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FEARING THE WORST



Joe McGee stands in the pounding surf Tuesday at the Southern Most Point in Key West, Fla.

Rita roars past Florida; next stop may be Texas or Louisiana

The Associated Press

KEY WEST, Fla. — Rapidly strengthening Hurricane Rita lashed the Florida Keys on Tuesday and headed into the Gulf of Mexico, where forecasters feared it could develop into another blockbuster storm targeting Texas or Louisiana. Thousands of people were evacuated from the keys and low-lying areas of northern Cuba. On the far side of the Gulf of Mexico in Texas, Galveston started evacuations and officials made plans to move refugees from Hurricane Katrina who had been housed in the Houston area to Arkansas.

Forecasters said Rita could intensify in the Gulf of Mexico into a Category 4 storm with winds of at least 131 mph. The most likely destination by week's end was Texas, although Louisiana, and northern Mexico were possibilities, according to the hurricane center.

Acting FEMA Director R. David Paulison told reporters that the

agency has aircraft and buses available to evacuate residents of areas the hurricane might hit. Rescue teams and truckloads of ice, water and prepared meals were being sent to Texas and Florida.

"I strongly urge Gulf Coast residents to pay attention" to the storm, he said.

Stung by criticism of the government's slow initial response to Hurricane Katrina, President Bush signed an emergency declaration for Florida and spoke with Texas Gov. Rick Perry about the storm's landfall.

"All up and down the coastline people are now preparing for what is anticipated to be another significant storm," Bush said.

Rita started the day as a tropical storm with top sustained wind of 70 mph. But as it cruised through the Florida Straits between the Keys and Cuba, it gathered energy from the warm sea, becoming a Category 2 hurricane with top winds of 105 mph, the National Hurricane Center said.

Residents and visitors had been ordered out of the Keys and voluntary evacuation orders were posted for coastal mainland areas such as Miami Beach. Some 130,000 people were evacuated in Cuba, on the southern side of the Florida Straits.

Nearly 900 miles from Key West, officials of Galveston were already calling for voluntary evacuations, with mandatory evacuations to begin Wednesday, Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco urged everyone in the southwest part of the state to prepare to evacuate.

New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin suspended his plan Monday to start bringing residents back to the city after warnings that Rita could follow Hurricane Katrina's course and capture his city's weakened levees.

Rita is the 17th named storm of the Atlantic hurricane season, making this the fourth-busiest season since record-keeping started in 1851.

The hurricane season isn't over until Nov. 30.

So says the Weatherman

Veteran of Pocatello TV station believes Japanese mobsters created Katrina

The Associated Press

IDAHO FALLS — An Idaho weatherman says Japan's Yakuza mafia used a Russian-made electromagnetic generator to cause Hurricane Katrina in a bid to avenge loss of the Hiroshima atom bomb attack — and that this technology will soon be wielded again to hit another U.S. city.

Metecologist Scott Stevens, a nine-year veteran of KPTV-TV in Pocatello, said he was struggling to forecast weather patterns starting in 1998 when he discovered the theory on the Internet. It's now detailed on Stevens' Web site, www.weatherwars.info, the Idaho Falls Post Register reports.

Stevens, who is among several people to offer alternative and generally discounted theories for the storm that flooded New Orleans, says a little-known oversight in physical laws makes it possible to create and control storms — especially if you're armed with the Cold War-era weapon said to have been made by the Russians in 1976. Stevens became convinced of the existence of the Russian device when he observed an unusual Montana cold front in 2004.

"I just got sick to my stomach because these clouds were unnatural and that meant they had (the machine) on all the time," Stevens said. "I was left trying to forecast the intent of some organization rather than the weather of this planet."

Stevens said oddities in Hurricane Katrina storm patterns underpin his theory. And according to his Web site, so does the fact that Katrina and Ivan — the name given to a destructive hurricane that hit Florida in September 2004 — both sound Russian.

Scientists discount Stevens' claims as ludicrous and say they run contrary to the second law of thermodynamics, that energy can be neither created nor destroyed.

"I've been doing hurricane research for the better part of 20 years now, and there was nothing unusual to me about any of the satellite imagery of Katrina," said Rob Young, a hurricane expert at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, N.C. "It's laughable to think it could have been manmade."

Stevens' bosses at KPTV-TV say their employee can think and say what he wants — as long as he keeps the station out of the debate and acknowledges that his views are his own opinion. Bill Fouch, KPTV's general manager, compared Stevens' musings to political or religious beliefs that journalists suppress on the job.

"It doesn't talk about it on his weathercast," Fouch said. "It's very knowledgeable about weather, and he's very popular."

Company pleased with expansion

The Times-News

JEROME — Based in Hartsville, S.C., Hilex Poly Co. also has plants in Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Indiana and Texas.

The company — one of the nation's largest manufacturers of plastic bags — opened a plant 15 months ago in Jerome, and Chairman Leon Farahnik said Tuesday he couldn't be happier.

He spoke at the grand-opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony Tuesday for the plant in Jerome.

ceremony held Tuesday for the plant, which employs 100 people and plans to hire more.

"When we were looking for a new site, we never thought we'd end up in the state of Idaho," Farahnik said. "When we came here, people welcomed us with open arms. It



Gov. Dirk Kempthorne talks with Hilex Poly Co. management Tuesday during a tour of the company's plant in Jerome. The company, one of the nation's top plastic bag manufacturers, held the grand-opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony Tuesday for the plant in Jerome.

has been a great decision." State officials have pledged more than \$570,000 in economic-development and work-force training grants to support the company's expansion in Jerome. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and Idaho Commerce and

Labor Director Roger Madsen toured the plant with Hilex corporate officials Tuesday.

"We hold you up as a role model of success," Kempthorne said. "There is a reason why you ended up in Idaho. This is a place that makes sense."

FBI files: Gossip meets the G-men

Agency has kept records on who's a canoodler, heavy drinker

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Beach Boys' Frank Satriano, Liberace. Sonically, the trio shared little — from the California group's soaring harmonies to Satriano's salacious singling to Liberace's marshmallow soft vocals. But their offstage antics were music to the ears of the FBI, where all three became the subject of muckraking files in the agency's Washington headquarters. The portfolios contain innu-



Satriano Liberace

psychic drugs and Satriano's alleged sex parties with President John F. Kennedy are old news.

But who knew of Liberace's reputed fondness for gambling? The file on Wladziu Valentino Liberace reports that the rhinestone-worshipping Las Vegas entertainer was betting with a bookie in blue-collar Buffalo for years.

Celebrities and criminals, rock stars and mob stars, ath-

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More obese seniors are choosing gastric-bypass

The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — With 360 pounds hanging on his 5-foot-7 frame, Robert Straiff was in sad shape.

He had heart problems, poor circulation, wasted knees and sleep apnea that kept him awake most nights. Miserable at age 69, he knew he wasn't long for the world unless he did something drastic. And soon.

So in February 2002, the Colonial Heights, Va., resident had gastric-bypass surgery to lose weight, with Medicare picking up the cost. Because he couldn't eat as much, the weight dropped off faster than he could believe. Exercising got easier.

Now the retired Army colonel who flew helicopters in Vietnam is down to a svelte 170 pounds and swims a mile in the pool four or five times a week to keep fit. It's since had a heart bypass surgery and a knee rebuilt. All the other medical problems disappeared with the pounds.

"I knew I was not going to make it if I didn't have that done," Straiff, now 73, said of the weight-loss surgery. "My health was on a toboggan anyway, and it would have gone down hill quicker. I wouldn't have lived."

Medical advancements are helping Americans live longer, but a fast-food culture and sedentary lifestyles are making us fatter than ever. People who are morbidly obese — at least 100 pounds overweight — are increasingly opting for some form of gastric bypass surgery as a last resort.

Cutting your hunger

Gastric bypass surgery is effective for helping patients achieve significant weight loss. The Roux-en-Y procedure is one of several variations of the surgery.

Procedure

Reduce stomach size
The stomach is divided with staples into a small, upper part (in which food will be held) and a large, lower part.

Curtail calorie absorption
A portion of the small intestine is bypassed, so that food bypasses the large, lower part.

That includes seniors like Straiff who are seeking to improve their health and quality of life for the years they have left.

Recent research suggests seniors can benefit from weight-loss surgery as much as younger people and maybe more. One study from Columbia University's Center for Obesity Surgery in New York, found that patients who got the same benefits from the surgery and had a comparable rate of postoperative complications.

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NATION

A RACE AGAINST TIME

Engineers rush to patch levees as hurricane approaches

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The Army Corps of Engineers raced to patch New Orleans' fractured levee system Tuesday and residents were forced to decide yet again whether to stay or go as a new, rapidly strengthening hurricane threatened to flood the city anew.

"First it was come back, then it was go," said Karen Torre, who returned to her home Tuesday to haul away debris and clean rotted food from her refrigerator before leaving again. "We're just trying to do what they tell us and get a few things done in between."

The new threat was Hurricane Rita, which strengthened into a 105-mph Category 2 storm as it barreled past the Florida Keys into the Gulf of Mexico.

Forecasters said the storm could strengthen to a 131-mph-plus Category 4 and hit Texas by the end of the week. But a slight uptick in the night was possible, and engineers warned that even a glancing blow to New Orleans and as little as 6 inches of rain could swamp the city's levees.

"The protection is very tenuous at best," said Dave Wurtzel, the Army Corps official responsible for repairing the 17th Street Canal levee, whose huge breach during Katrina caused the Louisiana coast to be prepared to get out. The federal government's top official in the city, Coast Guard Vice Adm. Thad Allen, said the preparations in and around New Orleans included 500 buses for evacuation, and enough water and military meals for 500,000 people.

"We are praying that the hurricane dissipates or that it weakens," said Blanco, who declared a state of emergency. "This state can barely stand what happened to it."

In anticipation of another hurricane, the Corps drove a massive metal barrier across the 17th Street Canal to prevent a storm surge from Lake Pontchartrain from swamping



Work continues on the 17th Street Canal on Tuesday in New Orleans. Hurricane Katrina caused the breach that contributed to flooding the city. The breach in the levee is still a major concern due to the approach of Hurricane Rita.

New Orleans again. Although engineers have left a large opening in the wall to allow floodwater to continue to be pumped back into the lake, it will have to be closed quickly if Rita or another storm threatens.

Government engineers and private contractors also worked around the clock across New Orleans to repair the damage to the system of pumps, canals and levees, earthen berms and canals that protect the below-sea-level city.

In addition, the Corps had 800 giant sandbags weighing 6,000 to 15,000 pounds on hand just in case, and ordered 2,500 more to shore up low spots and plug any new breaches. It was also putting pumps and other materials where they might be needed.

"If New Orleans was directly affected by a Category 1, I would be concerned — I would pull my people out," said David Perza, the top geo-technical engineer for the Army Corps. "These levees are greatly compromised."

Rita's threat to the levees already forced the mayor to suspend the phased reopening of the city and order a new round of evacuations. In some areas where bars, restaurants and shops were opening their doors for the first time since Hurricane Katrina, people were boarding up windows and getting ready to leave town again.

"I'm worried about getting more rain," Frank Willis said as he packed up to leave his 150-year-old Creole cottage in uptown New Orleans. "The ground's saturated, and a lot of the storm drains are clogged up with garbage. If we get much at all, I think you'll see flooding where you never saw it before."

Even residents who have already been evacuated once faced the prospect of being uprooted again. At the Cajun Dome in Lafayette, emergency officials arranged to take the 1,000 refugees from the New Orleans area out on buses if Rita tracks north.

"Nobody here even wants to hear the word 'hurricane' right now," said Caidette Rags, who has not been back to her home

on Plaquemines Parish, south of New Orleans, since Katrina and has already enrolled her children, ages 11 and 7, in a Lafayette-area school.

The call for another evacuation of New Orleans came after repeated warnings from top federal officials, including President Bush, that the city was not yet safe because of the lack of full electricity, drinkable water and 911 emergency service.

Nagin ordered residents who had slipped back into still-closed parts of the city to leave immediately. He also urged everyone already settled back into Algiers, the only neighborhood now open to returning residents, to be ready to evacuate as early as Wednesday.

Nagin said two busloads of evacuees left from a staging area at the convention center Tuesday afternoon. He estimated that 400 to 500 residents were left in the city. The city decided to allow people to continue cleanup until dusk Tuesday and will start to re-enforce the evacuation order Wednesday, he said.

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Poll: Storm dents Bush's approval

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hurricane Katrina and the bungled government response have weakened President Bush's rating, raising questions among Americans about his Iraq and Gulf Coast spending plans and spreading fears among fellow Republicans that his troubles could be contagious.

An AP-Ipsos poll shows a sharp increase in the percentage of people concerned about the economy since the storm. Less than half approve of Bush's handling of Katrina. Less than a third give him good marks on gas prices.

As many Republicans fear, the survey shows signs of conflict between Bush's top two priorities: the Iraq war and post-Katrina recovery.

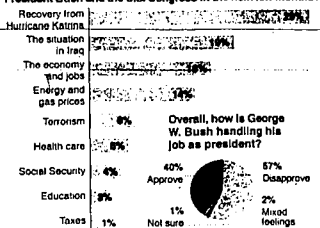
Given a choice in the survey, 42 percent favored cutting spending on Iraq to pay for relief efforts on the Gulf Coast, and 29 percent wanted to delay or cancel Republican tax cuts. That's a whopping 71 percent backing options that Bush doesn't even have on the table.

Two-thirds said the president was spending too much in Iraq, just as many were concerned the money was not being spent wisely. A variety of polls suggest voters expected the president to act more quickly in the aftermath of Katrina. He's no longer considered a strong decision leader by many voters, a reversal from the 2004 presidential campaign when the wartime incumbent successfully cast himself in those terms.

Rising tide of doubt among Americans

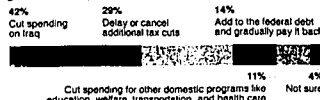
President Bush's job approval ratings remain near the lowest point of his presidency, hampered by public doubts about his handling of Hurricane Katrina and the war in Iraq.

Which of these issues should be the highest priority for President Bush and the U.S. Congress in the next few months?



NOTE: When "Recovery from Hurricane Katrina" is not included in the question, "The economy and job" category becomes the top priority.

Which of the following do you think is the best way for government to pay for the relief effort for Hurricane Katrina?



The poll of 1,000 adults was taken Sept. 16-18 and has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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NATION/WORLD

U.S. military deaths in Iraq top 1,900; British, Iraqis feud over rescue

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The war in Iraq passed a sobering milestone Tuesday when U.S. officials reported 12 more Americans were killed — eight of them members of the armed forces, raising to more than 1,900 the number of U.S. service members who have died in the country since the invasion.

A Diplomatic Security agent attached to the U.S. State Department and three private American security guards were killed when their convoy was hit by a suicide car bomber Monday in the northern city of Mosul, the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad said. The four were attached to the U.S. Embassy's regional office in Mosul.

The announcements came as British and Iraqi officials issued stinging charges and counter-claims about the storming of a Basra jail by the two British soldiers who had been arrested by Basra police. During the raid, British forces learned that Shiite Muslim militiamen and police had just moved the two men to a nearby house. The British then stormed that house and rescued the men.

British Defense Secretary John Reid said his forces in the southern city were "absolutely right" to act. But a spokesman for Iraqi Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari said the operation was "very unfortunate."

Britain's Foreign Office later released a statement it said was from al-Jaafari's office, insisting there is no crisis in relations between the two countries.

"In response to recent events in Basra, the Iraqi government wants to clarify that there is no 'crisis' — as some media have claimed — between it and the British government," said the statement from al-Jaafari's office, according to the Foreign Office. "Both governments are in close contact, and an inquiry will be conducted by the Iraqi Ministry of the Interior into the incident."

The latest American deaths, which raised the overall toll to 1,907, included a soldier from the 10th Military Police Brigade killed in a roadside bombing 75 miles north of the capital Tuesday, the military said.

Four soldiers attached to the

Marines died Monday in two roadside bombings near the insurgent stronghold of Ramadi, 70 miles west of Baghdad. They were attached to the 2nd Marine Division, 11 Marine Expeditionary Force.

