forecasts, no previews" that Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg set at her hearings a dozen years ago.

"That is not true, judge," interrupted Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., telling Roberts that Ginsburg had been far more forthcoming, particularly about abortion.

Specter broke in at that point — one of several times he did so during the day — telling Biden to let Roberts finish his answer.

Biden said Roberts wasn't answering at all, then said to the witness seated a few feet

"I don't want to answer a particular hypothetical that could come before the court."

"Chief Justice nominee John Roberts said he would not answer."

Despite the Democratic unhappiness, it appeared Roberts had done nothing to diminish his strong chances for confirmation to replace the late William H. Rehnquist before the high court convenes on Oct. 3.

"We're reliving the '80s," Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., muttered during one break, a reference to numerous questions from Democrats about conservative views Roberts expressed in memos he wrote as a young lawyer in the Reagan administration. Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., said he was glad Bush had picked Roberts for the job — and happy too, that the nominee had rebuffed Biden's questions.

If approved, Roberts would become the nation's 17th chief justice, and the youngest in more than 200 years.

President Bush originally named him to replace Sandra Day O'Connor when she announced her retirement earlier this summer. She has been a pivotal vote in recent years on cases that upheld abortion rights and affirmative action, and Roberts is seen by sup-

porters and critics alike as a young, conservative successor with the potential to move the court rightward.

That changed with Rehnquist's death. Unlike O'Connor, the late chief justice dissented in rulings that upheld a woman's right to abortion, for example. As a result, some of the intensity seems to have been drained from Roberts' confirmation proceedings but is likely to resurface when Bush names a new successor to O'Connor.

Confronted by Democrats with memos he wrote as a Reagan lawyer, Roberts stepped carefully: "In some instances they were consistent with personal views, in other instances they may not be."

Roberts sparred briefly with Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., who referred to some of the memos in asking about the views expressed in some that have been made public.

"If your position prevailed, it would have been legal in many cases to discriminate in athletics for girls, women. It would have been legal to discriminate in the hiring of teachers," Kennedy said.

"You have not accurately represented my opinion," Roberts replied.

"These are your words," Kennedy retorted, but Roberts was unrelenting. "Senator, you did not accurately represent my opinion," he said.

Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont, the senior Democrat on the panel, asked about the limits of presidential power, specifically if the chief executive would be obligated to heed a law calling for the withdrawal of U.S. troops from foreign soil by a fixed date.

"I don't want to answer a particular hypothetical that could come before the court," Roberts replied.

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Hurricane Ophelia nears coast

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH, N.C. (AP) — Vulnerable beaches were evacuated and mainland schools were closed Tuesday as Ophelia strengthened to a hurricane and wobbled closer to land with a threat of flooding rain.

The National Hurricane Center upgraded the storm's status Tuesday evening, saying maximum sustained winds had reached 75 mph, with higher gusts. The center said further strengthening was possible. "I don't really want to mess with it," Bruce McElvaine of Logan Township, N.J., said as he packed to leave the Outer Banks of Hatteras Island before his vacation ended. "You're on a bit of land a dozen miles into the ocean."

Others were nonchalant, fol-

lowing the lead of many long-time residents who were staying put. Brenda and Rich Hooser, who moved to Nags Head from Winston-Salem three weeks ago, strolled hand-in-hand through the surf.

All the "beaks" — none of them leave," Rich Hooser said. "If it's not over 125 (mph), they don't go anywhere."

A hurricane warning extended from the South Santee River in South Carolina north to Oregon Inlet at Pamlico Sound in North Carolina, meaning hurricane conditions were expected within 24 hours.

A hurricane watch and tropical storm warning were in effect from the Oregon Inlet north to the North Carolina-Virginia line and southward from the South

Santee River to Edisto Beach in South Carolina.

After taunting coastal residents for days, the storm appeared ready to move ashore, as heavy rain battered South Carolina's northern coast and the beaches of southeastern North Carolina.

In Carolina Beach, south of Wrightsville Beach, officials reported a foot of water on one road due to heavy wind and a high tide.

Unlike Hurricane Katrina's devastating week at the Gulf Coast, the week-old Ophelia had been following a meandering path, making predictions of its landfall difficult. The hurricane center's forecasts showed it running along the coast, then veering through Pamlico Sound, crossing the Outer

Banks and heading back out to sea.

Its slow movement meant heavy rain could linger over land, possibly causing serious flooding. The hurricane center said up to 15 inches of rain was possible in eastern North Carolina.

At least six North Carolina counties ordered mandatory evacuations of some areas and eight others' had voluntary evacuations.

Along the exposed Outer Banks chain, all residents and visitors were ordered to evacuate Hatteras Island on Tuesday. Visitors had been ordered off Ocracoke Island and the National Park Service closed the Cape Hatteras lighthouse and the Wright Brothers National Memorial in Kill Devil Hills.

Neighbors: Caged children were well-dressed, appeared well-fed

WAKEMAN, Ohio (AP) — The children seemed ordinary enough to neighbors who lived some of them to help bale hay and watched as they spent their apparently carefree days playing in a yard filled with toys.

But at night, the 11 children — all with conditions ranging from autism to fetal alcohol syndrome — were not treated like ordinary children, authorities say. Their adoptive parents allegedly forced several of them to sleep in homemade cages about 3.5 feet high.

"We're still trying to figure out what happened in that home," said Erich Dumbreck, director of the Department of Job and Family Services in Huron County, where the family lived for the past 10 years.

No charges have been filed, and parents Sharen, 57, and Michael Gravelle, 56, have denied in court that they abused or neglected the children.

The couple have also said a psychiatrist recommended they make the children sleep in the cages. Huron County Prosecutor Russell Leffler told the Newark Beacon that the parents said the children, including some who had mental disorders, needed to be protected from each other, according to a search warrant filed by authorities.

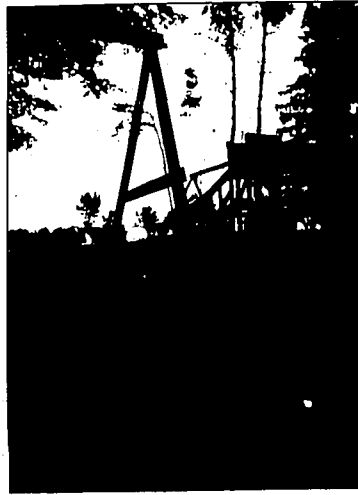
Leffler refused to speak with an Associated Press reporter Tuesday at his office, and the couple's lawyer did not return messages seeking comment.

After authorities discovered the cages last week, the children, ages 1 to 14, were placed with four foster families and were doing well, Dumbreck said.

"We don't have any indication at this point that there was any abuse," he said.

Neighbors in the rural neighborhood outside Wakeman, a city of roughly 1,000 people 50 miles west of Cleveland, said they never saw any signs of abuse, either.

"They weren't bad kids. I was tickled to give them some



A teddy bear lies on the ground in the backyard of a home in Clarksville Township, Ohio, Tuesday. Eleven disabled children were removed from the home after some of the children were made to sleep in cages about 3.5 feet high, authorities said.

spending money," said Holey Hunter, who lives down the street.

He said he hired two of the family's teenagers this summer to help make hay.

"Those kids were dressed better than some of the kids who live in Cleveland. They behaved like any other kids when they were outside playing," added Jim Power, who lives across the street.

But at night, authorities say, eight of the children were confined in 3.5-foot-tall wooden

cages stacked in bedrooms on the second floor.

The cages were painted in bright, primary colors, with some rigged with alarms that would send a signal to the downstairs when a cage door was opened. One cage had a dresser in front of it, county sheriff's Lt. Randy Sommers said Tuesday.

"The sheriff and I stood there for a few minutes and just kind of stared at what we were seeing. We were speechless," Sommers said.

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Louisiana charges nursing home owners

Knight Ridder News Service

RATON ROUGE, La. — Hurricane Katrina killed them, but the Louisiana attorney general said Tuesday that he's also holding the owners of a nursing home responsible for the deaths of 34 victims, mostly elderly, found after the storm.

People in St. Rita's Nursing Home, in a small town south-east of New Orleans, tried to

fight the rising floodwaters by blocking windows and lashing themselves together with rope, but they lost their battle when water reached the roof.

Attorney General Charles Folt said Salvador and Mable Mangano, a married couple who owned the facility, turned themselves in to authorities on Tuesday and have been charged with 34 counts of negligent homicide.

The nursing home had a contract with an ambulance company to evacuate residents, Folt said, but it didn't call for help. It also turned down offers from St. Bernard Parish to send buses.

"Their inaction resulted in the death of those people," Folt said.

Folt said that some people at St. Rita's survived, including a man who got his elderly relative

out of the facility by flooding to safety on a mattress.

Folt said his office will also investigate other hospitals where bodies have been found, including Memorial Medical Center in New Orleans, to see if they died of anything other than natural causes.

About 45 bodies were removed from Memorial over the weekend. Hospital spokespeople said many elderly and sick

people died at the flooded, powerless facility in the four days after the storm while doctors and nurses tried to keep them alive, waiting for rescuers who never came.

In the nation's capital, homeland security officials pledged a house cleaning of political appointees in top jobs who have little experience in disaster management, and more fingers were pointed in New Orleans,

over the snail's pace of retrieving bodies that litter the flood-ravaged city.

Meanwhile, the hard work of finding a place to live for thousands of now-homeless evacuees across the Gulf States promised to provide another major challenge for the government.

The American Red Cross said thousands of people could be living in shelters for months.

Rescue effort turns to weak, scared pets

The Dallas Morning News

GONZALES, La. — The house pets left behind in the wake of Hurricane Katrina are scared and hungry.

Dogs roam the streets in packs, foraging for food with a desperation that makes people they encounter nervous. They often cower from humans, though some have learned to approach those they see, hoping for something to eat.

Cats hole up in their abandoned, houses, hissing at rescuers trying to catch them and bring them to shelter at the Lamar Dixon Expo Center.

Now that the search for human victims is reaching its final phase, the effort to recover their animal friends has gained momentum.

And rescue workers from all over the country are combing the New Orleans area — trying to gather as many of the animals as they can.

Though most of these animals pose no threat to humans, they need to be managed by experienced handlers, rescue workers say.

So far, the animals that have come to the impromptu shelter — which normally serves as an equestrian center and 4-H facility — have been in "surprisingly good condition," said Micaela Collins, a volunteer with the Humane Society of the United States.

"Cats are way tougher than humans, and they're very better off than the dogs. Dogs depend more on people."

Still, life without humans is beginning to wear on the animals that have not been recovered.

"The ones coming in now are a little thinner and a little more stressed because they've been in that environment for so long," said Collins, who was helping veterinarians administer shots to the cats at the expo center.

The facility, which can hold up to 2,000 animals, is filled with rows and rows of crates holding dogs, cats, birds, horses, hamsters, gerbils, goats, ducks, geese, chickens and at least one pot-bellied pig.

When they show up at the shelter here, some tremble in their cages, curled into balls of fur. Dogs pull out their chests and bark non-stop. The chorus of barks sounds like a seal colony.

"They're not that feral. They're more scared than anything else," said Emanuel Maciel, a Humane Society rescue team member, positioning a net to catch a cat in a home on Tchoupitoulas Street in New Orleans.

Animal welfare groups trying to coordinate with law enforcement acknowledge that there are cases when animals need to be shot instead of rescued. But they say police should avoid unnecessary killings.

Animal rights activists have decried the shooting of a dog this week by sheriff's deputies in St. Bernard Parish.

But the Humane Society of the United States, one of the groups coordinating the shelter in Gonzales, said the killing was isolated. "It appears to have been one group of rogue individuals," said Wayne Pacelle, the group's president.

And Lt. Col. Jacques Thibodeaux, with the Louisiana National Guard, said he had not heard of the incident. "Most of the sheriff's departments in the area are integrated with the National Guard," he said. "I'd have a hard time believing a sheriff's deputy would do that with all the other missions we have going on."

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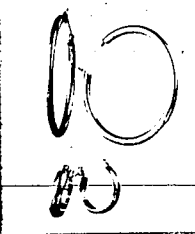
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EDITORIAL

Roberts as chief justice helps avoid brutal politics

As he wrestles with one of the biggest natural disasters in American history, the last thing President Bush needs right now is another political fight.

The president made a series of gaffes in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, and much of the criticism being heaped his way is valid. Bush sees this himself, and took responsibility for the delayed response on Tuesday. He appears to be making a correction of what must be done to restore the Gulf coast.

But one solid decision Bush made in hectic days after Katrina may be one of his best yet — nominating John G. Roberts as chief justice of the Supreme Court.

The death of an ailing Chief Justice William Rehnquist on Sept. 3 was hardly a surprise, but the timing couldn't have been worse. Justice Sandra O'Connor's retirement came in summer, leading to the nomination of Roberts who had served on the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals in Washington D.C.

While the decision may seem to have been made in haste, Roberts' pick makes good sense.

By replacing Rehnquist instead of O'Connor, the court could open its next term next month with nine justices

O'Connor said she would stay on the bench until her replacement arrives. That replacement won't come until a new nominee is named by Bush.

Roberts has not served on the Supreme Court, has not yet earned confirmation, and would be the youngest member of the court at 50.

But naming a new justice as the chief has recent precedence — Harry Truman, Herbert Hoover and William Harding all nominated justices who immediately became chief. And don't forget, the Supreme Court is aging quickly with

Our view: Bush acts wisely to tap John Roberts as the next Supreme Court chief justice. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

all of them except Justice Clarence Thomas, now over age 65.

Since being nominated, and during his first days of confirmation hearings, Roberts has demonstrated reverence for the court, a refreshing demeanor, and an eloquent gift for the written words of law. Being a newcomer, he would be hesitant to step on toes, but would be comfortable in his own skin.

Handing the administrative reins to Roberts — and one with a more conservative-centrist approach — will pay off in the long run. Tapping a competent and fair Supreme Court chief in Roberts should make balancing Katrina relief and a new court nominee much easier.

While senators scrutinize John Roberts' qualifications for a seat on the Supreme Court and examine his capacity to uphold the Constitution, they themselves could stand a little scrutiny on a very important constitutional feature — religious tests.

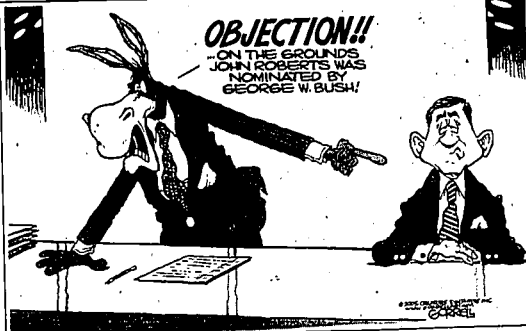
TONY PERKINS

Some senators have made it clear that they want — are entitled — to know more about the religious beliefs of judicial nominees, especially if it seems, when they are Catholic or evangelical. Sometimes, to avoid targeting religious belief overtly, they say they merely want to inquire about the nominee's "deeply held personal beliefs."

Rubbing, "deeply held personal beliefs" is code for religious faith. But Article VI of the Constitution says, "No religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States." Most of the colonial states that created the federal government had both established churches and religious tests (or office to further those establishments).

Massachusetts, for example, required "any person chosen governor, lieutenant-governor, councilor, senator, or representative" to profess "the Christian religion." Delaware required any person "appointed to any office or place of trust" to declare that he did "profess faith in God, the author, and in Jesus Christ I only Son," as well as belief in the Trinity and divine inspiration of the Bible.

When it came to creating a central government, however, the colonies put religious es-



tablishments off limits to it, and they forbade religious tests as well in the Constitution. They explicitly prevented the national government from using them.

Senators tempted to make religion a test for a seat on the Court are thus violating the Constitution they are sworn to uphold. It's one thing for a voter to mark a secret ballot predicated on religion, but it's quite another for a constitutional officer, such as a senator in the discharge of official public duties, to require a nominee to profess "the Christian religion" test for federal office. It violates both the spirit and the letter of the Constitution and is expressly forbidden.

Moreover, many on the left have labored to classify a party position as a "religious position" (even though human conception and fetal development are established scientific facts). In an effort to exclude those who hold such a view

from public debate and government service. If they regard a pro-life view as presumptively religious and then use adherence to it to disqualify a candidate for office, then it's a religious test pure and simple.

As Justice William Brennan, no religious rightist he, declared for the Court in 1977, "Government may not inquire into the religious beliefs and motivations of office holders — it may not remove them from office merely for making public statements regarding religion. Nor question whether their legislative actions stem from religious conviction."

That decision (McDaniel v. Patry) intended the right of a Tennessee pastor to hold office, and its principles apply to U.S. Senators and Court nominees as well.

Senators are clearly obligated to leave religious belief, a.k.a. "deeply held personal beliefs," out of the hearings. They may properly seek to know how well

a judicial nominee reads and adheres to the Constitution, but religious voters watching those hearings will want to know the same about liberal senators.

Will they imply that people of faith need not apply for a spot on the Supreme Court, or for any other public office? Will those who disqualify pro-life views from public policy debates because they are "faith-based" also try to disqualify a presumed pro-life nominee "from office"? If they do, their claim of deep reverence for the Constitution as the justification for their secular inquisition will ring more than a tad hollow.

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Katrina knocks Bush down, but not out

WILLIAM MCKENZIE

prices. And, yes, time wasted. The mess along the Gulf Coast requires maneuvering through complex bureaucracies, understanding America's racial changes, and responding in nature's fury. This challenge doesn't play to the president's skill set. He fights fearlessly, but he doesn't project patience, hope and empathy well.

In fairness, none of us has the ability to succeed on all those fronts. But Bush wanted to be president, so he chafed at nature's fury. This challenge doesn't play to the president's skill set. He fights fearlessly, but he doesn't project patience, hope and empathy well.

Perhaps that's why the president made his third trip to the Gulf Coast Monday. My hunch is he's not feeling well. Bush is a tactile guy who learns best through action. That's what he was doing when he met with the mayor of New

Orleans and basically said, tell me what's going on.

The president is also taking steps. He moved aside the beleaguered "Brownie" from running the Federal Emergency Management Agency's operations in New Orleans. A Coast Guard official is in charge now, and Michael Brown has resigned as head of FEMA.

Sooner than later, however, the president has to go back to work. The initiatives the administration has rolled out can help, including giving evacuees money.

But small ideas don't capture the public's attention. Some Bush supporters I spoke with suggested everything from rolling out a domestic Marshall Plan to protect us from future disasters and attacks to finding a city-bulldozer type like Robert Bush to lift up New Orleans.

Much also could launch a major education initiative, which would play to his passion for schools. Maybe it's bringing in a bunch of education innovators to re-launch New Orleans schools, or finding a way to help Dillard University, New Orleans's historically black college.

The situation provides him a chance to update his compassionate conservatism with a response that blends left and

right. However he does it, he needs to get ahead of what's going on in Louisiana and Mississippi. If he doesn't, the crisis could swamp the several other fronts he's managing. He's got the war in Iraq. He has two Supreme Court nominations to sell. He's got established Democrats going after him, along with the increasingly shrill MoveOn.org crowd. And he's got his priority of rebuilding the White House going nowhere. That's different from Sept. 11, when he didn't have so many fronts.

All this may cause the president to think, later on, that they better restrain themselves. A Bushite I spoke to a couple of days after Sept. 11 described him as being like the old boxer Gene Fullmer. He'll get bloodied, the Bush backer said, but he finds a way to win.

I used that description in a column after Sept. 11, and it still applies to New Orleans. This time, though, Gene Fullmer needs to work fast. He's running out of rounds.

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Young women impress at Cassia County Fair

At the Cassia County Fair this year, I noticed something that really caught my attention. The young women in our community, white or Hispanic or whatever, they were very beautiful in the way they were dressed — their hairstyles, their channellers and politeness. There were cowgirls, girls, city girls, and they all displayed the same elegance and grace. I was amazed at how young they were to possess these qualities. I have three sons and I am a young grandmother. I overheard one of my sons say, "Where were all the cute girls when we were in high school?" I also attended the Twin Falls County Fair and the Eastern Idaho State Fair in Blackfoot and decided to observe the young women there. There was a dramatic difference. I don't

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knows who's teaching our young girls to be such lovely classy ladies, but congratulations to the young women and their families. You make us proud. LINDA FITZGERALD Burley

Bureaucracy limited ability to respond to Katrina

Remember Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, author of "The Gulag Archipelago," lamented that we do not remember history as it has happened but

instead we remember only what is hammered into our memory.

Like most of you, I am saddened by the devastation in the wake of hurricane Katrina. We can do nothing about the hurricane. But as we have been watching the past week, how we respond after it was our choice.

Our current administration has spent billions of our dollars creating new agencies and departments to keep us safe and to aid us in the event of a crisis. We now know what a waste of time and money it all was. The ability of the government to respond to crisis is inversely related to the levels of bureaucracy involved in the response.

It did not help that Federal Emergency Management Agency director Brown told us, in so many words, that those people who ignore the evacuation orders deserve what they

got. I suppose the doctors, nurses, police officers, individuals, stayed in and others who stayed behind did so merely out of a stubborn ignorance of the gravity of the situation.

Perhaps someone should have reminded Mr. Brown that only those with cars were able to get out of town. Many people in a city do not drive cars. They had no way out and none was provided for them. Despite the many hours that preceded the storm's arrival on shore.

My point is simply this: If you are indeed outraged by our government's inept response, then you must remember the events of the last week and not be swayed later by those who would put a "spin" on how our government responded. We need to be angry. We need a conservative brother-in-law, now on scene with the Idaho Air National Guard, says

we should be "ashamed." Remember as you stand at the polls next time and vote for those candidates who will invest American dollars in America and put Americans first.

BOB WITHROW Burley

Why would you want the Democrats in power?

After reading Ms. Metcalf's letter of Sept. 5, my first and only response was "wow." Talk about someone proving my point. Now I am forced to add a new adjective to hate-filled, humorous and ironically challenged and that would be "hysterical." Ms. Metcalf should look up apopleptic in that well-thumbed thesaurus. It would be 23 letters before "whiny." The only subject Ms. Metcalf didn't bring up was the dreary albatross Halliburton non-story.

Now how could she have missed that buzz word?

I think Ms. Metcalf fully comprehends that I could counter every one of her quotes with my own and we could go on an infinitum boring the whole of Magic Valley to distraction with hysterical rantings by at least one of us. So, I'll just ask Ms. Metcalf one question. She states that she fears the loss of the Democratic Party and the loss of the Democratic Party. She states that she fears the loss of the Democratic Party. She states that she fears the loss of the Democratic Party. She states that she fears the loss of the Democratic Party.

So why, Ms. Metcalf, would you possibly want to put these assen inept, bumbling idiots into power. And that Ms. Metcalf is a perfect example of irony. KATHY ROONEY Gooding

LETTERS

OPINION

Congress rides to the rescue after Katrina

At last there is a light in the darkness. Washington was slow to respond to Katrina's victims, but now Congress has finally sprung into action. It has bravely promised to investigate the situation.



JOHN TIERNEY

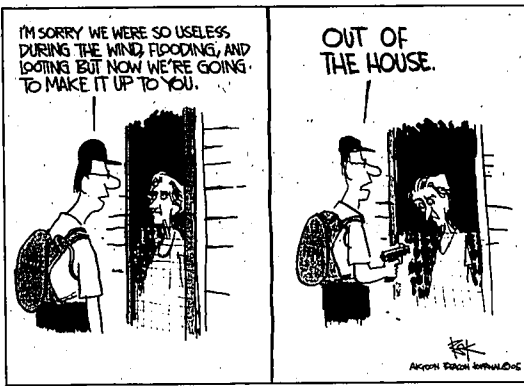
Unfortunately, the members haven't figured out exactly how, because Democrats want it to be done by outsiders. They say the Republicans will turn the probe into a cover-up. But why does that bother the Democrats so much? Shouldn't members of both parties want to cover this up?

Suppose, for instance, investigators try to find out who had the brilliant idea of putting the Federal Emergency Management Agency inside a new department with an organizational chart modeled on the Soviet Ministry of Agriculture and Food Economy. One Democrat, Hillary Clinton, did question whether FEMA would suffer, but the idea was originally championed by her colleagues, particularly Joe Lieberman.

Last week I called Clinton last week in joining for a "re-examination" of FEMA's status, but he was against independence before he was it. After the Sept. 11 attacks, he helped lead the charge to create the Department of Homeland Security.

Republicans first resisted, as the Democratic National Committee pointed out during the presidential campaign last year. Its radio advertisement declared that John Kerry fought to establish the Department of Homeland Security. George Bush opposed it for almost a year after 9/11.

Or suppose the investigators try to find out why the Army



Corps of Engineers didn't protect New Orleans from the flood. Democrats have blamed the Iraq war for diverting money and attention from domestic needs. But that hasn't meant less money for the corps during the past five years. Overall spending hasn't declined since the Clinton years, and there has been a fairly sharp increase in money for flood-control construction projects in New Orleans.

The problem is that the bulk of the corps' budget goes for projects far less important than preventing floods in New Orleans. And if the investigators want to find who's responsible, they don't have to leave Capitol Hill.

Most of the corps' budget consists of what are lovingly known as appropriations committees as earmarks; money allocated specifically for members' pet projects. Many of these projects flunk the corps' own cost-benefit analysis or haven't been analyzed at all. Many are jobs that corps officials don't even consider part of their mission.

Because Republicans control

Congress, they get more than their share of earmarks, but Democrats take care of themselves, too. The corps is giving grants to improve New York City's drinking water. In Massachusetts, the corps offers BMX-style bike jumps at a lake near Worcester. In rural Nevada, an area not known for hurricanes or shipping channels, the corps has been given \$20 million for construction projects. When I asked an official why so much was being spent in Nevada, he said that the money was paying for wastewater treatment and mentioned the name of Sen. Harry Reid, the Senate's leader in the Senate.

Reid is a good man, the corps official explained, and he is on our committee.

Last week, Mary Landrieu, D-La., lambasted Bush on the Senate floor. Everybody anticipated the breach of the levees, Mr. President, she said. But she and others from the Louisiana delegation have been short-changing the levees themselves. As Michael Grynwald reported in The Washington Post, they've diverted large

sums to dubious corps projects aimed at increasing barge traffic, not preventing floods. Landrieu forced the corps to redo its calculations when a project to deepen a port flunked its cost-benefit calculations. Would congressional investigators focus on these pork-barrel projects? I would guess not.

My daring prediction is they would make two discoveries. First, that mistakes were made by many people outside Congress. Second, that more money must be spent on flood protection throughout America. A few outside skeptics may suggest letting this money be spent by mayors and governors in flood-prone areas who can lose their jobs if they earmark it for too many boondoggles and allow disasters to occur. But members of Congress would conclude that only they can be trusted to disperse the money. Of course, should there be another flood somewhere, they would be glad to investigate.

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LETTER

Politicians weren't only testifiers about isotopes

Contrary to Peter Rickards' assertions (*Times-News*, Aug. 18), others besides "high-paid DOE and politicians" testified in favor of the Plutonium-238 battery condensation project at the recent public hearings. At the Twin Falls hearing, Steve Laffin explained how his company uses the Advanced Test Reactor to produce life-saving medical isotopes. His testimony was probably the best received of the favorable testimony given at any of the hearings.

I spoke at the Idaho Falls hearing on behalf of Coalition 21, a group of unpaid volunteer activists. I have grandson who has been working out hard all summer in order to play junior varsity football for Twin Falls High School. I resent the implication that I would associate myself with any activity that could cause harm to him or his family.

During an earlier information meeting on plutonium-fueled batteries, the Department of Energy presenter became irate when Peter leveled a similar charge at him. That meeting was held in the Idaho Falls Public Library

some time before the draft environmental impact statement was issued.

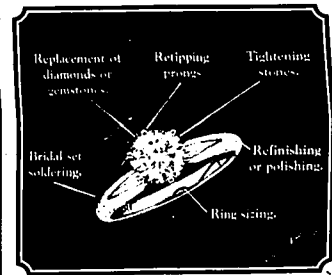
Other volunteers from Coalition 21 testified at all the other regional Draft Environmental Impact Statement hearings. There they sometimes received verbal abuse from Peter and from a hostile audience. The mood of the crowd in Sun Valley was characterized by one of our participants as more rowdy than any he has seen from so-called rednecks at about 100 other environmental hearings he has attended on truly controversial subjects like logging and salmon runs.

Despite Peter's antics at earlier hearings, the moderator at the last hearing in Boise granted him group status by allowing him to speak for five instead of three minutes. Peter used this extra time to continue to berate Kathleen Trever, the highly respected, by almost every one except Peter, coordinator of the state's Idaho National Laboratory oversight program. Peter used his usual tactic of calling her a liar.

GEORGE FREUND
Idaho Falls
(Editor's note: George Freund is vice president of Coalition 21, an Idaho-based organization that supports science and technology.)

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For-profit health care hasn't worked in T.F.

An open letter to the Twin Falls County commissioners: As we look to the future of health care in the Magic Valley, I am concerned that we are even considering selling to a for-profit health-care system. Long before any of our current commissioners were ever elected, the Magic Valley had a hospital that was owned and operated by a for-profit system. It was called Canyon View Hospital. Many of our citizens today may not even be aware that any changes were ever made since the local psychiatric and addiction center continues to serve residents today much like it did years ago. However, the truth is that the services today actually help all of our citizens, not just those who can afford to get the help.

You see, before January of 1997, the hospital was owned by a for-profit health-care system whose primary focus was taking money from our community and sending it back to its corporate executives and shareholders who lived in another state. Because of this, needed capital reinvestments did not happen, leaving the hospital in very poor shape. In addition, its need to return profits to investors pulled so much money out of the system that it collapsed and went bankrupt.