Three soldiers died Friday but their deaths weren't announced until Tuesday, Sgt. Matthew L. Deckard, 29, of Elizabethtown, Ky., killed when a bomb went off near his tank during patrol operations; and Army Spc. David H. Ford IV, 20, of Ironton, Ohio,

and Army 1st Sgt. Alan N. Gifford, 39, of Tulsa, Okla., killed when an explosive detonated near their tank in Baghdad.

Before the eight military deaths were announced, a Pentagon count said 1,479 U.S. service members had died in hostile action in Iraq since the start of the war in March 2003. The toll includes five military civilians and excludes American service members who died from other causes.

Names of the victims were

not released in Baghdad, but Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, in a statement issued in New York, identified the Diplomatic Security officer as Stephen Eric Sullivan. His age and address were not given.

"Steve's death is a tragic loss for all of us at the Department of State. Our thoughts and prayers are with Steve's family. We grieve with them in their loss and stand with them at this difficult time," the Rice statement said. A new poll showed dwindling

support among Americans for President Bush's handling of Iraq. Two-thirds in an AP-Ipsos survey said the United States was spending too much in Iraq, and just as many felt the money was not being spent wisely. The poll had a 3 percentage point margin of error.

While about 135,000 U.S. troops operate throughout Iraq, the 8,500 British forces are headquartered in the Basra region, in the country's far south. A day after British armored

vehicles stormed the jail in Basra to free two commandos, Mowaffak al-Rubale, a Shiite who serves as Iraq's national security adviser, said the operation was "a violation of Iraqi sovereignty."

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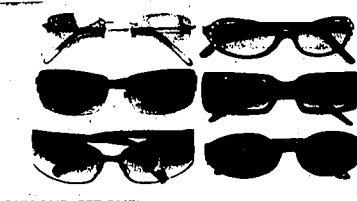
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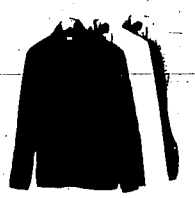


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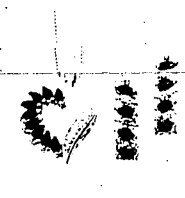


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Afghan leader calls for foreign operations to leave country

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — President Hamid Karzai on Tuesday challenged the need for major foreign military operations in Afghanistan, saying airstrikes are no longer effective and that U.S.-led coalition forces should focus on rooting out terror bases and support networks.

His call for a new approach to tackling militants came despite the fiercest fighting in Afghanistan since U.S.-led forces invaded in late 2001, with more than 1,200 people killed in the six months leading up to Sunday's historic legislative elections.

Karzai demanded an immediate end to foreign troops searching people's homes without his government's authorization. He also said foreign governments should "concentrate on where terrorists are trained, on their bases, on the money coming to them" — a veiled reference to support that militants allegedly get from neighboring Pakistan.

Afghan officials have repeatedly accused Pakistan of aiding Taliban rebels and other militants in a charge Islamabad vehemently denies.

"I don't think there is a big need for military activity in Afghanistan anymore," Karzai told reporters. "The nature of the war on terrorism in Afghanistan has changed now."

"No coalition forces should go to Afghan homes without the authorization of the Afghan government... The use of air power is something that may not be very effective now... That's what I mean by a change in strategy."

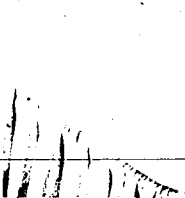
It was the second time Karzai has publicly challenged the U.S.-led coalition. In May, before a trip to Washington, he demanded more authority over the operations of the Afghan government. In June, he said the coalition here, but President Bush said they would remain under American control. In addition to the coalition troops, there are 11,000 NATO peacekeepers in Afghanistan.



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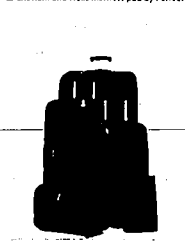
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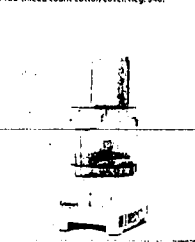
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NATION

Reid says he'll vote against Roberts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid announced his opposition to Chief Justice-nominee John Roberts on Tuesday, voicing doubts about Roberts' commitment to civil rights and accusing the Bush administration of stonewalling requests for documents that might shed light on his views.

At the same time, two other Democrats edged toward expressions of support for Roberts, and Reid signaled he would not support any effort by the hard-core critics in his own rank-and-file to block a vote on the nomination.

"I have reluctantly concluded that this nominee has not satisfied the high burden that would justify my voting for his confirmation based on the current



Reid

tactics to block the nomination," Reid said. Taken together, the developments indicate Roberts remains on course for confirmation next week to succeed the late William H. Rehnquist and become the nation's 17th chief justice — but may draw significant Democratic opposition.

Reid had successfully urged

record," the Nevada Democrat said on the Senate floor. "The question is close, and the arguments against him do not warrant extraordinary procedural tactics to block the nomination," Reid said.

Within minutes, other Democrats had begun to signal their intentions. "I've not seen anything that would cause me to vote against" Roberts, said Ben Nelson, who represents Republican Nebraska and often crosses party lines to support President Bush's legislative proposals.

"I'm inclined to vote for Roberts unless something else comes up," said Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont. "It's a close call."

Reid said much the same about the narrowness of the decision in remarks that nonetheless voiced women's groups and civil rights organizations that had feared he would support Roberts.

"This is a very close question for me. But I must resolve my doubts in favor of the American people whose rights would be in jeopardy if John Roberts turned out to be the wrong person for the job," he said.

Referring to publicly released memos that date to Roberts' tenure as a Reagan administration lawyer, Reid said they showed the young attorney "played a significant role in shaping and advancing the Republican agenda to roll back civil rights protections."

Union official: Engineer in derailment saw all clear signals

CHICAGO (AP) — The engineer of a commuter train that derailed, killing two passengers, told investigators that he continued traveling at nearly 70 mph because he saw no signals indicating he was supposed to switch tracks, a union official said Tuesday.

"He said that he saw all clear signals, and that would have allowed him to operate at maximum track speed of 70 mph," said Rick Radek, a vice president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen. "That's what he was doing."

The train was traveling at 69 mph but federal officials said it should have been going no faster than 10 mph when it switched tracks and derailed about 5 miles south of downtown Chicago on Saturday. Besides the two dead, 80 passengers were injured.

National Transportation Safety Board officials have said the signals appeared to have been working properly, which should have prompted the engineer to slow as he approached the crossover.

Medical research adds up

Study: \$95 billion is spent each year

CHICAGO (AP) — Total U.S. spending on medical research has doubled in the past decade to nearly \$95 billion, although whether the money is being well-spent needs much better scrutiny, a study has found.

The report in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association comes amid heightened public attention to medical research because of liability lawsuits over the painkiller Vioxx, political debate over stem cell research and the untapped potential of curing or preventing disease through mapping the human genome.

"If we're soon going to be spending \$100 billion a year, we'd better have treatments that work over a long period of time against diseases that are important today and will be more important tomorrow," said Dr. Hamilton Moses III, co-author of the study and chairman of the Alerion Institute, which conducts studies on research policy.

"If we don't know those conditions are satisfied, we can't judge whether we're getting our money's worth," he said. The study is part of a special issue of JAMA devoted to the state of U.S. medical research. What emerges from the issue is a picture of an amorphous, mostly profit-driven system, where industry research focuses on existing drugs and lets discovery-stage research lag behind.

The authors call on the medical industry, government and foundations to do better at investing in research on diseases with fewer effective treatments, such as Alzheimer's and at translating basic research into new treatments and cures.

The authors have ties to the industry, medical schools and health companies, doing consulting work and sitting on drug company boards, according to financial disclosures published with the study.

The imbalance between late-stage and early-stage research is growing, the authors wrote, and is due partly to lengthy clinical trials required for new drug approval and partly to pure marketing. Companies often run costly studies to show their drugs work better than competitors' drugs.

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EDITORIAL

Felony case still hovers over BSU football player

If you're a true Boise State University football fan, watching tonight's game on national TV should be hard. Even if the Broncos win, they may lose some public credibility.

Boise State's decision to allow senior safety Cam Hall on the playing field is embarrassing to the school and a detracting element to the team's promising season.

Hall was a key participant in a road rage accident last May that killed a family of three. In spite of Ada County prosecutors' decision to reduce three felonies to misdemeanors, Hall still faces felony and misdemeanor charges for racing at speeds of 100 mph on Idaho Highway 55 and leaving the scene of the accident.

But just days after three key charges were dropped, the school approved Hall's request to go back on the active roster. Hall had previously committed not to play until his case was resolved. Now his case won't be heard until February.

The decision sends the wrong message about accountability, and gives more ammunition to those who say college athletes enjoy coddled treatment.

Hall and another driver, Mark Lazinka, were both charged with three counts of felony vehicular manslaughter for the accident that killed Tony Perfect, his wife Stephanie, and their 5-week-old daughter on May 7. Hall's Ford Mustang narrowly missed Perfect's car.

Perfect was driving east on Highway 55, and Hall was driving west. Hall's car was in the intersection, and he slammed the family's truck.

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tion wagon and killing all three passengers. Police reported that Hall continued driving and went to work. He called police hours later after he first spoke to BSU coach Dan Hawkins. Hall contends that he did stop after the wreck. Prosecutors dropped the manslaughter charges against Hall on Sept. 19 for unspecified reasons.

Forensic reports showed Lazinka was legally drunk, and also showed Tony Perfect had amounts of methamphetamine in his system.

But Hall still faces a felony charge of leaving the scene of an accident, and a misdemeanor charge of racing.

State Board of Education rules say any student guilty of a felony cannot keep a scholarship. The BSU Student Conduct Committee voted to suspend Hall for the three felonies, even though he practiced with the team all summer.

So in essence, Hall's official punishment has been a two-game suspension. Hall, who has not been convicted, should be able to continue his education until proven guilty. But as a fifth-year senior, he can now capitalize on a final year of Division I football privileges, before any possible criminal penalties come down.

Many in the Boise community will wince seeing Hall back in the limelight of college football, when a family has died in part because of his actions.

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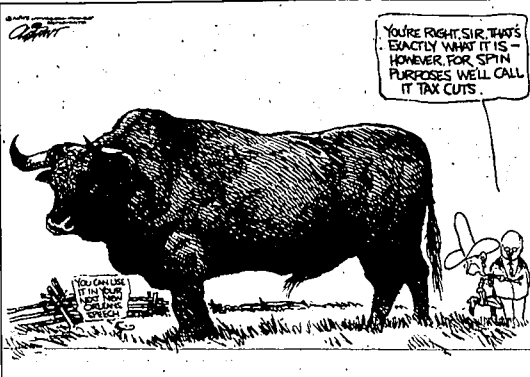
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Ill wind blows no good for Bush

Have you heard the joke about the long-married couple, both 60 years old, who celebrated their anniversary with a bottle of bubbly?

One proposes a grateful genie, who promises each spouse one wish for \$100 million. The pragmatic wife asked for two cruise tickets around the world. Granted. The tickets suddenly appear in her hand.

At his turn, the idiotic husband asked for a wife thirty years younger than he is. Granted! The genie instantly makes him 90 years old.

The moral here is that solutions to problems do not stand alone simply because they close an issue; there are good solutions and bad ones. And there is a lesson in this for President Bush.

Alas, he is picking bad solutions to fix the damage from Hurricane Katrina, unprepared to do what is necessary for recovery and stuck in a narrow ideological rut that Americans aren't buying.

The president's approval ratings actually declined after his televised speech Thursday in New Orleans in which he attempted to emphasize his intention to help the devastated Gulf Coast rebuild.

The problem is that he specifically promised to do didn't match his visionary rhetoric about a reconstruction of historic proportions. "We have a duty to confront this poverty with bold action," Bush intoned.

But he had no bold action to propose. Significantly, he did not venture into the touchy subject of how he meant to pay for the region's recovery. The obvious thing would be to delay his planned \$70 billion in tax cuts for the profitable play-

things of the rich, such as dividends and other investments. Not mentioned. Nor did he suggest that repealing the estate tax, a favorite White House cause, is no longer a viable idea.

He said nothing about abandoning his push for federal spending cuts in programs that could help hurricane victims, such as Medicaid, food stamps and student loans. He didn't drop his nutty scheme to privatize Social Security, which could jeopardize the future of elderly retirees.

Instead he stressed a goal of giving displaced students federal vouchers to attend private schools, losing a political cause of the religious right. Such vouchers have been stalled in Congress because of fears they would be a drain on strained public school resources.

He called on charitable and religious groups to carry a big share of the burden of recovery. He peddled more tax cuts, for business zones. But he did not talk about the towering interest payments on the \$280-billion Katrina money we will have to borrow from foreign governments. Estimates put them as high as \$10 billion annually.

But the voters watching his performance were not deluded. The president is wallowing in a puddle of indecision. The familiar public relations stunts aren't working.

His credibility has been draining away since the mistakes of the Iraq war. Katrina is simply the last straw.

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Gallop poll, a majority of those surveyed say for the first time that Bush isn't a strong and decisive leader. The White House mouthpieces always say they don't pay attention to the polls, but of course they do. They would be stupid not to keep tabs on the public mood.

Bush's overall disapproval rating is at 58 percent, a new high. Sen. John Kerry must be kicking himself about the timing — why didn't this happen last September, before the election?

The poll also had a message for Bush: 54 percent say the best way to pay for hurricane relief is by cutting spending for the Iraq war. This reflects growing anxiety about the war: 63 percent also say some or all of the U.S. troops there should be sent home.

Only 6 percent favor cutting domestic programs, the course Bush would prefer. And 17 percent would OK raising taxes, despite the fact Bush believes taxes are the bane of American life.

This picture is further complicated by the fact that overwhelming majorities want an independent probe of the hurricane mishandling. The president insists on investigating his administration's role — no surprise how that will turn out. Hokey federal efforts, too local Democratic officials.

The Republicans in Congress want to do their own investigation, too. But since they exercise full control on Capitol Hill, we can predict that outcome, too. Perhaps it will soon dawn on the voters that one-party government is a very bad idea.

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LETTER

The wisdom of youth is being lost in a bottle

comment on your Dalai Lama report.

You quote him as saying, "A peaceful new century could reign if the young choose so the responsibility lies on these young people," pointing to the audience.

If his holiness was at the University of Iowa in Des Moines, he would be changing an audience that is 69 percent dysfunctional, along with the young all over the United States who are binge drinkers and who don't seem to have concerns for anything beyond the next series of drinks. These victims of the "get wasted" philosophy are destroying their employable future and have no sense of self-value and patriotism.

This is not a hard judgment for it comes from alcoholism treatment that tells us "there is no love in an alcoholic home." Obviously, if you don't love your family, you don't have any concern for your country.

As a people, we tolerate 17,000 deaths a year from drunk drivers. They are alcohol and gasoline at the same retail outlets. Our concern for our fellowman ranks well behind our need for access to our drug.

We castigate our president for the casualties in Iraq but we pay almost no attention to the 1,700 dead students on campus from alcohol, as reported by Time on April 4 — a figure in excess of the total casualties in Iraq at that time.

Maybe it is our lack of concern that motivates youthful self-destructive behavior. They are themselves at risk for parental attention and when they are ignored, they ramp up the behavior.

The drug of choice is alcohol, expensive to purchase and equally destructive when stolen. It is the poorest purchase they can make, for there is no positive value in consumption.

Alcohol is a depressant drug that attacks every system in the one and only body they will ever get.

The more they use, the more stupid they become and their decisions more lethal.

The anesthetic impact reduces the excitement of sex and they miss that on their sedative trip about oblivion. They awake and tell about the "fun" they had and can't remember and their mouth tastes like the bottom of a zookeeper's shoe that validates that they had "fun."

Why there is no universal motivation for intervention speaks ill of us as a people.

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LETTER

Hurricane Katrina relief makes a flood of water

Not another pen, y will come out of my wallet for hurricane relief. It's closed tight.

Did you know, a second flood hit New Orleans the other day? It will do more damage than the first. They suffered from wind and water. Now they are being drowned with money — the billion worth of additional national debt (funded largely by loans from communist China).

This is money flooding the South from when it perhaps the worst outpouring of soggy-minded false compassion ever to rain down from the skies about DC.

The vote was 508 to 10. The bill, barely 24 hours old, was neither debated nor thought through. There was virtually no discussion, let alone debate. Almost before it had taken its first breath, it was signed into law.

This feel-good hurricane which drowned our national legislators' sense of reason and proportion left only 10 brave souls standing in the gap. Thank you, 10, for not caving in.

Stop a minute and think. There are tens of billions in insurance money, billions in foreign aid, billions raised by the thousands of thousands of charity drives just getting up steam. Additional billions in corporate savings assets are being diverted to rebuild their own infrastructures. Collectively, we are throwing hundreds of billions at this A family of four could inherit a hypothetical whirlwind windfall of more than \$400,000.

In time, even more people will settle in those hurricane-prone areas, migrating down the mythical turtle trails of \$52 billion in easy money. The kinds of waste that will go on will make Halliburton look like small potatoes.

But the worst result will be additional hordes of ungrateful people who once again will have degraded the bullet of personal responsibility.

A final image: We are as a dysfunctional family. Dad (played by God) says: I'll be there for you and when you need help, Mom, the enabler (played by the federal government) says: I'll be there for you giving you whatever you need, want and more. The siblings (played by charities, individuals and corporations) say: We'll all chip in what we can. Mom ignores Dad's sad advice. The sick kid (now injected with massive amounts of drugs and antibiotics) fails to build up his own immunity to hurricanes and ultimately gets even sicker.

Thank you, I won't be party to it no matter how good it might make me feel. My wallet is closed.

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On the set: Lights, cameras, and inaction

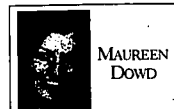
The president, as he fondly recalled the other day, was not a well-known actor. New Orleans. Not any more.

On Thursday night, Bush wanted to appear casually in charge as he waged his own battle of New Orleans in Jackson Square. Instead, he looked as if he'd been dropped off by his folks in front of an eerie, blue-hued castle at Disney World. (Must be Bleeding Beauty's Castle, given the somnolent pace of W's response to Katrina.)

All Andrew Jackson's horses and all the boy King's men could not put Humpty Dumpty together again. His gladiatorial walk across the darkened greenward, past a Louisiana Cathedral bathed in moon glow from White House klieg lights, just seemed to intensify the sense of an isolated, out-of-touch president.

Alone, surrounded by symbols as his disastrous disaster agency continues to fail.

In a ruined city — still largely without power, stinking with piles of garbage and still 40 percent submerged; where people are foraging in the miasma and muck for food, corpses and the sentimental detritus of their lives; and where unbearably sad stories continue to spill out about hordes of vacuums who lost their homes and patients who died in hospitals without either electricity or rescuers — isn't it rather tasteless, not to mention a waste of energy, to haul in White House generators just to give the president



MAUREEN DOWD

burnished skin tone and a prettified background?

The slick White House TV production team was trying to salvage W's "High Noon" snap with some snazzy Hollywood-style lighting — the same Reaganesque stagecraft they had provided when W made a prime-time television address from Ellis Island on the first anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. On that occasion, Scott Forzetta, a former ABC producer, and Bob DeSeri, a former NBC cameraman and a light expert, rented three barges of giant Mosday Lights, the kind used for "Monday Night Football" and Rolling Stones concerts. Boated them across New York Harbor and illuminated the Statue of Liberty as a backdrop for Bush.

Before the presidential address, DeSeri was surveying his handiwork in Jackson Square, crowding to reporters about his cathedral. "Oh, it's heated up. It's going to print like a picture."

As Elisabeth Bumiller, the White House reporter for The New York Times, noted in a pool report, the image wizards had put up a large swath of New York camouflage netting, held in place by bags of rocks

and strung on poles, to hide the president from the deserted and desolate streets of the French Quarter ghost town.

The president is still looking for a dry spot of unreality in New Orleans — and in Iraq, where a violent rampage has spiked the three-day death tally to over 200.

The Oedipal pop-de-loop of W and Poppy grows ever looper.

With Karl Rove's help, just as he designed his presidency as a reverse of his father's, W would succeed by being

Dad's failures and doing the opposite. But in a bizarre twist of filial fate, the son has stumbled so badly in Iraq that he's tried to one-up Dad that he has ended up giving Dad a leg up in the history books.

As Mark Twain said: "When I was boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years."

Of course, it's taken Junior only five years to learn how smart his old man was.

His father made the "mistake" of not conquering and occupying Iraq because he

had the silly idea that Iraqis would resent it. His father made the "mistake" of raising taxes, not cutting them, and, owing to squabbling about the federal deficit, And his father made the "mistake" of leaving to the center, making his base mad and losing his bid for re-election.

Bush père did make a real mistake in response to Hurricane Andrew in 1992, but that blunder has been dwarfed by what the slothful son hath wrought. Because of his father's error.

In his address from the French Quarter, the president sounded like such a spendthrift bleeding heart that he is terrifying the right more than his father ever did.

Read my lips: By the time all this is over, people will be saying that Poppy was the true conservative in the family.

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OPINION

I'm ready to rebuild with the president

DONNA BRAZILE

New Orleans is my hometown. It is the place where I grew up, where my family still lives. For me, it is a place of comfort and memories. It is home.

Now my home needs your help, and the help of every American. Much of my city is still underwater. Its historical buildings have been wrecked, its famous streets turned to rivers and, worst of all, so many of its wonderful people—including members of my own family and my neighbors—have lost everything.

On Thursday night President Bush spoke to the nation from my city. I am not a Republican, I did not vote for George W. Bush. In fact, I worked pretty hard against him in 2000 and 2004. But on Thursday night, after watching him speak from the heart, I could not have been prouder of the president and the plan he outlined to empower those who lost everything and to rebuild the Gulf Coast.

Bush called on every American to stand up and support the rebuilding of the region. He told us that New Orleans and the entire Gulf Coast would be the ruins stronger than before. He enunciated something that

we all need to remember: This is America. We are not immune to tragedy here, but we are strong because of our industriousness, our ingenuity and, most important, because of our compassion for one another. We are a nation of rebuilders and a nation of givers. We do not give up in the face of tragedy, we stand up, and we reach out to help those who cannot stand up on their own.

The president called on every American to reach out to my neighbors in New Orleans and throughout the Gulf Coast. The great people of this country have already opened their hearts in the immediate aftermath of the storm, and their tremendous generosity has done more than just provide extra comfort—it has saved lives. Now the crisis of survival is over. But the task of rebuilding remains, and the president made it clear that every single one of us has a role to play.

Each of us belongs to someone—a church, a union or a fraternal organization, or even a book club—that can make a

difference. It is those groups that can pool resources and then reach out to their counterparts in the stricken states and ask, "What can we do?" Schools, Girl Scout troops, Rotary clubs—this is the time for every community group to step forward to lend a helping hand. We need it.

The president also laid out the federal government's goal for rebuilding. It is unprecedented in its scope and ambition, matching destruction that is unprecedented as well. He made the challenge clear: This will be one of the biggest reconstruction projects in history. But he also made it clear that we can and will do this. New Orleans, Biloxi, all of the Gulf Coast will rise again. And the residents are ready to pitch in and do their part.

I know, maybe better than anyone, that there are times when it seems that our nation is too divided ever to heal. There are times when we feel so different from each other that we can hardly believe that we are all part of the same family. But we are one nation. We are a family. And this is what we do. When the president asked us to pitch in on Thursday night, he wasn't re-

ally asking us to do anything spectacular. He was asking us to be Americans, and to do what Americans always do.

The president has set a national goal and defined a national purpose. This is something I believe with all my heart: When we are united, nothing can stop us. We will not waver, we will not tire, and we will not stop until the streets are clean, every last brick has been replaced and every last family has its home back.

Bush talked about how we bury our family and friends. We grieve and mourn. We march to a solemn song and then we rejoice and step out and form the second line. That line is now open to every American to join in rebuilding a great region of this country. New Orleans will rise again. My hometown is down but not out, and with the help of every American, it will be back on its feet, bigger and brighter than ever.

Mr. President, I am ready for duty. I am ready to stir those old pots again. Let's roll up our sleeves and get to work.

Donna Brazile managed Al Gore's 2000 presidential campaign.

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LETTERS

Bush is not the only one to blame for Katrina

Well of course Bush should share some small part of the blame for the malfunctions at New Orleans. But why a minuscule portion inasmuch as the lion's share of the blame has accrued bit by bit every year since Kingfish Huey Long ruled and used all public funds, setting the precedent for all ensuing administrations to live high on the hog on public funds, the safety of the citizenry be damned! Just while waiting six weeks for an ocean liner to depart to transport me and my family to the Republic of Honduras for duty with the U.S. Air Force military mission duty in the summer of 1950, our sightseeing included thoroughly scouting the levees supporting the superficial blume called the channel for cargo hauling ships.

As an Idaho boy, well-experienced in irrigation and water control, I was appalled at what I sensed was sure to happen at sometime in the future. It was not a matter of what would happen, when it would happen and the knowledge of the dire circumstances when that time in the future would be a disastrous day on earth.

So much for the so-called military, industrial and government so-called experts! At this juncture, only a biased person with an ax to grind would blame any living person or existing entity for the scandal that is now a reality.

It can be attributed only to perpetual human error. Period. With a dash of gross irresponsibility by all city and state officials in the area.

L.S. "TIP" TIPPETT
Twin Falls

Commissioners goof with benefits, hospital

Once again, the Twin Falls County commissioners have spent the taxpayers' hard-earned dollars on generous raises for themselves, along with

a lucrative insurance package. The Twin Falls County commissioners are supposed to spend our tax dollars wisely but don't seem to have their priorities in order. I don't begrudge the sheriff's office or other county employees getting raises, but they also need better insurance benefits to go along with their cost of living raise.

The Twin Falls County commissioners have cost the taxpayers thousands of dollars to bring in an outside company to evaluate the feasibility of a merger with St. Luke's. Knowledgeable people right here in our own community could have given the commissioners all the information needed to complete the transaction. The commissioners need to be reminded that they are also employed by Twin Falls County.

Twin Falls County has experienced rapid growth in the past few years and has been overwhelmed with many problems that require more knowledge than our present commissioners have. The days of the good of boys commissioners is over and it is time to move forward and hire a county manager. Tom Mikessell made the statement that the raises they gave themselves was to ensure "qualified people" to run the county government. I wonder what qualifications Mr. Mikessell has?

The proposed merger of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center with St. Luke's is the right thing to do at this time and the majority of the doctors are behind the proposal. I feel that the doctors and medical staff of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center are much more qualified than the commissioners to decide what the needs of the community are. The opinion of the medical profession certainly should be considered.

I urge the commissioners to put this proposal on the ballot and let the Twin Falls County voters make the final decision.
BOB LANCASTER SR.
Twin Falls

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RIGHT TRACK, COMMISSIONERS

The Twin Falls Commissioners were right when they decided to seek more from the proposal to merge Magic Valley Regional Medical Center with St. Luke's. Its thoughtful analysis and evaluation on behalf of local residents was a giant step forward.

Now it's time to take the next step: accept other proposals. Multiple providers have suggested ways to meet the community's immediate and long-term healthcare needs. It's time to consider them all.

For more than a century, Magic Valley residents have valued the right to choose their local and regional specialty healthcare. They deserve an open, public decision-making process that considers any viable solutions to the community's long-term health needs. The community can't know it's getting the best solution unless all available options have been considered.

One option is not a choice. There could be something else out there that better meets the needs of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and the community it serves.

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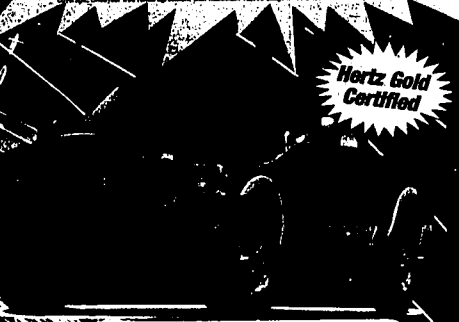



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I'm always around on Wednesday

I know you turned to the Magic Valley section this morning looking for news, but you got me instead.

Sorry, but effective today, "Don't Ask Me" goes Wednesdays as well as Sundays. So you're pretty much gonna have to get up a half-hour earlier, aren't you? I'm a little nervous about moving to a weekday, to tell you the truth. Sunday morning newspaper readers are a pretty mellows crowd. Wednesday readers — now that's a tough room.



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

Chiefly, I think, they're testy because it's not Friday. Or at least Thursday. And they're coming off Tuesday, which is a disreputable day.

Show me a man who is glad it's Wednesday, and I'll show you a lunatic.

But think of it this way: By occupying this column where the news-in-brief normally goes, I'm sparing you crime news, notices of weed board meetings and Magic Valley's Most Wanted. Granted, the picture that accompanies this column looks like a booking photo, but I haven't been in trouble with the law since Donny Brunson and I stole that outhouse on Halloween 1969.

So basically, I'm here to commiserate with your Wednesday morning blues. No, Wednesday is not fair. Yes, you deserve Friday. Now can I stay?

When I was growing up in Pocatello, Wednesday was garbage day. I'd put the trash cans out by the curb the night before, a pack of ravenous hounds would line it all over the neighborhood overnight, and then my mother would make me go pick it up the next morning.

One Wednesday I was following a trail of chicken bones down Wilson Avenue, collecting them as I went. The drumstick was the last bone I found, picking out of a big pile of feces.

When I went to pick it up, I found a flycatcher attached to the other end.

And that's the thing you have to understand about Wednesday: It often comes with strings attached, fine print, unintended consequences.

For example, the AMC Gremlin was introduced on a Wednesday, April 1, 1970. It ended up making the world safe for lime-green hatchbacks.

It was on Wednesday, Nov. 21, 1924, that Nabisco introduced the Ritz Cracker. Combined with Campbell's new Cream of Mushroom soup, introduced the same year, it made casseroles the staple of Wednesday night cuisine — inevitable.

And it was on Wednesday, June 4, 2003, that a federal grand jury indicted Martha Stewart on counts of securities fraud and obstructing their investigation into allegations of insider trading of shares of ImClone Systems Inc. Convicted of obstruction of justice and conspiracy, she served five months in federal prison, got out and created "The Apprentice: Martha Stewart," which NBC will broadcast — when else? — on Wednesdays.

It used to be the practice in southern Idaho for doctors to take Wednesdays off to play golf, which was problematic for women wishing to have a baby on that day. My cousin Donna gave birth to her first child on a Wednesday. She was in America, but her personal physician was at the Blue Lakes Country Club.

The baby was delivered at the hospital by a physician's assistant and a couple of nurses. The doctor showed up in time to check the infant's heartbeat and send him to the nursery — about, Donna figured, three minutes of wait.

When she got his bill — for several hundred dollars — she wrote the doctor a check, took a pair of scissors, cut about an inch and a half off the right end of the check and mailed that to him with this note:

"It's a boy! You should have been there."

May we all understand Wednesdays so well.

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Other cities may benefit from arsenic study

By Blail Koch
Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD — By Oct. 1, Castleford should know whether it was picked as a test site for a new method to remove arsenic from water.

The city's water contains 22 parts per billion of arsenic, more than double the 10 parts per billion limit that will be enforced by the Environmental Protection Agency next year. The current limit is 50 parts per billion.

According to the EPA, some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the standard over many years

Terminology

Absorption: Concentration of a substance on a surface. Different from absorption, in which one substance is soaked up by another.

Source: Wikipedia

could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

ADA Technologies of Colorado is developing an arsenic adsorbent material that lowers arsenic levels in the water by capturing the contaminant as it moves through the treatment system.

The company will be comparing their process with two other commercially available units.

The study is being paid for by the Air Force, which is dealing with high arsenic levels at many of its bases in the Southwest.

Castleford is one of three candidate sites.

On Monday, Josh Gesick, a research engineer with ADA Technologies, visited Castleford and said the town appeared to be a qualified site, although the company hasn't made a final decision yet.

"It looks like there will be

plenty of room in their pump house and enough site support to carry out the test," Gesick said.

He also explained that other study parameters such as water quality will be taken into consideration and there were "no red flags" found during his tour. Castleford residents pay \$26 per month for their water.