The county commissioners at that time saw that we were about to lose a valuable asset and asked Magic Valley Regional Medical Center to take over the psychiatric and addiction programs so that we would not lose these valuable services from our community. Magic Valley Regional Medical Center took on this challenge and has helped to subsidize the cost of running these services since that time.

Today, one of the requests of the commissioners is to assure these services continue into the future. Local control is the only answer to that. We learned a valuable lesson from our for-profit history. If we do not learn from it, we are doomed to repeat it, only this time it could be on a much larger scale than just the psychiatric and addiction services.

It does not matter if a for-profit system is willing to pay big bucks to buy the hospital. In the end, the money will be gone and we will be left with a mess to clean up. Let's keep the

operations of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center local. The merger with St. Luke's is the answer. I believe it is time for a vote.

BILL SOUTHWICK
Kimberly
(Editor's note: Bill Southwick is the director of behavioral health and post acute care for Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.)

County should let voters decide on hospital

To the county commissioners regarding the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center:

Gentlemen, you are making me uncomfortable for a couple of reasons:
• You don't seem to be putting any value on the work done by the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Board, all of whom you appointed.
• You seem to be "playing" with the idea of getting the county out of the hospital business with the hope of harvesting some great cash

windfall. You have me in the position of agreeing with the most recent *Times-News* editorial, which I often don't do.

The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Board and the St. Luke's management group have developed a viable plan for addressing the medical needs of the Magic Valley. They have communicated their program to many groups in the area and have gained the confidence of the local medical community. I would like to urge you to move forward on this proposal with all haste and

put it on the November ballot for citizen consideration.

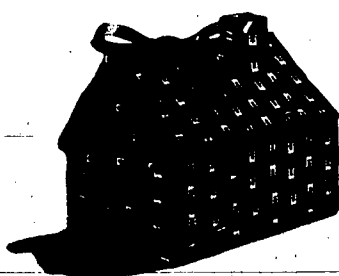
Regarding the "cash windfall" idea expressed above, I surely hope you don't visualize a situation where the medical resources of this community can fund a new courthouse, jail or other general county obligations.

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- Wheels

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- CD/Changer
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Section B

AROUND THE VALLEY

Body identified in Rock Creek Park

TWIN FALLS — Authorities have identified a body found Sunday in Rock Creek Park as a 40-year-old Tiller man.

The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department identified the man Tuesday as Todd Bruce Gallegos. An autopsy performed Monday "revealed no immediate determination of death," authorities said.

Toxicology tests on body fluids will be conducted to help determine why Gallegos died. Results of those tests will not be available for another two to three weeks.

The body was discovered Sunday afternoon by children at a family picnic in the northwest corner of the park.

The incident remains under investigation. Authorities are asking anyone with information relevant to the death to call 735-4159 or 735-4035.

Gallegos, who previously lived in Rupert and Ketchum, was employed as a long-haul driver for Swift Trucking.

Pastor to be ordained Friday at T.F. church

TWIN FALLS — Christopher Folgers will be ordained Friday evening at the United Reformed Church of the Magic Valley.

Folgers, a graduate of the Mid-America Reformed Seminary, will become the church's pastor.

The service starts at 7:30 p.m. The church is located at 1708 Hayburn Ave. E.

'Healing Field' flags will be up until Friday

JEROME — Flags are still flying in the "Healing Field" across from the Flying Travel Plaza, just north of the Highway 93-Interstate 84 junction.

The 3,011 flags are in honor of the victims of Sept. 11, 2001, and the fact that this is a glorious and inspiring site, these flags are available for a donation of \$30," said Ralph Peters of the Jerome Historical Society. Anyone interested may go to the site and leave a donation, then come by Friday and pick up the flag.

Donations are tax-deductible. Proceeds will go to the Jerome Historical Society and the Chamber of Commerce Centennial Fund.

Dually enrolled

students have program

TWIN FALLS — Students living in the Twin Falls School District who are dually enrolled (those who are home-schooled or attend a non-public school) and wish to participate in public school extracurricular activities sanctioned by the Idaho High School Athletic Association are invited to participate in the fall Idaho Standards Achievement Testing program.

Testing for secondary students will take place Monday through Oct. 28.

To make testing arrangements or for more information, call Brett Gies, director of data analysis-program development, at 735-6900.

Free workshop will teach safety to kids

TWIN FALLS — Safe Kids of the Magic Valley, an affiliation of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, will be conducting free child safety seat inspections and child passenger safety awareness education from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Wills Toyota, 136 Shoshone St. W.

The event is a free community service for parents and is sponsored by the Environmental Systems Inc. (XITE) Fox 35, KTFZ 99.1 "The Music Monster," Sunny 100.7 KISY and hosted by Wills Toyota.

The program has been endorsed by law enforcement because it teaches children how to stay safe.

It is mandated by law enforcement and has child actors who demonstrate safety techniques all children should know by age 4.

Participating families will receive a free child safety education video.

— compiled from staff reports

Gathering of peace

Sun Valley visit showcases U.S. interest in Buddhism

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

SUN VALLEY — It was a Buddhist Woodstock, Sun Valley-style.

More than 15,000 people, including business leaders, congressmen and former ambassadors, gathered in this mountain resort to listen to the Dalai Lama during a series of speaking engagements commemorating the fourth anniversary of the Sept. 11 terror attacks. Celebrities came on million-dollar jets. Schoolchildren came by the busload.

On a high school football field where public events were held, Tibetan and Nepalese immigrants prostrated themselves on the grass to the man they consider the 14th reincarnation of the Buddha, next to Idaho natives just curious to hear what the winner of the 1989 Nobel Peace Prize had to say.

From the time Buddhism was formally introduced to the U.S. at the World Parliament of Religions in Chicago in 1893, this 2,500-year-old religion from the Indian subcontinent has been on the march in America. No man has been more important to this than the Dalai Lama, who since his 1959 exile from Chinese-occupied Tibet has transformed Buddhism's perception from an austere eastern religion into what many see as an antidote to 21st-century angst.

"He's shifted the focus, from Tibet, in particular, to worldwide secular issues such as peace and harmony and reconciliation," said Hiroshi Obayashi, chair of the religious studies department at Rutgers University in New Jersey, where the Dalai Lama speaks Sept. 25. "He made worldwide travels, bringing this message. That's attracted sympathy and interest, particularly from the United States."

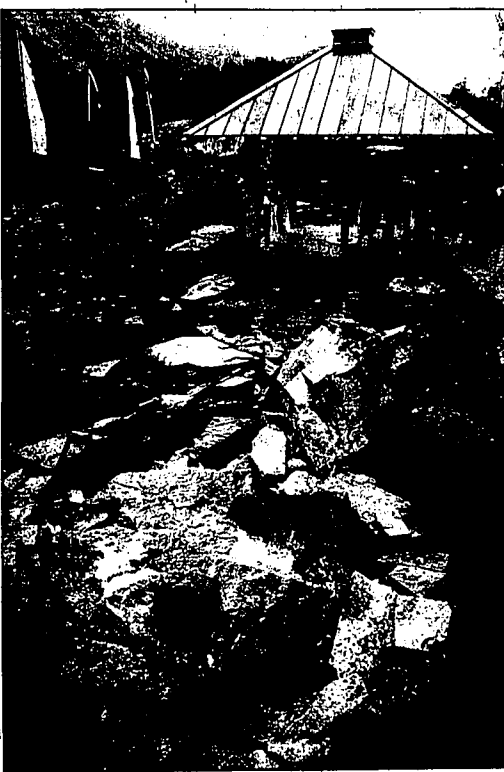
Out of sympathy, gradually, it developed into a cult-like curiosity.

The Sun Valley visit ends today, with a meeting with 100 religious leaders.

Unlike Western religions, Buddhism doesn't have a monotheistic deity. Its adherents believe there's no such thing as a permanent identity; instead, the human personality and all of reality are constantly changing.

"Your friend, your enemy, your neutral — all are equal," the Dalai Lama said Monday morning to a private audience including U.S. Rep. Jim McDermott, D-Wash., Alan Blinken, the former U.S. am-

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Above, visitors walk around the new rock garden which is home to a Tibetan prayer wheel that was blessed Tuesday morning by the Dalai Lama at the Sawtooth Botanical Garden near Ketchum.

Left, the Dalai Lama, right, an unidentified monk, tie white scarves around the prayer wheel.

Preservationist thinks bridge may have historical importance

By Renee Wells
For The Times-News

RUPERT — A historic preservationist has asked local officials to hold off on razing Jackson Bridge until every alternative has been explored.

In a letter to the Minidoka County commissioners and the Burley Highway District, Donald Watts with the Idaho State Historical Society asked them to do all they can to preserve the bridge.

Watts wrote that Jackson Bridge may be the longest timber highway bridge remaining in Idaho and is therefore significant to Idaho's history.

"We have, over the years, seen many instances where older historic bridges can be effectively, and economically, repaired and

kept in service without endangering public safety," Watts wrote.

"In addition, we would like to point out that Transportation Enhancement Act funding may be available for a project of this nature."

Watts asked that, before local authorities make any irreversible decisions to demolish the structure, they investigate in an objective manner any alternatives and they offer to assist if they can.

The commissioners discussed a recent hearing held on the Jackson Bridge. They were uncertain of the exact outcome as none of them attended the meeting.

Commissioner Marvin Bingham told his colleagues he was told that about 400 people, the 250 reported, were in attendance and only a handful were in favor of removing the bridge.

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"I am guilty of going on vacation," she said, sighing. "But for that meal at the Italian restaurant, I really had to pay attention to portion control and when I felt full."

Going on vacation with her family also helped. An extended relative who also lives in Magic Valley and traveled with the Garners kept an extra eye on the long-term goal — and Megan's plate.

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low the diet.'" And so Garner took the first meal off from her diet since beginning the journey toward becoming fit.

Her husband, Red, also took a vacation, both from what he ate and how much.

"I did succumb to vacation temptations," he said. "I ate a lot. A lot. But I did still drink all the water I'm supposed to."

He said this week's class was especially helpful. Following the holiday weekend, the class discussed holiday and vacation eating.

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Disaster leads to increase in charity fraud

By Terry Smith
Times-News writer

BOISE — In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, federal and state authorities are bracing for a new wave of disaster — charity fraud.

"The best advice to consumers is give wisely to charities they know and trust, and avoid the fraud altogether," said Bob Cooper, a spokesman for the Idaho attorney general's office.

Cooper said the attorney general's office isn't yet investigating any charity

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West Nile strikes locally

Man comes down with virus, but has since recovered

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A Twin Falls County man in his 30s has become the second confirmed human case of West Nile virus in south-central Idaho, according to South Central District Health.

The man was not hospitalized and has recovered from illness, the district health office reported Tuesday.

South Central District Health reported another human case earlier this month in a Gooding County woman in her 60s. The woman was hospitalized briefly and has recovered at home.

People and animals are infected with the West Nile virus through the bite of an infected mosquito and cannot contract the virus from contact with an infected animal or person. The virus is spread by migrating, infected birds that are bitten by mosquitoes. The mosquitoes then pass the virus on to people and other animals.

People can reduce their risk of contracting West Nile by avoiding mosquitoes.

"We're basically telling people the same things we've been telling them all along — to reduce standing water in birdbaths, old tires, any place that water can pool and stand," said Karin Frodin, an epidemiologist with South Central District Health. "If you're going to be outside, wear bug spray with DEET and long sleeves and long pants."

Frodin also advises people to bug proof their homes by repairing things like torn screens.

Most people infected with the West Nile virus will have no symptoms at all or will only have a mild flu-like illness. Common symptoms of infection include fever, headache, muscle aches, tiredness, nausea and vomiting, eye pain, skin rash and enlarged lymph nodes. In a small percentage of the population, especially people over 50, the virus can lead to

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How to protect yourself from West Nile

- Reduce standing water on property that provides breeding habitat for mosquitoes.
- Cover up exposed skin when you're outdoors.
- Apply an insect repellent containing DEET to exposed skin and clothing. Follow instructions on the product label, especially for children.
- Avoid mosquitoes when they are most active — at dawn and dusk.
- Empty birdbaths and clean decorative ponds every three to six days.
- Report dead birds to your local district health or Idaho Department of Fish and Game office.

To learn more

For more information on West Nile virus, dialing for the District Health at 737-5974 or see the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Web site at <http://www.westnile.idaho.gov>.

Not really cheating: Dieting couple digs in at Italian restaurant

By Candace Baltz-Smylie
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Everybody's got to take a break some time.

Megan Garner, who began a 100-pound weight-loss journey almost a year ago, "cheated" for the first time last week. But not really. She was on vacation and was totally removed from the controlled, diet-friendly environment she and her husband, Red, have created. At a nice Italian restaurant where every item was bathed in butter or something else guilt-inducing for a serious dieter, she did what she could do: watched

her portions and dug in.

"I am guilty of going on vacation," she said, sighing. "But for that meal at the Italian restaurant, I really had to pay attention to portion control and when I felt full."

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He said this week's class was especially helpful. Following the holiday weekend, the class discussed holiday and vacation eating.

"Many times we think, 'Oh, it just happens once a year, it's a birthday party or Christmas, so that's OK,'" Red said. "But we

find that something 'once a year' happens a few times a week. It adds up."

April Bruns, the class instructor and a registered dietitian at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, said it just takes small changes to achieve significant weight loss.

And if those changes are maintained — even on holidays and vacations — dieters will see results.

"To lose one pound a week, you have to eat 500 fewer calories a day," she said. "Eight ounces of whole milk is about 40 calories more than eight ounces of nonfat milk. Make that substitution there a few

times and in other areas of your diet, and it will help you lose weight."

Bruns said she is noticing success in class. With Central District Health at 737-5974 or see the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Web site at <http://www.westnile.idaho.gov>.

"Their faces are changing," she said. "They're losing weight, becoming more healthy, and you can really see it in their faces."

Candace Baltz-Smylie can be reached by e-mail at CandaceBaltz@hotmail.com

MAGIC VALLEY

SERVICES

Benjamin F. Lemmons of Buhl, memorial service at 10 a.m. today at the Buhl First Christian Church (Farmer Funeral Chapel).

Imogene LaRue DeLaMare of Blackfoot, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Thomas 4th Ward in Thomas; visitation from 7 to 9 p.m. today at the Hawker Funeral Home in Blackfoot and one hour before the service at the church.

Lillian M. Oliver Hinton of Hazelton, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at Valley Presbyterian Church; visitation from 4

to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary and one hour before the service at the church.

Gerald J. McNamara of Rupert, graveside service at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, Calif. (Payne Mortuary).

OBITUARIES

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

Luther Popplewell

HEYBURN — Benjamin Luther Popplewell, an 87-year-old resident of Heyburn, died Monday, Sept. 12, 2005, at Park View Care & Rehabilitation Center in Burley.

He was born Aug. 21, 1918, in Eureka Springs, Ark., the son of Golson and Mary Darlow Popplewell. He married Lois Reddick on June 21, 1946, in Jerome, Idaho. He worked on farms, at the Haymill, for J.R. Simpkins and the State Inspection.

He was a member of the Rupert First Assembly of God Church. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and working in his garden. Luther was a very good husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He had many friends and will be greatly missed by all.

He is survived by his wife,



Lois of 59 years; his children, Lettley (Charlene) Popplewell of Burley, Lola (Bernard) Murphy and LaNita (Rex) Studvyn both of Jerome; Lynn (Clifford) Silvers of West Linn, Ore.

Launa Tracy of Hazelton and Loren (Julie) Popplewell of Rupert; his siblings, Amanda Fraser of Burley and Margaret McGuire of Vilus, N.C.; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Frank and Claude Popplewell.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, 2005, at the Rupert First Assembly of God Church, on 4th and 11 Streets in Rupert, with Pastor Jerry Schneider and the Rev. Clifford Silvers officiating. Burial will be in the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Wednesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and one hour prior to the funeral on Thursday at the church.

Conley Malone

MURTAUGH — Conley Malone, 63, of Murtaugh, Idaho, died Monday morning, Sept. 12, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Conley was born on Sept. 8, 1936, in Colorado, the son of Ernest and Ruby Henry Malone. He grew up in Colorado and in Arkansas as a child before moving to Kimberly, Idaho, in 1964. Conley met and married Carol Bailey; they were later divorced. They lived in Kimberly and south of Kimberly for a number of years before moving to Murtaugh. In Murtaugh, he was employed as a farm worker, which he loved very much until he retired in 1992.

Conley enjoyed fishing, hunting, woodworking, camping and tinkering on cars, but mostly loved spending time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He never knew a stranger. Con-



ley also attended the Assembly of God Church in Hansen for a number of years.

Blackston of Hudson, Colo., and Bessie (I.C.) Ward of Fayetteville, Ark. Also surviving are nine grandchildren, Shannon, Jason, Crystal and Joshua Malone, Tamme Hannebaum, Danny Villines, Conley and Wesley Dyer, and Melissa Malone as well as 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and three grandchildren, Matthew, Mark and Raine.

A celebration of Conley's life will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, 2005, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls, with Pastor Wes Johnson of Hansen officiating. At Conley's request, there will be no public visitation.

Conley is survived by his three children, Thomas (Linda) Malone of Murtaugh, Sheryl Villines Dyer (Ray) of Murtaugh and Dale (Mary) Malone of Nampa, Idaho; one brother, Donald (Kay) Malone of Hansen; two sisters, Frances

Nicholas Anton Kuntz (Owen)

BUHL — Nicholas Anton Kuntz (Owen), 21, of Buhl, passed away on Sept. 10, 2005, in Jerome County due to injuries sustained from a car accident.

Nick was born on Jan. 3, 1984, to Doug and Tonya Owen (Kuntz) at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. He was currently employed at Hayes Construction of Buhl. He attended Buhl High School and was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Buhl.

Nick loved to go hunting, fishing and camping with his girlfriend, Jodi, friends and family. He was very adventurous and once said that he would hunt anything that moved. The fall was his favorite season, but as much as he liked it, he was always ready to take his dog Riley and go duck hunting — and work looking forward to training a new pup, Jazmine, in the trade.

"Old Gray" was a truck that constantly kept Nick busy. He loved working on the 1984 Chevy engine and making it go faster and stronger. It was an amazing machine that was



fast and could climb anything. However, he decided to rebuild "Old Gray" into a classic hotrod that he could show. He then moved his love to work on cars and trucks to his jeep.

He is survived by his parents, Doug and Tonya Owen; sister, Kristin Owen (Jason Perkins); brother, RC Owen; and the love of his life and fiancée, Jodi Elam; his dogs, Riley and Jazmine; grandfather, Tony Kuntz; grandparents, Ike and Gayle

Gilbert and Raymond and Marlyce Owen; great-grandfather, Charlie Brenners; his aunts and uncles, Gregg and Cathie Owen (Gauge) and (Tony), Rayne Owen (Keeley) of Pennsylvania, Scott and Tracie Gilbert of Hawaii, Tony Dean Kuntz (Tim) and Jan of St. Anthony, Idaho, Wayne Kuntz (Rachel) of Boise, Idaho, Tammy Ahrendsen and Jenny Clark (Shelby and Ryan) of Twin Falls; his great-uncle and aunt, Mike and Doni Hoffman; Robi and Deslee Hoffman (Devlin and Raymond), Stephen and Rene Forde (Troy, Seth and Lane) all from San Diego, Calif.

Nick had many more family and friends that were very important to him.

A funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, 2005, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Buhl. Interment will follow at the West End Cemetery in Buhl. A memorial fund will be established at the Farmer National Bank of Buhl. Arrangements have been entrusted to Farmer Funeral Chapel of Buhl, Idaho.

-DEATH NOTICE-

James E. 'Kep' Kepler

HEROME — James E. 'Kep' Kepler, 44, died Monday, Sept. 12, 2005, at his home in Jerome.

A memorial celebration will be conducted from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, 2005, at the home of his parents, Jerry and Connie Kepler, 221 E. Main, Hagerman, ID 83332.

Cremation arrangements took place under the direction of the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

-OBITUARY-



Todd Bruce Gallegos

TWIN FALLS — Todd Bruce Gallegos passed away Saturday, Sept. 10, 2005, in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Todd was born Nov. 20, 1964, son of Tony Avon and Barbara York Gallegos in Rupert, Idaho. He was in the Army from the age of 17, serving two years, mainly in Germany, and was honorably discharged. He lived and worked in Ketchikan as a mechanic for his uncle Dick York for several years. At the time of his death he was driving long haul for Swift Trucking out of Utah. He will be remembered most for his generous loving kindness he showed his family and friends, most especially to his children. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his parents, Tony and Carolyn Gallegos, Heyburn, Idaho, and his biological mother, Barbara York Gallegos, Ukiah, Calif.; great-grandmother, Lala Gallegos, Rupert, Idaho; grandmother, Viola York, Twin Falls, Idaho; his three daughters, Natalie, Germany; Alysha and Napsassa, Glendale, Ariz.; three sons, David, Winnemucca, Nev.; Brandon and Trevor, Ukiah, Calif.; five brothers, Tony Jr., Boise, Idaho; Stanley, Rio Rancho, N.M.; Greg, Lancaster, Calif.; Sterling, Pinedale, Wyo.; and Thayne, Heyburn, Idaho; four sisters, Debra Klobuchar, Marino Valley, Calif.; Gayla Hernandez, Rigby, Idaho; Danielle, Ukiah, Calif.; and Shauna Edwards, Wendell, Idaho; along with several aunts, uncles and cousins in Idaho and California.

Viewing will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, at The Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho, for family and friends to express their memories and love for Todd. Burial will follow at a later date in Ukiah, Calif.

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Nursing homes wonder who'll pay for evacuees

NAMPA (AP) — Nursing homes in southern Idaho that have taken in a few Hurricane Katrina refugees are still wondering how they'll pay for them as many of the residents' medical records needed for publicly funded insurance programs such as Medicaid and Medicare are still under water or haven't been recovered from the damaged region.

As a result, privately run Trinity Mission Care in this southwestern Idaho city is con-

sidering alternatives, such as raising money from companies and the community to help foot the bill for what could be a long stay for 10 people down in on Idaho Air National Guard C-130 cargo planes last week. A local Red Robin restaurant chipped in \$2,500 to start the fundraising for care that can run into the thousands per day.

"You're welcome here for as long as you need to be here, for ever maybe," Mayor Tom Dale told one of the evacuees over

the weekend during a lunch at Trinity Mission Care.

The dilemma is one that's being faced by nursing facilities across the country that have opened their doors to open poor refugees stranded by the disaster. Even those with insurance don't have access to documents, in many cases, officials said. Nursing facilities have uprooted more than 300,000 people from cities including New Orleans in the biggest displacement of U.S. cit-

izens since the Civil War.

A phone call to the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, which helps administer Medicare and Medicaid, wasn't immediately returned.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, like his counterparts across the nation, opened the state to refugees. There is space for up to 600 in nursing facilities, though just 16 have come to Idaho so far, to two nursing homes. Texas, by comparison, has 205,000 refugees.

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TWIN FALLS — Children At Risk Evaluation Services is sponsoring an important resource for families through the United Way funded program, Child Trauma Recovery Resource.

The free, 10-week course will cover topics relating to the effect of child sexual abuse on both

the child and the non-offending parent, according to a news release from Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Sessions will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays beginning Sept. 21 and wrapping up Nov. 30 in the hospital's education center at 588 Addison Ave. W.

Registration is required. For more information, call CARES at 737-2600.

Body may be that of canoeist

SANDPOINT (AP) — Bonner County sheriff's officers say they've discovered a body in Lake Pend Oreille that may be a Puyallup, Wash., canoeist who vanished this summer.

Sheriff's officers declined to say Monday if the body is that of 53-year-old Bruce Hamilton, but said dental records will be used to identify the remains.

"We have not identified the person," Sheriff's Lt. John Valdez said. "We believe that it's possibly him, however, we can't say that 100 percent."

The body was found by searchers in a sonar-equipped

boat in about 175 feet of water off Anderson Point, just north of Sunrise Bay.

Valdez said he expects the identification process to take three or four days. Hamilton was last seen at Sunrise Bay on June 29.

His boat was discovered empty and upright several hours later, about two miles north of the bay.

Hamilton was a teacher at Clover Park High School in Lakewood, near Tacoma, Wash.

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bassador to Belgium, and motivational speaker Tony Robbins. "Genuine compassion is unbiased."

Sun Valley — birthplace to the western ski resort in 1936, land of author Ernest Hemingway and actor Gary Cooper, vacation getaway to Arnold Schwarzenegger — is a long way from the Nepalese mountains where Siddhartha Gautama, known as the Buddha, was born a prince around 500 B.C., only to eventually give up his wealth and search for a means to end life's universal suffering.

Still, Kiri Sokoloff, the financial adviser and Buddhist who spent \$1 million to lure the Dalai Lama here for 5 days, said

the valley's elevation at 5,800 feet above sea-level was the perfect platform to disseminate positive vibrations.

"There are a million people you want to bring happiness to," Sokoloff said at the event, portions of which were telecast on CNN. "The Dalai Lama's way to find happiness is to control your mind and not allow negative thoughts to come in."

There were Catholics, Protestants and atheists in the crowds this week, each of whom was given a "Khata," or traditional Tibetan shawl, or their way into the Wood River High School football stadium. Volunteers wore T-shirts bearing the image of the Dalai Lama. Mary Ginn Barron, a teacher

from Hailey, hoped to incorporate his message of compassion into a lesson for her fifth graders.

Some in Idaho protested Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's advocacy of the Sun Valley event as a violation of church and state, and at least one Rutgers' alumna in New Jersey has lambasted that state-supported school's decision to hold the event on a Sunday morning, when he'll be competing with Christian church services.

Still, the spiritual leader to the world's 20 million Tibetan Buddhists remains a figure whose message of nonviolence, reconciliation and moderation appears to reach beyond traditional sectarian frontiers — much the same as

the late Pope John Paul II, the Polish Catholic leader who died April 2.

"They straddle two worlds. Pope John Paul II often traveled around the world, urging ends to conflicts, or speaking on other topics," we were told by secular. So does the Dalai Lama," said Bob Boston, a spokesman for Americans United for Separation of Church and State, a Washington, D.C.-based group that fights government promotion of events linked to religious leaders — but generally lays off criticizing Dalai Lama appearances.

"Certainly there are a lot of people who are interested in the Dalai Lama's message who aren't Buddhists."

Giving

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scams related to Hurricane Katrina, but anticipates an increase in Idaho in fraudulent fundraisers.

"That's been the history in natural disasters, where good people need help there are bad people trying to take advantage of that," Cooper said.

Idaho is not alone. Nationwide, various state and federal agencies are issuing consumer alerts in anticipation of a new wave of charity scams.

U.S. Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales organized a Hurricane Katrina Fraud Task Force to combat an increase in charity fraud, insurance and benefits fraud and identify theft.

This task force will help ensure that those offering a helping hand do not themselves become the victims of fraud," Gonzales said in a statement.

According to the FBI, nearly 4,000 questionable Web sites have been created in the wake of Hurricane Katrina and the agency believes many of them are bogus.

Cooper said manpower limitations make it difficult for agencies to investigate charity fraud unless an incident is brought to their attention. The

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Wasson offers the following tips:

- Do not give credit card numbers to solicitors.
- Never give cash. Contribute by check payable to the organization, never to an individual's name.
- Be wary of out-of-state organizations, especially if their only address is a post office box.
- If not familiar with the charity, ask to see financial information. Legitimate charities gladly provide information when requested.
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- Be wary of emotional appeals. Organizations with negative plans for distributing the funds.
- Do not judge an organization solely on a name that sounds impressive or is similar to the

name of a legitimate charity.

- Do not open attachments to e-mail solicitations. They may contain viruses.
- Do not use Web site links received in e-mails. If you want to contribute over the Internet, go directly to the site of a charity you know and trust.

How to check a charity

- Contact the Consumer Protection Hotline at (800) 432-3545 or (208) 334-2424.
- Visit the attorney general's Web site at <http://www.ag.idaho.gov> and click on the Consumer Protection "Tips and Information" section.

Information about national charities, and guidelines for identifying legitimate organizations, is available from the Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance at (800) 575-4483 or at <http://www.give.org>.

best defense against charity fraud, he said, is an educated public.

Virus

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serious illness requiring hospitalization.

There have also been a total of 15 positive cases of West Nile in horses this year in Gooding, Lincoln and Blaine counties. One bird tested positive for West Nile this year in Lincoln County, according to the district health officer.

So far this year in Idaho, there have been 12 human cases of West Nile, 75 horse cases, 17 positive mosquito pools and 10 positive birds. In addition to Gooding and Gooding counties, the other human cases occurred in Ada, Canyon, El-

more, Gem, Owyhee, Valley and Washington counties. There have been no human deaths from West Nile in Idaho, according to South Central District Health.

Almost every state in the U.S. is reporting nationwide, as of Sept. 8, there have been 821 human cases and 18 human deaths reported. California and South Dakota have the highest numbers of West Nile cases.

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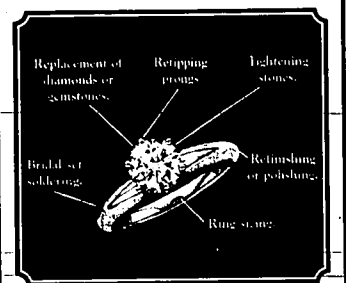
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NATION

Transport

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blanketed in spectacular orange, gold and scarlet foliage. The route would follow Interstate 40, a trucker's favorite, all the way west.