That is expected to rise to about \$51.

Estimates for just the arsenic treatment are \$20 per connection, per month.

"I am hoping that it is a really high estimate," said Don Acheson, an engineer with Riedel and Associates in Twin Falls. He

has been hired by the city to help resolve its water problems. Acheson said the data collected from the study might help other towns as well.

"Not only do we need this data," he said. "But other towns such as Buhl and Twin Falls do as well. They are facing the same problem with arsenic in their water."

Arsenic levels are between 14 and 18 parts per billion in Twin Falls and about 16 parts per billion in Buhl.

Blail Koch lives in Buhl. She can be reached by e-mail at blail20@hotmail.com or at 316-2607.

FRIENDS FROM AFAR



Jeanmie Devalle, right, is happy to play with Maya Ramirez and her brother Manuel on a cloudy Tuesday evening despite the chain-link fence that separates them.

Twin Falls man jailed in child-support case

By Terry Smith
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A Twin Falls man spent Monday night in jail for allegedly not paying child support.

"Authorities said Tuesday that arrests are uncommon, but offenders can face jail time if they continually ignore court orders."

"If you're in arrears on child support and not making payments, then you better be getting in touch with your case worker — and you better do it, soon," said Ross Mason, a spokesman for the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.

Carl Gene Knappe, 43, was arraigned on a contempt of court charge Tuesday in Twin Falls

County Magistrate's Court after being arrested the night before by Twin Falls police. According to court records, Knappe owes nearly \$15,000 in back child support and failed to appear for a court hearing in August.

"The Times-News was unable to contact Knappe on Tuesday. Exact figures were not available Tuesday, but Mason said Knappe is one of thousands of Idahoans behind on child support payments."

Arrests are uncommon, he said, but are one of the tools that authorities can use to force compliance.

"The state tries really hard to work out payment arrangements," he said. "But they also have to make a serious attempt to pay. We certainly avoid trying

to issue arrest warrants, and we certainly try to avoid throwing people in jail. That might be punishment for the guy, but it doesn't do much for the kids."

In Idaho, contempt of court for nonpayment of child support is punishable by a fine up to \$5,000 and jail time of up to 30 days. However, jail time can be extended if the offender has the ability to pay but still fails to do so.

Even more serious is a felony statute that prosecutors can impose. Under the "desertion and nonsupport of children or spouse" criminal statute, an offender can be imprisoned for up to 14 years.

"When they start ignoring their responsibilities entirely, that statute can kick into effect," Mason said. "And we will enforce it — we have in the past."

According to court records, Knappe is nearly \$15,000 in arrears in child support payments from a 1994 court order for monthly payments of \$203. Records said payment has not been made on the account since February 2004.

Knappe was released on his own recognizance Tuesday, but ordered to answer to a contempt of court charge at a hearing scheduled for Oct. 6.

"The man better pay attention now — it's getting serious," said Twin Falls attorney Mick Hodges, a special deputy prosecutor under contract with the Idaho Attorney General's Office.

"We had electricity in the kitchen, so we were able to get breakfast out, but many of them go back to sleep after breakfast anyway," Denton said. "Everything was quiet here."

Parole Board: Tallying the debt to society

By Marie Mischel
For The Times-News

DECLO — A Declo man holds the keys to freedom for prison inmates looking for an early out.

Mike Matthews is one of five people on the Idaho State Commission of Pardons and Parole, which hears state prison inmates' requests for paroles, pardons and sentence commutations.

The commission is "a sounding board for people who have broken society's laws," said Matthews, a retired Declo High School principal. "We decide if it's better to allow them out or better to keep them withdrawn from society."

When commissioners hear a parole plea, they look at the inmate's prison behavior record, the testimony of the hearing officer who has reviewed the case, psychological tests and the support system the person will have if released, from custody. Also considered is what programs, such as formal education or anger management, the prisoner has completed while behind bars.

"We look at their history. Where they are today and where they plan to be tomorrow," said Olivia Craven, the commission's executive director. "There are some who may

"You have to make hard decisions with kids, with teachers, and with parents."

"— Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Declo

never be paroled because of danger to public."

The file on an inmate could be "six to eight pages or a whole book," Matthews said.

At the hearing, commissioners read the file, ask questions of the inmate and any visitors present at the hearing, then deliberate and decide whether to grant parole.

"Is there a guarantee? No," Matthews said. "There isn't a handbook with this. You make a best guess: Is now the time, or is it a later time, or is it full term? It's just kind of — a gut feeling, and what they have done in prison to better themselves."

State Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Declo, recommended Matthews for the commission. Darrington said Matthews' ex-

perience as a principal prepared him well.

"You have to make hard decisions with kids, with teachers, and with parents," Darrington said. "The difference is that in school it's mostly good, but on the parole board you are dealing with the underside of life for the most part. (Matthews) has the innate ability to look at these people and talk to them and sort out what's good and what's bad."

Craven also said Matthews' education background is beneficial.

He has dealt with "with all kinds of people, with all kinds of backgrounds, people with problems, people without problems," he said. "He has great insight into drug and alcohol issues. One of the best things is his ability to talk to people."

He is able to get people to talk to him. His experience lets him cut to the meat of the problem rather than 'waste time with other issues.'"

For Matthews, the toughest cases are those that heavily affected the victims, such as murder, sex crimes or drug trafficking with children involved.

"Every day I try to make the right decision for people I represent," he said. "People don't realize 98 percent of (inmates)

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Power outage hits Burley area

By Renee Wells
For The Times-News

BURLEY — The east side of Burley was without power for more than two hours Tuesday morning due to a power failure at the Burley substation on North Hillard Avenue.

"We had about two-thirds of the city out of power for a while, but we have all but north Burley back on at this time," said Burley City Administrator Mark Milton around 10:30 a.m.

Officials aren't sure what caused the outage.

"Businesses made do the best they could without electricity on the east side of town, while the west side of Overland Avenue carried on business as usual."

At White Pine Intermediate School, where both power and water were out, the assistant principal used a battery-operated bullhorn to call the children in for class.

"We didn't have real great water pressure in the bathrooms, but they worked adequately for what use was needed and there are emergency lights in them, so we got along OK," Matt Seever said.

Devo's school has never but did not have water for nearly two hours. However, students were kept at the school and classes resumed while power came on, according to a school official.

At the Cassia County Sheriff's Department and the jail, emergency generators provided enough power.

Chief Center Dennis Dexter said most of the inmates just went to their bunks and slept or waited because the generator runs only basic electrical needs and not the televisions.

"We had electricity in the kitchen, so we were able to get breakfast out, but many of them go back to sleep after breakfast anyway," Denton said. "Everything was quiet here."

Buhl board ponders rewards for students in tougher classes

By Blail Koch
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — To protect their top 10 academic ranking, some Buhl students are opting out of honors and advanced-placement classes.

The practice troubles school administrators, and on Tuesday they talked about ways to change it.

"I have been contacted by a parent who won't allow their student to take advanced placement classes because it may lower their GPA," said board Chairman Ken McDonald.

During Tuesday night's meeting, the school board heard from Angela Hoops, a counselor at the high school, about academic trends among the top 10 students and ideas on how to get more students to take advanced classes.

According to Hoops, only 50 percent of the top 10 students took an Honors English course, 70 percent took the recommended two years of foreign language and 50 percent took chemistry. "Even fewer" took physics.

Hoops said several students did not rank in the top 10 because they took higher math and science courses as well as Honors English and lost rank to those who didn't take

such courses.

"It is important that students are taking the higher-level classes," she said. "Research has shown that students who take them are better prepared to graduate from college compared to those who don't."

Minico high school was cited as an example of a different approach. The school offers a tiered level of diplomas: standard, prep and honors. For students on the prep and honors track, more math and honors courses must be taken throughout senior year.

The board asked that Hoops and high school Principal Gary Moon present a plan at the April 2006 meeting that would get more students enrolled in the upper-level classes.

Three Jay Anderson pointed out two points the plan needs to consider.

"It needs to mean something to the student when he graduates and also mean something when he goes to college," he said.

In other news, the board approved a request from the Eighth Ward to obtain a state license to serve beer and wine. The center needed the board's approval because it is within 300 feet of the old middle school building and the football field.

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Jack R. Hall

BURLEY — Jack Richard Hall, an 86-year-old resident of Burley, died Monday, Sept. 19, 2005, at the Burley Care Center.

He was born July 15, 1919, in Fort Worth, Texas, the son of George Richard and Anna Irene McKelg Hall. Jack was raised in Los Angeles, Calif., where he attended school, completing his education at Manuel Arts High School. He married Gloria Rae Anderson on Nov. 19, 1943, in Las Vegas, Nev. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Mantle Utah LDS Temple. Jack and Gloria raised their family in the Los Angeles area. They later lived in Oregon, Washington, Arizona and Utah prior to moving to Burley.

Jack drove school bus, but for most of his life was a dental technician. He enjoyed working with his hands and was especially gifted in leather work and making jewelry. He



enjoyed camping, fishing and traveling. His family enjoyed the many trips he led them on throughout the western United States.

He was a Scout leader and shared his love of adventure and the outdoors, not only with his family but with many others as well.

Denise Reu Stewart Tucker (Deni)

FILED — Denise Tucker passed away Sept. 19, 2005, at her home in Filer after a short illness.

Deni was born Oct. 21, 1958, in Lancaster, Calif. Her family moved to Albion, Texas, and later settled in Santee.

Calif., where Deni graduated from Grossmont High School in 1978 and attended Grossmont College. Deni met her husband, Mike Tucker, while he was serving in the United States Navy stationed in San Diego, Calif. They were married June 1, 1996, in 1997. After their move to Everett, Wash., where their son, Jay, was born on June 20, 1997. Later, after her husband retired, the family settled in Filer where Deni devoted her time to raising their very special little boy. Deni was a member of the Filer First Baptist Church.



and Filer American Legion Auxiliary. She enjoyed sharing her love of stamping with her family and friends by making and giving cards for every occasion.

Deni is survived by her husband, Michael Tucker, and

Survivors include his wife, Gloria Tucker; four children: Judy (David) Stolorow of Cedar City, Utah, David Alan (Shannon) Hall of Albuquerque, N.M., Daniel Richard (Ruth) Hall of St. George, Utah, and Diana Hall and her husband, Steve Wizarde of Fergus Falls, Minn.; 22 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Raymond Hall; and one sister, Helen Cady.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, 2005, at the Burley 3rd and 7th Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2200 Oakley Ave., with Bishop Mark W. Fillmore officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

son, Jay, of Filer; a brother, Tom Stewart of Santee, Calif.; an Uncle Robert and Aunt Rosemary Reu of Arizona; an Aunt Helen Hird of San Diego; a niece, Ashley; several cousins and many special friends. Deni was preceded in death by her parents, Francis and Dorothy Stewart, and a brother, William.

The funeral will be conducted at 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, 2005, at White Mortuary Chapel by the Rev. Pat Gorman. Visitation will be from 4 until 8 p.m. Wednesday evening at the mortuary with the family greeting friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Interment will be at Sunset Memorial Park. The family suggests memorials be given to the Filer First Baptist Church, 254 Highway 30, Filer, ID 83328.

James G. Martin



HAGERMAN — James G. "Jim" Martin, Oakley Valley farmer, state legislator, Hagerman mayor, world traveler, father and friend has departed this Hagerman Valley to continue his explorations of the outer corners of the universe.

Born Nov. 25, 1923, to Joseph and Emeline Martin at Churchill, in the Oakley Valley, Jim was the 10th of Joe and Emma's 12 children and is survived by his brother and oftentimes partner, Max, who resides in Portland, Ore., and Ariz. Jim attended schools in Oakley until the 11th grade, at which time he was ordered to hop aboard his favorite little black horse, Coalie, by his father, Joe, and ride to the Slick ranch between Glens Ferry and Hammett to help his oldest brother on a farm there. He left there sometime later to work for the railroad on a section gang and was aspiring to become an engineer on the trains until someone revealed his age and he was told he was too young to continue. From there he traveled to Orofino, Idaho, and went about to work in a logging camp. At age 19, Jim left Orofino for Portland, Ore., where he joined the Merchant Marines and spent several years hauling supplies for the troops during World War II.

Upon his discharge, Jim returned to Jerome, bought a truck from Cole Reed at Reed Motor Co., procured a contract to haul sacks of potatoes (which he backed by hand) from Orson Downers potato fields to box cars. Jim's brother, Max, joined him after he finished his tour of duty with the Air Force, and this began a long partnership between them in farming. At this time, Jim met Elaine Lundquist while coming through town with a load of

spuds. He had stopped to allow her to cross a slash-filled street, and his gallant gesture impressed her enough that she sought him out to thank him, which began their short courtship and culminated with their marriage in January 1952.

Jim and Elaine moved to Hazelton, began farming and having children: Jamie (Kathy), and Stephanie. Martin, and Becky (Kenny) Harper. Jim ran for the Legislature and served several terms for Jerome County, and then after moving to Burley, served for Cassia County as well. He and Max broke desert ground in the Golden Valley where they farmed together for many years. After an illness forced him into early retirement, Jim and Elaine began their nomadic life, building homes in Ketchum, Sun Lakes and Arizona, and in Mazatlán, Mexico, all located on golf courses. He also began a partnership with his friend from Jerome, Cole Reed, and traveled to such exotic countries as Thailand and Egypt, where they marketed seed potatoes to the Prince of Thailand and other dignitaries.



Jim finally settled into the Hazelton Valley with his son, Tom, and daughter, Stephanie, where he became the major marketing force behind their Rose Creek Winery. He was also elected, recalled and elected again to the position of mayor of Hagerman, becoming known as one of the more tumultuous city officials in the valley. Jim loved to lecture about life and politics to his nine grandchildren: Shayne (Garrick) Olson; Anna, Katie and Whitney Martin; Mason (Suzanna), and Matt Harper; Leslie (Brian) Darrington; and Luke and Laine Martin. He would have remained to continue his lectures to his great-grandchildren, including Jameson Harper, but for the curiosity he held for the unknown, and so he left on Saturday, the 17th of September, under a full moon. Jim Martin — never shy about sharing his love or his opinions!

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Hagerman Public Library. All services and arrangements are under the direction of the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Edith M. Opial of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. today at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home.

Marvin Francis Custer of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Twin Falls First United Methodist Church (White Mortuary).

Timothy Roy Koehn of Hazelton, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Valleyview Church of God in Christ Mennonite Church, 3925 N. 1900 E. in Filer (Reynolds Funeral Chapel).

James Walter Hill of Gooding, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Christian Life Fellowship (Assembly of God) in Gooding (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Hilda Aguirre of Wendell, visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday at Demary's Wendell Chapel; Rosary at 7 p.m. Thursday at the chapel; Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Jerome's Catholic Church in Jerome (Demary's Wendell Chapel).

Dale E. Patterson of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 1 p.m. Friday at the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Kimberly; reception follows at the church (Reynolds Funeral Chapel).

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Melvin L. Brown of Wendell, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Main Street in Buhl; viewing from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Hansen Mortuary Chapel and one hour before the funeral Saturday at the church.

Paul W. Bandy of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road; friends may call from 6 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Toshiye Tanaka of Hood River, Ore., and formerly of Shoshone, graveside memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Shoshone Cemetery (Demary's Funeral Home).

"Ray" Raymond L. Commons of Rupert, funeral at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Rupert LDS 5th Ward Church; viewing from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel; one hour before the service at the church.

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TWIN FALLS ARRAIGNMENTS

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

Terry Duane Whited Jr., 21, 1520 Birch St., Buhl; fugitive; no plea entered; public defender appointed; fugitive hearing was set for Sept. 16; \$10,000 bond; possession of a controlled substance; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Sept. 16; \$1,500 bond; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Sept. 27; \$100 bond.

Robert Leon Seal, 25, 410 Madrona, No. 3, Twin Falls; probation violation; battery; no plea entered; public defender appointed; evidentiary hearing set for Thursday; \$5,000 bond; driving without privileges; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Sept. 27; released on own recognizance.

Robert L. Nicklas Jr., 35, 239 Idaho St., Twin Falls; enticing a minor over the Internet; possession of sexually exploitative

material; no plea entered; public defender denied; preliminary hearing was set for Sept. 16; \$5,000 bond.

Bryan Lloyd Richardson, 41, 1122 S. Washington St., No. 61D, Twin Falls; failure to appear; grand theft; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing was set for Sept. 16; released on own recognizance.

Barbara Ann Virgo, 50, homess, Twin Falls; public nuisance; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; court hearing set for Oct. 3; released on own recognizance.

Johnny Moreno Jr., 35, 1598 E. Filer Ave., Twin Falls; domestic battery; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Sept. 27; \$1,500 bond.

Rene Guad Schwere, 44, 281 Caswell, No. D11, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Sept. 27; \$500 bond.

Albert S. Rosano, 31, 5105 Alamosa, Boise; robbery; conspiracy to commit robbery; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing was set for Sept. 16; \$5 million bond.



Blackfoot will house victims of hurricane

BLACKFOOT (AP) — Members of the Carvogal family are finding shelter from the storm in Blackfoot.

The family of seven was left homeless when Hurricane Katrina struck their hometown of Biloxi, Miss., on Aug. 29. They'll arrive this week to live rent-free for six months in a four-bedroom, one-bath home offered by Sonya Harris.

"Our community has become very involved, and a lot of people have helped with this effort," Harris said.

Melaleuca Inc., an Idaho Falls-based health products company, found the family and paid for their transportation, gas, lodging and food on the trip west, Harris said. As word of the effort spread, others offered to help.

"I've had phone calls from people I don't even know," Harris said.

One donor offered to buy winter coats for the family. A local cellular-phone company donated a phone and service. A local church organization donated quilts for all the beds. Furniture and food was donated, along with pictures for the walls and pillows for the beds.

Governor: Mexican officials flattened buildings

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — Mexican officials bulldozed 31 abandoned buildings along the United States-Mexico border in the village of Las Chapas on Tuesday, the New Mexico governor's office said.

Last month, New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson and Chihuahua Gov. Jose Reyes Baeza agreed the demolition was needed to establish a police presence and end lawlessness in Las Chapas.

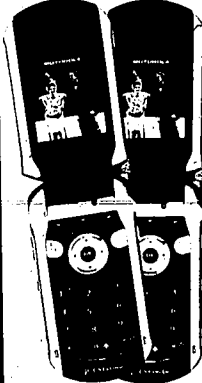
The village, which has only about 35 full-time residents, is a staging ground for migrants and drug and human smugglers. "This is great news for everyone living on the border," Richardson said in a statement. "I commend the actions of the Mexican government for taking this step to put a halt to increased illegal activity on the Mexico-New Mexico border."

The operation was monitored from the United States site by U.S. Border Patrol agents.

Richardson said it was conducted under the supervision of Raul Grageda, secretary of public safety in the Mexican state of Chihuahua. Last month, Richardson declared a state of emergency in four New Mexico counties along or near that border with Mexico.

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are going to get out."

About a third of those released have their parole revoked, "which means that hopefully 66 percent go out and make it work," Matthews said. "I still have hope that the system works."

Although Matthews has reviewed cases of prisoners who have committed heinous crimes — the worst was an inmate who had sexually abused

his children from the time they were infants — he says each case should be decided on its own merits.

"I don't know how to carte blanche everybody," he said. "There are a lot of good people in prison who have made a mistake, and we've seen that."

On the other hand, people like Joseph Edward Duncan III, a convicted sex offender now charged with killing three people in Coeur d'Alene, belong

behind bars, Matthews said. Duncan was released from a Washington prison in 2000 and is charged with kidnapping and molesting two children in Montana after the killings.

One of the children was also killed.

"(Duncan) should have never been released," Matthews said. "He belongs in prison and not out. Ever. For the habitual criminal, the prisons are there for them."

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OBITUARIES

Virginia Johnson



Johnson's choir director. Many people were blessed by Virginia's ministry of music.

Virginia met Lacy Johnson in Warren, Pa. They married on Dec. 17, 1917, and spent a three-month honeymoon in Olympic National Park, Wash. During their 57 years of marriage, they had many adventures. Part of their married life was spent in State College, Pa.; Junction, Alaska; Ely, Minn.; Marietta, Ohio; and Twin Falls, Idaho.

Virginia's loved ones include husband, A. Lacy Johnson, of Twin Falls, Idaho; and their five daughters, Deborah J. Powell of Pocatello, Idaho, Cynthia Hauser of Fresno, Calif., Suzanne Crouch of Pullman City, Fla.; Marilyn Johnson-Gran of Fresno, Calif.; Kirsten J. Stewart of Twin Falls, Idaho; her two sisters, Nancy Engstrom of Youngsville, Pa., and Loretta Gordon of Providence, R.I.; 13 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Robert Baker



school bus and working for the U.S. Forest Service. He celebrated his 50-year anniversary this year with his bride, Jeanine. He is survived by his wife, Jeanine; and his four children, Mickie (George) Skrudland of Twin Falls, Susan (Steve) Baisch of Twin Falls, James (Angela) Baker of Jerome and Diane (Dustin) Matsuoaka of Phoenix, Ariz. He was very proud of his grandchildren: Beth (Matt) Uchamaker Kelsey and Alex Skrudland; Haley and Bradley Baisch; Darbie and Rylie Baker; Jeni, Jordan and Dylan Matsuoaka; and one great-grandchild, Samuel DuCharme. He was preceded in death by his parents, one son, Robert; and a daughter, Patricia. He will be loved and missed by all who knew him. We will celebrate his life at a Rosary at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, at Park's Funeral Chapel on Kimberly Road. A funeral Mass will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, at St. Edward's Catholic Church. He will be laid to rest in the veterans section of Sunset Memorial Park following the services. Memorials may be made to the Magic Valley Tobacco Free Coalition, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Hospice or St. Edward's Church Building Fund.

Brian Timothy Day

KENNEWICK, Wash. — Brian Timothy Day, born Aug. 22, 1961, in Gooding, Idaho; passed away Aug. 27, 2005, in Kennewick, Wash.

Brian graduated from Cour d'Alene High School, attended North Idaho College, Boise State University and received his degree with majors in business finance and management information systems from Eastern Washington University.

He worked in the Seattle financial district until moving back to eastern Washington to work with his family.

He was devoted to helping

his family and friends and, at the time of his death, was especially devoted to helping his sister at her business, Shovasee Specialties in Pasco, Wash.

He is survived by his parents, Arth and Velma Lawhorn Day, and his sister, Teresa Orsoco, all of Kennewick, Wash.

Among many surviving relatives are Wayne and Virginia Lawhorn Rogers of Burley, Idaho.

Brian is dearly missed, but with the eternal hope of our Lord, we know we will see him again.



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children. Virginia was a member of Twin Falls Reformed Church, Ladies Auxiliary of Gilsons International, Ohio School Employees and Moody Alumni. Virginia's desire was to serve the Lord and show love for her family. In that, she was highly successful. It was her prayer that her loved ones would receive Christ as their Savior.

Visitation with the family will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home on Kimberly Road. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, at the Twin Falls Memorial Park Cemetery.

A funeral will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, followed by a reception at Park's Memorial contributions in Virginia's name may be made to Evangelical Alliance Mission (TEAM) or to the Twin Falls Reformed Church.



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Peggy Marie Exon Allen

ENTERPRISE, Ore. — Peggy Marie Exon Allen passed away 10:10 a.m. Sept. 19, 2005, after a brief illness.

Peggy was born Nov. 5, 1938, on Canas Prairie, Idaho, to Bryan and Hilma Kelso. The family later moved to Bliss, Idaho, where she graduated from high school. She then graduated from Idaho State University in Pocatello, Idaho, majoring in elementary education. Peggy married Jack Exon on Feb. 4, 1958. They traveled with Jack's jobs before settling in Fairfield, Idaho, where Jack worked for the U.S. Forest Service and Peggy taught school. After Jack's death on June 21, 1999, Peggy moved to Enterprise, Ore., where she later married John Allen of Enterprise.

Peggy is survived by her husband, John Allen; three children, Diane Lynch of Twin Falls, Dan

College aims to attract more Indians

LEWISTON (AP) — Lewis-Clark State College officials hope the school's new American Indian Center for Educational Excellence will help attract more Indian students to campus.

"It's a matter of getting the word out and getting some people excited about our institution," said Bob Sobotta, LSC's director of Indian and minority student services.

The center — called Pi-ank-in-was, the Nez Perce word for "gathering place" — was dedicated Tuesday. It includes two computer labs, a student lounge and office space for the Indian Education Professional Development Program. A kids' room will serve nontraditional students by providing activities and movies for their children. Sobotta said.

The center was financed with an \$860,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

Lisa Guzman, director of the

professional development program, said the center will serve as a strong recruitment tool for LSC.

About 150 of the 3,451 LSC students are Indians. Sobotta said, and half of those students are Nez Perce.

(Thane) Exon of Kimberly and Don (Janet) Exon of Enterprise, Ore. She is also survived by seven grandchildren: Midnuti Lezarmiz of Twin Falls; Bryan and Andi Exon of Kimberly; and Amanda, Matt, Justin and Ashley Exon of Enterprise, Ore. She is also survived by three sisters and one brother. Peggy was preceded in death by her parents, Bryan and Hilma Kelso; her husband, Jack Exon; two sisters and two brothers.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Sept. 23, 2005, at the Hagerman Cemetery in Hagerman, Idaho. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Sept. 28, 2005, at the Enterprise Christian Church in Enterprise, Ore. Arrangements are under the direction of Demary's Funeral Home.

Peggy was dearly loved by all and will be very missed.

More obituaries are on page B5.

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When:

Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2005

Time:

7 p.m. To 9 p.m.

A copy of the company's proposal is available in an Initial Consultation Document that can be viewed from the "Hot Topics" area of the company's Web site: www.idahopower.com.

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OBITUARIES

Elvira Silva Bulcao

HAGERMAN — Elvira Silva Bulcao, age 84, of Hagerman, Idaho, died Sept. 19, 2005, at her daughter's residence.

Elvira was born Jan. 21, 1921, in Terceira Islands, Azores, Portugal, the daughter of João Alegre and Conceicao Silva.

She was raised in Azores, then came to the USA in 1961, where she resided with her husband and two children in Chino, Calif.

She then went back to Azores. Due to ill health, her daughter brought her back to the USA in 2002 to live with her.

Survivors include her husband, Jaime Silva Bulcao of Hagerman; daughter, Maria Elvira Quadros, and husband, Jose Quadros of Hagerman; son, Jamie A. Bulcao of Hagerman; five grandchildren, Fatima Cornwall of Boise, Lucia Luis of California, Manuela Duarte of Portugal, Jamie Jean Bulcao of California, Frankie L. Bulcao of California; nine great-grandchildren; one sister, Maria Conceicao Homem, 91 years old; and niece, Connie Silva of



Chino, Calif.

Viewing will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, 2005, at Demaray's Wendell Chapel, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 7 p.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Wendell, with Father Carlos Perez as celebrant.

Interment will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, 2005, at the Wendell Cemetery.

Gene T. Schmidt

JEROME — Gene T. Schmidt, 63, passed away Sept. 15, 2005, in Twin Falls, Idaho.

He was born Aug. 1, 1942, in Wendell, Idaho, the son of Valentine "Valley" Schmidt and Anna Marie Lapp Schmidt. Gene graduated from Jerome High School. He started G&L Electric with Leo and Mary Falconburg in 1972 and continued to run the business after Leo's death.

Gene is survived by his sister, Betty (Jim) Beatz; brothers, Terry (Margo) Schmidt, Dan (Kathy) Schmidt; son, Brad Schmidt; stepchildren, Chris Trujillo, Kelly Trujillo and Shelly Trujillo. He is also survived by seven grandchildren, Jeremy and Jenice Schmidt, Jim Shaff, Jennifer Brown, Jake and Shanise Trujillo, Trevor Trujillo; and three great-grandchildren; and many extended family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; and his wife, Sandra Zimmerman Schmidt. Gene will be missed by everyone whose life he touched.

Cremation and Memorial



services are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary and Crematory, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338.

Gene's life will be celebrated at a memorial service to be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, 2005, at the Snake River Elks Lodge, 412 E. 200 S., Jerome. The family suggests that memorials be made to the Filer Food Bank, in care of Pastor Morris Allen, Unitecostal Church of God, 201 N. 14th Ave., Buhl, ID 83316.

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President of ISU will leave early

BOISE — Idaho State University President Richard Bowen will leave his job early following a vote of no-confidence from the school's faculty senate.

Bowen announced Tuesday that he is working with the state Board of Education to come up with an appropriate departure date. Bowen, 71, was due to retire in June. He declined to comment directly Tuesday on the faculty vote.

"There will be a big celebration on the campus and in the community," said ISU Engineering Professor Sudd Habib, a longtime critic of Bowen. "This is what I have been waiting for, for 17 years."

Bowen has said in the past that he would leave the job if the faculty senate ever gave him a vote of no-confidence, said ISU spokeswoman Libby Howe.

That vote came Monday from faculty members who were angered over pay raises as high as 26 percent that were approved earlier this year for 36 ISU administrators. No-confidence votes also were taken against Bowen's top administrators, Financial Affairs Vice President Ken Prolo and Chief Budget Officer Leo Herman.

Prolo and Herman haven't announced plans to leave the school, Howe said Tuesday.

The pay raises for administrators totaled about \$50,000, ISU officials said they were instructed to bring pay levels more in line with national averages and assist in recruiting new administrators.

Faculty members received raises too, but they were much smaller. Some faculty members said ISU budget officers had told them the school didn't have enough money to give them larger raises.

Men to stand trial in execution-style slaying

SANDPOINT — Two men will face first-degree murder charges in 1st District Court after a judge ruled there's enough evidence to try them for an execution-style shotgun slaying Aug. 21.

After listening to three hours of testimony Monday, Judge Justin Julian said it's likely Kenneth Eugene Thurlow killed Christopher Vance by shooting him behind the ear with a shotgun and that Christopher Alan Levers helped him do it.

Thurlow, 45, and Levers, 22, both of Sandpoint, are scheduled to be arraigned Oct. 3.

Until Monday's hearing, the judge had anticipated lesser charges against Levers — possibly charging him as an accessory, an after-the-fact accessory or a person who conspired to commit a misdemeanor battery.

Then, Donald D. Dixon, a witness, testified he was at the local Sandpoint towing company where the homicide took place. Dixon testified that Levers appeared to be carrying a rifle, concealed under a long coat.

Investigators believe Thurlow shot West with a .410-caliber shotgun, a single shot weapon called a Snake Chummer. A second weapon, a 12-gauge shotgun, was found in the same bag as the Snake Chummer at the apartment where Thurlow lived.

Downwinder advocate dies from breast cancer

EMMETT — Downwinder advocate Sheri Garmon has died after a long battle with breast cancer.

Garmon, 53, died Friday. The Emmett native had suffered from various forms of thyroid, breast and bone cancer since 1990, family members said. The cancer spread to her liver before her death.

Like others who lived in southern Idaho during the 1950s and 1960s, Garmon believed exposure to fallout from Cold War nuclear testing in Nevada caused her illnesses. She pushed the federal government to offer compensation for Idaho victims of radiation exposure.

U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, said Garmon did more to advance her cause than she will ever know. During her last days in the hospital, he said, she reiterated her desire for more time to use to help move forward on legislation that will compensate Idahoans who were affected by the nuclear testing so long ago.

Garmon's story encouraged Crapo and state Rep. Kathy Skippen, R-Emmett, to work to add Idaho to the federal Radiation Exposure Compensation Act.

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Green and growing

Community plots nurture veggies and collaboration

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The plump pumpkins among Florencio Castro Jr.'s sprawling vines are for his grandchildren, who love a good jack-o'-lantern.

The sweet peas please his wife.

The yellow tomatoes glowing in evening harvest light are for Castro's daughter, who reports plimpe problems after eating standard reds.

The huge, seed-laden sunflower head that droops from its hefty stalk is for the birds. To distract them from the rest of Castro's garden plot.

But the dirt, splendid dirt, is for Castro himself. There's nothing like working the soil or warring against weeds for relaxation, says the 51-year-old custom cabinet builder.

"It's getting away from daily stress," Castro said. "I can spend easily two or three hours out there and not worry about anything."