An hour into the trip it was time for another handoff. After refusing to get out of the Subaru at the Star Motor Inn in Cookeville, Tenn., Paddy had to be carried to the car of Lane Scarborough, a 21-year-old college student who does transports to earn required community service hours for her sorority.

"I think it's brilliant," she said. "Any way to get dogs a good home is great. It's no effort on my part, just a little bit of gas."

Paddy needed a vent, babe! You are smiling at the dog, but you are not aware of this, now you are a dog person."

But she had been warned. Scocella puts a disclaimer on the bottom of all run sheets: "Dogs sometimes vomit, pee, poop, drool, shed, whine, smell and do other unpredictable things. ... If you are not aware of this, now you are a dog person."

"Any way to get dogs a good home is great. It's no effort on my part, just a little bit of gas."

"Two hours later, it was time for Stop Three."

Deanna Trish, 44, a legal secretary in Nashville, Tenn., waited for her charge wearing a leopard-skin top with matching umbrella, which happened to match Paddy's leopard paw print collar.

She leaned in to look at the wildly brown dog.

"You OK, sweetie?" she asked in a soft Southern accent. "He's scared. Let's go pee-pee, Paddy, let's go potty."

The dog obediently squatted in wet grass next to the parking lot. "There you go, that's better."

Trish allows herself to keep just two dogs and two cats, for the animals' sake.



Paddy shies away from visitors and tries to hide behind a tree at his new home with Sherry Meddick in Silverado Canyon, Calif. Meddick's menagerie includes 26 animals in the 900-square-foot house.

She regularly gives last walks to strays about to be euthanized in public shelters, to "make their last hours feel like they were loved," she said.

By now she had Paddy happily licking drops of water off her fingers in the back seat as her husband drove.

In Jackson, Tenn., Paddy gained a companion. Whenever possible, Scocella tries to move more than one dog per trip, and for this trip she moved a crutch case named Buck to join the caravan from Tennessee to New Mexico.

A skinny white terrier — or possibly pit bull mix — Buck has nubs for ears, the result of a bad home ear-cropping attempt. He was taken from abusive owners and placed in a county pound with a high euthanasia rate.

Hears of Gold Pit Bull Rescue in Memphis, Tenn., paid to spring him. They posted his story and photo on Petfinder, and an Arizona truck driver and his wife decided to adopt him as their fourth dog.

Julee Fleming, 46, who "fostered" Buck for three weeks in her home while waiting for a transport to be arranged, said she would miss him.

"He's sweet, sweet, sweet," she said. The rest of the first day was a blur of strip malls and chain stores. As the hours and miles dragged on, Paddy and Buck

were passed from one strange set of hands to the next, through Memphis and the Ozarks, and on into Oklahoma.

At 11:45 p.m., after 19 hours, 84 miles and eight cars, the bone-weary dogs arrived at the home of Jennifer and Doug Shultz, where they would spend the night.

Day Two

Day Two began 90 minutes later than scheduled. The Shultzes had decided the dogs really needed more rest. Scocella rejiggered the schedules overnight to make it all work.

At 7:50 p.m., after another long day of more kind souls and more hand-offs in fast food restaurants and city parks, the dogs arrived at a McDonald's parking lot in Grants, N.M.

Buck's new owners, David and Holly Thomas of Phoenix, were waiting. David, a jovial, tattooed truck driver, and his wife, a billing clerk, were ecstatic.

"I love his black nose!" squealed Holly. "Ooh, look at his ears," said David. "I hope the guy who did that was drawn and quartered."

Holly said that when she saw Buck online, she couldn't sleep. "He broke my heart," she said. "His only crime was the wrong owner. He was on death row, death row for pit bulls."

Within three days, she'd convinced David they should adopt him, but it took months to put together a transport coming this way. Holly and David would take Paddy one more leg before cutting off for Phoenix with Buck.

David gave slobbery kisses to Buck before climbing behind the wheel. "I want my bonding time," he said. Buck rolled his eyes nervously.

After a grueling 250-mile push

to Flagstaff, Ariz., Paddy was dropped off at midnight at the home of Laura Bae, an off-duty nurse who was volunteering for the first time. She coaxed him, trembling, into his crate. He'd gone another 900 miles in 16 hours. Her 125-pound English mastiff, Lola, watched disinterestedly from the sofa.

Day Three

At 8:30 a.m. the next day, the big green sign on the I-40 said Los Angeles. Paddy didn't know it, but he was within reach. Another 860 miles to go.

At Stop 15 in Kingman, Ariz., retired Las Vegas canine cop Sandy Spruett worked patiently with Paddy during a dog park break. She soon had him straining happily at the leash, behaving somewhat normally.

By 4:27 p.m., Paddy was in California. The last leg fell to Keri Hardyman, 54, and Kimberley Richardson, 13, of suburban San Bernardino County.

Hardyman's coonhound pup was brought from Texas to California a few months ago. She wanted to repay the favor.

At 7:40 p.m., they arrived at a supermarket parking lot in Orange, Calif. After a transcontinental journey of 2,260 miles in

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It beats the alternative — being put to death at a shelter

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— Sherry Meddick, Paddy's new owner

60 hours, Paddy was about to meet his new owner.

Meddick pulled up with six empty cat crates in the back of her Toyota SUV.

"Can we have visitation rights?" Hardyman pleaded twice. Meddick didn't respond. She had eyes only for Paddy.

Crying, she whispered in his ear, "I'll baby you home."

Paddy was unresponsive. Somewhere in the last several hours, his purple blanket — his last familiar smell of Laurie and Tennessee — had been left behind. He slid off the front seat and dozed on the floor as Meddick drove 20 minutes to Silverado Canyon in the Cleveland National Forest. She

carried him up a dark flight of steps.

The acrid smell of dog and cat urine cut through the night air. Inside, a frenetic chorus of barking and hissing came from behind a closed door. Three sick kittens with rheumy eyes lay curled up in a fleece basket. Paddy was joining Meddick's menagerie, which already included 26 animals in the 900-square-foot house and backyard, including a litter of puppies.

Four dogs were stacked in crates covered with blankets. Meddick said she craves some of them when she is away on rescues and transports, which can take as long as 14 hours. The living room had little furniture or indoor lighting.

Paddy squeezed himself into a narrow hiding place between the front door and a stack of boxes. Meddick laid down next to him and talked softly.

Along with her unfamiliar new Southern accent were the familiar sounds and smells of many animals in a confined space.

"It beats the alternative — being put to death at a shelter," Meddick said.

Within minutes of ending his transcontinental journey, Paddy was in a crate, his eyes peering into the dark.

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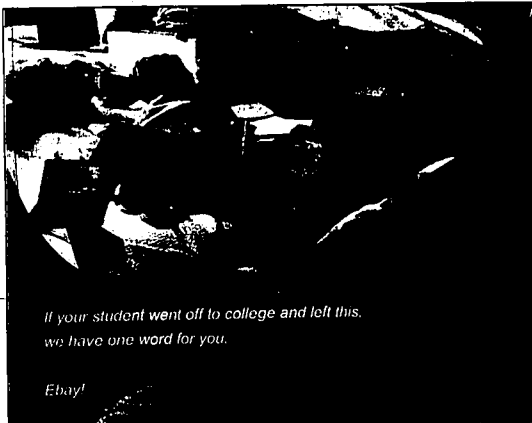


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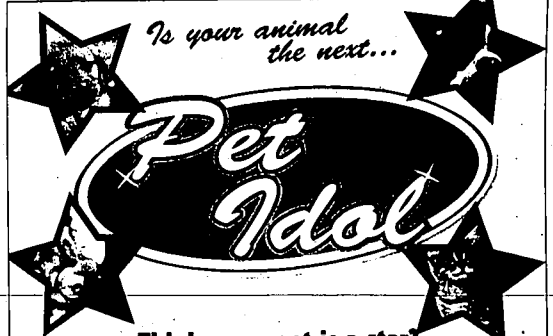
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WORLD

FROM WAR TO DEMOCRACY

Hopes are high that Afghan elections will hail a new era

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Afghans aren't used to resolving disputes through debate. For the past quarter-century, the preferred method of negotiation has been with a gun.

But with an election Sunday to set up a new legislature, many people hope real change is in the air. They are enthusiastically gearing up to vote, optimistic the polls will ease deep ethnic and political tensions and marginalize a rejuvenated Taliban insurgency.

Signs of the election are everywhere, from noisy campaign rallies snaking through dusty city streets to candidates' posters on crumbling mud walls in remote villages.

Even widespread violence has not prevented many hopeful politicians from stumping. Some women candidates in areas plagued by insurgent violence have sneaked from house to house to drum up support.

Ex-Taliban leaders and former communists have defied death threats to participate in the race.



Election posters of Independent candidate Sharifa Najib are set up near a house Tuesday where a woman sweeps a room in Kabul, Afghanistan. Najib's campaign promises, as written on the posters, include her determination to serve the holy religion of Islam once she's chosen in Afghanistan's first parliament.

“I am so excited. We feel there's real democracy in Afghanistan,” said Rana Tarin, an independent candidate in the southern city of Kandahar. “Women are starting to feel they have rights in this country. We are so hopeful for our future.”

Some 2,775 candidates — including an unprecedented 335 women — are competing for 249 National Assembly seats, a quarter of which are reserved for women.

Also, 3,025 candidates are vying for local assemblies in all 34 provinces.

The elections are the final formal step toward democracy on a path laid out after U.S.-led forces ousted the Taliban in 2001. Presidential elections in October, expected to hand Karzai as the nation's leader.

Yet amid the exuberance, a string of hurdles to a successful vote has generated unease.

Fighting by Taliban rebels has killed more than 1,200 people here in the past six months, including five candidates and four election workers. The insurgents have vowed to attack

polling stations.

Once parliament convenes, it could be riven by the same ethnic fault-lines that have shaped fighting over the past decade.

U.S. Ambassador Ronald Neumann said he was optimistic that “as time goes by, the lawmakers will find they have to work with people from different backgrounds and different places in order to get things done.”

Fears also have been raised that many of the new legislators may be regional strongmen, still commanding armed groups. U.N.-backed election monitors kicked 21 off the ballot Monday, but top U.N. envoy Jean Arnault acknowledges others are still in the race.

Logistical challenges are daunting, including how to run a legislature when as much as 85 percent of the population is illiterate.

“Most of the candidates cannot read or write,” said Kazim Malwan, deputy secretary-general of the National Assembly, which has an administrative structure but no legislative yet.

“We will give each of them who win personal assistants who are literate. But it's going to make things very hard.”

Arnault said he did not believe it would keep the legislature from functioning.

“While literacy is a very, very important tool in legislation, making the right decision on issues of national interest does not depend on whether or not someone is literate,” he told The Associated Press. “It depends whether you have knowledge about the views of the people you represent.”

Another issue is how female legislators will interact with their male colleagues. Afghan society is rigidly gender segregated, and women are rarely supposed to talk to men unless they are related.

Election results are not expected until mid-October, with donkeys and camels needed to collect ballots from some remote areas.

Even when the results are announced, it likely will take time to ascertain where the power will lie in the legislature.

Most candidates are running as independents. Karzai has been careful not to publicly favor anyone or give his backing to any of the small political parties, fearing renewed tension if any political blocs become too powerful.

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— Rana Tarin, Independent Candidate

Yushchenko says ex-prime minister abused her office to settle old debts

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — President Viktor Yushchenko on Tuesday accused his former prime minister of abuse of office, saying he fired her as a “matter of honor” because she abandoned the ideals of last year's Orange Revolution that rallied the Ukraine.

“It was not the ideals of independence square — it was backstage intrigues,” Yushchenko told The Associated Press in an interview five days after he dismissed Yulia Tymoshenko and her Cabinet.

He leveled sharp allegations at his one-time comrade-in-arms, accusing the popular politician of trying to use her post to wipe out \$1.5 billion in debts owed by a defunct energy company she once headed. But Yushchenko said he would welcome Tymoshenko back to the government if she returned to the principles they had shared.



Yushchenko and Tymoshenko and win the heated presidential race.

“But then after all this was achieved ... to act in such a way as my friends did toward each other is something not worthy of Independence Square,” he said, sitting in his office and sipping from an orange mug with his campaign slogan “Yes, Yushchenko!” on it.

“It was a case of my honor not to use Ukraine's budget ... privatization ... official power to solve private problems,” Yushchenko said.

He alleged that in addition to trying to have United Energy Systems debts to the state written off, Tymoshenko also tried to cancel its debts to Russia. The company, Ukraine's predominant gas dealer, was run by Tymoshenko, her husband and her father-in-law in the 1990s.

“The behavior that Yulia Volodymyrovna demonstrated in government, and the circle of her allies, were formed on a basis contrary to state interests,” Yushchenko said, using Tymoshenko's patronymic, a formal form of address.

“Many activities which the prime minister participated in were carried out behind the scenes with the aim of solving her problems,” he said.

Yushchenko reiterated his previous allegation that Tymoshenko had acted in favor of certain business interests, particularly in connection with the government's widely criticized re-privatization practice. Later Tuesday, Yushchenko said in a major reversal of Tymoshenko's policy that he was putting an end to re-privatizations, adding that “private property is untouchable.”

Tymoshenko told the AP that courts had long ruled that all the debt and fines levied

against her former energy company were illegal, and she accused Yushchenko of “picking up Kuchma's baton and wanting to get rid of me in the same way.”

Yushchenko, who also accepted the resignation of his close ally, former Security Council chief Petro Poroshenko, has set up a commission to investigate allegations of corruption against high officials in his circle. Poroshenko has denied the allegations, and his ties with Yushchenko remain friendly. On Tuesday, he was waiting outside the president's office for a meeting.

Yushchenko told the AP he was completely at peace with his decision to fire Tymoshenko's government.

“It's the fourth day that I'm coming to work with a calm spirit,” he said.

For many Ukrainians, Tymoshenko's charismatic orator, with charm and appealing ethnic symbolism, she rallied hundreds of thousands who massed in Kiev to denounce fraud by the former government in the presidential election and fire a new vote, which Yushchenko won.

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Egypt-Gaza border cracks open Chavez extends oil to neighbors

Some families see each other for the first time in years

RAFAH, Gaza Strip (AP) — The heavily guarded Egypt-Gaza border simply melted away.

One day after Israel ended its 38-year occupation of the Gaza Strip, Egyptians and Palestinians flowed easily across the frontier Tuesday. Israelis fear a porous border will enable weapons to make their way to Palestinian militants who would attack them.

But the border wasn't the only source of concern about the region's future.

In a blow to fledgling reconstruction efforts, Palestinians looted dozens of greenhouses, walking off with irrigation hoses, water pumps and plastic sheeting. American Jewish donors had bought more than 3,000 greenhouses from Israeli settlers in Gaza for \$14 million last month and transferred them to the Palestinian Authority.

Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas told his people in a televised speech that he would take immediate steps to rein in "chaos."

"We have one law for everyone and no one is above the law. We are not going to tolerate chaos after today," he said.

The border hoping began soon after Israel pulled out, as Palestinian families went to see relatives on the Egyptian side of Rafah and boys jumped over to buy cigarettes with plans to sell them at a profit in Gaza.

But what had been a trickle turned into a torrent Tuesday as news of the lax border security spread and Palestinians from all over Gaza headed to Rafah to cross into Egypt.

"I hope that they destroy this border and leave us alone," said Rafat Keshita, a 32-year-old Gazan who was visiting family on the Egyptian side of the divided town of Rafah.

Palestinians pried open doors in the massive metal security wall left by Israel and squeezed through. Thousands of others walked through gaps in the wall that Israeli tanks used to drive through. The razor wire that topped the short Egyptian wall had been mostly ripped off by Tuesday afternoon.

Fathers lifted their children over the wall, teenage boys helped push elderly women over. Palestinian girls in school uniforms walked through the Egyptian fields holding hands, while men pulled cars beside the wall and filled them with smuggled goods.



AP Photo

Palestinians climb over the wall as they cross the border freely into Egypt from the Rafah Refugee Camp in the southern Gaza Strip on Tuesday. Palestinians flooded Egyptian towns to shop, dine and search for relatives following Israel's military withdrawal from Gaza.

"We want to have beer, cat fish, have a little fun and come back," said Ali Bilbisi, 27, who drove in from Gaza City with three friends. "If it's good and we enjoy it, we might stay until tomorrow."

Bilbisi said his father had called to say he was enjoying Egypt's El Arish, 25 miles west of Rafah, the destination of many of the Palestinians who loaded onto trucks, taxis and buses to reach the resort town.

Before Israel withdrew, Egypt agreed to post 750 security officers on the border to prevent militants from smuggling advanced weapons into Gaza for use against the Jewish state. Israel and the Palestinians have not agreed on how and where people and goods will be allowed to move between Gaza and Egypt.

Israel said it talked to Egypt about the chaos, though it understood the Egyptians had not yet fully deployed their border guards.

Zalman Shoval, an adviser to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, said Israel might eventually seek international monitors for the border.

"The great danger is that both

people and arms could be smuggled under the unwatchful eyes of the Egyptians — that was the whole purpose of coming to this agreement," Shoval said.

Jamal Kaed, the Palestinian commander of southern Gaza, said 1,000 Palestinian police would be sent to the border to patrol and set up roadblocks. By Tuesday afternoon, a bulldozer could be seen lifting a concrete block into place to plug a gap in the wall on the Palestinian side.

Los Angeles Times

KINGSTON, Jamaica — With oil prices near record highs and a U.S.-backed free-trade pact for the Western Hemisphere on hold, Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez is offering cash-strapped Caribbean countries affordable fuel, debt relief and anti-poverty funding.

Thirteen countries have signed on to Chavez's Petro-Caribe initiative, which some leaders say is an attempt by the Venezuelan populist to boost his influence in a region where his nemesis, the United States, has long been the main trading partner.

Of the 14 active member states of the Caribbean Community, or Caricom, only Barbados and Trinidad and Tobago have declined to participate. Other leaders from throughout the region, who gathered in the Jamaican resort of Montego Bay last week to inaugurate the new energy trading project, said their participation was based purely on economic self-interest.

"One way or another, we're going to be part of it because it affords benefits that cannot be found anywhere else," said Philip Paulwell, Jamaica's minister of commerce, science and technology and the newly appointed vice president of PetroCaribe's administrative council. "This is a good deal for the economy and for the country."

At the Montego Bay summit, with Cuban President Fidel Castro at his side, Chavez told Caribbean leaders last Tuesday that his intervention to ease their energy plight was a show of solidarity in a long-exploited region.

"We have an opportunity to break from the imposed path of domination and servility," said Chavez, alluding to U.S. investment and influence in the Caribbean.

Jamaican Prime Minister P.J. Patterson has insisted there are "no strings attached" to



Chavez

Venezuela's provision of 21,000 barrels of oil a day to Jamaica, which can be partially financed on cheap credit and paid for in goods and services. Jamaica also will get a \$200-million expansion of its Petrojam refinery in Kingston, the capital.

and low-interest loans to retire debt, whose servicing consumes 67 percent of the national budget. Oil costs have tripled in Jamaica over the last four years, to \$12 billion this year, or about what the country will gross in tourism.

Several business and government leaders responsible for steering trade in countries like Jamaica, where U.S. companies are heavily invested in resorts and alumina processing, said they saw a political agenda on

Chavez's part. Venezuela, they said, seeks to thwart the stalled Free Trade Area of the Americas, a zone meant to stretch from Alaska to the tip of South America, in favor of a trade pact embracing subsidies and state control that Chavez calls the Bolivarian Alternative for the Americas.

"While we understand the political alliance this signals, the main thing is that this is a source of cheap oil," said Lincoln Price, a Jamaican representative.

PetroCaribe offers each Caribbean country, as well as Cuba, the opportunity to finance 40 percent of negotiated oil quantities at 1 percent interest over 25 years, with a two-year deferral of payments. Chavez has also pledged \$50 million a year to a social development fund along the lines of his own "missions," which subsidize groceries and offer adult education and Cuban-staffed medical clinics in Venezuela's sprawling slums.

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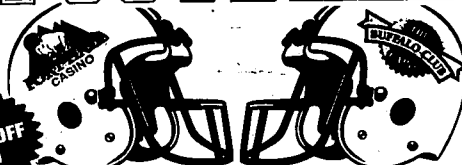
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How to find what you need

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Let's say that all you know about home improvement is that Paige Davis is no longer the host of television's "Trading Spaces." But one day you find that you've absolutely gotta have a 45-cent, 3/8-inch by 3 1/2-inch lag screw. So here you stand, face-to-faceplate, with 30,000 items in Big Orange or Big Blue (Home Depot or Lowe's).

"No question, it can be intimidating," said Michael Levy, a professor of marketing at Babson College in Massachusetts and editor of the Journal of Retailing.

"We have 30,000 items in each of our stores and another 500,000 available," said Karen Cobb, a spokeswoman for Lowe's. "We understand that it can seem confusing."

Both Lowe's and Home Depot have maps of their stores near the front door, and both have dozens of aproned "associates" on the sales floor. But the problem is that shoppers in big-box home improvement stores often don't know what, exactly, they're looking for.

"Sometimes it's easier to describe the project than to describe the part you need to do it," said Mike Hall, a manager at Home Depot's Twin Falls store.

Especially since a project may involve items from different parts of the store.

"All of our associates know the store's inventory," Cobb said. "If you're the appliance department and need a screw or a bolt, they'll take you to it."

Still, shopping the big boxes isn't like going to an old-fash-

ioned hardware store. Lowe's and Home Depot make money by moving product, not by chatting with customers.

"If you go to a hardware store, you're buying service," Levy said in a telephone interview from his Massachusetts office. "You go to a big-box retailer for price and selection."

Lowe's and Home Depot grew prosperous using somewhat different philosophies, marketing specialists say. Home Depot co-founder Bernie Marcus believed in catering to do-it-yourselfers — mostly men — while Lowe's development plan sought to attract female customers as well.

"Lowe's has seized on the opportunity to target women by paying attention to atmospherics," Levy said. "The average tool guy doesn't care about that."

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Food with color: Mother takes a healthy approach to meals

Every now and again, the kids might flip the channel to TV Land, for re-runs of popular programs from the 1950s until the '1980s. Rather than watch, I'll regress into the foods of my childhood.

My mother had a healthy approach to meals. We got as much color in a meal as she could find. Rather than finding a new color to paint the walls, Mom would find a new color of vegetable to add to the plate. If there weren't at least three iden-



VALLEY COOKING
Becca Tateoka

tifiable colors. Mom would throw in some type of colorful side dish to fill the gap.

Despite the colorful dinners, my family ate very much like

the Brady Bunch. There was fried chicken, lasagna and meat loaf. Sometimes meat extender was used, and sometimes not. We preferred the latter. In spite of the unhealthy reputation these types of foods have developed, I and my siblings never had a weight problem growing up. Of course, Mom cooked for four and stretched the meal to serve eight.

In keeping with my recent trip down mealtime memory lane, I gathered some recipes

that seem somewhat close to the dishes I remember eating. If you're worried about the healthiness of the meal, add another color and invite the neighbors.

DUTCH MEAT LOAF

1 1/2 lbs. lean ground beef
1 c. fresh bread crumbs
1 medium onion, chopped
1 8-oz. can Hunt's Tomato Sauce
1 egg
1 1/2 tsp. salt

1/4 tsp. pepper
3/4 c. water
2 Tbsp. brown sugar, packed
2 Tbsp. prepared mustard
1 Tbsp. vinegar

In medium bowl, lightly mix beef, bread crumbs, onion, 1/2 can tomato sauce, egg, salt and pepper. Shape into loaf in shallow baking pan. Combine remaining tomato sauce with rest of ingredients; pour over loaf. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 1/4 hours. Baste loaf several times. Makes 5 to 6 servings.

ZUCCHINI-PARMESAN

1/4 c. oil
8 medium zucchini, thinly sliced
2/3 c. coarsely chopped onion
2 Tbsp. chopped parsley
1 large clove garlic, crushed
1 Tbsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
1/4 tsp. oregano leaves
1/4 tsp. rosemary leaves
4 c. peeled chopped tomatoes

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FOOD & HOME

Time to help plants prepare for fall

There's a lot of growing time left, but it's time to help plants slow down.

If the plants in your yard and garden were "out in the wild" they'd be taking all their cues from nature. They would respond to the ups and downs of rainfall, the shortening day length and cooler temperatures. Plants know that it's time to slow down, toughen up and prepare for winter. Let them.

Slow down the water. If you've been watering every week, go to a two-week cycle now. If you're watering about every three weeks, you can easily stretch it to a month. You get the idea. By Thanksgiving, you should be soaking the root zones once a month.

When the ground is frozen and won't accept any more



GREEN THUMBPRINTS
Cathy Walworth

water, the roots are snug for the winter. We want to keep roots moist and cold during winter.

• **Tip of the Week:** You can still help feed the hungry. Even while we gear down fall-cooler temperatures, there are vegetables that have good keeping qualities — and do well after the heat of summer. Good ones to add to the soup kitchens might be:

Beans, beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower,

celery, cucumber, kale, leeks, onions, parsnips, potatoes, pumpkins, radishes, rutabagas, squashes and turnips.

The ones with the longest shelf lives are beets, carrots, onions, parsnips, potatoes and squashes.

This month is one of the best months for getting your fall and winter vegetable gardening underway. The biggest advantages to gardeners are taste and nutrition, of course, but also economy. The price of groceries can only rise with the climbing gas prices.

So plant a few of the above vegetables now, when weeds and insects are less of a problem, and the soil is warm enough to encourage quick germination.

And don't forget fragrant

herbs for seasoning. Keep harvesting them in early morning on a dry day when their oil content is highest.

Just cut a few inches of tip growth on the leafy type herbs. Cutting back too far will restrict new growth, thus reducing the frequency of harvesting.

Storing herbs is easy, too. You can cut leafy herbs off their stems, wash and put them into ice cube trays. Fill the cubes up with water, freeze, then pop them into labeled freezer bags. When you're ready to season your dish, take out a few ice cubes and throw the herbs in for a fresh flavor.

What's bugging your garden? Write to Cathy in care of this newspaper or e-mail her at: cathywalworth@aol.com.

Company introduces artistic curtains of color

The Baltimore Sun

You think of yourself as pretty hip, pretty happening. You've kept up technologically — have an iPod, love your TIVO, have even started a blog. And your home is pretty cool, too. If you do say so yourself. But still, you're always on the lookout for more neat stuff, more hip accent pieces, more happening decor.

You'll find it at J. Schatz. The company, which specializes in designing and creating functional and artistic home products, has just introduced a line of Happening Curtains (\$1,250 each). Made of 70 glossy 4-inch round colored ceramic tiles, the curtains are great as a room divider or at-

tractive accent piece in a basement or den. The curtains' ceramic tiles float from a 30-inch-wide stainless steel frame, which attaches to beaded chains that can fasten to any sturdy hooks. The curtains, weighing 22 pounds, are available in four color combinations: Primary (red, white, aqua, yellow); Ginger & Silver Gray; Multicolored; and Light Aqua, Burnt Red & Silver Gray.

Other unique items from J. Schatz include colorful, hand-crafted ceramic Egg Shade Lamps (\$175-\$200), Egg Floor Lamps (\$350), Star Egg Night Lights (\$125), Doko Vases (\$135) and Ono Vases (\$125). All items are available at www.jschatz.com or by calling 866-344-5267.

No-fear receiver completes home theater

The Hartford Courant

Downton, if you can, into that dreamy, semi-conscious state that suddenly overwhelms you each afternoon around 3 at your office cubicle.

You are now standing in a nasty thunderstorm, only its dramatic effect strangely is lost because you barely can hear the thunder.

Wake up! You have just experienced what it's like to own a big-screen television without surround sound.

What nightmare.

An IDTV, no matter how big or wide or clear, is not a home theater. It'll never be a home theater, either, without surround sound. That's five speakers, for starters, and a subwoofer. The brains of a home theater, the audio-video receiver, decodes all

the signals, powers all the speakers and plays your favorite radio stations. It's also the most confusing and dizzying part — just take a look at the endless rows of connectors on the rear panel — of assembling a home theater. But it's the casar oil you have to take if you want a real home theater.

The Yamaha RX-V757 (\$650, www.yamaha.com) goes down easy, though. It's a smooth, 7.1-channel receiver delivering 100 watts to each channel that makes installation almost fool-proof with an automatic-setup feature called Yamaha Parametric Room Acoustic Optimizer, or PRAO.

You make the physical connections — hooking up the speakers, the DVD player and the cable box — and the RX-V757 does the rest. Just install a

tiny microphone in the front of the RX-V757, activate Auto Setup, and the PRAO system wires your speakers are wired properly, determines the speakers' size (large or small), measures the distance between listener and speakers, matches volume in each channel and otherwise makes sure your home theater sounds its best.

Auto-setup, also offered by other manufacturers including Onkyo and Pioneer, virtually removes any possibility of user error. If you have doubt about your ability to set up a home theater speaker system, don't buy a receiver without it.

The RX-V757 is a no-fear receiver. It's also among the first XM Satellite Radio-ready receivers. It cannot play XM channels on its own, but add the Audiovox CNP1000 Connect-

and-Play Digital Antenna Receiver (\$50) and satellite radio becomes part of your home theater.

The pivoting antenna, which collapses into a neat black package about the size of a bloated deck of cards, connects to the back of the RX-V757 with a tiny USB-type cable.

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Meals

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1/2 c. grated parmesan cheese

Heat oil in large skillet. Add zucchini, onion, parsley, garlic, salt, pepper, oregano and rosemary. Saute mixture over medium heat, stirring often, until zucchini is tender, about 20 minutes. Toss in tomatoes and continue to saute until tomatoes are thoroughly heated, about 5 minutes. Transfer mixture to a serving dish; sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Makes 10 to 12 servings.

CANDY-COATED CARROTS

4 Tbsp. butter or margarine
4 Tbsp. brown sugar
1/4 tsp. Tabasco pepper sauce
1/8 tsp. salt
1 tsp. lemon juice
6-8 carrots, sliced and cooked

Place butter and brown sugar in a saucepan over medium heat; stir until combined. Add pepper sauce and salt and mix well; add lemon juice. Remove from heat. Add hot, drained carrots and toss gently until coated evenly. Makes 4 servings.

—Three recipes from "Best Recipes From the backs of Boxes, Bottles, Cans and Jars" cookbook

CHOCOLATE PEANUT BUTTER LAYER BROWNIES

2 ounces unsweetened chocolate, chopped
1/2 c. unsalted butter, softened

1 1/4 c. sugar
3 large eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
2/3 c. flour
1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 c. chunky peanut butter
1/2 c. semi-sweet chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and butter and flour a 9-inch square baking pan. Knocking out excess flour, in a double boiler or metal bowl set over a saucepan of barely simmering water, melt chocolate, stirring until smooth. Remove top of double boiler or bowl from heat. Cool chocolate to room temperature.

In a large bowl with an electric mixer, beat butter and sugar until light and fluffy and beat in eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition; add vanilla. Into a small bowl sift together flour, baking powder and salt and beat into batter mixture just until blended well. Divide batter between two bowls. Whisk peanut butter into batter in one bowl. Whisk melted chocolate into batter in the other bowl and stir in

chopped chocolate or chocolate chips.

Spread peanut butter batter evenly in pan. Drop chocolate batter by large spoonfuls onto peanut butter batter and spread carefully to form an even layer.

Bake brownies in middle of oven 35 to 40 minutes, or until a tester comes out with crumbs adhering to it.

Cool brownies completely in pan on a rack before cutting into 16 squares. Brownies kept layered between sheets of waxed paper in an airtight container at cool room temperature, five days.

—From www.thatsmyhome.com

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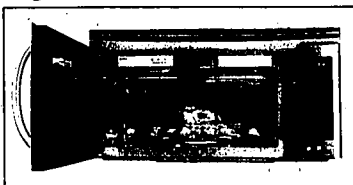
DEAR JIM: My old microwave oven gave out and I need to decide which new one to get. I have used it mainly for just defrosting and warming in the past, but the new ones seem to do a lot more. What features are best?

—CAROL D.
DEAR CAROL: It sounds as though you are similar to most people when it comes to using a microwave oven. The early designs were effective for only defrosting, reheating and cooking hot dogs. People developed these usage patterns and perceptions and they are difficult to change.

As you have noticed from your shopping for a microwave oven, the new models can do much more. Cooking an entire dinner with crispy, browned meats, moist vegetables, and desserts with flaky crusts is certainly possible with a new microwave oven.

Even though a full-featured microwave oven may cost \$100 more than a simple one for just reheating and defrosting, it may save you money, overall. Microwave ovens use much less electricity than a standard range oven and they cook in less time. By using the use of your range and oven, the utility bills savings can easily pay back its greater initial cost.

The first decision is whether you want a countertop model



This stainless steel OTR model includes sensor and convection cooking. The convection cooking function even browned the chicken.



SENSIBLE HOME
James Duley

or an OTR (over-the-range) model. If you have plenty of counter space, a countertop model is less expensive and more convenient to use. You will also have the greatest selection of options and features.

An OTR model is ideal for smaller kitchens. They do cost more initially and professional installation is often required. Many OTR units also function as an exhaust range hood. They can be vented back indoors if you do not have an outdoor vent duct over the range. Although it is not as effective as a dedicated range

hood, it can eliminate the expense for both.

A combination microwave oven with a convection cooking feature is excellent for cooking full meals. The convection function circulates hot air around the food to speed cooking and make it as crispy as in a standard oven. Some models, with a speed cooking feature, use halogen or quartz heating lights inside the microwave oven to brown foods when desired.

A sensor-cooking feature is becoming common on more new microwave ovens. This senses steam or infrared heat from the food to determine when it is done and when to turn itself off. This is particularly helpful for your husband or children who may not be as familiar with proper cooking times.

If you make many large casseroles which are too big to

rotate on the turntable inside the microwave oven, select one with a turntable on/off switch. Another option is an OTR model with a reversing sliding tray to provide even cooking. The following companies offer microwave ovens: Emerson, (800) 898-9020, www.emersonradio.com; General Electric, (800) 626-2000, www.geappliances.com; Panasonic, (800) 211-7262, www.panasonic.com; Samsung, (800) 726-7864, www.samsungusa.com; and Sharp, (800) 237-4277, www.sharpsusa.com. Send inquiries to James Duley, The Times-News, 6906 Royalgreen Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45294 or visit www.duley.com.

DEAR JIM: You recently wrote about solar-power landscaping lights. I was wondering if there is a way to use them for emergency lighting indoors? We don't need bright light, but just enough to get around.

—SCOTT W.
DEAR SCOTT: That actually is an excellent use of solar-powered lights. Internate makes some inexpensive models which are designed to be placed on a table or deck outdoors. The light output would be adequate. For this purpose, keep the light in the sun outdoors, but remove the bulb from the solar light so it does not come on each night. This will keep the battery charged. Snap the bulb in when you need emergency lighting.

Eagleton can be more than a vacation retreat

Outdoor and indoor living spaces are well-supplied in the Eagleton, a contemporary log home designed as a vacation retreat. But this plan is also spacious and well-equipped enough to be used as a year-round residence or retirement home.

In addition to rustic charm, log homes are renowned for their longevity, ease of maintenance and inherent insulating qualities. Inside, the log can be left visible, or covered by flat walls.

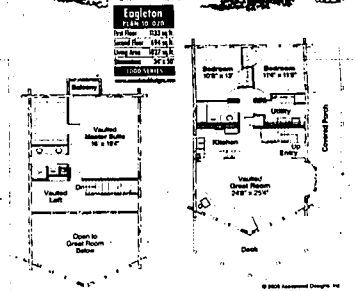
A wide V-shaped deck echoes the shape of the richly windowed front facade, while mirroring the structure's generally A-frame shape. The deck transitions into a wide covered porch that wraps around one side.

The vaulted great room is easily the most striking living area. Sparkling windows, stacked-three high, fill most of the front wall, creating a cathedral-like ambience. When the sun is in hiding, a free-standing wood stove offers warmth and color. Framed by a brick hearth, it nestles in a front

corner by the windows. Build in a cold climate and you can enjoy watching a cozy fire and softly falling snowflakes at the same time.

The L-shaped kitchen is totally open to the great room, with range and oven built into a work island with an eating bar. Lazy Susan shelving keeps food items organized and makes it easy to reach everything in the corner cabinet. Laundry appliances, plus cabinets, a deep sink and a folding counter are across the hall.

Secondary bedrooms are at the rear. Upstairs, the Eagleton's master suite has a double walk-in closet as well as a dual vanity. From the wide loft outside the bedroom, you can overlook the great room or gaze out at the landscape beyond. For a review plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations, section and artist's conception, send \$25 to Associated Designs, 11000 Jacobs Dr., Dept. W, Eugene, OR 97402. Please specify the Eagleton 300-020 and include a return address when ordering. A catalog featuring 400 home plans is available for



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T.F. class teaches knife skills to home chefs

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Puzzled by the difference between a dice and a chop? What about mince or julienne?

A class next week aims to clear up that confusion. Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise, at 147 Main Ave. W in Twin Falls, is offering "Knife Skills Hands-on!" from 7 to 9 p.m. Sept. 21, taught by chef Kirk Martin of the Snake River Grill in Hagerman. Cost is \$60 (including a cutting board you get to keep), and the hands-on class is limited to 12 students.

"The importance of knife skills to the home chef cannot be overstated," the downtown

business conveyed in a class announcement. "The only piece of equipment in the kitchen that is more important is the human hand. Learning to use your knives properly protects both."

Participants will work with a variety of techniques to learn techniques. They'll learn how to remove the breast from a whole chicken, how to properly care for and hone knives and how to select the right knife for the job.

Martin, a graduate of Le Cordon Bleu Cooking School in Ottawa, Ontario, in 1993 returned to Idaho and bought the Snake River Grill. Martin is known for his wild-game dinners, prepared in a classic French style. In 1999, he published his own cookbook, "Cooking on the Wild Side," and he can be seen on the PBS cooking show of the same name. Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise can be reached at 733-5477.

Insect deterrent systems help solve pesky problems

Albany Times Union

For some homeowners, the onslaught of mosquitoes, flies and bees near the patio or deck is so bad — or the result of a sting or bite are so dangerous — they're willing to spend thousands of dollars on bug repellents.

One answer, insect deterrent systems used in the equine industry for six decades are now available for residential use. Similar to the misters seen in grocery produce departments, the hoses and nozzles can be attached to a house soffit, along a fence line or on the patio or deck. At present times, the system emits a burst of pyrethrum, a water-based insecticide derived from certain varieties of chrysanthemum flowers, that kills insects on contact.

Although such systems are manufactured by several companies, several do-it-yourself systems are available through the Internet. One main purveyor is Buzz-Off Inc., with dealer franchises in 17 states.

While the Buzz-Off system is EPA and New York state-approved, and the manufacturer says the chemical is nontoxic to humans and pets when used as directed, some environmentalists have voiced concerns about harm to beneficial insects like butterflies and about possible effects to people with allergies and asthma.

Robert Courtney started one Buzz-Off franchise after having a system on his home in Atlanta in the late 1990s.

"From 6 p.m. on, you could never use your yard because the mosquitoes were so thick," recalls Courtney. "It's perfect for our climate up here as well, especially for deer flies. My flies and a lot of other insects people prefer not to have around."

Courtney has installed the system on several homes in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., many surrounded by woods. "Our backyard faces the Oklahoma Trail," says thoroughbred owner and Saratoga native Bob Barney, who has a system installed shortly after he and his family moved in. "We use our system three times a day, so it allows us to sit outside whenever we want. I can look out the

front windows and see lots of bugs around the flowers, but I don't see this in the back, where the system is."

"The system goes off three times a day in 30- to 40-second bursts," says Courtney. "You can get a digital system with dual zones that can be programmed any way or time of day you want to use the system."

In addition to killing mosquitoes, pyrethrum is also fatal to and repels spiders, flies, gnats, fleas, roaches, wasps, flies, ticks, ants, gnats, hornets and bees. The poison acts quickly on the nervous systems of insects, while mammals are able to metabolize the chemicals, which are biodegradable and break down in sunlight and water, according to the Web site Killerplants.com.

Insecticides kills on contact, beneficial insects that come in contact with the mist, such as butterflies and bees, are also killed.

However, Courtney counters that the system doesn't have to be spraying in order for the chemicals to act as a deterrent. "You only need it on when mosquitoes are active at dawn and dusk," says Courtney.

"When an insect flies through the mist, it kills them on contact. But bees, butterflies and other beneficial insects are not active at the same time as nuisance bugs."

But it's not just the killing of beneficial insects that bothers Ward Stone, a New York state wildlife biologist. Stone says pyrethrins may trigger allergic reactions in some people who are sensitive to flowers or in people with asthma.

What you spray in your yard, doesn't stay in your yard. It goes to your neighbors," says Stone.

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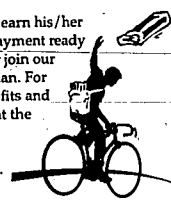
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A toast to lettuce cups

Los Angeles Times

Lettuce cups at a Chinese restaurant seem like a cliché—a dish that easily falls under suspicion as one of those faux-Chinese dishes made up for Western palates.

In truth, it's a bona fide traditional dish, made popular in Hong Kong's restaurants decades ago. It was a minor stroke of genius when Cantonese cooks took the yang of a hot stir-fry and added the yin of a cool leaf of lettuce.

The marvelous contrast of the lettuce cup extends to the filling, which brings together crunchy vegetables and tender meat—pork, chicken or quail, a bird with delicately flavored dark meat. Hoisin sauce is often served on the side, but the mark of a great filling is that the optional sauce is just that—optional.

Sure, you can find lettuce cups in restaurants, but make them at home and your effort will be rewarded amply. All a cook needs to do is bring in flavor right from the start, long before filling meets lettuce, just because the Chinese restaurant around the corner blands it down doesn't mean the possibilities aren't great.

It so happens that one of the most traditional Cantonese fillings is based on an intensely flavorful ingredient rarely seen on menus these days: dried oysters.

These have a concentrated briny flavor, and Chinese cooks tend to use them sparingly, adding depth by using just a few of them in vegetable stews or pork broths. Dried oysters are used more generously on special occasions, partly because they're regarded as luxurious and perhaps more modestly because their Cantonese name, "hoi see," sounds like the word for "good things." Put that together with a homonym for lettuce, "saang choy," and you've got a dish that says good things are coming your way. Think New Years and birthdays.

An old family cookbook from Hong Kong called "Chopsticks Recipes, Traditional Dishes" turned up a somewhat cryptic recipe that turned out to be spectacularly good. The ingredient list was on the long side, playing up traditional ingredients such as bamboo shoots, fresh water chestnuts, pickled vegetables and dried shiitake mushrooms.

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That said, the differences in the two retailers are often more cosmetic than real.

The layout of the big-box home improvement stores is a combination of two different kinds of store layout," Levy explained. "One is the race-track layout, where the retailer steers customers around in the inside (periphery) of the store and puts products on display to attract their attention. The other is a grid philosophy—like the grocery store—to get customers to walk up and down aisles."

That combination is a stand-alone. "We made the layout of our stores all the same," said Kathleen Gallagher, an Orange, Calif.-based spokeswoman for Home Depot. "You walk into two Home Depots in different parts of the country and you can find the same products in the same place."

Because it's less labor-intensive and thus more profitable—both Lowe's and Home Depot emphasize self-service. That means that in both stores, there are signs, signs, everywhere signs.

Merced Levinson, a marketing specialist writing on the online trade journal CMO, says that Home Depot CEO Robert Nardelli has made a priority of making things easier to find.



Dried oysters impart intense flavor to lettuce cups that include fresh water chestnuts.

Try making dried oyster lettuce cups and you'll see that they're special for another reason: They require some time and effort. The cooking itself takes just a few minutes, but first you've got to gather up and slice, dice and grate the ingredients. And unless you already have a Chinese pantry, you'll have to go shopping.

The oysters, which must be softened by hours of soaking, are mixed with two kinds of pork, an assortment of fresh vegetables (snow peas, bamboo shoots, carrots and water chestnuts) for crunch, and various herbs, spices and seasonings, including cilantro, ginger and sesame oil, to round off the flavors.

When buying dried oysters, choose the larger, meatier ones

(at least 3/4-inch wide). The dish also calls for Sichuan preserved vegetable, which means you should get the pickled turn of the mustard greens (and not the leaves). And if you can find them, buy fresh bamboo shoots (sold either in vacuum-sealed plastic bags or in bulk at the produce section of a Chinese market) and fresh water chestnuts, which are crispier and sweeter (like jicama) than their canned counterparts.

As with everything about this dish, every bit of effort pays off with a whole lot of flavor. The overall reward is a deliciously unique dish—one that you probably can't have unless you make it yourself.

You can mix and match lettuces with fillings, and even venture past the usual suspects.

Radish leaves, for example, set off a shrimp-artichoke filling beautifully. In this version, tender-crisp shrimp gets a flavor punch from lemongrass and a slight crunch from blanched artichoke hearts, which make a nice modern stand-in for bamboo shoots or water chestnuts. The filling has added texture from crisp-fried rice vermicelli and a pleasantly bitter edge from the radichio leaf (OK, radichio isn't really lettuce, but it works well as a cup).

With lettuce cups, there's no limit to playing with the flavors inside and out. Nor should there be. With a dish this fun to eat, making it should have a split of adventure—whether you're coming up with your own modern version or trying an old recipe with exotic ingredients.

South-of-the-border fit fast-paced lives

Knight Ridder News Service

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Bring the bold flavors of Mexico into your kitchen this fall with tostadas, carnitas or quesadillas.

These flavorful Mexican favorites can be served in a variety of ways at breakfast, lunch or dinner. The dishes are a good match for our fast-paced lives, requiring a small amount of advanced preparation thanks to pre-cut veggies and store-bought salsas and tortillas.

But, if you have some time, try making them with fresh tomatoes, homegrown herbs or scrumptious seafood.

ZESTY BREAKFAST TOSTADAS

4 servings
2 tsp. olive oil
2 1/2 tsp. chipotle pepper sauce

Four 6-inch corn tortillas
8 oz. skirt steak
Salt to taste
6 eggs
1/2 tsp. salt
1 tsb. butter or margarine
1 cup chunky salsa
1 ripe avocado, peeled, pitted, and diced

Fresh cilantro, chopped
Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
Combine olive oil and 1/2 teaspoon chipotle pepper sauce in a small cup. Brush tortillas with mixture. Bake 15 minutes or until crisp.

Sprinkle both sides of skirt steak with salt, to taste. In large heavy skillet over medium-high heat, heat skillet until smoking. Add skirt steak. Cook 5 minutes each side for medium rare. Let stand 5 minutes before slicing. Thinly slice steak across the grain.

Beat eggs, 1/2 teaspoon salt and remaining 2 teaspoons chipotle pepper sauce in medium bowl. Melt butter in 12-inch skillet over medium heat. Scramble eggs until of desired doneness, stirring constantly.

To serve, top each tortilla with salsa, sliced steak, eggs and avocado. Sprinkle with cilantro.

Calories: 387.7; protein, 32.6 grams; carbohydrates, 13.2 grams; total fat, 24.5 grams; cholesterol, 346.4 milligrams; saturated fat, 6.0 grams; dietary fiber, 8.7 grams; sodium, 1270 milligrams; sugar, 2.4 grams; vitamin A, 205.4 retinol equivalents; vitamin C, 12.1 milligrams; calcium, 98.5 milligrams; iron, 5.2 milligrams; alcohol, 0 grams.

CARNITAS SANDWICHES WITH AVOCADO SALSA

8 servings
4 lbs. boned pork shoulder, cut into large cubes (remove as much fat as possible)

1 quart beef broth
16-ounce jar chunky tomato salsa

Water
3 ripe avocados, seeded, peeled, diced
2 cups fresh pico de gallo salsa (recipe follows)

6 sandwich rolls or buns, split lengthwise (see note)
Sour cream, for garnish
In large heavy saucepan over medium-high heat, combine pork chunks, broth and salsa. Add enough water to completely cover meat. Cover and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low and simmer (covered) for 3 to 4 hours or until meat pulls apart easily.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Remove meat from liquid in pot (discard liquid) and place in a roasting pan. Break meat into small chunks. Roast meat for 15 to 20 minutes until brown and crispy (carnitas).

While meat is roasting, combine avocado, diced, with prepared pico de gallo salsa. To serve, spoon carnitas into sandwich rolls and top with avocado salsa and sour cream. (Meat can be prepared in advance and transported to a picnic or party.)

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Breakfast sales are up as more Americans jump-start their day

The Washington Post

Don't skip breakfast. That's what the nutrition experts have been telling us for years, and it seems we're finally getting the message. At the drive-through, at the coffee bar, in the supermarket — breakfast is big business.

Although the vast majority of us still eat breakfast at home, about 11 percent of morning meals are eaten out and 6 percent are eaten on the go — double the rate of a decade ago. For the \$140 billion quick-service restaurant business, this has been a wake-up call to take advantage of the growing morning market.

Starbucks has been test-marketing breakfast sandwiches in the Washington, D.C. area for six months and now is introducing them nationwide. Chains like Subway, Chick-It-A and Dunkin' Donuts have been expanding their morning menus this year with items such as breakfast burritos and wraps, while Burger King in March introduced the Enormous Omelet Sandwich. The monster meal of sausage, two eggs, two slices of cheese and three strips of bacon has helped the No. 2 burger chain boost sales, according to company reports.

"Quick-service restaurants are refusing on breakfast" with better-tasting products and a greater variety of ingredients, said Michael Allenson, a principal with food industry consultant Technomic Inc. in Chicago.

They were spurred on, he said, by the success about three years ago of McGriddles, a line of pancakes sandwiches introduced by McDonald's. In March, McDonald's introduced a "strong breakfast business, but they were able to increase sales even more," he said. That encouraged other chains to introduce new breakfast products — or, in some cases, offer breakfast for the first time.

In the past two years, breakfast sales at restaurants have continued to grow. A recent survey by the National Restaurant Association showed that breakfast growth outpaced both lunch and dinner at close to 40 percent of restaurants surveyed.

Breakfast is also big in the supermarket. The 2005 report just released by the Chicago-based market research firm Mintel indicates consumers are looking for not only convenience and portability in breakfast foods, but also healthy products. The push by the federal government to increase whole grains in the diet, plus the worry over the rising number of obese children, has had an effect, according to the report.

Newer, hand-held foods such as energy bars, sausage sandwiches and drinkable yogurt surged in sales, but so has that old-fashioned breakfast food — hot cereal. In the cold cereal aisle, low-sugar, high-fiber cereals had the strongest sales, while the high-sugar brands saw a dip. "Americans want convenience at breakfast," said food trend expert Harry Balzer, vice president of the market research firm NPD Group, "but they also want a hearty meal. The Pop-Tarts and breakfast pastries are convenient, but they don't fill you up like a breakfast sandwich."

Even if we have to wait until we get to the office to have what some in the industry call "desk-fast," fewer of us are skipping morning meals. We're more likely to skip lunch, according to NPD data. "Sixteen percent of lunches are skipped, but only 13

Eating on the run

- 6 percent of all breakfasts are consumed on the go, double the rate 10 years ago, according to the NPD Group, a firm that's been tracking American eating patterns for 25 years.
- Nearly a quarter of all breakfast meals ordered at restaurants are eaten in the car, up more than 40 percent over 1993.
- The breakfast sandwich is the No. 1 item bought at restaurants in the morning.
- 1 percent of all breakfasts are eaten at our desks — a meal known as "deskfast."

Cereal

- Hot cereal sales are up nearly 2 percent, while cold cereal sales are down slightly, according to Mintel, a Chicago-based market research firm.
- Two-thirds of households eat hot cereals, pushing them to fifth on the list of all breakfast foods.

Extreme caffeine

- Coffee is the No. 1 item consumed in the morning, whether at home or away. The National Coffee Association says 87 percent of Americans are drinking coffee at breakfast, up from 84 percent last year.
- 39 percent of Americans drank their coffee away from home, a jump of 10 percent age points over 2002.
- What's in it: What's out and the top-selling supermarket breakfast items for the year ending in July:
 - Frozen doughnuts are in.
 - Frozen bagels are out.
 - Drinkable yogurt is in.
 - Powdered breakfast drinks are out.
 - Granola and yogurt bars are in.
 - Breakfast bars are out.

Source: Washington Post

percent of breakfasts," Balzer said.

In fact, if you have to skip a meal, skip lunch. Breakfast is too important," said dietitian Laila Kaul, a professor of community and family medicine at Howard University.

Ideally, she'd like to see people eat breakfast at home or bring healthy food from home, such as a cheese sandwich or even two Nutri-Grain bars, to eat at the best choices.

"It's better to eat something in the morning than to skip breakfast entirely," says Laila Kaul, an American Dietetic Association spokeswoman and professor of community and family medicine at Howard University. "Your body hasn't gotten any nourishment between dinner and waking. By trying to make it to noon, you're starving yourself."

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By Charles Perry
Los Angeles Times

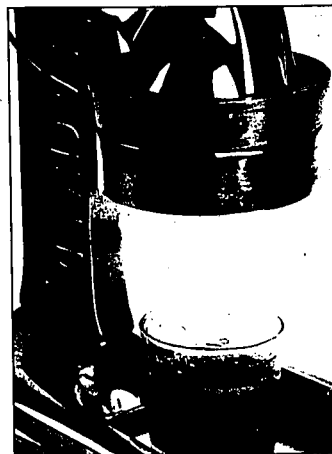
The best orange juice I've had has always seemed to have come from a juice press. It's the flavor of high summer, like the essence of some superlative berry that just happens to have orange-colored juice, with a hint of aromatic oils from the peel to make it clear that this is a citrus fruit after all.

All around Los Angeles, at restaurants and bars such as the Hungry Cat in Hollywood, you see them squeezing oranges by hauling down on the big lever of a juice press. And not by sticking them into a buzzing electric juicer. I've wondered whether it had to do with the way the two methods work: one presses the orange, the other reams it out with a rotating cone. Could that mean the scraping off of bad stuff from the notoriously bitter peel?

This is the very time of year when you'd want to know, because were right the prime season for California-grown Valencia oranges. So I went out and bought a big, muscle-bound citrus press, eight gleaming pounds of solid aluminum built to outlast human civilization.

Then I got some Valencias and juiced a couple on both this Amazing Hulk of a press and on a standard electric juicer. Everybody who tasted it agreed that the Hulk's juice was definitely sweeter, even more aromatic and flavorful. It seemed I repeated the experiment twice and got the same result in blind tastings. I even juiced some navel oranges, though they aren't known for great juice, and still the juice from the press was sweeter.

What could explain this? The juicing method, right? I asked researcher Renee Goodrich of the University of Florida, an expert in the science of orange juice. She cast cold



Los Angeles Times

When it comes to flavor, the press reigns supreme.

water on this theory, suggesting that flavor would be more affected by "the types of oranges people used, the general care and sanitation that was used in the kitchen, as well as how long people kept the juice around after squeezing."

OK, there was an expert's opinion. I couldn't say I was kept on that crack about our kitchen, though.

Next I contacted Paul Breslin, a specialist in taste perception at the Monell Chemical Senses Center in Philadelphia, and asked him whether scraped-off bits of bitter peel might make juice taste less sweet. "It is certainly possible," he allowed. But he thought this explanation

would be more likely if a large quantity of sugar was necessary to make two samples of orange juice taste equally sweet.

Food science writer Harold McGee pointed out that oranges aren't equally sweet all the way through. Blossom and sugar can be more than 12 percent sugar while the stem end is only 8 percent, definitely on the sour side.

OK, it could certainly look into. All you need to find the sugar content of fruit juice is a little gadget called a refractometer, which looks like a microscope eyepiece stuck into a clarinet mouthpiece. You put some juice on the clarinet end and peer through the other.

In a hurry for breakfast? At least choose well

The Washington Post

Mornings can be hectic — getting the kids to school, trying to beat the traffic — and sometimes fast-food places seem like the only option for breakfast in a hurry. The key is to make the best choices.

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McDonald's

Try the Egg McMuffin, the granddaddy of breakfast sandwiches, at only 290 calories and 11 grams of fat. Even the Sausage McMuffin isn't too bad at 370 calories.

Avoid: The huge Deluxe

Breakfast, which weighs in at a shocking 1,220 calories. 60 grams of fat and 1,900 milligrams of sodium, and the hotcakes and sausage at 770 calories. And definitely stay away from the Deluxe Cheddar Bacon Roll at 590 sugary calories and no protein to keep you from getting hungry too soon.

Starbucks

Try: The Fresh Fruit and Cream, Plate at 380 calories or the Reduced Fat Turkey Bacon, Egg and White Cheddar Sandwich at 330 calories for a breakfast with protein to stave off hunger. For a drink, remember this rule: the longer the name, the higher the calories. Get plain coffee, or a latte or cappuccino with skim milk (no whipped cream). And to save something fancier, an Espresso Frappuccino Light (no whip) is only

140 calories. Avoid: Topping any drink with whipped cream, which adds 100 frap calories. The regular Frappuccino drinks all tend to have calories counts north of 200, some as high as 500 calories (the Tazo Chai Creme Frappuccino with whipped cream is \$10). Even a Pumpkin Spice Latte has 360 calories. Scores are general.

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A Fairness Hearing will be held on December 9, 2005 to determine whether the proposed Settlement is fair, reasonable and adequate, and to consider Plaintiffs' application for attorneys' fees and costs and incentive awards of \$250,000 to the class representatives.

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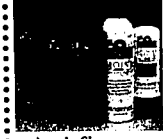


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From Inner Mongolia to the top of the food world

By Dianna Marder
Knight Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA — In dreams, we cook effortlessly — stirring up dishes that win the hearts of family and are the envy of friends. In reality, many of us fumble our way through the kitchen — intimidated by any recipe with more than eight ingredients.

Susan Foo, Philadelphia's legendary celebrity chef, with a namesake restaurant on Walnut Street and another in Atlantic City, knows this. But she says our fears are unfounded.

In her new cookbook, "Susan Foo Fresh Inspiration," (Houghton Mifflin) Foo keeps things simple but savvy.

The collection of more than 150 recipes, gleaned from her years of study, travel and experimentation, highlights the use of fresh ingredients while combining Eastern and Western



The flag of Inner Mongolia

cooking styles.

So we see Cauliflower Risotto with Wild Mushrooms alongside Tung An Chicken, Crispy Tuna Spring Rolls, and Corn Cakes with Cilantro and Chives.

Don't let the names of these dishes scare you, Foo says. You too can stir-fry shrimp, braise chestnuts and make a splendid peanut sauce — and she details how in language that makes us believe.

Foo ushers us into her home kitchen, where she's graciously agreed to make three dishes from her new book and boost our cooking confidence.