Castro and his wife don't have space for a garden at home, but they crave the superior flavor of just-picked produce. The solution? They work rented soil.

The Castros' two plots are surrounded by 44 other 25-by-50-foot plots rented cheap this season in the third year of the College of Southern Idaho's experiment with community gardening.

On farmland north of the college, the plots-for-rent cater to apartment dwellers yearning for a little soil under their fingernails. To homeowners unwilling to sacrifice lawn for garden rows. To first-time growers needing pointers and encouragement. To vegetable vendors too cramped in their backyards for profitable production. And to anyone else willing to pay the \$25 fee, plant, weed, water and follow a few basic rules.

"This was a nice, risk-free way for us to start back into gardening ... in a supportive community environment," said Tiffany Seeley-Case of Jerome, who is renting a CSI garden plot for the first time.

Seeley-Case, 31, an associate professor of communication at the college, said she and her husband both grew up in gardening families. But as adults, they hadn't tackled gardens of their own until this year.

As their 18-month-old son plays in the garden dirt (at home, manicured sod leaves no loose dirt for his amusement), Seeley-Case and her husband marveled at the exotic growth of their artichoke plants, relish having control over their produce production and simply enjoy the open-air activity of weeding and watering.

"We're both white-collar professionals, and it's really nice to have an outdoor, with-nature outlet that you have to go take care of," Seeley-Case said. "It's given us an excuse to be outside, and that's really nice to have. And it's great exercise."

First-time gardeners, the couple have sought out green thumbs at nearby plots for answers to perplexing matters, such as how much room watermelon vines take. In return, they've been asked about artichoke water requirements and per-plant yield.

That's the beauty of community gardening. Put gardeners so close together, and collaboration sprouts.

"When they get together out there, it's a pretty friendly situation," said Jim Wilson, an associate professor of agriculture at CSI.

Castro happily dispenses advice to the proprietors of other plots: Forget the shovel and fight early-spring weeds with a rototiller. He advised one woman, Cover walkways with bark chips to reduce mud and weeding later, he told others. The smell is the secret in spotting ripe cantaloupes, he'll tell anyone who asks.

Fittingly, CSI's community

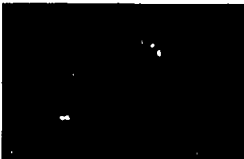


Right, Tiffany Seeley-Case of Jerome, an associate professor of communication at the College of Southern Idaho, works on her community garden plot with her 3-year-old son, Parker. Left, an artichoke flourishes in Seeley-Case's garden.

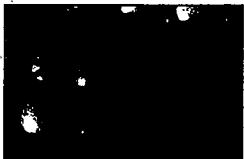


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Florencio Castro Jr. spends a recent evening gardening in one of his two rented plots at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. "We wouldn't do without a garden in the summer because of the freshness of the produce," says Castro, who has been harvesting superbly flavorful tomatoes since the third week of June. He and his wife use them fresh in tomato pie, spaghetti sauce, tomato sandwiches and tacos — where garden-ripe is oh-so-necessary — and they'll probably can close to a hundred quarts of tomatoes and salsa from their plots this year.



Tomatoes are a centerpiece of Castro's CSI plots.



Castro's yellow cherry tomatoes are tremendously flavorful.



Castro shows a collection of cayenne, jalapeno and Hungarian hot wax peppers.

garden plots are a laboratory for agricultural education. Almost 20 clients of the Center for Independent Living, who have physical or mental disabilities, worked the center's rented

plot with the help of therapy technicians and the University of Idaho's Master Gardener students. They garnered three awards at the county fair for their produce display, sold

beans and peppers and the like to a produce stand on Kimberly Road — and learned where some of their food comes from. "Most of them don't even understand what gardening's all

about," said Neal Miller, a developmental specialist for the Center for Independent Living. That go-and-do education produced other rewards, too. Take the mentally disabled

Season of plenty

For the third year, community garden plots were available this summer from the Agricultural Department at the College of Southern Idaho.

Gardening is no novelty to many Magic Valley residents, but community plots are. It's a concept that has greened urban neighborhoods around Canada and the United States and taught city dwellers about food production, composting and water conservation.

As development rapidly replaces farm ground on the city's edges, and new apartment complexes rise, Twin Falls could be ready for community gardening. CSI leaders said when they introduced the new plots in 2003. Here's a rundown on the third season:

THE BASIC ARRANGEMENT

- **Where the gardens are:** North of CSI Expo Center, on the CSI Breckenridge Ag Endowment Farm.
- **What they cost:** Each 25-by-50-foot plot rents for \$25 for the growing season — water, compost and advice from CSI faculty members included.
- **Rules for gardeners:** Plant the plot fully. Keep up with the weeds and insects. Keep quiet enough not to disturb other gardeners. Keep out pets and alcohol.
- **The weeds are your problem,** even the ones in the middle of the walkways. Take care of them, or stand the chance of losing your garden.

REPORT FOR THE THIRD SEASON

- **The starters:** Gardeners rented all of the 46 plots this season. But four or five plots were never planted, and a few would-be gardeners' efforts waned as the season progressed.
- **Once they found out it was a lot of work — they didn't show up as much,"** said Jim Wilson, an associate professor of agriculture at CSI.
- **The finishers:** About 38 of the plots are in production now. (That's not a measure of how many people are involved, however. On many garden plots, several family members, co-workers or other partners are participating. In a couple of cases, one gardener took on multiple plots.)

PLANS FOR THE FOURTH SEASON

- **Expect to see a few changes at CSI's community garden plots for the 2006 season.**
- **Wheelchair access:** By next year, Wilson and his CSI colleagues plan to build a couple of raised 2-foot-by-2-foot garden beds that can be worked from a wheelchair. This year's community gardeners include a wheelchair-bound person who — for now — has to get out onto the ground to work.
- **Plots available:** CSI won't add more garden plots to the project, Wilson said. Still, he expects about 20 of them to be available to new renters next year as some of this year's gardeners move away or put their stakes into retirement.
- **Sign up early:** CSI's ag department leaders will put would-be community gardeners on a waiting list until they determine how many returning gardeners they'll have in 2006, Wilson said. Plot hopefuls should get an answer by April; by that time, first served, so get on the list early. Call Carolee Perry at 732-6400 or Wilson at 732-6403.

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adults who planted their squash seeds at the Center for Independent Living, then brought the little plants to the garden plot and watched them grow all season.

"They don't talk much, but you could see the glow in their faces," said Jeanne Ellis of Twin Falls, who taught them as part of the community service required for Master Gardener certification.

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FOOD & HOME

Spanish cuisine hits Twin Falls at Rudy's

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Students in a class next week will sample some of Spain's most delectable dishes, organizers said.

Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise at 147 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls, will offer "Tastes of Spain" from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday. Cost is \$40.

Felix Gonzales, chef and owner of Rudy's Restaurant in Twin Falls, will instruct. The class menu is Spanish tortilla, paella and flan.

At age 18, Gonzales emigrated with his family from Spain to Ketchikan. He worked in the area at various restaurants before opening his own in 1992. His cooking expertise is self-

If you go ...

- **What:** "Tastes of Spain"
- **Where:** Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise, 147 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls. Phone: 733-5477
- **When:** 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday
- **Cost:** \$40

taught, but he credits his mother for his love of fine food and simple cooking style.

Three years ago, Gonzales moved his restaurant to 380 First Ave. N., a log home in downtown Ketchikan where his parents had lived for 35 years. His two sons help operate the restaurant.

Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise can be reached at 733-5477.

Cut your roses now; Oct. 1 will be too late

Start pacing yourself. You can still safely cut roses until the first of October. You don't want to make any cuts after that, which would encourage new growth. Tender new growth will only be first killed.

Go ahead: Cut your roses for potpourri, to bring inside, to share with friends and for a vase in the office. Press some in old phone books, and dry a few bouquets upside down in the basement. Do it before Oct. 1.

Make up your mind that after that date you will sit in the porch swing and watch the roses form their bright, shiny hips. You will marvel at new color in the rose garden while sipping hot cider. You will plan to plant more roses for next year. You can't help yourself.

DEAR CATHY: I enjoy your column a great deal.

We have had a problem with



GREEN THUMBPRINTS
Cathy Walworth

billbugs in our lawn for several years. The lawn looks great in the spring, but about the middle of June we start seeing dead patches of grass. I have checked and found the grubs around the roots. I have treated the lawn with Dursban about the first of May in the past.

This year we had the lawn sprayed by a commercial sprayer. They sprayed about the middle of May and again in late June. I realize it is too late to do anything more this year, but would appreciate any recom-

mendations you have for next year.

Signed, Bugsy
DEAR BUGSY: Let's first understand our enemy. In May, adult billbugs lay eggs in holes they chewed in grass stems. The newly hatched larvae feed inside the stems, hollowing out the stem and crown, leaving a fine, sand-like calling card. Larger larvae feed on roots. Once they move down to the roots and inside the crown, chemicals can't reach them.

Billbugs must be controlled with Diazinon or any product containing isofenphos. Young larvae can be controlled if the lawn is treated when they are still feeding on the grass blades. If the grubs have already moved down to the roots, then water and fertilize the lawn to stimulate new growth.

You shouldn't have to repeat

treatments unless the billbugs are coming over from your neighbor's place. Small damaged areas usually recover if the larvae are killed. Reseed or resod large areas.

Next year, treat the lawn in early May to kill the adults as they lay eggs. Be sure to water the lawn deeply and infrequently and give it a good dose of spring fertilizer. Thanks for writing.

Tip of the week Before you plant, water. Tests show that plants that were soaked thoroughly before they were removed from their nursery pots were five times more likely to survive.

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

Sustainable landscaping maximizes resources

By Joel M. Leizer

Special to The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — When you look at your landscape, you may ask: Is it aesthetically pleasing? Does it fit my needs? How can I improve it?

But there's another question these days: Is it sustainable?

Sustainable landscaping is a concept that focuses on the resources needed to install and maintain a planted area — finding and using ways to conserve water, chemicals and natural resources, such as soil and rain. It also seeks to reduce labor.

The principles of sustainable landscaping can easily reduce the cost of maintaining buildings and grounds, so it makes sense for large-property managers. But it makes good sense for homeowners, too.

Thirty years ago, most home landscaping, whether urban or suburban, consisted of a patch of lawn (a really big patch in some cases), some foundation plantings, a few trees and perhaps a bed for flowers or vegetables. Plants were chosen for their color when flowering and their easy availability at garden centers. Maintenance included cycles of mowing, fertilizing, spraying, pruning and watering. Short-term climate changes — a few years of drought, or an exceptionally wet spring — could have a big impact on how well the plants looked or grew.

Things are changing as people learn about native plants, water-efficient landscaping and other environmentally sound practices. We now know that once established, native plants can endure without synthetic chemicals or fertilizer, or a lot of watering and labor. Ecologists have determined that reducing areas of turf by planting with self-sustaining plants reduces maintenance, increases rainwater retention and rewards the senses with a more varied landscape.

Big as these changes are, they're each a small part of the larger picture that is sustainable landscaping. This style of design takes less maintenance from the garden to another level, by keeping the landscape as close as possible to nature. This process initially takes management to restore the land to a natural condition. It involves the entire



A steep slope can be terraced, with or without a retaining wall, to slow runoff and erosion. The key is to take advantage of the area's natural terrain and climate, as shown here in greater Washington, D.C.

property, and considers large issues, such as climate and terrain, and smaller ones, such as plant choices. Here are some of the considerations:

• **Climate and microclimate.** You can improve a microclimate by planting a windbreak to deflect cold winds or channel welcome breezes. You can plant evergreens on the north side of the house to stop winter winds, and deciduous trees on the south to let low winter sunlight reach windows. You can use the tree canopy to create shade. Improving soil and using carefully selected plants can also make your immediate environment less susceptible to weather damage and less laborious to maintain.

• **Environment and terrain.** If you live in a housing development, the builder might have bulldozed the land into a flat, featureless plain, or sited each dwelling on a slight turfed rise to "improve" drainage. These artificial landscape design buildings exposed to cold or heat and channel precious rainfall into streets, storm sewers or nearby waterways, picking up pollutants as it goes.

In many areas, the natural terrain consists of high and low places that use water differently and create an environment where a wide variety of plants can thrive. Low areas can be planted with native grasses and

perennials because they tend to stay moist longer than higher areas, provided there is no standing surface water. The area must drain. Higher areas enhance privacy and aesthetic interest, and can be planted with native species that manage happily in drier conditions.

It might not be practical to rebuild your land, but adding a berm and a swale along a boundary or at a corner can make a big difference.

If you have the opposite problem, a steep slope, you can use terraces, with or without retaining walls, to slow runoff and erosion; use native grasses and perennials that will adapt to the site.

• **Resources and labor.** Before you install any feature or plant on your property, stop and ask yourself these couple of questions: Is this going to need constant attention from me? Will this require a lot of water/fertilizer/pesticide/insect spray? If the answer to either question is yes, you might want to avoid that particular plant. Water shortages, water quality and pollution-bearing runoff from both commercial and residential sources are a crucial consideration. Landscaping to make the best use of available water resources saves money and work.

Collect roof runoff rainwater in barrels, and use it to water plants. You're using rather than

wasting an available resource, and avoiding watering with treated water.

Recycling, composting and mulching also conserve resources. Mulching, and composting improve soil quality and help make plants more robust.

These steps will help you to sustain your plants for much longer than the conventional maintenance programs that were being practiced 20 to 30 years ago.

• **Planting and biodiversity.** Choosing the correct plants for a location can minimize the need for water, fertilizer, chemicals and pruning. The best plants are those that mimic the natural landscape.

Having the widest possible array of plants in your landscape will ensure biodiversity in both flora and fauna. Different species of insects, birds and small mammals require different types of habitat and food. Biodiversity is what ensures a landscape's survival. A monoculture, such as a large expanse of the same type of turfgrass, or a foundation planting that consists solely of azaleas, creates a kind of dead space that is not hospitable to a wide variety of creatures.

Joel M. Leizer is president of Environmental Design in Capitol View Park, Md.

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tion. It's been a wonderful event.

Debbie and Greg Hegman of Twin Falls rented a plot this year — despite the inconvenience of frequent trips between their home and CSI — to teach their five children about planning and tending a garden, as well as the joys of delectable, sun-ripened strawberries or sharing surplus corn with friends.

But food production is no picture-perfect experience. Debbie Hegman children learned. Squash vines, for instance, crowded out their second strawberry crop of the season.

"Actually, the squash kind of squashed everything," Debbie Hegman said.

And CSI needs to be stricter with gardeners about weed control, she said.

Mighty weeds prevailed all summer in some of the community plots. And by September, the Hegmans' ambition waned and weeds took over some of their previously manicured rows.

Underground plastic pipes supply water to spigots in the corner of each garden — a handy bit of convenience for gardeners. But pressure fluctuations in the project's water system sometime cause sprinklers to overspray into

neighboring plots — bringing complaints about mud and weeds.

Drip irrigation is becoming more popular on the community plots, Wilson said, because water supply is easier to control than with sprinklers.

"If you don't have water, you don't have weeds," he said.

Still, CSI has had to issue

warnings to gardeners whose plots have matured into significant eyesores.

"If gardeners haven't done anything, we'll essentially mow their plot, and they'll lose the rights and benefits for this year," Wilson said. "And we'll probably end up tilling their plots this fall — just the ones that are a problem."

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LEARNING TO WOK



Chinese cook Grace Young says there are five simple rules to cooking with a wok; find them listed below.

Basic rules can help make your stir-fry a success

By Candy Sagon
The Washington Post

Grace Young just laughs when she sees glitzy name-brand woks selling for more than a hundred bucks. The best woks, she says, cost about one-fourth of that.

"You don't need to spend more than \$20 or \$30. Some of those expensive woks when you try to stir-fry in them, the food will stick because they're not made from carbon steel," the Chinese food expert and cookbook author explains.

Young's newest book, "The Breath of a Wok: Unlocking the Spirit of Wok Cooking Through Recipes and Lore" (Simon and Schuster), won this year's award for best international cookbook from the International Association of Cooking Professionals. Young has spent years studying wok cooking techniques from Chinese master chefs and cooks. In addition, she was the test kitchen director for 17 years for more than 40 cookbooks published by Time-Life Books. That is clearly why, when it comes to cooking advice, she keeps things direct and simple.