Makes 4 servings

12 jumbo shrimp in their shells

1/2 small head romaine, tough outer leaves removed

1/2 cup all-purpose flour

1/2 cup soybean oil or corn oil

1 tablespoon pink peppercorns

1 tsp. finely chopped garlic

1 tsp. kosher salt or sea salt, or more to taste

3 tbs. chopped scallions (white part only)

1 tbs. butter

1 tbs. citrus-flavored vodka

1 lemon, thinly sliced

1 tbs. minced fresh flat-leaf parsley

Using a sharp knife or kitchen shears, slit the top shell of each shrimp down the back. Remove and discard the veins. Cut off legs and discard, but leave shells intact. Rinse shrimp well under

WOK-SHAKING SHRIMP WITH PINK PEPPERCORNS

cold water and dry with paper towels. Cut the romaine leaves into julienne (you should have about 1 cup) and plunge into a bowl of ice water. Lift out and dry in a salad spinner. Wipe and refrigerate until needed. Place the flour on a large plate. Coat each shrimp well with the flour, shaking to remove any excess.

Heat the oil in a large skillet or flat-bottomed wok until it reaches 375 degrees. Add half the shrimp and fry, turning once, until they turn pink about 2 minutes (the shrimp should still be slightly undercooked). Remove and drain on a paper towel-lined plate. Repeat with remaining shrimp. Pour the oil into a small bowl.

Wipe out the pan with a paper towel. Spoon 1 tablespoon of the oil back into the pan; discard the rest. Add the peppercorns, garlic, and salt

and cook for about 1 minute, or until the garlic is lightly golden brown. Add the shrimp and scallions and swirl so that the shrimp are well coated with the seasonings. Add the butter and vodka and mix well until the butter melts. Remove from the heat.

Place the romaine in the center of four servings plates. Place

three shrimp on top of the lettuce on each plate and decorate with the sliced lemon and parsley. Place bowls on the table for the shrimp shells.

Per serving: 320 calories, 25 grams protein, 14 grams carbohydrates, 1 gram sugar, 17 grams fat, 181 milligrams cholesterol, 685 milligrams sodium, 1 gram dietary fiber.

QUICK-SEARED SICHUAN BEEF TENDERLOIN STEW

Makes 8 servings

3 lbs. beef tenderloin tips

2 tbs. soybean oil or corn oil, or more if needed

4 to 6 star anise

3 dried hot red peppers, halved

3 garlic cloves, sliced

4 shallots, halved

2 tbs. julienned, peeled, fresh ginger

2 tbs. grated orange zest

1/4 cup soy sauce

2 tbs. balsamic vinegar

2 tbs. brandy

1 tbs. sugar

3 scallions, trimmed and cut into 1-inch lengths

Trim the fat and sinews from the beef (once trimmed, the meat should weigh about 2 1/2 pounds). Cut the meat into 1-inch pieces.

Heat 1 tablespoon of the oil in a large heavy pot over high heat until hot. Add half the beef

(do not crowd the pan) and quickly sear on all sides until lightly browned, 3 to 4 minutes. Remove and set aside. Add the remaining 1/2 tablespoon oil and sear the rest of the meat.

Return all the beef to the pan. Add the star anise, red peppers, garlic, shallots, ginger and zest and cook until lightly browned, 2 to 3 minutes.

Add the soy sauce, vinegar, brandy and sugar, turn the heat to low, and cook for 5 minutes.

Add 1 cup water, cover, and simmer until the beef is tender, checking for doneness after 20 minutes.

Stir in the scallions and remove from the heat. Discard the star anise and hot peppers, skim off the fat, and serve.

Per serving: 337 calories, 37 grams protein, 5 grams carbohydrates, 3 grams sugar, 17 grams fat, 105 milligrams cholesterol, 708 milligrams sodium, 0.4 gram dietary fiber.

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FOOD & HOME

Potato salads spice up the dinner table



AP Wirephoto

Newsday

Potato salads are equally appealing served warm or cold, and are just as good — if not better — the next day. As they sit, potatoes absorb dressing and salt, so if made in advance, you may want to add more of both before serving.

Yukon gold and red potatoes are my top two picks for potato salads: Yukon golds are creamy and buttery while red potatoes hold their shape well and their thin skin lends attractive color to salads.

Avoid turning potatoes to mush

Start potatoes in cold water. As soon as they come to a boil, turn the heat down to a gentle simmer to avoid making them mushy and/or tearing the gentle skins. Dress potatoes while warm and they absorb more of the flavor.

Source: Newsday

POTATO AND GREEN BEAN SALAD

Makes 6 servings

2 lbs. unpeeled small red potatoes, cut in 1/2-inch wedges
1/2 lbs. green beans, cut in 1-inch pieces
1/2 cup low-fat buttermilk
1/2 cup crumbled blue cheese

1 tbs. red wine vinegar
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
Place the potatoes in enough cold water to cover them by 2 inches and bring to a boil. Cook 12 minutes, or until just tender. Add the green beans and cook

another 3 minutes, or until the green beans are crisp-tender and bright green and the potatoes are tender but still hold their shape. Drain.

Meanwhile, whisk together the buttermilk, blue cheese, vinegar and Worcestershire sauce, lightly mashing the larger pieces of cheese. Toss with the potatoes and green beans.

Nutritional analysis for each serving: 169 calories, 7 g protein, 28 g carbohydrates, 4 g fiber, 4 g fat, 2 g saturated fat, 8 mg cholesterol, 199 mg sodium

made many hours in advance, the potatoes will absorb most of the dressing, so add olive oil and vinegar before serving.

WARM POTATO SALAD WITH BACON

Makes 4 servings

2 pounds scrubbed, unpeeled red potatoes, cut in 1/2-inch wedges
4 slices bacon
1 tablespoon sherry (or red wine) vinegar
1/3 cup lower-sodium chicken broth
1/2 cup chopped scallions
1/3 cup parsley, chopped
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. black pepper

Put potatoes in pot with enough cold water to cover them by 2 inches and bring to a boil. Cook 15 minutes, or until they are tender but hold their shape. Drain.

Meanwhile, cook the

bacon. Remove from the skillet and place on a plate lined with paper towel. Remove the skillet from the heat and discard all but 1 tablespoon of the bacon drippings from the pan. Whisk in the vinegar and chicken broth.

Toss the potatoes in the warm dressing.

Crumble in the bacon and toss with the scallions and parsley.

Taste and add salt and black pepper as needed.

Nutritional analysis for each serving: 155 calories, 5 g protein, 25 g carbohydrates, 3 g fiber, 4 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 7 mg cholesterol, 342 mg sodium

CREAMY PARMESAN POTATO SALAD

Makes 6 servings

2 pounds Yukon gold potatoes, peeled and cut in 1/2-inch dice
3 ribs celery, thinly sliced
1 cup diced red onion
1/4 cup light mayonnaise
1 tbs. lemon juice
1 tsp. Dijon mustard
3 tbs. grated Parmesan cheese

1/2 tsp. dried thyme
Place the potatoes in a saucepan with enough cold water to cover by 2 inches and bring to a boil. Cook 15 minutes, or until the pota-

tes are tender but hold their shape. Add the celery to the saucepan for 1 minute; drain and toss with the red onion.

Whisk together the mayonnaise, lemon juice, Dijon, Parmesan and thyme. Toss with the warm potatoes; add salt and pepper to taste, and let sit at room temperature for 10 minutes.

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Section D

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“I don’t know. I’ve never heard of her.”

— IRL driver Danica Patrick after being asked to name the best female racer no one has heard of

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Name the future Super Bowl MVP quarterback who earlier took snaps for the Oklahoma/Arizona Wranglers of the USFL?

...answer below

TODAY’S SCHEDULE

High School
BOYS SOCCER
Preston at Burley, 4:30 p.m.
GIRLS SOCCER
Pocatello at Minico, 4:30 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL
Aberdeen/Declo at Valley, 4 p.m.
Mackay/Oakley at Richfield, 3:15 p.m.

IN BRIEF

CSI volleyball ranked No. 1

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho volleyball team is ranked No. 1 in the first NCAA poll released Tuesday. Miami-Dade College (5-0), Western Nebraska (2-1), Lake Land (Ill.) College (5-0) and Blinn College of Texas (9-0) round out the top five. Missouri State-West Plains (6-3) is sixth while North Idaho College (15-3) is ranked ninth. Dixie State College garnered some votes.

The poll was limited to a top 10 due to little information being submitted, according to a press release.

CSI (23-1) got all three first-place votes for a perfect 30 points. Miami-Dade was a strong second with 27 points.

Kone unable to enroll at Baylor

WACO, Texas — Baylor men’s basketball signee Mohamed Kone is unable to enroll at the school due to NCAA transfer eligibility guidelines, head coach Scott Drew announced last week.

Universities have different policies for transfer courses,” Drew said in a press release. “As a result, Mohamed may be eligible at some schools but not others. He is not eligible at Baylor. Because of privacy laws, I can’t elaborate more than that.”

Drew said Kone plans to enroll at Valparaiso University.

Best ball tourney planned at Jerome CC

JEROME — The Jerome County Club and Canyon Springs Golf Course are hosting their annual two-person best ball tournament Sept. 17-18. The event includes men’s, ladies’ and couples’ division. Entry fee is \$120 per team. Sign up through Canyon Springs GC. The deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Free times will be published in Friday’s Times-News. Players must reserve carts at Jerome if they plan on riding.

T.F. girls hoops registration ends soon

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department is currently taking registration for its youth basketball program for girls in Grades 3-7. Registration will continue through Sept. 16. The registration fee is \$12-\$20, depending on if the player needs a jersey. Games will run each Saturday from Oct. 15 to Dec. 12, and teams will be divided by school and grade. A late registration fee of \$10 will be added after Sept. 16. For more information, call 736-2265.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:
Doug Williams

Emerging from the basement

Videogame tourneys begin to draw big-time sponsors

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Is “frags per round” going to be the batting average of the 21st century? Professional computer gamers certainly hope so. Players of Counter Strike, a popular title in computer sport at the U.S. finals of the World Cyber Games last week, count their prowess in how many enemies they can shoot to pieces, or “fragments,” in a frantic two-minute round of virtual gunplay. Time and demographics, boosters say, argue for videogame tourneys becoming the next big spectator sport in the United States, where more than 108 million Americans now play computer games, according to the Yankee Group.

They’re already garnering big-name sponsors. “Kids in the early 1990s were playing baseball in dirt fields. Kids today are playing computer games,” says Jason Lake, an Asian real-estate lawyer who owns two teams of pro gamers, totaling fourteen players, some of whom did battle last week.

For a non-gamer, the competition at New York’s Hammerstein Ballroom can’t have looked too exciting. Pale young men crowded around computers on the floor as the cyberspace-based action unfolded on big-screen displays overhead, accompanied by a play-by-play announcer rattling off things like “Schwan’s gonna be hiding behind a box out there, waiting for them to come up, and it’s 7-0 for the counter-terrorists on this map.”

Only about 4,000 spectators showed up at the Hammerstein, organizers said, but more than 63,000 followed the games live on the Web.

Even more significantly, more than a million people around



Ryan Virtue, right, from Las Vegas, 20, watches on a screen an ongoing competition at the World Cyber Games in New York, Friday.

the world have tried to qualify for the final, to be held in Singapore in November. That’s mostly a sign of the acceptance that computer gaming (or e-sports, as promoters like to call it) has gained in the rest of the world. Just 40,000 of that million were Americans.

In South Korea, where the World Cyber Games is based, three cable channels broadcast competitive gaming around the clock and some of the country’s approximately 200 professional gamers bank in rock star-like fame.

In the United States, “there are rock stars already, but the mass market doesn’t know about them,” says Robert Krakoff, president Razer Group, which makes computer mice and is a major sponsor of the games, along with Intel Corp. and Samsung Electronics Co.

Krakoff, along with many in the industry, believes the United States will soon catch up to Korea because traditional advertising is losing much of its effectiveness at reaching young men.

“Corporations are dropping hundreds of millions of dollars on a TV ad, and kids don’t even watch TV,” says Lake, the team owner. “They’re missing this demographic.”

There are signs that the corporate world is waking up, last week, McNeil Consumer & Specialty Pharmaceuticals, the Johnson & Johnson subsidiary that makes Tylenol, announced it was sponsoring Ouchi, a six-man Counter Strike team.

It is believed to be the first time a non-computer company has sponsored a U.S. videogame team.

Trevor Schmidt, who runs

Gotfing.com, notes that Burger King sponsors games in Germany. He thinks the United States is six to eight months away from seeing major videogame sponsorship deals by consumer-goods companies.

Another hurdle is the very technology that enables these games. Manufacturers keep putting out new games and game consoles, obsoleting the old.

“You have to reclaim every year,” says Mattia Billeskov, who competes in pikelet FIFA Soccer. “The way the players recover the ball, the timings, it all changes.”

For now, video gaming is not a road to riches for the players. Schmidt estimates the average player on a successful team makes \$30,000 to \$40,000 a year, mostly from sponsorships and excluding prize money.

Perhaps 50 gamers in the

United States are at that level.

Billeskov doesn’t make that much, since his game doesn’t appeal to U.S. sponsors. If his existence is any measure, the life of a semipro video gamer doesn’t quite match that of a pro baseball player or rock star in glamor.

The 21-year-old studies electrical engineering at Northern Illinois University and is a single father. He practices after he puts his three-year-old daughter to bed at 9 p.m.

When Billeskov tells women that he’s a serious video gamer, they’re not necessarily excited. But then he tells them that gaming competitions have taken him to Switzerland, New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco. They go “Oh wow, that’s awesome!” And of course they ask me to take them with me to Switzerland,” he says.

Falcons build quite a rivalry with Eagles

The Associated Press

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. — The Atlanta Falcons were heading back to the locker room after pregame warmups when Ike Reese gave some inside info to his new teammates.

“We’re going to stomp on our logs,” Reese said, motivating back to his former teammates, the Philadelphia Eagles.

Sure enough, the Eagles gathered on the 50-yard line, hopping up and down on the Falcons’ odd-looking emblem.

Led by Reese, the Atlanta players charged back onto the field, muscling for position on a tiny patch of artificial turf with their increasingly bitter rival. Just as it looked like another brawl might break out, the officials stepped in to break the teams up.

“Sure, it’s kind of childish,” Falcons coach Jim Mora said Tuesday, breaking into a devilish grin. “But you’ve got to admit — it’s fun.”

No doubt. These teams have



The Philadelphia Eagles and the Atlanta Falcons scuffle before their game Monday in Atlanta.

developed quite a bit of animosity for each other in a few short seasons, which was clear Monday night when they got into it BEFORE their season opener. The jawing started in warmups, punches were thrown and two players were ejected.

Then came the showdown on the Falcons’ logo, which is the sort of penitent behavior that might happen between college rivals, but is rarely seen in the buttoned-down NFL.

“A team thinks they’re going to come into our stadium and disrespect our emblem? Be-

cause that’s what it is,” Mora said. “Well, I don’t think we have to take that. And we didn’t.”

After Jeremiah Trotter of the Eagles and Kevin Mathis of the Falcons were tossed out, the teams spent the next 3.5 hours trying to knock each other out.

Atlanta started quickly with two first-quarter touchdowns. Philly rallied. Finally, with Monday night having faded into Tuesday morning, Donovan McNabb’s final pass fluttered harmlessly to the turf after a vicious hit to the midsection from Atlanta’s defensive end.

Atlanta’s 14-10 victory.

It wasn’t pretty, but no one could deny the effort. Both teams went at each other with an intensity usually reserved for the playoffs.

“I know I was feeling it,” said Mora, who spent the final minutes stalking up and down the sideline, flapping his arms to egg on a Georgia Dome crowd that already had taken the noise to deafening levels. “I thought I please see RIVALRY, Page D4

Living in shelters, playing on the field after Katrina

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press writer

DALLAS — Damien Allen naps at his tight pants after each play, struggling to stretch a size 14 into a 12.

The other players are wearing shorts. But not most of the evacuees, who quickly pleaded together their uniforms scavenging through lockers in a sweat-scented equipment closet. Only some of the 13 found shorts and a few must have helmets.

Monday was their first football practice at Madison, the designated high school for students still living in mass downtown shelters nearly two weeks after Hurricane Katrina. They practice wearing colored paper bracelets that grant admission back to their coats and free meals — orange for Reunion Arena, neon pink for the convention center.

None are superstars or fixtures on television watch lists.



Mike Williams goes over a play-block with a teammate at Madison High School football practice in Dallas, Monday.

Head coach Ronald Johnson figures maybe two can contribute at the varsity level. Twice as many signed up last week, but they disappear once they find homes and leave the

shelters. Fifteen passed physicals Friday and two moved to suburbs by the weekend. Johnson doesn’t see many of the kids whose parents he met at the shelters, where Johnson and his staff navigated through a grid of coats in search of signed waiver forms.

“Two more will probably be gone by tomorrow,” said Johnson, who can only identify a handful by their first names.

He doubts that some played football in New Orleans, even though many brag of throwing touchdown passes and anchoring defenses back home. One drill and Johnson knows better.

“If he’s unsure, he quizzes them. What’s a double-team block? When pulling right, which foot leads?”

Sophomore Michael Bridge-water played linebacker at Higgins High School near New Orleans. His mother brought Michael and two cousins to Reunion Arena after they could no longer afford staying at a Motel

6. He can’t reach his girlfriend and doesn’t know what happened to an uncle and four of his cousins.

He’s also, if he stays at Madison, an option at fullback.

“I’m homeless right now, but that’s the last thing on my mind,” Bridge-water said. “I’m living in a shelter. I never thought in a million years I’d be living in a shelter. But I don’t feel sorry for me. I encourage me. That’s why I’m out here.”

The evacuees stick together. They play catch during water breaks and crowd around leading through a standstill playbook on the sideline. They seldom mingle with the other players.

Except for Allen. He practices with the first team at tight tackle, because Madison’s usual starter tore his anterior cruciate ligament Friday. Nothing about Allen’s badly mismatched uniform properly fits the tall and thickest teenager except the gloves and ankle bracelet he sal-

Please see KATRINA, Page D4

Senators veto Wood River, 3-0

By Nathaniel Garrabrandt
Times-News writer

GOODING — Maybe somebody forgot to remind the Gooding Senators that their Wednesday evening volleyball match against Wood River was a nonconference contest.

Or, more likely, that fact really didn’t matter to them in the first place. The Senators didn’t need any added pressure to ratchet up the intensity necessary to thump the Wolverines 3-0.

“To me, it’s a great win,” said Gooding coach Joleen Toone, whose team won 25-19 in all three games. “Wood River always has a great volleyball program. And to beat them in three, I’m just so excited for my kids.”

The match looked competitive at the outset, with Wood River taking an 8-6 Game 1 lead. But the Senators reeled off a 10-1 set to take control.

Senior hitter Amy Tranholt contributed six service points and four kills during the game, finishing the match with 11 kills while leading her team in digs with 21.

“We started off good and just played our hearts out,” she said.

Brittanie Toone also had a gigantic night for the hosts, knocking down 13 kills and four aces to go along with 16 digs.

“It was exciting,” said Toone. “It was a team win. Everyone played well.”

The senior hitter displayed outstanding fire throughout the match, with the majority of her kills coming off soft, finesse ball-placement to empty spots on the floor.

“I was focused,” she said. “Sometimes it’s lucky and sometimes I watch the floor when I’m in the back row and I see spots that are open.”

Game 2 also started off evenly with Wood River pulling to a

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SPORTS



New York Yankees' Jason Giambi hits a three-run, first-inning home run off Tampa Bay Devil Rays pitcher Doug Weetoch Tuesday in St. Petersburg, Fla. Derek Jeter and Alex Rodriguez also scored on the hit. Catching for Tampa Bay is Toby Hall.

Yankees blast Tampa Bay, 17-3

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Jason Giambi hit his 30th homer and drove in five runs, helping the New York Yankees rout Tampa Bay 17-3 Tuesday night and nudge closer to first-place Boston in the AL East.

Hideki Matsui and Jorge Posada each had four RBIs for the Yankees, who played within 2.5 games of the fled Sox, who lost 9-3 at Toronto.

Jaret Wright (5-2) allowed three runs and five hits in seven innings, winning his third straight decision since coming off the disabled list Aug. 15.

Giambi had a three-run homer in the first and a two-run single in the sixth, when New York scored seven runs and battered around for the third time in the game. The Yankees finished with 20 hits, including 18 singles.

Matsui went 4-for-4 with a two-run double and two-run single, and six hits in six innings, dropping to 0-2 with a 6.60 ERA in three starts this year against the Blue Jays.

Blue Jays 9, Red Sox 3

TORONTO — Gabe Gross hit his first home run in nearly a year during a five-run second inning for Toronto, which beat Boston for their ninth time in 13 games this season.

David Ortiz of the Red Sox tied his career-high with his 41st homer. It was his 37th as a designated hitter, matching the major league record set by Seattle's Edgar Martinez in 2000.

Matt Clement (13-5) gave up six runs and six hits in six innings, dropping to 0-2 with a 6.60 ERA in three starts this year against the Blue Jays.

Indians 5, Athletics 2

CLEVELAND — Ben Bruns scored the second home run of the game, a tiebreaking three-run shot in the eighth inning, sent Cleveland to the victory that kept the Indians in control of the AL wild-card race.

The Indians are one game in front of the Yankees for the wild card and 2.5 games ahead of the Athletics.

Cleveland was down 2-0 in the seventh when Broussard hit a two-run shot.

Kevin Millwood (8-11) allowed one run and seven hits while lowering his league-leading ERA to 3.02.

The Indians turned a season-high five double plays, including one in the ninth when Bob Wickman finished for his AL-leading 40th save.

With the score tied 2-2, Travis Hafner singled with one out in the eighth off Justin Duchscherer (6-4) and Victor Martinez singled. One out later, Broussard, who entered the game in a 1-for-23 slump, hit his 18th homer.

The game was delayed for 21 minutes in the sixth inning when a computer system shut down and caused several of the toothbrush-shaped light towers above Jacobs Field to go dark.

Twins 9, Tigers 3

DETROIT — Matthew LeCroy, Luis Rivas and Jason Barfield homered for Minnesota, which has won two straight, both against Detroit, after losing five of six. The Tigers have lost 11 of 13.

Brad Radke (9-11) allowed three runs and six hits in seven innings to improve his career record against the Tigers to 19-6.

Ivan Rodriguez homered for Detroit.

Orioles 4, Rangers 3

ARLINGTON, Texas — Luis Matos drove in the go-ahead run with a double in the ninth inning and Baltimore won its fourth straight.

Walter Young, who hit his first major league homer in the seventh, led off the ninth with a single off reliever C.J. Wilson (1-7). Pinch-runner Ed Rogers went to second on Chris Gamache's sacrifice bunt.

Francisco Cordero came on and, after getting one out, gave up the double to Matos.

Chris Ray (1-3) gave up the tying run in the eighth but got the win, B.J. Ryan got three outs for his 33rd save.

Baltimore rookie starter John Maine allowed two hits — solo homers by Kevin Mench and Hank Blalock — in 6 1/3 innings. Maine gave up Mench's homer in the second and Blalock's 24th in the seventh, but held the rest of the Rangers hitless in his fifth major league start.

National League

Marlins 4, Astros 2

HOUSTON — Pierre Woodcock in the seventh inning when umpires said Wandy Rodriguez touched his mouth with his hand while on the mound, and Paul Lo Duca followed with a tiebreaking three-run homer that gave Florida a 4-2 victory over Houston on Tuesday night.

Beckert (14-8) struck out eight over 7 1/3 innings, and Carlos Delgado homered for the second straight game, reaching 30 for the ninth straight season.

Florida leads Philadelphia by one game in the NL wild-card standings.

Mike Lamb and Adam Everett homered for the Astros, who won for the fourth time in five games and dropped 1.5 games behind the Marlins.

With the score tied 2-2 and one out in the seventh, Pierre Woodcock hit a 2-2 against Rodriguez (9-8). Before the next pitch, plate umpire Doug Eddings signaled ball four, citing Rodriguez for making contact between his hand and mouth or lips, a violation of baseball's rules.

Astros manager Phil Garner and Rodriguez argued in vain that the pitcher had merely touched his nose.

Chad Qualls relieved, and Lo Duca hit his fifth homer.

Beckert threw two runs and nine hits. Todd Jones got his 37th save.

Phillies 5, Braves 4

PHILADELPHIA — Mike Liechta drove in the go-ahead run with a two-out single in the sixth inning to lead Philadelphia, which is one game behind Florida in the NL wild-card race. The Phillies have won two straight over East-leading Atlanta and four of five overall since being swept by Houston last week.

Ryan Howard homered and doubled, Chase Utley drove in two runs and Kenny Lofton went 3-for-3 with a triple and scored twice for Philadelphia.

Andrew Jones had a three-run double for the Braves, increasing his NL-leading RBI total to 124.

Philadelphia's overused bullpen held Atlanta scoreless over the last four innings. Aaron Fultz (4-0) tossed a perfect sixth, Ryan Madison pitched the seventh, and Ugochukwu Urhiru finished the eighth. Billy Wagner finished for his 34th save.

Nationals 4, Mets 2

NEW YORK — Hector Carrasco hit a hole-in-one in the first inning with a solid spot start, and the Nationals used a three-run third inning to beat New York.

Brad Wilkerson, Marlon Byrd and Preston Wilson each had an RBI single to help Washington win the opener of a three-game series between teams badly on the fringe of the NL wild-card race.

Gary Majewski (4-3) pitched two scoreless innings for a victory, the Nationals' second in seven games.

Substitute left fielder Marlon Anderson homered, and threw a runner at the plate for the Mets, who lost for the 13th time in 16 games.

Carrasco allowed two runs and three hits in four innings, striking out six and throwing 74 pitches.

Jon Rauch, Joey Eischen and Majewski followed with shutout relief before Chase Cordero got three outs for his 45th save.

Tom Glavine (10-13) allowed three runs and eight hits in seven innings in his 600th career start.

Cardinals 5, Pirates 4

ST. LOUIS — Chris Carpenter blew a four-run lead in his worst outing since his 13-game winning streak began in mid-June, but St. Louis rallied on David Eckstein's ninth-inning RBI single.

Jim Edmonds and Yadier Molina homered for the Cardinals, who are 12-3 this season against the Pirates and reduced their magic number for clinching the NL Central to two. They have won the first two games of the series despite getting outlasted 24-13.

Ryan Doumit singled, homered and doubled for the Pirates, who have lost 15 of 18.

Hector Luna singled off Rick White (4-7) with two outs in the ninth. Luna stole second and pinch-hitter John Rodriguez was intentionally walked before Eckstein's bloop hit to shallow right.

Buhl sweeps Kimberly, Wendell

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Local sports

KIMBERLY — Buhl came out on top of a triangular match on Kimberly Tuesday evening defeating the Bulldogs 25-10, 21-25, 14-25, 25-16, 17-17, for an SCIC victory. The Indians then took Wendell in two, 25-21, 25-6, in a nonconference match.

Against Kimberly, junior Milranda Juker put downch and senior Abbe Reynolds followed with 11 for Buhl.

Against Wendell, Reynolds slammed eight kills for the Indians. On the defense, seniors Heather Sevier picked up seven digs and Morgan Peterson had six.

Wendell prevailed in its nonconference match against Kimberly, 19-25, 25-21, 16-14.

The Trojans were led on offense by senior Katie Kelsey and junior Erica Cox. Senior Rylee Scott and sophomore Whitney Gines each added a service ace for Wendell (1-4, 0-0).

Buhl (7-1, 3-0) hosts Gooding on Thursday. Kimberly plays at Filer on Thursday in a SCIC match. Wendell (1-4, 0-0) hosts Glens Ferry on Thursday.

Century 2, Minico 0

POCATELLO — In a triangular match in Pocatello against Century and Preston Tuesday evening, Minico fell to Century, 25-8, 25-15. No further details were available at press time.

The Spartans visit Jerome on Thursday.

Jerome 3, Burley 0

BURLEY — The Tigers won their third game against the Bobcats, taking the home match and another notch in the 4A Great Basin West win column.

Jerome went 25-14, 25-22, 25-16 for the sweep, with Megan Peterson hitting 15 service points and eight kills. Also contributing were Janni Bingham, with 12 service points, and Lindsey Williams with five kills.

The head coach, Mike Burke, said he was pleased with the defensive effort and an overall balanced attack.

Jerome (6-3, 2-0) next plays Minico at home in an analysis Great Basin West conference contest on Thursday. Burley will travel to Preston for a tri-match with Rigby on Thursday.

Carey 3, Richfield 2

RICHFIELD — Carey defeated Richfield on the road in five games Tuesday evening, 19-25, 25-19, 27-25, 24-26, 15-10.

"It was a fun one," said Richfield coach Delvin Arny. "I think they just got the momentum at the right time in Game 5. They played great defense."

Casey Wood had a monster night in the Tigers' losing effort, recording 28 kills for the match. Breanna McAllister was also big for the hosts with 28 service points.

Carey (5-1, 4-0) plays host to Dietrich on Thursday. Richfield (5-3, 3-2) hosts Mackay and Oakley tonight for a triangular match.

Oakley 3, Murtaugh 0

OAKLEY — It just wasn't Murtaugh's night for volleyball. The Red Devils were swept by Oakley in three games, 25-8, 30-28, 25-10, on Tuesday night in Class 1A Mountain Valley Southside Conference action.

The Devils' Drue Tolman had 12 kills and four blocks along with Kristin Egbert's seven kills and two blocks, but they weren't able to put together a win.

"We started off slow," Murtaugh head coach Carrie Morgan said. "We missed some crucial serves and couldn't close the second game."

Murtaugh (1-7, 1-3) next hosts Ruff River and Valley in a triangular match on Thursday. Carey and Richfield, which hosts a tri-match defeating Mackay, today.

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — California and New York continued cutting into "Team USA" huge lead and Michigan moved ahead of Illinois and Ohio in the number of high school students participating in sports.

Total student participation for all 50 states and the District of Columbia, meanwhile, rose 1.6 percent from 2003-04 to a record 7 million in 2004-05, according to a national survey by the National Federation of State High School Associations. It was the 16th straight year the NFHS reported an increase in the number of high school athletes. Information on Idaho will be available later, according to the organization's website.

"The fact the numbers continue to rise confirm to us the

American Falls 3, Filer 0

FILER — The Filer Wildcats lost in three straight games, 25-18, 25-20, 25-17, to the American Falls Beavers Tuesday night.

American Falls dominated the game with some big hitting over the Filer blockers.

"We couldn't stop their attack tonight," Filer coach Ed Richards said.

The Wildcats also struggled with serving throughout the evening. Sarah Haney was the leading passer in the match and defensively Maureen Hoyt played a solid game at libero for the Wildcats.

The JV squad won their match in three sets. Filer (0-4) hosts Kimberly and Shoshone Thursday.

Dietrich 3, Camas County 0

DIETRICH — The Dietrich Blue Devils defeated Camas County in three straight games, 25-14, 25-15, 25-20.

For the Blue Devils, Denise Anderson led the match with 21 points and seven kills on the night. Kaci McCoven had eight kills followed by Caitlin Dill with six. Kellie Whitaker also scored sixteen service points for the match.

Defensively, Melanie Perron played a solid game at libero. Dietrich (5-3) travels to Carey on Thursday.

Hagerman 3, Lighthouse Christian 0

HAGERMAN — The Hagerman Pirates took three straight games, defeating the Lighthouse Christian Lions, 25-13, 25-13, 25-13.

For the Pirates, Breccia Mangum led with nine kills, followed by Sarah Cornelison with eight. Chaucer Axelson led on serving with 17 points for the match. Shantony Pandey was a defensive standout for the Pirates on the night. The JV squad also won their match.

Hagerman (5-1, 4-0) plays Thursday in San Jose.

Hansen 3, Castleford 2

CASTLEFORD — The Castleford Wolves lost to the Hansen Huskies in five games, 15-25, 11-25, 25-17, 25-13, 15-15. For the Wolves, Angela Garrett led the team with 15 digs followed by Rachel Rogers with 14 and Jessica Elsner with 11. Brylee Cheung tallied eight kills on the night, while Cindy Lopez knocked down five.

"We played a good defensive game as a team tonight," Castleford head coach Oscar Jones said. "But we struggled on our offense a little bit."

Castleford (11-3) hosts Magic Valley Christian Thursday.

Raft River 3, Magic Valley Christian 0

MALTA — Raft River picked up a 3-0 victory over Magic Valley Southside Conference win as the Trojans defeated Magic Valley Christian, 25-13, 25-18, 25-19, on Tuesday.

Senior Cherry Ward led the Raft River (7-2, 3-2) attack with eight kills and four blocks. Senior Breanna Sheridan, normally an outside hitter, was forced into action as the team's setter for the match and issued 17 assists. Junior Jayme Manning added five service aces. On defense, junior Katie Kasper picked up eight digs for the Trojans.

Raft River and the Valley Vikings play at Murtaugh on Thursday. Magic Valley Christian plays at Castleford on Thursday.

Shoshone defeats Declo, Community School

SHOSHONE — Shoshone shone at home Tuesday night, defeating Declo, 25-13, 25-16,

and The Community School, 25-11, 25-8, 25-8.

Against Declo, Shoshone's Kyli Asche had 18 service points and Hailey Harris had nine kills. Community School, Chelsea Guenechea had 11 service points and Hailey Harris and Katie Strunk each had 13 kills.

The Indians (9-0, 5-0) compete on Thursday in a triangular match with host Filer and Kimberly.

Boys soccer

Wendell 2, Declo 1

WENDELL — The Trojans pulled off a close one against the Hornets Tuesday night, winning 2-1.

All goals were scored in the first half of play. Miguel Orozco scored in the 14th minute and Jose Salazar added another in the 23rd minute for Wendell. Sonny Warner made the lone goal for Declo in the 19th minute. The senior captain is one of good scoring opportunities but even better goalkeepers for both squads.

Wendell (3-0-1) next plays Thursday at Buld. Declo (2-1-1) travels to Filer on Thursday.

Buhl 3, Community School 0

BUHL — Buhl defeated the Community School 3-0 on Tuesday for a Class 3A Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference win.

Sophomore forward Matt Arnold scored the first goal for the Indians in the sixth minute as he worked the ball through the middle and scored over the Cutthroats' keepers line.

Senior forward Felix Kilian scored the second Buhl goal in the 33rd minute off a pass from Cade Haugh. Senior captain Jase Thomas took the ball from his defensive position and drove through traffic and scored the final Buhl goal in the 54th minute to clinch the local scoring.

Buhl hosts Wendell (3-3, 1-2) Thursday in a nonconference game.

Bliss 8, Filer 2

BLISS — Bliss picked up a 8-2 victory over Central Idaho Conference victory as senior Joe Huxford and juniors El Gough and Iwan Rojas each scored a pair of goals for the Bears as they beat Filer 8-2 on Tuesday.

David Butler and Rusty Perton each recorded a goal in the second half for Bliss (2-0, 2-0). Six of the Bears' goals came before halftime.

Filer's first goal came in the 57th minute, courtesy of Gabriel Balerio. The second goal was made by Jade Stewart on an assist from Jose Rosas in the 77th minute.

Bliss plays on the road to face the Community School on Friday. Filer (0-3) next plays at Declo on Thursday.

Girls soccer

Declo 7, Wendell 1

WENDELL — The Wendell girls' soccer team managed to catch a break, as they were defeated by Declo, 7-1, on Tuesday. The Trojans' lone goal was scored by junior Rhea Allee in the second half.

Wendell (0-3-1) next plays at Buld on Thursday. Declo travels to Minico Saturday.

Late Monday

Volleyball

TFCFA defeats

Lighthouse Christian

TWIN FALLS — The Lions tried to roar, but were silenced in four by the Conquerors Monday night.

Twin Falls Christian Academy won 25-20, 20-25, 25-22, 25-23 to take the match over Light-

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point down at 12-11 midway through. But Gooding was able to put together a 9-1 run to put it away.

"We just didn't show up," said Wolverines coach Gary Carr. "We didn't pass the ball well. We didn't set. They dug everything and that was pretty much it. They'll outlast you, that's normal to what it is. They lengthen the game. They don't let the ball hit the ground and they make

you rally a long time."

"Wood River wouldn't go away quietly, however, jumping out to a 5-1 lead in Game 3.

But Gooding wasn't about to go flat and rallied hard after a time out to tie the score at 5-5. "We called a time out, talked about focus," said coach Thorne. "And we came back out and got even in the game and played well."

The game again knotted up at 15-15, but behind six consecu-

tive service points from Samantha Hobday, the Senators pulled ahead 21-15 to secure the match.

Gooding (14-2, 2-0) visits Buld on Thursday. Wood River plays next at the Gooding Invitational tournament on Saturday.

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SPORTS



The Louisiana Superdome sits in the foreground as floodwaters from Hurricane Katrina continue to recede, Sunday, in New Orleans.

Saving the Superdome?

Venue to be cleaned, decontaminated before future decided

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Experts will have to clean and decontaminate the Louisiana Superdome before the stadium's future can be determined. Superdome officials took their first look at the Superdome, which was wrecked while housing thousands of people seeking refuge from Hurricane Katrina, on Friday. Those officials said Tuesday that mounds of trash have been removed from the Superdome's concourses and the interior is still dark, waterlogged and vile smelling. The New Orleans Arena next door is in better shape, they said.

The first job is to get both buildings cleaned and decontaminated. Glenn Menard, who manages both buildings, said, "Once we have that done we'll have the experts go in and tell us what can be done and what can't be done."

At first glance, the arena, where the NBA's Hornets play their home games, does not appear badly damaged. Medical and special needs evacuees who were housed there following the hurricane stayed on concourses, leaving the rest of the building untouched. Flood waters that surrounded the

Arena and Superdome after the storm flooded the ground-floor locker rooms. The Superdome was a shelter of last resort during Katrina and thousands of refugees were stranded there for several days. Toilets backed up and overflowed. The Dome Cafe and some offices were looted and trash was left behind as refugees abandoned property. The condition of other areas, such as the luxury suites on the third and fourth levels, was not known because they were not inspected Friday, Menard said.

The roof sustained large gashes during the hurricane and the rubber coating that covered the huge dome was blown off. Water leaked throughout the building, flooding corridors outside the first-floor locker rooms and suites, pouring down elevator shafts and sending waterlogged acoustic tiles crashing onto soaked carpets. Electricity went off during the hurricane and a generator powered only emergency lighting. There was no air conditioning and large areas of the building, including the bathrooms, were completely dark.

"There is substantial damage,

but we have to wait to see what its long-term effect on the structure will be," Menard said.

Once the debris is removed, the building will have to be decontaminated before experts can determine what can be salvaged.

"We have to make sure the building is safe before we can get anyone in there to assess the damage," Menard said. "We hope to have a team in there in October so we can get a plan and decide what needs to be done."

Menard said it was too early to say how much the cleanup would cost — or if the stadium could be salvaged. He said the stadium and arena are both insured.

Any decision that did not involve restoring the Superdome would be an unpopular one, Menard said.

"Everyone has a Superdome story about being at an event in the building: the Pope's visit, a concert, a sporting event, even their prom. I'm sure that love of the dome will be part of any decision made about it," Menard said.

"It's been a part of the city's skyline for 30 years. I hope it will remain a part of the skyline."

It's in his blood.

Dan's mom then breaks the news — the family received two free weeks at an Arlington hotel, about 30 miles from Madison. After just one day with the team, he will likely transfer again.

He understands. He knows he can play football somewhere else. He slips on his headphones — listening to songs he says remind him of New Orleans — and walks back toward the convention center for probably his last night there.

"What happened was a tragedy and there was nothing we could do about it," Allen said. "When I was on the field today sometimes my mind got sidetracked about what's going on. But I just take that anger and put it toward football."

"We give them credit," linebacker Keith Adams said. "They came out and played a great game. We look forward to bouncing right back."

Until the next time.

That made the night a success. "No one wanted to see this," Mora said, mimicking Owens' arm-dapping, touchdown celebration. "You don't want him to reach the end zone in your house."

The Falcons clearly got the best of the pregame skirmish. Mathis is a reserve cornerback normally used in passing situations, while Trotter is a Pro Bowl linebacker and the main run stopper in the middle of the Eagles' defense.

With Trotter out, Atlanta rushed for 200 yards. The Eagles don't plan to stay down for long.

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Stoops: Peterson's status to be determined later this week

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said he'll decide later this week whether suspended tailback Adrian Peterson will start Saturday against UCLA.

"We'll see. At this point, we anticipate him playing," Stoops said Tuesday. "Start or not depends on how we feel practice is going, what we feel we need to do. Depending on what further happens from here, we'll see."

Peterson, who rushed for 220 yards and three touchdowns in Oklahoma's 31-15 win against Tulsa on Saturday, was suspended from practice on Monday and Tuesday after missing classes. He was allowed to participate in team meetings and other activities, but is not allowed to speak to reporters.

"In the end, they're here to go to school, and it should be our job as administrators or as coaches that if they're not, we can't put you on the field," Stoops said.

No. 21 Oklahoma announced the suspension in a statement sent to a limited number of news organizations following the Sooners' closed practice Monday night.

Peterson's suspension came nine days after the team's starting quarterback, 20-year-old River Floyd, was cited for possession of alcohol by a minor.

"We're doing things discipline-wise, and everything else like we always have," Stoops said.

Senior tailback Kejuan Jones, who was Oklahoma's starter before Peterson took over and has since become the backup, said



Oklahoma running back Adrian Peterson (28) breaks away from Tulsa defender Alain Karatpayen (44) Saturday, on a 43-yard touchdown run in Norman, Okla.

he spoke with Peterson about missing class.

"That's just one of those deals. That kind of happens to everybody," Jones said. "He knows we're going to need him. He's going to play this week. I just told him to keep his head up and stay in the film room still."

After the win against Tulsa, Peterson said he was trying to become one of the team's leaders. He set an NCAA freshman record with 1,925 rushing yards and finished second in the Heisman Trophy voting, but

that team had numerous seniors.

When asked whether Peterson had been becoming a leader, Stoops' reaction was mixed.

"He has been in the way we work. I'm going to tell you there is not a guy who goes at it harder in the weight room in the summer and on the field. You watch him, he did, the leadership was determined," Stoops said.

"But there are other parts of what we do here as college students and on a college team that also need to be fulfilled."

Great One feels like a beginner again

But Coach Gretzky confident as ever

GLENDAL, Ariz. (AP) — Wayne Gretzky gave a hint of his coaching style Tuesday when he opened training camp with a greeting to Phoenix Coyotes players, then went into the stands at Glendale Arena to watch two scrimmages while his assistants oversaw the line changes.

Gretzky, who stayed on as the team's managing partner for hockey operations despite announcing on Aug. 8 that he would give coaching a try, acknowledged stepping into a realm where he may not reach the same status he attained as a player.

"I'm venturing into a new career, and I have to go out there and earn my stripes as much as anybody," he said.

But Gretzky believes applying the same principles that turned him from a teenage phenom into the NHL's greatest scorer — study, preparation, attention to detail — will help him make the transition.

"I really practiced hard. I really knew who I was going to play against," he said. "Each and every night, I spent countless hours in video rooms going over things with coaches like John Muckler, so I made myself into the player that I became, and that's the way I'm going to coach."

He plans to let assistants Barry Smith, Rick Tocchet and Rick Bowness handle the mundane aspects of camp — and



Phoenix Coyotes coach Wayne Gretzky, left, and goaltenders coach Grant Fuhr, smile as they watch the team practice, Tuesday, in Glendale, Ariz.

the team during home-and-home exhibition games against the Minnesota Wild on Friday and Saturday — until the roster is trimmed to manageable size.

His delegation of authority won approval from the staff and players alike.

"You can't do it novadays," Tocchet said. "I mean, you have five or six seconds to get another line on, matchups. There's a lot of preparation, a lot of video. So there's no way one guy could do a one-man show, and that's the key when you're the head of something — to delegate and get the right people."

But Hull, Gretzky's friend, former teammate and golf buddy, said no one will question who is running the team, Gretzky's calm, thoughtful de-

meanor notwithstanding.

"It's respect that you have from your players, and obviously he's going to have that," Hull said. "When a voice needs to be raised, I'm sure he can. I think that's why (general manager) Mike Barnett brought in the players that he did, the leadership and the veteran guys, so those times are few and far between."

Center Mike Comrie echoed the feeling.

"I grew up watching the Oilers in Edmonton, and now to play for him, it's a thrill," Comrie said. "I feel like we're probably going to learn quite a bit. When he says something, it's a different way than most people do."

The Coyotes acquired Comrie late in the 2003-04 season and he barely got to know his teammates before the lockout.

Hull, who trails only Gretzky and Gordie Howe in career goal-scoring, also is among the newcomers. He left Detroit to sign with the Coyotes in August 2004, joining then-newly acquired forwards Mike Ricci, Boyd Devereaux, Jason Chimera and defenseman Sean O'Donnell.

They and 2005 acquisitions like Petr Nedved and goaltender Curtis Joseph have been working out on their own, paying for ice time to prepare Camp Gretzky.

The effects were obvious at the first practice.

"It was pretty wild," Devereaux said. "It was really a high-tempo practice, so the guys were feeding off it for sure."

Katrina

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vaged from his flooded home near Jefferson Parish.

"When we went back to our house, I ran to my room and found the first things I got," said Allen, 16. "I thanked God when I saw my football trophies were OK."

The rest of the home wasn't as fortunate. The air conditioner turned to the other side of the home and the side gate snapped from its hinges. The air smelled like death.

After practice, a school bus shuttles the evacuees to their shelters downtown. The short ride is raucous. One player is dropped at a hotel before the driver heads toward the convention center. When she's unsure of where to turn, those wearing pink bracelets correctly instruct

her to wait until she reaches the lights.

They can't name the streets, but know the area — walking around the city is sometimes all they can do to pass the time. "I wouldn't mind staying down here," said Johnathan Floyd Jr., still a little bothered because he spent his first practice as a backup. "I like Dallas."

Allen exits the bus and finds his parents a block from the convention center. They spent the day at the downtown library, where both searched jobs on the Internet. Cynthia Allen was a state social worker and wants to find a similar job around Dallas.

"Right now I question what is normal," she said. "Somebody I have to do my best to not break down and cry. But for Damien, football is nor-

mal. It's in his blood."

Dan's mom then breaks the news — the family received two free weeks at an Arlington hotel, about 30 miles from Madison. After just one day with the team, he will likely transfer again.

He understands. He knows he can play football somewhere else. He slips on his headphones — listening to songs he says remind him of New Orleans — and walks back toward the convention center for probably his last night there.

"What happened was a tragedy and there was nothing we could do about it," Allen said. "When I was on the field today sometimes my mind got sidetracked about what's going on. But I just take that anger and put it toward football."

Until the next time.

Rivalry

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was going to throw up."

The seeds of this rivalry can be traced to the playoffs three seasons ago, scheduling a rematch in the first visiting team to win a postseason game at Green Bay's Lambeau Field but couldn't get by the Eagles at the behest of the NFL. Losing 20-6 in the divisional round.

Last season, the teams met again in the playoffs. The stakes were even higher, but the result was the same. Philadelphia stuffed Michael Vick and the Falcons 27-10 in the NFC championship game.

The league recognized the potential of having these teams meet again, scheduling a rematch in the very first week of the season — on Monday night, no less.

"What you've got is two pride-

ful franchises, two powerful teams, that have a lot of respect for each other but don't really like each other — a whole lot," Mora said. "They're a fun team to play. You want to play the best and, basically, they've dominated the NFC. If you're a competitor, that's the team you want."

Maybe they'll get another crack at each other in the playoffs. The Falcons surely know that one regular-season victory doesn't make up for two postseason losses.

"We knew we were going to see this team again," said Falcons cornerback DeAngelo Hall, who spent most of the night guarding Terrell Owens.

After a numbing offense, T.O. managed seven catches for 112 yards but he didn't get to the place he loves most — the end zone. From Atlanta's standpoint,

that made the night a success. "No one wanted to see this," Mora said, mimicking Owens' arm-dapping, touchdown celebration. "You don't want him to reach the end zone in your house."

The Falcons clearly got the best of the pregame skirmish. Mathis is a reserve cornerback normally used in passing situations, while Trotter is a Pro Bowl linebacker and the main run stopper in the middle of the Eagles' defense.

With Trotter out, Atlanta rushed for 200 yards. The Eagles don't plan to stay down for long.

"We give them credit," linebacker Keith Adams said. "They came out and played a great game. We look forward to bouncing right back."

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Gamboa resurfaces and succeeds in minors

Three years after attack, coach returns as AA manager

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — The questions are fewer now, the notoriety gone. Tom Gamboa is back on the baseball field, not in the majors, but managing in the minor leagues and finding peace and success away from the spotlight.

"Time has a way of healing all that," he said.

Gamboa now manages the Los Angeles Angels' Double-A affiliate, and his Arkansas Travelers have reached the Texas League championship series in his first season.

His life, once so hectic, has returned to normal.

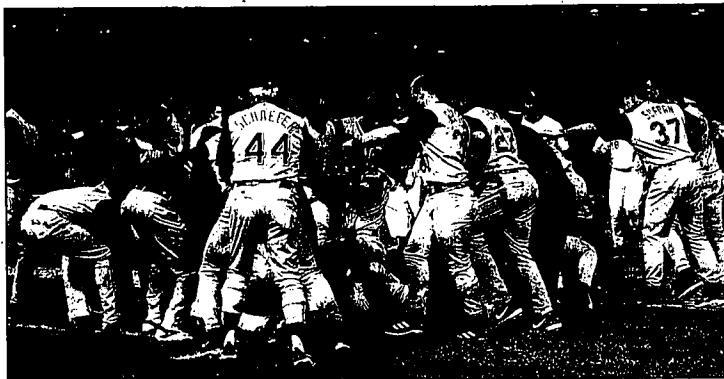
In fact, when Arkansas outfielder David Gates found out Gamboa had been hired, a friend needed to remind him of the name.

He was like, "You remember on TV a few years ago?" Gates said, "I was like, 'Oh, OK.'"

Gamboa had been in baseball for almost 30 years, and was receiving little national attention as the first-base coach for the Kansas City Royals — until late in the 2002 season. That's when William Liguette Jr. and his teenage son jumped over the railing at U.S. Cellular Field, home of the Chicago White Sox.

The ensuing scene was shown on television for days: Gamboa being thrown to the ground, kicked and punched, and players racing from the dugout to help.

"The unfortunate thing for me was just doing my job — in



Players and coaches from the Kansas City Royals move to aid first base coach Tom Gamboa after two bare-chested fans ran out onto the field in the top of the ninth inning and attacked him, Sept. 19, 2002, at Comiskey Park in Chicago. Three years after getting attacked, Tom Gamboa is enjoying success as manager of the Double-A Arkansas Travelers.

the right place but at the wrong time — I became a distraction for the own organization that I was working for, through no fault of my own," Gamboa said. Gamboa was Kansas City's bullpen coach in 2003, then was fired after the season.

He spent 2004 building his house on a California golf course, then managed in the Mexican winter league.

"Going down to Mexico made me realize how much I missed being on the field," the 57-year-old Gamboa said.

Shortly before spring training, when the Angels needed a manager for the Travelers, Gamboa happily accepted the offer. Then he moved to Arkansas, one of few places in the United States he was unfamiliar with.

"Through baseball, I had been to eight countries and I

had been to 47 states," Gamboa said. "And only the Dakotas and Arkansas had I not been to. So, this checked another one off the list."

At a level where so many players are worried about personal development, Gamboa had his own philosophy.

Especially at the beginning of the year, he stressed it a lot — being team-oriented," Gates said. "Playing for your team and not worrying about your own stuff. At the beginning of the year, that's kind of more crucial, because you're trying to start off on the right foot."

Arkansas responded, going 9-1 to begin the season. The Travelers couldn't continue that pace, and Tulsa won the first-half title in the East Division, but the tone was set.

Led by pitcher Jered Weaver and infielder Kendry Morales,

two of the Angels' top prospects, the Travelers won the second half, then beat Tulsa three straight games to advance to the championship series, where they're now playing the Midland Rockhounds.

"The second half, it just all came together," Gamboa said. "The guys have really, really played well, and played great together as a team."

Gamboa's hearing is impaired because of the attack. His right ear feels plugged, like he just got off a plane, and that took some getting used to.

"The first six months, I was always tugging on it," he said.

In 2003, Gamboa filed suit against Liguette, as well as the security firm and concessionaire at the ballpark at the time of the attack. The lawsuit is still pending.

Besides that, Gamboa has

moved on, and others are finally doing the same. When he first arrived in each new Texas League town, the usual questions awaited. Now they are asked less and less.

Gamboa said he would return to the majors "in a heartbeat" if given an opportunity, but he's had fun working with the Travelers.

"The minor leagues, I've always enjoyed, because you've got tremendous enthusiasm from players that know that

their careers are in front of them," Gamboa said. "They're climbing that staircase to get to the big leagues."

Two years ago, Gamboa left the major leagues involuntarily. Now he's back in baseball, and has led his team to the brink of a championship.

And that, not his past, is what people are paying attention to.

"Now, the focus is all on the players in that room," Gamboa said. "Which is where it's supposed to be in the first place."

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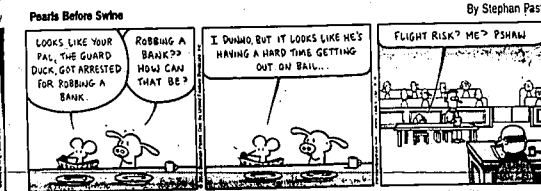
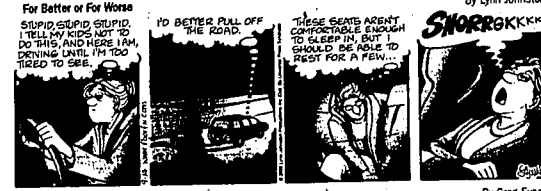
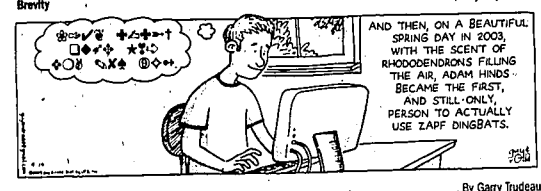
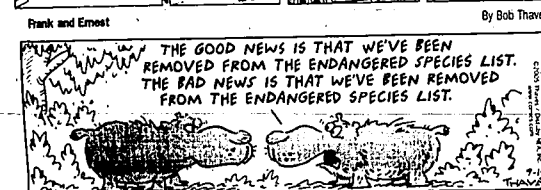
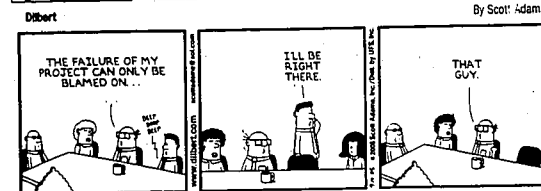
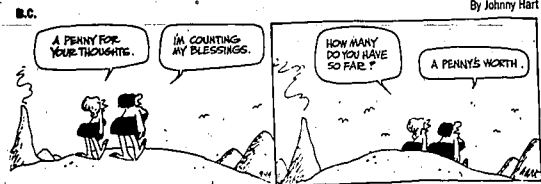
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Avoid signing contracts today, Gemini

IF SEPT. 14 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are more passionate and focused on reaching your goals than ever before — and, because of your dedication, can make a success of anything you attempt. If you have felt thwarted at every step, however, please take note of beneficial opportunities that reveal themselves this month because you won't have this much help from the universe again until next August. Grab the brass ring and have faith in the future. Suspensions are unfounded and by November of this year many pressures will subside.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Stick to the present path. You're at your best when following your heart and working hard to please yourself. Be considerate of others and don't be tempted to start something new under these stars.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Pretend you are in a relay race and know when to hand off the baton. You may need to yield to pressures from others in order to succeed. Don't get caught up in power struggles with those in charge.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): There is a right time and place for fun and games. Those close could have more serious agendas on their minds and refuse

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Jeraldine Saunders

to play. Avoid making deals and signing contracts today.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Stick to the schedule. It is tempting to sit around and eat chocolates, but the clear path to success is through physical effort. Ignore tempting social invitations and work like a dog today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Unless you are attempting a corporate takeover, bide your time, just because you are a powerhouse of energy does not make it acceptable to steamroll over the wants and needs of others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Use your skills as a go-between. Defuse tense situations with a kind word. Good manners are your passport to peace and tranquility even if others are in a stew over imagined snubs.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): It is possible to make an awkward faux pas early in the day or overly sensitive to slights. Ride out minor upsets and down with a sense of humor. Someone close may lighten your mood.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Other people may have better judgment. It is possible to feel threatened if others inadvertently invade your privacy. Sit out turbulent situations and don't be tempted to throw your weight around.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Relentless effort can take its toll on your patience. Be as nice as possible, even if you feel that your authority is challenged. You are your best where detailed tasks are involved.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be stoic. You can't please all the people all the time. Rick Nelson was right: The only person you can truly please is yourself, so avoid getting caught up in complicated emotional issues early in the day.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Stick to the status quo. Those close can be tense or easily offended. Trouble can erupt if you ignore the voice of authority and you may have to step carefully to avoid hurting tender feelings.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Blow on the embers to keep them in the fire burning brightly and maintain a steady pace with business and career. Don't shift gears: New projects or agreements started now could falter.

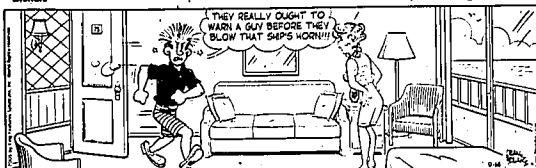
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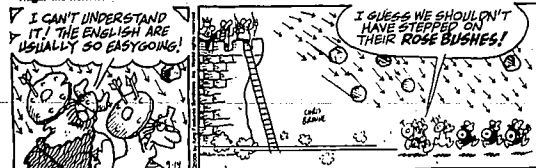
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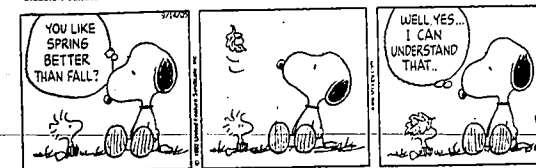
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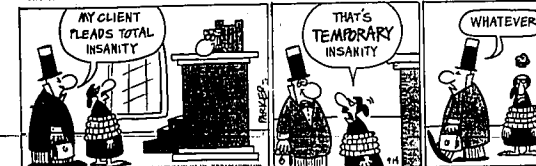
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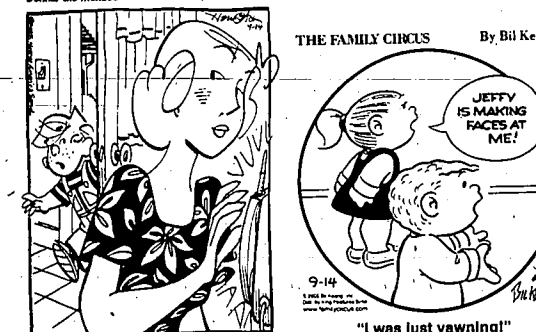
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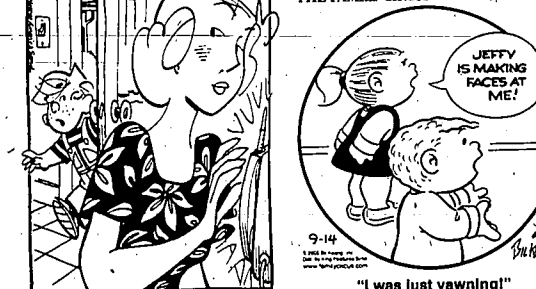
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Mom who came for fresh start is now growing stale

DEAR ABBY: My mother, "Belle," had me when she was 16. All my life, I have been her best friend. I think she made it that way so she wouldn't have to deal with having a child. Belle has always abused alcohol and drugs. She was also married several times over the years. I don't think she ever really grew up.