For successful stir-frying, she says, cooks need to know these five basic rules:

1) Use a 14-inch, flat-bottom, carbon steel wok. It's the best for Western stoves, whether they're gas or electric. Why carbon steel? It heats quickly and evenly. Stainless steel or anodized aluminum woks will not work as well.

The 14-inch size is ideal; 12 inches is too small and food won't fit, and 16 inches is too large and won't heat fast enough.

And, she warns: "Don't get nervous. If you do things properly, food won't stick in a regular wok. With nonstick, it doesn't sear the food and you don't get the proper stir-frying effect."

2) Hot wok, cold oil: You want to heat the wok until a drop of water on the surface evaporates in one to two seconds. Then add the oil and tilt the wok so the oil coats evenly. If the wok is hot when the oil is added, the food won't stick.

3) Add the meat, spread it out, then don't touch it for 30 seconds to a minute. "This is crucial," Young says. "If you let the meat sear this way, it won't stick when you do start stir-frying it."

4) Don't add too much. "No more than 3/4 pound of beef or 1 pound of chicken or 4 cups of vegetables. People tend to use way too much" and then the food can't get hot enough to cook quickly, she says.

5) Dry your vegetables. "Vegetables have to be bone-dry when they're added to the oil. Any moisture and they'll steam

SNOW PEAS STIR FRY

Yield: 4 servings

This spicy, sauce-free dish originated with Liang Nian Xiu, a farmer who lives in Guangxi province, in China. She uses chopped pork belly, but bacon adds a similar richness.

1 tbs. vegetable oil
2 tbs. chopped uncooked bacon
2 lbs. minced ginger root
1 tbs. minced garlic
1 Thai chili pepper, minced
1/2 tsp. salt
1 lb. snow peas, strings removed
1 medium tomato, coarse-

ly chopped
1/4 tsp. sugar
Place a 14-inch flat-bottomed wok or skillet over high heat until a bead of water vaporizes within 1 to 2 seconds of contact. Add the oil and swirl to coat. Add the bacon, ginger, garlic, chili pepper and 1/4 tsp. of the salt and stir-fry for 1 minute. Add the snow peas and cook, stirring, for 1 minute. Add the chopped tomato, sugar and remaining 1/4 tsp. of salt, and stir-fry until vegetables are tender, 1 to 2 minutes. Serve hot.

—Adapted from "The Breath of a Wok"

instead of being stir-fried," Young says. After washing the vegetables, use paper towels or

a clean kitchen towel to soak up as much moisture as possible before adding them to the wok.

A college student's summer break concentrates on food

By Steve Petusovsky
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

I was heavy-hearted returning my daughter Sabrina to college last week. She's been home for the summer, and I got used to her being with me again. Especially at mealtime.

Cooking and eating has always played a significant part in our family's communications. Most of my childhood memories center around dinner. Now that I am a father, and almost an empty nester, I feel more nostalgic than ever about the role food plays in our lives.

It has been a wonderful summer for us all. Sabrina was on a mission to lose 15 pounds, which she accomplished. I looked forward to cooking a few nights a week for my son Jared, now 17, and Sabrina, so we could all hang around the kitchen table and chat about whatever.

In fact, most of the days revolved around food this summer. Early on this school break, Sabrina discovered one of the most simple and delicious breakfasts ever. Her creation of pot cheese or really dry cottage cheese topped with chunks of seasonal mango, roasted cashews and cinnamon

became a morning ritual. We enjoyed this meal every morning along with our fresh-brewed cappuccino, fat-free whipped cream and Splenda.

Our days took on a rhythm. I'd write in the morning, and then it was time to prepare lunch. I made a different salad each day. I'm not talking about iceberg lettuce, either. We had field greens, fresh seasonal vegetables or grilled Mediterranean tomatoes, plums, various

cheeses, roasted macadamias or almonds with unusual garnishes. We tossed our salads with exotic oils and vinegars. We had fun, while Sabrina learned about new ingredients. I maintained a full and healthful pantry and trained Sabrina in the fine art of cooking with a nonstick griddle. I gave her an education in spice masters, dry spice rubs and marinades. We experimented with fresh herbs, ginger root

LEMON PEPPER BASIL VEGETABLES WITH WHITE BEANS

This is a great entree dish, but my favorite way to eat this is baked with a little cheese on a French baguette. Or serve it over rice, orzo or couscous.

2 tps. olive oil
1 red onion, chopped
1 carrot, peeled and sliced thinly
1 cup chopped green bell pepper
1 cup 1-inch lengths green beans
1 cup thin asparagus, ends discarded, cut into 1-inch lengths
2 cups broccoli florets
Water, optional
3 cloves garlic, minced
1 tsp. lemon pepper
1 (15 1/2-ounce) can white beans (cannellini or navy), drained and rinsed

1/4 cup chopped fresh basil
Salt, to taste
1/2 cup shredded mozzarella cheese, optional

Heat olive oil in a large non-stick skillet over medium heat. Sauté onions, carrots, peppers, green beans, asparagus and broccoli 5 to 6 minutes, adding a sprinkling of water if necessary to prevent sticking. Add garlic, lemon pepper and white beans; continue to sauté 1 minute. Add basil and season with salt.

You can serve as is or transfer to a baking dish, top with cheese and broil 3 minutes until cheese is melted. Makes 4 servings.

I dropped Sabrina at school and have been feeling empty ever since. She called to let me know that she has been cooking for her roommates. Find a recipe for one of Sabrina's favorite dishes above.

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—BRAD J.
DEAR BRAD: Switching to double-pane glass, or even triple-pane glass in severely cold climates, is the best way to improve the efficiency of your windows. The new types of glass with efficient coating will also reduce the fading of your curtains and furniture and reduce wintertime condensation.

The best method to switch to more efficient glass and more airtight windows is to replace them with entirely new wood windows. Unless the styling of your existing wood frames is extremely ugly, you should be able to find new ones with somewhat similar frames. It is also possible to get new custom-designed frames, but they will be expensive.

Another, almost as efficient, option is to install replacement double-pane sash kits in your existing window frames. These kits are basically new replacement windows without a new



SENSIBLE HOME
James Dulley

frame. Before selecting this option, be sure your existing window frames are in good condition. Sash replacement kits are only somewhat less expensive than totally new replacement windows because the sashes are the most expensive parts. You will realize an overall lower cost because installing these kits is a fairly easy do-it-yourself job and you will save the labor costs.

Another advantage of installing sash kits is that they are designed to operate like replacement tilt-in double-hung windows. This makes cleaning the windows an easy task from indoors. Each sash will tilt independently so you have access to each side.

Your old wood windows likely have window weights inside the window frame. These weights counterbalance the weight of the sash to hold it open. Since

your windows don't stay open now, the ropes connecting the weights to the sashes are broken. The sash replacement kits include new frame channels which will hold the sash open in any position.

Most of the major wood window manufacturers offer tilt-in sash replacement kits. They are available in many sizes in one- or two-inch increments, so they fit almost any older window frame. A typical kit includes the new efficient sashes, tilt-in pivots for each sash, jamb liners, locks, and all the required hardware. You will need just a hammer, putty knife, pliers and saw.

To install a kit, pry off the old sash stops and remove the old sashes. Remove the window weights and fill the holes with insulation. Using the fasteners provided, attach jamb liner clips in the frame and snap the liners in place. Insert the upper sash first, then the tilt-in pivots followed by the lower sash.

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—KARYL M.
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This is the lower tilt-in sash being installed in an existing window frame. Notice the no-maintenance white cladding on the exterior and the natural wood on the interior.

Photo courtesy of Weathershield

Greenbriar features stately elegance

The elegant Greenbriar has a rambling covered porch that spans all 90 feet of its front facade. Classic columns accentuate arched openings, creating an ambience of stately graciousness.

An octagonal nook, far right, is one of the most unique details of this plan. It offers a panoramic view of the surrounding scenery.

Display shelves line the passageway that joins with a kitchen designed to accommodate multiple cooks.

In addition to built-in appliances, kitchen features of note include: a huge, angled work island with built-in cooktop and veggie sink, counter space on four sides, a roomy walk-in pantry, and a trash compactor. Pocket doors in the hutch/buffet slide open for easy service between the kitchen and dining room.

Light spills into the den, foyer and dining room through three gabled dormers above that face the street.

These rooms are already bright. Wide bay windows expand the den and dining room, while sideights and transom windows surround the door into the covered foyer.

Plants thrive on high plant shelves that wrap around three sides.

Directly ahead is a vaulted great room outfitted with a brick hearth fireplace and an entertainment center. Sliding French doors at the rear open to access a partially covered patio with an arched opening. Double doors open into a palatial master suite.

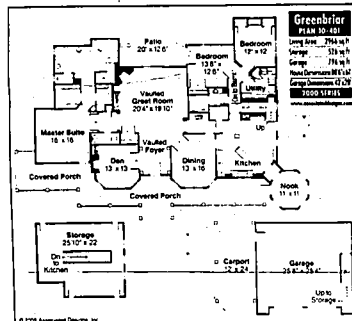
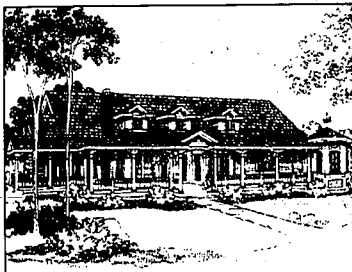
Both of the large walk-in closets are lined with cedar, and the private bathroom boasts a walk-in shower, soaking tub, private toilet, two basins and a sit-down corner vanity.

Utilities are in the Greenbriar's opposite wing, close to the kitchen and secondary bedrooms.

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Kitchen tools see simple, but significant, improvements

The Washington Post

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FOOD & HOME

Try apple cider, the old-fashioned way

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

AUGUSTA, Mo. — Cider is and shall remain a popular drink.

Historical records show that its consumption dates back several thousand years. No less a figure than Julius Caesar is said to have dined a keg of cider during his invasion of England in 55 B.C.

In some areas, cider made the old-fashioned way is rather difficult to come by.

Sure, you can buy clear, mass-produced apple juice from the corner supermarket, but it is a far cry from the light brown, cloudy, pulp-filled liquid found at roadside stands in some places.

The very cloudiness and pulp that result in a fresh, apple taste are due to the fact that this type of cider is unpasteurized. The Food and Drug Administration is concerned that it may contain harmful bacteria from birds, rodents, insects or poor worker hygiene, which could cause illness in the elderly or in children.

"We are also concerned," said cider producer Ellen Knuerschmidt of Centennial Farms in Augusta, Mo. "Although our cider is not pasteurized, we strictly follow instructions as set down by the FDA. No manure or compost is used in our orchards. And the cider only comes into contact with stainless steel and food-grade plastic. There is no contact with wood, which cannot be sanitized."

"Most people are used to the clear, pasteurized cider that will keep longer, but I don't think it has that real apple flavor," she continued. "One farm had some problems with E. coli contamination, so we suggest that small children, not drink cider unless it is heated."

"You know, if you don't refrigerate cider, eventually, it will turn into vinegar." While cider is a refreshing drink and cider vinegar has been long touted as a cure for a number of ailments, both can give a boost to a variety of dishes.

SWEET SNAPPER

Yield: 4 servings
1 cup fresh apple cider
1/2 tsp. whole fennel seeds, crushed
1/2 tsp. ground coriander seeds
1/2 tsp. grated fresh ginger
2 lbs. red snapper fillets
Pour the cider into a medium frying pan, and bring to a boil over high heat. Add fennel, coriander and ginger; reduce heat to medium low. Simmer liquid for 5 minutes, and then place fillets in pan.

Be sure the fish is covered with liquid; add more cider if necessary. Simmer for 15 minutes or until center of each fillet flakes when touched with a fork. Serve at once.

—Adapted from "The Cider Book" by Lila Gault and Betsy Seastrap (Madrona Publishers, 1980).

APPLE CIDER BAKED BEANS

Yield: 6 servings

2 cups dried white navy beans (* see note)
1 1/3 cups apple cider, boiling
1 small onion, diced
1/4 cup molasses
8 tsp. Dijon mustard
2 tbs. tomato paste
1/2 tsp. salt
2 tsp. ground black pepper
2 tsp. dried thyme
1 small bay leaf
1 tsp. apple cider vinegar
4 tsp. soy sauce
Pour beans in a single layer onto a countertop or other flat surface. Pick out and discard rocks, dirt and off-colored and broken beans. Wash beans in two changes of cold water. Transfer to a bowl: cover with 3 inches of water. Let beans soak 8 to 10 hours.

(* Quick soak method: Pour cleaned beans into a pot; cover with 3 inches of cold water. Bring to a boil over medium heat. Boil for 10 minutes, turn heat off and let stand for 2 hours or more.)

Preheat the oven to 250 degrees. Drain beans, reserving liquid. Bring liquid to a boil in a saucepan. In another saucepan, bring cider to a boil. Pour beans into a deep, ovenproof casserole or bean pot. Add onion, molasses, mustard, tomato paste, salt, pepper, thyme, bay leaf, vinegar, soy sauce and boiling cider. Add enough boiled bean water to cover beans. Cover the casserole with foil or a lid. Bake 6 hours or until tender, adding a little more water if necessary after 3 hours of baking.

—Adapted from a University of Illinois Extension recipe, posted at www.urbanext.uiuc.edu.

PARSLEY CHICKEN

Yield: 3 to 4 servings
1 (2 1/2- to 3 1/2-pound) chicken, cut into serving pieces
2/3 cup apple cider
1 tbs. apple cider vinegar
4 large sprigs fresh parsley, finely chopped
3 cloves garlic, chopped
1/2 cup heavy cream
Salt
Freshly ground black pepper
Hot cooked rice
Preheat the oven to 375 degrees.

Wash chicken pieces and pat dry with paper towels. Pour cider and vinegar into a 9-by-13-by-2-inch baking pan that can go from oven to stovetop.

In a small bowl, combine parsley and garlic. Sprinkle half the mixture in prepared pan. Arrange chicken in pan; top with remaining parsley and garlic. Cover pan with foil, sealing edges. Bake for 40 minutes, turning chicken pieces once or twice. Remove foil for last 5 minutes of cooking.

Remove chicken from pan; keep warm. Place pan on a stovetop burner. Add cream; bring to a simmer over low to medium heat, stirring and scraping the bottom to release the browned bits in the pan.

Simmer over low heat until sauce begins to thicken. Add salt and pepper to taste. Serve sauce over chicken and rice.

—Adapted from "The Cider Book"

BOILED CIDER APPLE PIE

Yield: 6 to 8 servings

Pastry for 1 (9-inch) double-crust pie
1 cup granulated sugar
1 dash salt
3 tbs. cornstarch
1/2 cup apple cider, boiled and cooled
1 egg, beaten
1 tbs. melted butter or margarine
1 1/2 cups boiling water

2 cups thinly sliced apples
Preheat the oven to 425 degrees.

Roll out half the dough; fit into a 9-inch pie pan. Roll out the remaining dough; set aside. In a large bowl, combine sugar, salt and cornstarch. Stir in cider, blend well. Stir in egg and melted butter. Stir in boiling water.

Spoon apples into pie pan. Pour cider mixture over apples. Cover with the top crust; crimp and seal edges, cutting a couple of slashes in the top crust to allow steam to escape. Bake 40 to 45 minutes or until golden brown. Let cool to a warm temperature before serving.

—Adapted from a recipe by Ruth Kerr, posted on www.completecider.com.

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FOOD & HOME

Changing your frame of reference

By Terri Sapienza
The Washington Post

If there's one household item that I have plenty of, it's picture frames. Many are family heirlooms or gifts, and I can't resist bidding home a new one when I find a good deal at a flea market or antique shop. Yet rarely do any of the frames I already have seem to fit the bill when a new photograph or print needs showing off. So off I go, in search of another one.