My childhood was spent being shuffled from one family to the next. About a year ago, Belle got into trouble (again) and had nowhere to live. I am married with two young children. We live about three hours away from her "trouble." I invited her to come and stay with me so she could have a fresh start.

Well, Belle's driver's license was suspended because of past trouble, so I can't her around everywhere. She's still up to her ears in old tricks, pandering men in and out, drinking, drugs, etc. This has caused many fights between me and my husband. I have reached the end of my rope. I don't want to just write Belle off because she's my mother. But I really don't want anything more to do with her. All she does is cause heartache for my children and me. What do I do?

—MY MOTHER'S KEEPER, MONROE, LA.
DEAR MOTHER'S KEEPER: Recognize that you are not your CHILDREN'S mother, not your



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

mother's. Having an adult in the house who abuses alcohol and drugs and "parades men in and out" creates an unhealthy atmosphere for your little ones. So give Belle an ultimatum: Get clean and sober immediately and forgo the gentlemen callers, or leave. This may seem cold, but unless you put your foot down, nothing will change.

Now that you are finished reading this, check your phone book for the nearest meeting of Adult Children of Alcoholics. It's a group that was created specifically for individuals like you who were raised in alcoholic or dysfunctional households. They can help you to stop making your mother's problems your own. If they're not in your phone book, e-mail them at info@adulthoodchildren.org or write: ACA, Box 3216, Torrance, CA 90510-3216.

DEAR ABBY: Please remind college students, especially freshmen, not to give their Social Security number to strangers on campus. Every year, unauthorized people

come to college campuses and reverse themselves as belonging to organizations. Most universities have designated areas for vendors and apply strict guidelines on how they can solicit information.

People who approach students and aggressively solicit are probably not authorized to be there. They are collecting students' information for identity fraud.

For incoming freshmen, the first semester of school can be very stressful. Unprepared, they may cave in to aggressive tactics.

Please remind your readers that their Social Security number is a very sensitive piece of information. With it, and someone's name and address, a thief can commit identity theft. The resulting crimes will cause endless headaches for students as they try to sort it out with credit companies, police departments, and businesses.

—LEARNED THE HARD WAY

DEAR LEARNED: Thank you for the crash course on financial self-defense. It's a shame that each year thousands are picked off like sitting ducks by unscrupulous predators. I'm sure many young men and women, away from home for the first time, appreciate your reminder to guard their personal information.

Auction winners will have use of entire hotel

Odds and ends

BRETTON WOODS, N.H. — Want of a sleeper with 499 of your closest pal?

Here's your chance to raise money for Hurricane Katrina relief efforts, the Mount Washington Hotel is auctioning itself off online. The winner gets the complete use of the hotel — all 200 rooms, which accommodate 500 people.

There's also golf, tennis, horseback riding, carriage and sleigh rides, swimming, hiking, mountain biking, snowshoeing, ice skating, snow tubing, and alpine and cross-country skiing at Bretton Woods ski area. The hotel officials say the auction will begin Wednesday on eBay and end Sept. 24. The winner gets use of the hotel the night of Nov. 9. The hotel puts the value of the auction at \$50,000.

The hotel says the full amount of the winning bid will be donated to the American Red Cross for disaster relief.

"We certainly hope this will help victims out and aid in restoration in the downtown," said Wayne Presby, chairman of the board of the hotel. "Obviously, we are very interested in historic properties, owning one ourselves."

Rat-eradication agency hasn't made a catch

NEW DELHI — New Delhi's government reportedly has a rat catching department that hasn't caught a single rodent in more than a decade.

There are 97 rat catchers on the municipal payroll, all working for the Rat Surveillance Department, a decades-old agency that last saw a lot of action back in 1994, when a plague outbreak killed 56 people in areas of northwest India near the capital. The Hindustan Times newspaper reported

Monday.

Each rat catcher earns about \$77 a month for catching, but there are no records of any rodents being caught in the past 10 years, the newspaper said.

Rats are not hard to find in New Delhi — they can be seen scurrying across public parks, streets and even in homes. New Delhi officials were not immediately available for comment, but the newspaper quoted officials as saying that whenever they receive complaints about rodents in other government departments, they get up traps to catch them. However, the officials couldn't recall when or where they had last set up a trap, the newspaper said.

Man's sick joke gets him in trouble with law

MERCER, Pa. — Glenn Connolly has a funny sense of humor — so funny he's in trouble with the law.

Connolly, 35, of Youngstown, Ohio, called state police in Mercer on Saturday and asked them to advise his sister, Victoria Christie, 34, of Mercer, that their mother had died, authorities said.

Troopers did just that, only to find out afterward that the woman hadn't died.

Police didn't immediately say what was behind the prank. Connolly doesn't have a listed telephone and couldn't immediately be reached for comment Monday.

Because police filed only a prank call, Connolly faces no more than a \$300 fine and 90 days in jail if he's convicted.

—compiled from wire reports

Japanese live to 100-year mark in record numbers, officials say

Knight Ridder News Service

TOKYO — The number of centenarians in Japan is expected to reach a record 25,606 by Sept. 30, up 2,568 from last year, Japan's Health, Labor and Welfare Ministry said Tuesday. Women accounted for 21,820 centenarians.

The number of men aged 100 or over rose 263 to 3,786, while 2,305 women marked their centenary, accounting for 85.2 percent of the total — the second-highest ratio since 1963 when 86.9 percent of centenarians were women.

In 1983, the number of women aged 100 or more reached the 1,000 range growing from 133 in 1963 when the statistics began. Ten thousand women had marked their centenary by 2000 and the number doubled over the past five years. The ratio of female centenarians

has steadily risen each year from about 80 percent in early 1990s.

The latest statistics reflect the faster growth in the average life span of women compared to men. The death of soldiers during wars could be one reason for this trend, Kansai University professor Kiyoshi Hamano said.

The number of people who will blow out the candles on their 100th birthday cake from April 2005 through March 2006 will reach 12,703, up 792 from 2004. Men will account for 2,112 of those celebrating a century, up 139 from last year, and women for 10,591 were women, up 653.

Tone Minagawa of Akaikechi is the oldest woman. She marked her 112th birthday on Jan. 4. The oldest man is Nijiro Tokuda in Kagoshima who turned 110 on June 10.

Luna 2 reached the moon in '59

—This day in history: On Sept. 14, 1959, the Soviet space probe Luna 2 became the first human-made object to reach the moon. Five years later on this same day, a new product called Pop Tarts would be rolled out in Cleveland, Ohio. Research has shown that most crayons don't get used more than halfway down the outside label.



Author Franz Kafka once wryly noted: "Only lawyers can write 10,000 words and call it a 'brief.'"

In 1955, Quaker Oats may have had the most successful promotional offer ever. They put deeds for a square inch of Yukon Territory land inside their cereal boxes. The company had bought 19.11 acres of virgin woodland for \$1,000. The 21 million boxes of cereal with deeds inside disappeared from grocery shelves within weeks.

What happened to all those square inches? Nobody paid the \$37.20 in accrued property taxes for the 19 acres, so the Canadian government seized the land in 1965.

This from the Internetology files: A pit viper is just another name for a rattlesnake.

With a boom in overseas trade, cargo ships have become one of the nation's leading sources of air pollution, affecting the health of people in port cities. A single cargo ship coming into harbor can release as much pollution as 350,000 cars driven for an hour.

When a long-running TV series hits a point of irreversible decline, it's called "jumping the shark." The name comes from a Happy Days episode that's widely accepted as the beginning of the end for the series. In it, the Fonze goes water skiing and literally tries to jump over a shark.

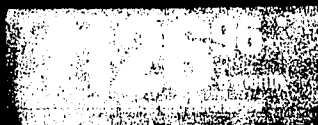
The Carter Center in Atlanta claims to have the only self-portrait painted by a president. Painted by Jimmy Carter, it's called Peace and shows Carter watching Menachem Begin and Anwar Sadat sign the Egypt-Israel peace treaty.

Cheerleading ain't for milktoasts. Between 1980 and 2001, emergency room visits for cheerleading-related injuries rose 500 percent.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Utah looks for a new catchphrase

WELLSVILLE, Utah — The state is looking for a new slogan, hoping to boost tourism by summarizing everything Utah has to offer in one simple catchphrase.

"Utah needs to become a premium brand that people can place value on," said Mark Hurst, president of W Communications, a Salt Lake City-based firm recently hired by the state to lead a \$10 million marketing campaign.

Members of the state Office of Tourism are embarking on a "listening tour," gathering input while trying to come up with a new slogan to attract visitors from outside the state.

From skiers, rock climbers and desert explorers to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, there is plenty about the state to encompass into a single phrase.

"We want to find the emotional core of Utah that resonates with people," Hurst said.

Utah's travel industry accounted for 112,000 jobs — 9.6 percent of the state's total jobs outside of the farming industry — last year. It also generated about \$394 million in state and local tax revenues and tourism officials say visitors spend an estimated \$4.96 billion.

Canadian tribunal drops potato duties

YAKIMA, Wash. — A Canadian tribunal has dropped anti-dumping duties on some varieties of U.S. potatoes after a more than 20-year battle.

The Canadian International Trade Tribunal removed the duties on imports of red, yellow and exotic potatoes, such as blue potatoes, in a 29-page ruling released Monday. The duties also excluded from the tribunal some packages of white and russet potatoes packaged in one-pound cartons.

The duties were assessed on buyers in British Columbia, and varied according to the size, type and packaging of the potatoes, said Matt Harris of the Washington State Potato Commission.

U.S. growers had fought the duties for years, arguing that they impeded their access to markets in British Columbia. Harris could not give an estimate of how much the ruling U.S. growers export to British Columbia or how the ruling might increase that number.

"The victory comes to where we can have a free market in British Columbia, instead of a government-regulated market," Harris said.

GM staying course with big SUVs

When General Motors Corp. was laying plans a few years ago to redo its product line of big sport utility vehicles, gasoline seemed cheap, Americans were in love with the hulking SUVs, and it looked like all green lights and open highways.

No more — and the timing couldn't be worse for GM.

The company sells more big SUVs than all other automakers combined, and through August of this year sales of the truck-based vehicles were down 9.7 percent in the United States after a 6.7 percent decline in 2004.

Come January, GM said Tuesday it will start rolling out a redesigned lineup of all its full-size SUVs and pickups. The automaker is counting on these 2006 models to help stem its losses. GM sells more than 500,000 full-size SUVs a year, plus about 1 million full-size pickups, accounting for nearly one-third of its passenger vehicle sales.

"The backdrop is not ideal," said Paul Ballew, GM's chief economist, "but we have to accentuate the positive." The big trucks, he said, "are important to our profits, our volume and our image."

— compiled from wire reports

Storm might blow in too much growth

Rebuilding Gulf Coast could bring some inflationary risks

By Kevin O. Hall
Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — A major hurricane devastates the Gulf Coast, dismembers the nation's energy center, sends national gasoline prices to all-time highs and leaves a storied city a toxic tidal pool, yet there's little impact on the broader economy.

Economists call it a testament to the strength of the U.S. and global economy, which outlasted the nation against Hurricane Katrina's damage and should offset any long-term economic ills from the storm.

Oddly enough, Katrina's biggest economic impact may not be the damage it left but the rapid growth it may spark next year when rebuilding begins in earnest along the Gulf Coast. That could fuel a pace of growth that adds to inflationary risks in an already strong economy.

Higher interest rates are the medicine for inflation, and that could lead to higher mortgage rates, which could threaten the nation's housing boom.

"To me, that could well prove a more important issue than the impact of Katrina," said Ken Matheny, a senior economist

with Macroeconomic Advisers LLC, an economic forecasting company in St. Louis.

The nation's four-year housing boom has been fueled in large measure by low interest rates and consumer spending that has reduced household savings to nearly zero. The Federal Reserve has been notching up short-term interest rates — now at 3.5 percent.

The number of mortgages and levels of consumer credit remain at all-time highs, and some like the robust U.S. economy to a house of cards that is built on low interest rates. A sharp rise in rates could bring it all crashing down.

"The floodwaters unleashed by Katrina may be receding. But the economic aftershock of the disaster may still lie ahead," said

Niall Ferguson, a Harvard University history professor who warns that Katrina may provoke interest-rate hikes down the road that shock the U.S. economy.

For the moment, however, economists are most worried about Katrina's damage to the energy infrastructure. Increased oil production and damage to refineries has sent gasoline prices soaring to record highs. The cost of heating a home this winter is projected to rise 71 percent in some parts of the nation.

"It undermines growth at the same time that it fans inflation," said Mark Zandi, chief economist for Economy.com, an economic consultancy in West Chester, Pa.

If the price of energy climbs

much further, it could set off an inflationary spiral throughout the economy, Zandi said. In such a scenario, rising prices create pressure to raise wages. Consumers spend less, and with declining sales, businesses fire workers or reduce hiring. Higher unemployment leads to even less consumer spending. It's a downward economic spiral.

Energy prices have climbed steadily since late 2004. That has pushed inflation — the rise in prices across the economy — above 3 percent, the top of the comfort zone for most economists.

But core inflation — the rise in prices excluding food and energy — has been surprisingly

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STANDING FIRM



Striking members of the Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association Local 33 listen to members of the union's negotiating committee Tuesday as they discuss the results of recent talks with Northwest Airlines in Bloomington, Minn. Mechanics at Northwest are vowing to continue their strike, even as the airline says it would begin hiring permanent replacements.

Mechanics defiant as Northwest begins locking in replacements

The Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. — Mechanics at Northwest Airlines' Local 33 vowed to continue their strike Tuesday, even as the airline said it had begun hiring permanent replacements.

With the walkout in its fourth week, about 200 mechanics rallied at the union's strike headquarters in a hotel parking lot near Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, where their leaders told them North-

west's full-in maintenance operation can't last.

"If we stay strong, if you don't cross that picket line, the company will have no choice but to come to us," said Jim Young, chief negotiator for the Aircraft Maintenance Fraternal Association.

Ted Ludwig, president of the union's Twin Cities local, also urged the strikers to stick together.

"If you want to work at a nonunion place, go to Wal-

Mart. Don't go back in here," he said, jerking a thumb over his shoulder at a Northwest maintenance hangar in the distance.

The two sides haven't met since early Sunday morning, when mechanics walked away from an offer that sought even more concessions than they rejected before striking.

Shares of Northwest Airlines Corp. fell by more than half to close at \$1.59 in trading on the Nasdaq Stock Market. Earlier, the New York Times reported

the company may file for bankruptcy protection as early as today.

Northwest spokesman Kurt Loewen declined to comment on the Times report, saying only that the airline "has made no decision" on a bankruptcy filing.

Loewen also would not talk in detail about the permanent hiring of replacements, saying only that the process was "under way and proceeding smoothly."

Employees will shoulder more health care costs

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The nation's employers are struggling with close to double-digit increases in health care costs in 2006, and consequently will be shifting more of that burden to their employees, according to a new survey of more than 1,800 firms.

The preliminary survey, released Tuesday by Mercer Human Resource Consulting, found that employers anticipate an almost 10 percent increase in health care costs next year, about three times the rate of general inflation, if they leave benefits unchanged.

But companies that were polled in the survey — both those that purchase insurance and firms that are self-insured — are only earmarking an average increase of 6.4 percent in their spending. That will mark the third consecutive year that employers are seeing their actual health care costs slow as they pass on more of the costs to their workers.

"Employees are bearing more of the costs because double-digit increases are unsustainable," said Elaine Bos, a Minneapolis-based health care consultant for Mercer.

To keep a lid on costs, Bos said many employers are using a tactic called cost shifting, which demands employees to pay

higher deductibles, premiums and co-payment fees. Employees are also limiting workers' choice of insurance plans.

"We used to think of cost-shifting as something you could do only every so often," said Bos. "But we're seeing a new willingness on the part of employers — born of desperation — to shift cost in successive years to achieve acceptable cost increases."

He added, "At the same time, we're helping many employers with longer-term initiatives such as health management and consumerism, with encouraging results."

Mercer said that employers had forecast a 10 percent increase in health care costs in 2005 — if they left benefits unchanged, but that figure shifted to closer to 7 percent, as employers beat more of the costs.

For 2004, employers had forecast a 12.9 percent increase in health care costs, but actually ended up paying a 7.5 percent increase because of cost-shifting.

Smaller employers — which are much more likely to be insured, rather than self-funded health plans — will probably enjoy smaller cost increases in 2006 compared with employers of 500 or more people, according to Mercer.

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New Micron chip promises quality cell phone pictures

By Christopher Smith
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Betting consumers will increasingly choose high-resolution cell phone cameras, Micron Technology Inc. is introducing two new memory chips that deliver image quality in cell phone snapshots up to 5-megapixels, on a par with cameras used by most consumers.

The Boise-based company said Tuesday that a new 3.1-megapixel high resolution chip will be in some U.S. cell phone handsets later this year while a 5-megapixel version would likely debut by the second quarter of next year. The company declined to identify which manufacturers were considering using the new chips, but the popular Motorola Moto Razr V3 phone currently uses Micron image sensors for its camera feature.

While high-end cell phone cameras in Japan, Singapore and Korea can capture images up to 8-megapixels, those available in the U.S. — usually 1-megapixels or less — a megapixel equals approximately one million pixels, or dots of light that make up the overall image.

Micron is seeking to capture more of the emerging demand for very small chips that allow

high-resolution photo capacity in consumer and commercial devices.

"In the digital still camera world, the disadvantage is less critical, but in camera phones the challenge is to have higher resolution and keep things small," Farhad Rostamian, director of mobile and wireless for Micron's Imaging Group in Pasadena, Calif., said Monday.

"This is a very fast-growing part of our business and we expect that trend to continue."

Micron's third quarter sales this year were \$1.05 billion, compared to \$1.12 billion the same period last year, a change the company blamed on declining prices and stiffer Asian competition for its memory chips.

Ron Glaz, a digital imaging analyst with the information technology consulting group IDC in Framingham, Mass., said Micron's push into the image sensor chip market is a natural evolution of the company's business of fabricating memory chips used in desktop and laptop PCs and other devices.

"Look at the last space shuttle flight with all the imaging that was used, cars going to have image sensors all over the place and we expect the demand to grow in the camera sector as the need for security increases," Glaz said.

COURT FILINGS

The Times-News

BOISE — Recent activity in U.S. Bankruptcy Court included these Magic Valley filings:

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000

Gary L. Jensen and Emily L. Jensen, also known as Emily L. Draper, 221 S. 1100 E., Bliss, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-42020.

William Arthur Bradshaw, 323 S. 1300 W., Blumhugh, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-42020.

Jason Draper and Jennifer Lynn Draper, also known as Jennifer Lynn Bouffard, Jennifer Lynn Coe, 1015 N. Fir St., No. 48, Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 50-99 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-42020.

Elias Martinez-Medina, 2069 Rivercrest Drive, No. 103, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-42020.

Michael O. Anderson and Jolyn E. Anderson, 1981 Hillcrest Lane, No. 812, Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-42020.

Maria L. Tovar, 583 E. 100 N., Rupert, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-42020.

Garland J. Latta, 2441 Oakley Ave., No. 4, Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-42020.

Tod Lee Weber, 420 1st Ave. W., Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-42020.

Jason Todd Bennett and Jennifer Lynn Bennett, also known as Jennifer Lynn Ginn, 1002 S. Fairview, Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-42020.

Lata Latta, 2441 Oakley Ave., No. 4, Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-42020.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$100,000

David W. Crane and Jessica M. Crane, 350 W. 800 N., Rupert, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 05-42031.

Lora A. O'Neil, 367 Jackson St., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 05-42031.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Abramo L. Arreaga and Francesca Arreaga-Navarrete, 914 Second St., Hagerman, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 05-42031.

Shanna Leigh Douthett, 2075 Eldhorn, Sun Valley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 05-42031.

Melanie Kay McManis, also known as Melanie Kay Higgins, 412 E. Carey, 817 Bukey Ave., Hall, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 05-42031.

Sheri Lane Launstein, 1874 E. Memory Lane, Hazelton, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 05-42031.

John Meredith Vanderberg, formerly doing business as Vanderberg Dairy, 817 Bukey Ave., Hall, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 05-42031.

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Assistance is available to make relocating less hectic

By Marshall Leeb
Knight Ridder News Service

NEW YORK — Moving can be nerve-wracking and difficult, especially if you're going cross-country. When you relocate for your job, your employer should offer some assistance. Be sure to negotiate well in advance of the move. Decide if you need:

Housing assistance: Most companies will allow you to take one or more house-hunting trips before you move. A few companies may help you find suitable housing or even offer temporary housing at the new location, if the move is time pressed.

Counseling: You, your spouse and your children may need sessions with a counselor or therapist to adjust to the upheaval that goes along with relocation. Children especially may need assistance to handle a new school and separation from their old friends.

Spousal assistance: Many spouses before you move will help the so-called trailing spouse find work.

Other advice: If you need it, ask for help finding good schools, finding a new car or other important factors in your relocation.

Moving expenses: Companies may be willing to pay for your actual expenses of relocation. Get estimates online and from mail in your area. If your company won't pay all your moving costs, negotiate to collect at least a specific percentage of the total. Be sure to take additional costs for transporting your car and furniture. If you need a new car, ask about self-storage expenses for your possessions.

Time off: You may need a week (or even longer) to make

the move, unpack and get settled in your new home.

Records

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Lois A. Handberger, also known as **Lois A. Stenger**, 2013 Rivercrest Drive, N. 167, Twin Falls, individual, non-business, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 05-42081.

Connie L. Heaton, 641 Main Ave., W. No. 7, Twin Falls, individual, non-business, Chapter 7, 200-999 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 05-42082.

Nathan Clifford and Shann Clifford, also known as **Shann J. Shann**, 1400 E. Highway 21, Shann, Idaho, individual, business, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$1 million. Case no. 05-42083.

Michael A. Walsh, 28 River Run E, Butley, individual, non-business, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 05-42084.

Marjorie E. Terrell and Kent W. Terrell, 1000 E. Terrace Drive, Butley, individual, non-business, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 05-42085.

Connie L. Reed, also known as **Connie L. Reed-Stone**, 2715 E. 3700 N., Twin Falls, individual, non-business, Chapter 13, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$1 million. Case no. 05-42086.

Marjorie E. Terrell and Kent W. Terrell, 1000 E. Terrace Drive, Butley, individual, non-business, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 05-42087.

Marjorie E. Terrell and Kent W. Terrell, 1000 E. Terrace Drive, Butley, individual, non-business, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 05-42088.

Marjorie E. Terrell and Kent W. Terrell, 1000 E. Terrace Drive, Butley, individual, non-business, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 05-42089.

Marjorie E. Terrell and Kent W. Terrell, 1000 E. Terrace Drive, Butley, individual, non-business, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 05-42090.

Marjorie E. Terrell and Kent W. Terrell, 1000 E. Terrace Drive, Butley, individual, non-business, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 05-42091.

Marjorie E. Terrell and Kent W. Terrell, 1000 E. Terrace Drive, Butley, individual, non-business, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 05-42092.

Marjorie E. Terrell and Kent W. Terrell, 1000 E. Terrace Drive, Butley, individual, non-business, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 05-42093.

Marjorie E. Terrell and Kent W. Terrell, 1000 E. Terrace Drive, Butley, individual, non-business, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 05-42094.

Marjorie E. Terrell and Kent W. Terrell, 1000 E. Terrace Drive, Butley, individual, non-business, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 05-42095.

Marjorie E. Terrell and Kent W. Terrell, 1000 E. Terrace Drive, Butley, individual, non-business, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 05-42096.

Marjorie E. Terrell and Kent W. Terrell, 1000 E. Terrace Drive, Butley, individual, non-business, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 05-42097.

Marjorie E. Terrell and Kent W. Terrell, 1000 E. Terrace Drive, Butley, individual, non-business, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 05-42098.

Marjorie E. Terrell and Kent W. Terrell, 1000 E. Terrace Drive, Butley, individual, non-business, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 05-42099.

Marjorie E. Terrell and Kent W. Terrell, 1000 E. Terrace Drive, Butley, individual, non-business, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 05-42100.

Marjorie E. Terrell and Kent W. Terrell, 1000 E. Terrace Drive, Butley, individual, non-business, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 05-42101.

Marjorie E. Terrell and Kent W. Terrell, 1000 E. Terrace Drive, Butley, individual, non-business, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 05-42102.

CLOSING FUTURES

Commodity	High	Low	Change
Oct Sugar	10.40	10.30	0.10
Nov Sugar	10.30	10.20	0.10
Dec Sugar	10.20	10.10	0.10
Jan Sugar	10.10	10.00	0.10
Feb Sugar	10.00	9.90	0.10
Mar Sugar	9.90	9.80	0.10
Apr Sugar	9.80	9.70	0.10
May Sugar	9.70	9.60	0.10
Jun Sugar	9.60	9.50	0.10
Jul Sugar	9.50	9.40	0.10
Aug Sugar	9.40	9.30	0.10
Sep Sugar	9.30	9.20	0.10
Oct Corn	2.10	2.00	0.10
Nov Corn	2.00	1.90	0.10
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Aug Corn	1.10	1.00	0.10
Sep Corn	1.00	0.90	0.10
Oct Soybean	11.00	10.80	0.20
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Jul Wheat	0.90	0.80	0.10
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Source: Chicago Board of Trade, Sept. 13, 2005.

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EAGLES NEST



Photo courtesy of MICHAEL TRAVELER

Ten Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 90 in Twin Falls received their eagle award at a Court of Honor. From left to right are, back row: Trevor Long, Patrick Schenk, Tyler Long, Mark Allan and Tyson Long; front row: Tyson Traveler, Travis Johnson, Ryan Seastrom, Grady Bowman and Brandon Denney.

RACING FOR SCOUTING



Photo courtesy of Members of Pack 42 and Troop 42

Members of Pack 42 and Troop 42 sponsored by Crossroads United Methodist Church in Kimberly welcome the cars in the Great Race that traveled through Twin Falls this summer. Dick Burdick and Wayne Bell wrote "Race to Cub Scouting" on their car and asked Scouts in the area to come and take a look. With American flags waving, the following Scouts greeted the racers: Mike Penso, Shane Willis, Nancy Smith, Alex Lehman, Bryson Lehman, David Tschida, Jeff Attribing, Connor Butler, Morgan Butler, Zeb Van Derlost, Doug Caffin, Devin Harris, Brandon Keller, Nate Young, Clay Wetzstein, Kevin Robben, Caleb McMillans and Amy Diffrancesco, National Venturing president.

BJ Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

RUPERT—The BJ Duplicate Bridge Club has announced the winners of American Contract Bridge League-sanctioned open pairs play for Sept. 6.

North/south: first, George and Nancy Gibson; second, Pat Stephenson and Mildred Wolfe; and third, Howard and Mary Tucker. East/west: first, Don Creason and Norma Goodman; second, Elise Heins and Eunice Morgan; and third, Warren and Faun McIntyre.

The club plays bridge at 1 p.m. Tuesdays at the Rupert Elks. Refreshments are served. The club invites all area duplicate players. For more information, call 878-3597.

Church will ordain pastor to gospel ministry

TWIN FALLS—The United Reformed Church of the Magic Valley will ordain Christopher Folkerts to the gospel ministry.

The public is invited to the service at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the United Reformed Church, 1708 Heyburn Ave.

Folkerts graduated from Mid-America Reformed Seminary on May 20, 2005, with a Master's of Divinity.

People for Pets hosts Rim to Rim run/walk

TWIN FALLS—The People for Pets Magic Valley Humane Society will present its 2005 Rim to Rim, 7 and one-half mile run/walk on Saturday.

Start time is at 10 a.m. at Bass Lake at the Blue Lakes Golf Course. The cost is \$30. Participants can register the day of the

walk at 8:30 to 9:45 a.m.

Proceeds will benefit the Twin Falls Animal Shelter. Prizes and food will be available.

For more information, call 736-2299.

Filer's indoor flea market opens up for the season

FILER—The first indoor Filer flea market of 2005 will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at Merchant Building 1 at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds on Fair Avenue in Filer.

The admission cost is 50 cents. There will also be a collection of stuffed animals to send to Iraq.

For more information or to sell items, call 312-4900.

South Central Idaho Stamp Club will gather

TWIN FALLS—The South Central Idaho Stamp Club will meet at 7:30 the third Monday of each month in the community room at the KMYT building, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

For more information, call 734-3857.

Still room for teens for 4-4 overnighter program

MOUNTAIN HOME—There is still room for 20 4-11 year people and two adults at the "teen" overnighter Sept. 23 and 24 at the Mountain Home Air Force Base Youth Center.

Swimming and bowling are some of the activities planned for 12 to 19 year olds. The deadline is extended to Friday for sign up. The cost is free.

The purpose is to mix 4-11 youngsters with youngsters from

military families to raise the awareness of issues facing military families. There also will be possibility of a bus for transportation.

For more information, contact MaryAnn Peterson, 6800 Community Center, Elmore, 208-557-2136, ext. 251; fax her at 208-557-2137, or e-mail her at maryannp@uidaho.edu.

Local musician performs for Burley Music Club

BURLEY—The Burley Music Club will have its first meeting for the year at 1:30 p.m. Monday at the United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St.

The program will be presented by Lori Wilson of Rupert.

Castelford hosts annual school/Men's Club picnic

CASTLEFORD—The Castleford school/Men's Club picnic will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Monday during homecoming week.

Tacos, rice, beans, milk, lemonade and cookies will be served; and parents can meet their child's teachers. The event is free.

For more information, call 537-6511.

Antique Tractor Pullers roll to several sites

FAIRFIELD—The Magic Valley Antique Tractor Pullers will visit several locations.

On Saturday, they will be at the Fall Fun Day Pull in Fairfield, on Sept. 24 at Christensen Bros. Scenic and Fun Day in Burley, and on Nov. 5, a fun pull will be held at the Idaho Farm and Ranch Museum north of Twin Falls.

For more information, call 537-6511.

Delbert at 543-4950 or John at 832-5053.

Better Business Bureau will discuss scams

HAILLEY—Devery Bryant from the Better Business Bureau will discuss scams directed at seniors at 12:30 p.m. Thursday in Carey and Friday at the Blaine County Senior Center, 721 S. Third Ave.

For more information, call 788-3468.

Potter from Australia discusses Japanese pottery

TWIN FALLS—Ian Currie, an internationally-recognized potter and expert on glaze technology from Australia, will discuss Japanese pottery at 8 p.m. Friday at KMYT, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. The event is free.

For more information, call Larry Davidson at 543-6486.

Alzheimer's support group meets today

BURLEY—Rosetta Assisted Living will host the first Mini-Cassia Alzheimer's Support Group meeting at 6 p.m. today at the center, 1919 Hilland Ave.

Linda Miller, the regional director for Rosetta Assisted Living, will be the guest speaker. Refreshments will be served.

Anyone who is dealing with Alzheimer's at home or in the workplace is invited to attend. Free day care will be provided for family members with Alzheimer's during the meeting and future day care will be available at a reduced rate will be available for those who sign up that day.

Isaiah needs 'super' parents to fulfill his needs

Super-heroes are an important part of this active boy's life, especially if they are the Spider-Man variety. Isaiah, has Spider-Man pajamas, an action figure and daytime costume. Now Isaiah needs a super mom and a super dad who will vanquish all fear of abandonment and give family solidarity even on challenging days. He needs the heroic effort of an emotionally fit father figure who is strong when it comes to empa-

thy and quiet authority. Isaiah will take his cues from someone who respects and loves him fully and protects them with safe rules.

According to his foster mom, Isaiah is outgoing, talkative, and charming. He finds humor in his own and others' mistakes. He is confident and outgoing in familiar routines and in repetition. Isaiah also loves to work and help, especially outdoors with his foster dad.

Isaiah's adoption team will be

looking for parents who have the skills needed for a child with Reactive Attachment Disorder. Short-term rewards work best with Isaiah, such as riding his bike, coloring and receiving stickers.

Isaiah is available for adoption through the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. For contact information, contact the Idaho Careline at 1-800-926-2558. Please reference number 30131.

Wednesday's Child



Isaiah, age 7

CLUB CALENDAR

Rotary Clubs
Blue Lakes - 7 a.m. Thursdays at Red Lion Hotel in Twin Falls; call 736-8470.
Burley - meet Thursdays at the Burley Elks; call 543-6029.
Buhl - 12:05 p.m. Thursdays at The Granddaddy; call 736-6400.
Gooding - Noon Fridays at the Topone Cafe; call 324-6455.
Hailley - Noon Thursdays at the Blaine County Senior Center; 788-3414.
Jerome - Noon Thursdays at China Village; 12:15. Adler: 324-7000.
Ketchum/Sun Valley - Noon Tuesdays at Basso Restaurant and Patisserie; call Bob Stone at 760-7700.
Nampa - Noon Wednesdays at the Rupert Elks Lodge.
Twin Falls - Noon Wednesdays at the Tuf Club; call 234-0000.

Lions Clubs
Burley - Noon Fridays at Price's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave.; call 778-7235.
Burley Sage - 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at Farm Bureau conference room, 444 E. 15th St.; call 736-6400.
Gooding - 6 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at Coyote Lodge; call Betty Wardell at 334-4585.
Hailley - 7 p.m. first and third Wednesdays at Wells Fargo Bank.
Jerome - 7 p.m. first Monday at Valley Presbyterian Church, 310 Park Ave.
Jerome - 7 p.m. first and third Mondays at Jerome Civic Library; 324-7100.
Kimberly - 7 p.m. first and third Thursdays at Grosvenor United Methodist Church; 432-5598.
Rupert - 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at Elks Lodge in Heyburn. Call Fred Cronin at 678-9861.
Rupert Springs - 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at United Methodist Church, 60511 St.; 436-9862.
Twin Falls - Noon Thursdays at the Jerome Elks Lodge; call 736-6663.
Twin Falls Monarch - Meets first and third Thursdays at Longing Hung Restaurant. Kimberly: 432-5598.

Kiwanis Clubs
Buhl - Noon Thursdays at The Granddaddy Sports Grill; call 543-2330 or 543-8576.
Burley - Noon Wednesdays at Price's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave.; 436-0702.
Filer - Noon Thursdays at the Filer Methodist Church; 326-5300 or 326-0501.
Jerome - Noon Thursdays at the Rupert Elks; 436-0124.
Jerome - Noon Thursdays at the Elks Borens; call 324-4162.
Twin Falls - Noon Thursdays at the Tuff Club; 736-4276 or 734-4244.

Optimist Clubs
Twin Falls - Noon Thursdays at Mandarino House on Blue Lakes Boulevard; 733-7278.
Twin Falls - 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, Opa's Market, 156 E. Main St.; call Julie at 324-5469.
Hendall - 7:15 p.m. Thursdays at the City Hall; 326-5477.

Scoutsmen International
Burley - noon second, third and fourth Wednesdays at Springs Plaza Apartments, 626 Elm Ave.; call Adlene at 438-9666.
Twin Falls - noon third and fourth Thursdays at the China Buffet; call 734-9400 or 736-3007 for summer schedule.
Rupert - noon on second and third Thursdays at PWT conference room. Call Judy at

Beta Sigma Phi Sorority
Xi Alpha Theta - 7:30 p.m. first and third Thursdays at Twin Falls Elks Rebekah at 732-5025 or 736-6400.
Delta Upsilon - Twin Falls - 7 p.m. third Thursday; call Wendy at 678-6400.
Xi Zeta - 7 p.m. third Thursdays in Twin Falls; call Judy at 734-6087.
Xi Omega Chapter - 7 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays, Sept.-May, in Burley; call Barb Smith at 734-6087.
Alpha Kappa Chapter - 7 p.m. second Central Restaurant on Blue Lakes Boulevard at 734-5223 or Shirley at 734-6455.
Precept 31 Chapter - Burley - 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Wednesdays September through May; call after 6 p.m. 878-0961 or 678-3469.

Elks
Snake River Elks Lodge - 8 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays at Elks at 931 Elks Lodge, 333 Golf Ranch on Highway 93; call Mary Ann at 733-3241.

Moose
Loyal Order of the Moose, Lodge 612 - 8 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays at 835 Fair Ave. in Twin Falls; call Dennis or Ron at 734-6637 (days) or 733-4661 (evenings).
Women of the Moose - 8 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays at 835 Fair Ave. in Twin Falls.

Other
Gooding County Jaycees - call 934-5125 for more information.
Magic Valley Toastmasters - 12:10 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays at the Golden Central Restaurant on Blue Lakes Boulevard near Twin Falls; call 733-5406 or 543-8169.

Support Groups
Moons in Touch International - moms meet weekly to pray for children and their schools. Call 424-4246.
Grandparents as Parents
Gamblers Anonymous - 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at 1211 N. Main St. in Twin Falls; call 733-6310.
Magic Valley Home Educators - for information, call 734-1223 or 423-4216.
Deaf Recovery - Call Connie at 733-6128 for more information.
Co-dependence - Call 733-6128, ext. 104 for more information.

Grandparents as Parents
Twin Falls - 7 p.m. second Monday at Episcopal Church, 211 Eastland Dr. in Twin Falls; call 734-6128.
Twin Falls - 7 p.m. third Thursdays in the Heyburn Elementary School lunch room at 1411 17th St.; call 678-2822 or 436-3000.
Chapter 1374 - 5 p.m. Thursdays at Twin Falls.

Weight
TODP
Chapter 48 - 10 a.m. Thursdays at the Jerome Public Library; call 324-4162 or 324-3164.
Chapter 13 - 5 p.m. Thursdays at St. Ed. with Parish Hall, 260 Seventh Ave. E. in Twin Falls; call 438-9666.
Chapter 226 - 6:15 p.m. Thursdays in the Heyburn Elementary School lunch room at 1411 17th St.; call 678-2822 or 436-3000.
Chapter 1374 - 5 p.m. Thursdays at Twin Falls.

Narcotics Anonymous
For information, call 1-866-738-6224 and free.

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Burley - 8 p.m. Saturdays, 132 Oakley Ave.; call 324-4162.
Gooding - 8 p.m. Mondays, corner of Main and 22nd St.; call 324-4162.
Ketchum - 7 p.m. Mondays, 6300 Highway 200; call 733-5533.
Twin Falls - 8:30 p.m. Saturdays at 310 Main St.
Palm - 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sundays; 8 p.m. Mondays at Heritage Alliance.
Women's group - 7 p.m. Mondays, Meditation group - 8 p.m. Mondays, 10 Works, Love and Why Book Study, 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Emerson Group, 8 p.m. Wednesdays, Bible Book Study, 7 p.m. Thursdays - all at 220 E. 2nd St.
Rupert - Noon Thursdays, 1211 W. 10th St. in Twin Falls; 734-6087.
Twin Falls - 7:30 p.m. Sundays and 8 p.m. Mondays at 220 South Ave. W. 7 p.m. Mondays; at 801 2nd Ave. N.; 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays; at 801 2nd Ave. N.; 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays; 7:15 p.m. Thursdays at 315 Fair Ave. Desert Building, room 1127, 7 p.m. Fridays at 315 Fair Ave. Desert Building, room 112, 9 p.m. Saturdays, 801 Second Ave. N.

12:20p, substance abuse support groups
Roe to Recover, Christ-centered - 7 to 8:30 Tuesdays at Heritage Alliance at 1044 E. 10th St., Burley; call Jim at 219-9142 or 219-9143.
Big Book Study - 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at Heritage Alliance at 1044 E. 10th St.; call Dorothy at 434-5790.
Hwy 12 steps to a new day - 7 p.m. Thursdays, Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Dr. in Twin Falls; call 734-1921.
Life Recovery Support Group - 6:30 p.m. Mondays at Heritage Alliance at 1044 E. 10th St.; call Valerie at 733-3634.
Overcomers Outreach - (nondenominational) Christian Fellowship - 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at First Baptist Church at 2262 Hilland Ave. in Burley; Call Micho or Rita at 678-3630.
LDS Suburban Abuse Recovery Services - 7 p.m. Wednesdays at LDS Employment Center behind Maurice Street LDS church building in Twin Falls; call Patricia at 539-1985, and 7 p.m. Fridays in the High Council Room at the Employment Center behind Maurice Street; call Ernie and Jan at 862-2933.
Alcohol Chemical Treatment Series - 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at Bethel Temple on 1st and 10th; call 734-2268.
Alcoholics Anonymous - To help families and friends of alcoholics. For meeting information, call 1-866-592-3196.

Other
Debtors Anonymous - 8 p.m. Thursdays at 459 Shoup Ave. in Twin Falls; call Chapter Coordinator Owen Elliott at 734-9752.
Habitual Offenders - 10 - 6:30 p.m. third Thursday at old Armory on 12th Street; call Adjunct Judge Michael Deeb at 678-2827.

Jobe Daughters

Cometown Baptist Church, 315 Shoup Ave. in Twin Falls; call Robert at 312-7067.
Military Veterans of Foreign Wars
Buhl - Post 3604, Thurston Peace Post, 7 p.m. second Tuesday at Lincoln Court, 7 p.m. second Tuesday at Lincoln Court.
Burley - Post 3043 and auxiliary, 8 p.m. second Thursday at 1012 15th Ave. S.; call 324-4162.
Dodge - Post 120, N. Andrew Miller Post, 8 p.m. third Thursday at Elks Lodge Building.
Glenns Ferry - Post 3646, Glenns Ferry Post, 8 p.m. third Thursday at Veterans Memorial Hall, 366-2710.
Gooding - Post 3028, Topone Post, 8 p.m. third Thursday at Gooding War Memorial Hall.
Hendall - Post 1128, Big Wood River Post, 8 p.m. third Thursday at Elks Lodge, 500 S. Fourth St.; 8 p.m. third Thursday.
Hailley - Post 3678, Hailley Hoag Post, 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays at Rupert Child Development Center.
Shoshone - Post 3001, Little Wood River Post, 7 p.m. second Tuesday at Shoshone members home, 889-2755.
Twin Falls - Post 1212, Henry Lytle Post, 7 p.m. second Thursday at Twin Falls DAV Post; call 734-4897.
Wendell - Post 2574, Thousand Springs Post, 7 p.m. first Thursday at American Legion Hall at Wendell; call quarter master at 324-4016.
American Legion
Burley - Post 17, 7 p.m. fourth Thursday at Elks Lodge; call Lyle Martin at 678-5147.
Eden - Post 82, 7 p.m. second Thursday Tuesday meets at 7 p.m. second Thursday at Eden Legion Hall; call Jim at 825-2531.
Dodge - Post 144, 7 p.m. second Thursday at Shoshone room at 436-4717 or 436-5296.
Fairfield - Post 19, Elmer Miller Post, 8 p.m. first Wednesday, and third Wednesday; meets with Auxiliary at Legion Hall.
Gooding - Post 30, Perry Burg, 7:30 p.m. first Thursday at War Memorial Hall; call Paul Koonce at 434-8667.
Jerome - Post 46, 8 p.m. second Tuesday at Legion Hall; 7:30 p.m. second Tuesday at Seventh Avenue Cafe.
Kimberly - Post 76, 8 p.m. first Thursday at Traveler's Office at 401 Hudson at 423-4056.
Paul Post 77, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday at post home; call 438-5702.
Twin Falls - Post 6, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday at 1012 15th Ave. S.; call Jerry Werts at 736-8676.
Twin Falls Auxiliary Unit 7 - 6:30 p.m. first Thursday at Post Home; call 734-4994.
Twin Falls - Post 41, 8 p.m. second Tuesday at Wendell Post Home; call 324-4162.
Disabled American Veterans
Shirley Chapter 5 - 6:30 p.m. first Thursday at 459 Shoup Ave. in Twin Falls; call Chapter Coordinator Owen Elliott at 734-9752.
Habitual Offenders - 10 - 6:30 p.m. third Thursday at old Armory on 12th Street; call Adjunct Judge Michael Deeb at 678-2827.

Berth 18 - 6 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at 1510 Portland Ave. in Burley; Berth 14 - 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at 225 First Ave. E. in Jerome.
Berth 45 - 7 p.m. first and third Mondays at 803 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.
Berth 46 - 7 p.m. second and fourth Wednesdays at 803 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.
Masonic activities
Buhl Masonic Lodge 53 - 8 p.m. second Thursday at Buhl Masonic Lodge; call corner of 11th Avenue North and Locust Street; call 343-5842.
Eden Chapter 18 - 8 p.m. second Thursday at 803 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.
Hailley/Hallston Masonic Lodge 55 - 7:30 p.m. second Tuesday at Filer Masonic Lodge 218 S. Main St.; call 324-4162.
Gooding Eastern Star Lodge - 7:30 p.m. second Tuesday at Masonic Temple, 238 N. Main St.; call 324-4162.
Jerome Chapter 54 Order of the Eastern Star - 7:30 p.m. third Thursday at Elks Lodge; call 324-4162.
Eden Chapter 77 Order of the Eastern Star - 7:30 p.m. third Wednesday at Elks Lodge; call 324-4162.
Rupert 39 Order of the Eastern Star - 7:30 p.m. second Thursday at 803 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.
Twin Falls Chapter 25 Order of the Eastern Star - second and third Thursdays at the Masonic Temple at the Lakes Boulevard; 734-8616.
Elks Chapter 128 of Eastern Star - 8 p.m. first Wednesday at 730 Park Ave.; call 343-5842.
Twin Falls Chapter - 7:30 p.m. first Wednesday at 803 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.
Burley-Rupert Shrine Club, 6:30 p.m. dinner fourth Wednesday at Rupert Elks Lodge.
Burley Masonic Lodge, call Dale Stiller at 532-0130.
Hailley - Post 1212, 8 p.m. first Thursday at 1012 15th Ave. S.; call 324-4162.
Shake River Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star - 7 p.m. second and third Thursdays at the Jerome Masonic Lodge; call 324-4162.
Twin Falls Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star - 7 p.m. second and third Thursdays at the Elks Lodge; call 324-4162.
Hailley Shrine Club - 6:30 p.m. second Monday at Curry Cafe, 2113 S. Highway 30; Filer; call 324-4162.
Rebekah Lodges
Idaho Lodge 98 - 8 p.m. first and third Mondays at 1010 W. A. Wendell.
Buhl Lodge 197 - meets the second and fourth Thursdays at the corner of 14th Street and Oakley Avenue in Burley; call 436-6615.
Margaretta Lodge 88 - 2 p.m. first and third Wednesdays at the Lodge Hall; Gooding.
Marjorie Lodge 110 - 8 p.m. second and third Mondays at 1312 E. A. Jerome.
Union Lodge 45 - 2 p.m. first and third Thursdays at 1312 E. A. Jerome.
Other organizations
Odd Fellows - 8 p.m. Tuesdays at the Odd Fellows Hall, 13th and Oakley.
Rural Drive - meets second and third Mondays at 13th and Oakley.
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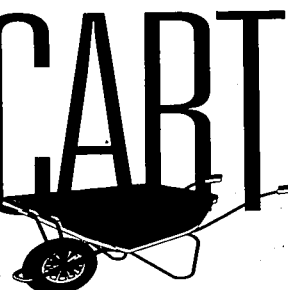


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Trustee's Sale No. 02-MG-39955 Notice is hereby given that, Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on December 23, 2005, at the hour of 10:00 A.M. of said day, at the Office of Alliance Title Company, 111 Falls Avenue East, Suite 1315, Twin Falls, ID, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereafter referred to as the "Property") situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, to-wit: Exhibit "A" Lot, Block 21, TWIN FALLS TOWNSHIP, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the final and amended plat thereof recorded in Book 1 of Plats, page 7, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. EXCEPT A parcel of land being on the southerly side of the centerline of U.S. Highway No. 93, Project No. F-2391(10) Highway Survey as shown on the plans thereof now on file in the office of the Department of Highways of the State of Idaho, and being a portion of Lot 9, Block 21, TWIN FALLS TOWNSHIP, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof recorded in the office of the County Recorder of said County, described as follows, to-wit: BEGINNING at the Northwest corner of Lot 9, Block 21, of said Twin Falls Township, Twin Falls County, Idaho; THENCE easterly along the North line of said Lot 9, a distance of 91.5 feet, more or less, to the Northeast corner of said Lot 9; THENCE southerly along the northeasterly line of said Lot 9, a distance of 120.2 feet, more or less, to the most easterly corner of said Lot 9; THENCE southerly along the southeasterly line of said Lot 9, a distance of 6.0 feet, more or less, to the point in a line parallel with and 48.0 feet southerly from the centerline of said U.S. Highway No. 93, Project No. F-2391(10) Highway Survey; THENCE South 89°49' West along said parallel line 69.5 feet, more or less, to a point in the northeasterly line of said Lot 9, opposite Station 203+56.33 of said Highway Survey; THENCE northeasterly along said northeasterly line 183.1 feet to the PLACE OF BEGINNING. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-described Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 460 6th Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID 83301, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Brian S. Nerle, an unmarried man, as Grantor, to Title Fact Co., Inc., as Trustee, for the benefit and security of First Franklin Financial Corp., subsidiary of National City Bank of Indiana Corporation, as Beneficiary, dated 2/12/2004, recorded 2/17/2004, under Instrument No. 2004-002290, Mortgage records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2004-FHFI. The above Grantors are named to comply with Section 45-1506(a)(4), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation. The default for which this sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 2/12/2004, the monthly payment which became due on 8/1/2005 and all subsequent monthly payments, plus late charges and other costs and fees as set forth. Amount due as of August 15, 2005 Delinquent Payments from May 01, 2005 4 payments at \$385.86 each \$1,543.44 (95-01-05 through 08-15-05) Late Charges \$78.16 Beneficiary Advances \$22.50 Suspense Credit \$0.00 Total: \$1,665.50 All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$55,088.63, together with interest thereon at 7.90% per annum from 4/1/2005, until paid. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as of this date, August 15, 2005, at the County of Twin Falls, Idaho, at the office of the Trustee, First Franklin Financial Corp., 616 1st Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98104 Phone: (206) 340-2550. For more information, contact the Trustee at ASAP716904.

PUBLISH: September 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2005



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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Bureau of Indian Affairs is now accepting sealed bids until noon, October 4, 2005 on various farm, lampshade leases on the Fort, Hal Reservation. Bid forms and additional information can be obtained by contacting the Bureau of Indian Affairs at (208) 238-2307.

PUBLISH: September 11, 14, 16, 21, 23, 25, 28, 30 and October 2, 2005

INVITATION TO BID

ALL sealed Bids must be received by 5:00 P.M. on September 28, 2005. ALL sealed Bids will be opened at 11:00 A.M., on September 28, 2005 at the Idaho Transportation Department, Purchasing Section located at 3311 West State Street, Boise, Idaho. Bidders and other interested parties are invited to be present at the bid opening. This is to furnish all materials, equipment and labor for the Furnish and Install of Three (3) Modular Housing Units, in Blaine County, per the specifications contained in requisition number K-266930.

PUBLIC WORKS LICENSE REQUIRED

No bid will be considered unless accompanied by an acceptable guaranty in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid. This guaranty must be in the form of a certified check or a cashier's check drawn on an Idaho bank, made payable to the Idaho Transportation Department, or a bidder's bond. Surety will be forfeited in the event of failure to sign the contract.

The Idaho Transportation Department reserves the right to reject all bids or to accept the bid deemed best for the State of Idaho.

Dated this 7th day of September 2005

MARK LITTLE, PURCHASING AGENT

IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Copies of Bid Packages and Bid Results may be obtained by visiting our web site at: <http://idot.idaho.gov/business> or by contacting your local Plan Room.

PUBLISH: September 12 through 16, 2005

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

T.S. No. F-1700-ID-DL Loan No. (602486567 On 12/29/2005 at 11:00 AM (reopened late 12/29/2005 at 11:00 AM) at the main entrance of Alliance Title & Escrow, 1411 Falls Avenue East, Suite 1315, Twin Falls, ID 83301, in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, Fidelity National Title Company, as Trustee for the Successor Trustee, on behalf of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and being a portion of Lot 5, Block 2, Evergreen Subdivision, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the Official Plat thereof recorded in Book 1 of Plats, page 24, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, except the East 10 feet thereof. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: 177-179 Greenview Drive, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by: Gene D. Lawley and Marjorie J. Lawley, husband and wife, as Grantors, to: First American Title Company of Idaho, Inc., for the benefit and security of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, as Beneficiary, dated 10/15/2002, as amended by Instrument No. 2002-021166, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(a)(4), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 10/7/2002. The monthly payments for Principal, Interest and Impounds (if applicable) are \$1,005.25 due per month from 2/1/2005, and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date is \$132,224.35, plus accrued interest at the rate of 6% per annum from 1/1/2005. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the sale, and any amounts associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Dated August 10, 2005: Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, as Successor Trustee By: Quality Loan Service Corp., as agent for Successor Trustee 318 Elm Street, 2nd Floor, San Diego, CA 92101-3009 (619) 465-7711 For Sale Information call: 816-387-7728 or logon to: www.caspost.com or AS-AP716978

PUBLISH: August 24, 31, September 7 and 14, 2005

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT PLAN FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

SUBJECT: Proposed use of one federally funded Block Grant Plan, Availability of Plan for public review.

PURPOSE: The purpose is to receive comment on the proposed use of funds during Federal Fiscal Year 2006. The Block Grant Plan being reviewed will be:

The Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE: A public hearing will be held on Monday, September 26, 2005, from 8 to 9 a.m. in the conference room on the 6th floor of the Pote Cernarus Building.

AVAILABILITY OF PLANS: The Plan will be available for public review at the Department of Health and Welfare Center office located in the Pote Cernarus Building, 6th Floor, 450 West State Street, Boise, Idaho.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: Any one may submit written comment regarding the proposed use of these funds for this block grant.

A copy of the Plan may be obtained from the Central Office at 450 West State Street, 6th Floor, Boise, Idaho, or call (208) 334-6582. For more information, contact Kaiti McCreary at (208) 334-0814, or Michelle Buskey at (208) 334-6582, Department of Health and Welfare, 450 West State Street, 6th Floor, PO Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0036.

DATED this 14th day of September, 2005

Eiko Shaw, Tulloch, Chief, Health & Environmental Health Department of Health & Welfare

450 West State Street, 6th Floor, PO Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0036

PUBLISH: September 14, 15, 16 and 19, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE

Actions planned and taken by your government are contained in public notices. They are part of your right to know and to be informed of what your government is doing. As self-government charges all citizens to be informed, this newspaper urges every citizen to read and study these notices. We advise those citizens who seek further information to exercise their right to access public records and public meetings.

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FOUND small case of CDs, Found at Roseworth, Rd. Call to identify, 208-733-2948

FOUND German Shepherd, male, brown on paws, answers to Ebony, Very hyper, Near Smith 734-1326

FOUND Leather saddle bag at South Hills on 821, Call 208-326-3295

FOUND Bassel Hound, female, blue collar, Please help us have our dog "Wendy", Lost by Miracle Hot Springs 7-11, Was spotted by the Haggman bridge and between Haggman & Wendell Needs medication! REWARD: 200-734-9440 or 243-2258

LOST cat at Burley High School, Devon Rex breed, orange with dark orange stripes, answers to "Rascal", 879-9732

LOST cat, 1 yr old, neutered, brown/gray tiger striped, Last seen at 107 Highland Rd., Pauli Family pet, greatly missed! Goshawk, 5518 ext. 3128 days, 438-5159 after 6pm.

LOST Cane Corso, 7 months old, mostly black, answers to Zea, 555-REWARD, if whoever returns her, if you have info on her, please call 308-176

LOST dog Chihuahua, male and black with brown, Reward if found! Call 732-8486

LOST Gameboy Advance silver at Walmart, live center, Wednesday 9-7, Little boy is heartbroken, REWARD: 208-948-2063 or 338-3918

LOST Lab, yellow, male, approx. 2 years old, reward offered, or Jerome, 324-4382 or 280-4382

LOST Pyrenees 6 month male, pup, black, white, blue, 208-606-0646 or 420-1277

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EASY #1

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for today's puzzle on page E-14.

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In six spades declarer should appreciate that the contract is going to succeed unless both a spade and a club will be lost. If it is West who holds the spade length, it may be possible to make the slam, but usually this will require the club queen to be onside. However, when East holds the spade length, a trump reduction followed by a trump coup or end-play should get the job done.

The correct play after a diamond lead is to win dummy's ace and immediately ruff a diamond, then play the spade ace followed by a spade to the king. If everyone follows, the hand is a pianola. But when West shows out, declarer takes a second diamond ruff and cashes one top club before playing off the three hearts, throwing a club from hand. Declarer now leads a club toward his hand. East cannot usefully trump in as he will be ruffing fresh air, and declarer would just throw the club 10 away and claim the rest.

So East discards, and declarer wins the club king and exits with the club 10. On lead to trick 12, allowing declarer to make the spade Q-10 and the slam. An alternative lead would have made no difference. Declarer can win a heart lead in hand and play two diamonds, ruffing the second. He next leads ace and king of spades, takes a second ruff, and reverts to the same line.

NORTH		09-14-A
♠ K 8		
♥ A K 6		
♦ A 10 6 5 3		
♣ J 9 3		
WEST		
♠ 2		
♥ J 10 5		
♦ Q J 8 4		
♣ Q 8 6 4 2		
EAST		
♠ J 9 6 3		
♥ 9 8 7 3 2		
♦ K Q 2		
♣ 7		
SOUTH		
♠ A Q 10 7 5 4		
♥ Q 4		
♦ 7		
♣ A K 10 5		

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

The bidding:

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

Opening lead: Diamond queen

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:		09-14-B
♠ A Q 10 7 5 4		
♥ Q 4		
♦ 7		
♣ A K 10 5		

South	West	North	East
?		Pass	3♦

ANSWER: You may be tempted to bid more than three spades, but three is enough under the circumstances. When you bid over a pre-empt, you expect partner to continue with 8-plus points, or with compensating values in the form of a spade fit. Here you need partner to contribute, for instance, both a spade and club card before you can come to 10 tricks, so do not bid his hand for him.

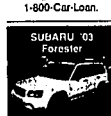
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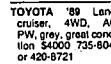


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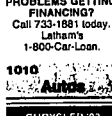
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