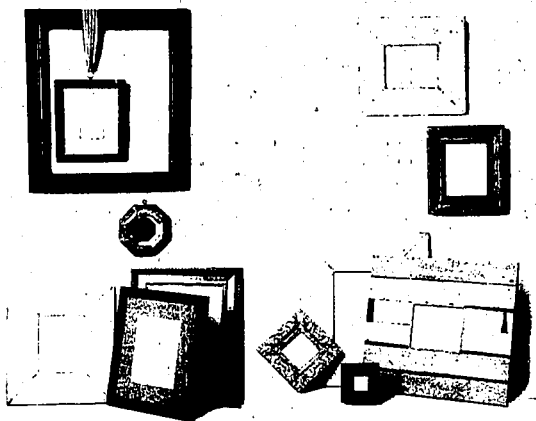
But rather than let my growing collection gather dust in a closet, I've looked for ways to use my picture frames other than for their intended purpose. Putting frames to work in unexpected places, I've not only freshened up a room but also revived the frames themselves.

Here are a few ideas:

- Swap the glass in any frame with a mirror. A grouping of shapes and sizes on a wall can be striking, and it bounces light around.

- Turn a large, sturdy frame into a tray for an ottoman. Display a collage of photographs or postcards behind the glass, or let the fabric of the ottoman show through.

- Buy decorative cupboard handles from a hardware or home store and attach them to the sides of a frame, creating an elegant piece and an organizer on a dressing table or nightstand.



Putting frames to work in unexpected ways not only freshens up a room, but can also revive the frames themselves.

- Adding handles also can turn a frame into a serving tray. Silver frames work especially well for this.
- Place a grouping over a bed

in place of a standard headboard.

- Hang frames at odd angles, turning a square into a diamond, for instance, with or without art inside.

- Let the frames be the art work. Take out the glass and backing, and let painted or papered wall show through.

Man Cave: For some guys, a TV and recliner are just the beginning

By Joe Guy Collier
Detroit Free Press

DETROIT — A chandelier hangs in the foyer of Robert and Michelle Hernandez's Brownstown home south of Detroit. The front room has candles on the coffee table and flowers in the corner.

Walk downstairs, though, and the theme goes from Home & Garden to Hockeytown Cafe. Jerseys and pictures of sports figures line the wall. A big-screen TV dominates the front of the room. Two smaller TVs flank a glass-block bar in the back.

"It was truly a dream come true," says Hernandez, the 40-year-old owner of a Detroit blueprint firm, standing in the midst of the TV sets and sports memorabilia. "This is everything and more of what I've ever wanted in a basement."

With cold weather and prime sports seasons on the way, men across the country soon will be sharing the same dream. They'll disappear on hockey nights and football weekends to a place reserved for testosterone-driven pursuits.

Call it the Man Cave—a hideaway where the TV screen can never be too big, the beverages can never be too cold and the home team can never score too many points.

Some Man Caves have high-tech electronics and rare sports memorabilia. Others are simply odd collections of many items picked up over the years. They are all designed with the express purpose of creating a comfort zone for their owners.

Creating their own Man Cave is a dream for many men, says Mick Mertz, owner of Custom Bars by Mick. He's built baseball, football and hockey-themed bars for customers in metro Detroit.

"People come in here even before the house is built and the man is looking for a bar for the basement," Mertz says. "He says, 'This is my domain.'"

George Giovanini, a retired construction worker and driver, started carving out his little piece of paradise in January. Giovanini, 57, converted an old farmhouse behind his West Bloomfield, Mich., home into the ultimate guy's hangout.

His Man Cave is far from fancy. The farmhouse has a bare concrete floor, cinderblock walls and a kerosene heater to warm the place in winter.

The cave started taking shape earlier this year when a neighbor donated an old pool table.

A big black fridge, clearly marked "ICE BEER" in yellow letters, now sits in the corner. He picked that up from an auto shop going out of business.

A friend gave him the nappy brown-plaid couch. A son has been using it at college.

Giovanini bought a TV for \$25 from a Holiday Inn.

If there's ever any doubt about who belongs in the Man Cave, the bathroom facilities consist of a stand-up urinal in the adjoining garage.

"That's another Holiday Inn," Giovanini says. "That was a freebie. They were just throwing them out."

Some female visitors tell him he should add carpet, drapes and contemporary lamps. Giovanini says he likes the Man Cave the way it is.

You don't have to worry about spilling drinks," he says. Tom Edwards of Almont, Mich., says he's satisfied with his Man Cave, too. Edwards, a 59-year-old Ford test-car driver, has been working on his Man Cave, a wood-paneled basement, for 20 years.

The walls are the show-stopper. Edwards has covered the basement with more than 200 beer mirrors for brew brands including Newcastle, Budweiser, Heineken and Miller Lite.

The basement, which he refers to as "The Dungeon," looks like an old-school sports bar. The kind of place that gains character over time.

Initially, his wife, Pam, wasn't thrilled by the decorations, but she's come around. She helps him find beer mirrors at flea markets.

"I keep telling her that I'm going to move them upstairs and put them in the living room," Edwards says. "She's drawn the line on that."

Hernandez's wife, Michelle, also has become a convert of the Man Cave in their Brownstown home.

The couple has three sons, Jonathan, 15, David, 13, and Jacob, 10, along with a Boston Terrier named Budd.

"Oh, I love it," Michelle says about the Man Cave. "I don't have a choice. I'm fully outnumbered in the house."

The Hernandez basement is like a mini-sports museum. The walls have embedded display cases with jerseys for Ben Wallace, Barry Sanders, Steve Yzerman and Lance Parrish. Replica stadium seats are along the back wall and a Gold-ent video machine is in the corner.

Hernandez started finishing the basement in the fall of 2001. He wanted a place to display the sports memorabilia he collected.

He also wanted a place to watch games. He's a fan of the Lions, Red Wings, Pistons, Shock and Tigers. As a teen, Hernandez snuck into Tiger Stadium for the final game of the 1984 World Series.

The Man Cave brings the passion home. For the NBA Finals, he hosted more than 40 people to watch Pistons games.

"It's a given now," Hernandez says. "Whenever there's a big game, everybody is here."

On fall Sundays, he's usually watching the Lions on his 52-inch screen high-definition TV. Hernandez has season tickets at Ford Field, but he says the Man Cave lets him enjoy the game just as much from home.

"To be honest with you, I like it better here," Hernandez says. "I like to hear the commentary on the television."

Good old steak can make a hearty meal for autumn

Night Rider News Service

Steak Chasseur — hunter's style steak — captures the earthy flavors of autumn.

Shallots are a member of the onion family. They are milder and break down more easily than onions when cooked. However, onions can be substituted.

STEAK CHASSEUR

Vegetable oil spray
3/4 pound steak about 3/4 inch thick (sirloin, strip, flank or skirt)
2 medium-size shallots, sliced (1/4 cup)
3/4 cup sliced button mushrooms
1/2 lbs. flour
1/4 cup dry red wine
1/4 cup fat-free, low-salt chicken broth
1/2 lbs. tomato paste
2 lbs. freshly chopped parsley (optional)
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Spray a medium-size non-stick skillet with vegetable oil. Remove as much fat as possible from steak and cut into 2 pieces. Heat skillet on medium-high and brown steak 2 minutes on each side. Lower heat, add shallots and cook for 2 more

minutes. Turn the steak and add mushrooms. Cook for 2 more minutes (3 minutes if you prefer meat well-done). Remove steak to individual plates.

Add flour to the skillet and mix with vegetables until dissolved. Raise the heat and add the wine. Cook 1 minute. Add broth and tomato paste. Cook 4 minutes to reduce liquid and thicken. Add salt and pepper to taste. Spoon sauce over steak and sprinkle with parsley. Makes 2 servings.

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When your dinner guest knows wine ...

By Ben Gliberti
Special to The Washington Post

Question: We're having a dinner party next week, and I'm getting a bit nervous, as I have discovered that one of the guests is a wine connoisseur. I don't want to embarrass myself, but I simply can't afford to spend \$50 or \$100 for a bottle of wine that will be acceptable. My maximum is more like \$20 to \$30. The menu is shrimp salad for the appetizer, and roast lamb for the main course. Can you recommend a good wine for the occasion?

Answer: Relax. The solution to the wine expert coming to dinner problem is simple: Surprise and delight the expert with a wine with which he or she is unfamiliar. That's a lot easier than you might think.

Most wine connoisseurs are "power users." Like the computer geeks who have to have the latest Intel chip or graphics card, wine connoisseurs sharply focus on a just a few must-have wines to the exclusion of others. Typically, these are vintage wines that have received mega-ratings, such as 95 points out of a possible 100, from the major wine publications. Such wines tend to be from a few high-profile areas that are intensely covered by the wine media, particularly in the best vineyards. Most are made from classic French grape varieties, such as cabernet sauvignon, merlot and pinot noir. Major examples include Napa Valley cabernets, classified growth Bordeaux, red and white Burgundy, Rhône, Italian Barolo and Barbaresco, and boutique wines from elsewhere. A price of \$50 to \$100 is not unusual for such wines.

Fortunately, many exceptional wines do not fit into these elite categories. As a result, many aficionados never taste them and know shocking little about them. If you want to impress your guests and come in under budget, this is where you need to be.

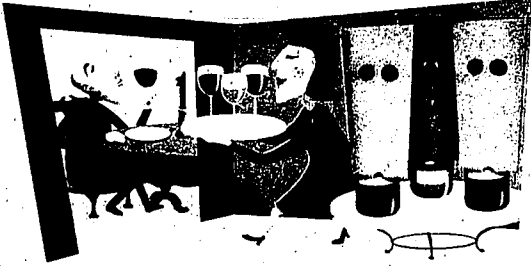
A prime choice is the impressive Stags Leap Winery 2002 Petite Sirah (\$32; California; Washington Wholesale), which is just right for roast lamb. Big, lush and richly fruity, this deep black, blueberry-scented wine offers startling depth and dimension of flavor. Because it is made from the petite sirah grape, an obscure variety often confused with the ubiquitous syrah, it is thoroughly undervalued. A Stags Leap district cabernet sauvignon of this quality would command a price tag of \$50 to \$80.

If \$30 to \$35 is too high, look for petite sirah from Popolino Vineyards or Guenoc, which specialize in this variety. The gutsy Popolino Vineyards Petite Sirah Russian River Valley "Bacigalupi Vineyard" 2001/2002/2003 (\$18-\$20) dishes out copious amounts of delectable black and red berry fruit. Guenoc Petite Sirah North Coast 2001/2002 (\$15-\$17) is a bit less powerful than Popolino, but is also a fine match with lamb or beef.

Another compelling choice for the red is Perrin & Fils 2002 Perrin "Les Sinards" Chateaufort-du-Pape (\$30; NDC; France).

If your guest remarks that this is reminiscent of the \$80 Chateau de Beaucastel, the guest should get a gold star. That's precisely what this is.

In 2002, torrential rains



Washington Post Magazine

When you're inviting a wine expert to dinner, surprise and delight the expert with an unfamiliar wine. It's easier than you think.

drenched southern France, wreaking havoc in the vineyards. Chateau de Beaucastel elected to declassify its entire production and bottle it under the Perrin & Fils "Les Sinards" label, because it decided the aging ability was not up to snuff for the grand vin, due to a less tannic structure. But that doesn't matter if you are serving it next week. Though less concentrated than in its best years, this luxurious wine has all the class one would expect of a Beaucastel in a ready-to-drink style.

Because the 2002 vintage has a bad reputation, other 2002 Chateaufort-du-Pape will be similarly ignored by wine aficionados. Price-cutting has already commenced, with some big-name wines priced as low as \$20 to \$25. Chateaufort-du-Pape to look for include Andre Brunel (Kacher Selection), Chateau de la Nerthe (Clicquot), Domaine de la Morée (Kysela) and Clos des Rapées (Junguenet). Note, however, that because many retailers passed on this fashionable vintage, availability will be spotty. It's prudent to telephone the stores before heading out, or check the ads in the newspaper or online for bargains.

For a white wine to go with the shrimp salad, I recommend a dry Alsace riesling. The French region of Alsace, which borders Germany, can confuse anybody, including knowledgeable wine lovers. The bottles look German, and the grape varieties are the same as in Germany. However, unlike German riesling, which is usually sweet, Alsace riesling is typically dry. An effort was made to make the region easier to comprehend by designating the best vineyards as grand cru, as in Burgundy, but it was botched, by omitting several deserving vineyards and including a few subpar sites. Several top producers declined to apply for grand cru designation.

tion, further compounding the confusion.

Whether designated as grand cru or not, Alsace riesling might be the most complex dry white wine in the world that is obtainable for less than \$20. There are many excellent producers. Ones to look for include Trimbach, Pierre Spat, Hugel, Lucien Albrecht, Albert Mann, Rene Barth, Paul Black, Marc Kreydenweiss and Domaine Weinbach.

Although Alsace has had a string of good vintages since 1999, with dry riesling I recom-

mend drinking the youngest available vintages: 2001, 2002 or 2003.

You don't mention dessert, but the way to finish with a crescendo is a "sticky," the Australian word for a luscious sweet wine. The Peter Lehmann Botrytis Semillon Barossa Valley 2001/2002 (\$17; Australia) is similar to a Barsac, with moderate sweetness and good acidity for a fresh palate impression. It's a splendid match with poached pears, lemon spongecake and fresh fruit.

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Cover the pot or not?

By Erica Marcus
Newsday

Question: Why do some recipes call for the pot to be covered, others for it to be partially covered or uncovered, while some recipes don't say anything about covering the pot?

Answer: You've uncovered a minefield for recipe writers. While some struggle mightily to tell readers exactly what to do with their pot lids, others leave readers to figure it out.

Basically, if a recipe tells you what to do with the lid, follow those instructions. If none are given, here are some guidelines:

Cover a pot whenever you are attempting to bring the contents to a boil. This means covering the pot when you're heating water for pasta — or bringing the water back to a boil after you've added the pasta. A covered pot boils faster

than an uncovered one because the cooling presence of the room's atmosphere is greatly diminished.

Once the liquid comes to a boil, the options widen. With placement of the lid, you are attempting to juggle the competing considerations of boil-over, sufficient heat and evaporation.

One scenario that requires a covered pot is cooking grains such as rice. Here your goal is not to evaporate the simmering liquid, but to get the rice to absorb it.

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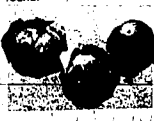
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SPORTSQUOTE

Who better to lead a football revival at Idaho than the quarterback at Lawrence (Ind.) Central High School — Spud Dick?

— Dwight Perry of The Seattle Times suggests the ideal recruit for the Idaho Vandals in an item beneath the headline, "Butter Him Up."

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

The UNC Tar Heel team record for sacks in a season is 16. Set in 1980 by whom?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High School
BOYS SOCCER
Jerome at Minico, 4:30 p.m.
Burley at Wood River, 4:30 p.m.
Declo at Community School, 5:30 p.m.
GIRLS SOCCER
Minico at Jerome, 4:30 p.m.
Wood River at Burley, 4:30 p.m.
Declo at Community School, 5:30 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL
Wendell at Valley, 6 p.m.
Richfield at Community School, 6 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Bruin booster

fund-raiser planned

TWIN FALLS — The Sixth Annual Bruin Booster golf tournament will be held at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course on Saturday, Sept. 24 at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start. The entry fee for the four-person scramble is \$40 which includes lunch. Cars cost \$20. Prizes will be awarded to the top five finishers. There will also be a long drive contest and closest to the pin contest. For more information on forming your own team or signing up as a single player call Mike Hamblin at 733-3336 or e-mail mikelhamblin@earthlink.net

CSI men's basketball fund-raiser announced

TWIN FALLS — A Meet the Coaches dinner will be held at 7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 30 at the Turf Club in Twin Falls as a fund-raiser for the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball program. Keynote speaker Boyd Grant will be joined by Boise State coach Greg Graham, Fresno State coach Steve Cleveland, Utah State coach Steve Morris and Wyoming coach Steve McClain. The cost is \$25 per person. Call Barnett Perry at 732-6496 for more information.

Minico boosters host homecoming dinner

RUPERT — The Minico High School Booster Club will be hosting a homecoming program dinner on Friday, Sept. 23, from 5:30-7 p.m. in the back gym at Minico High School. A potato bar, chili, cinnamon rolls and drink can be purchased for \$4 for an adult and \$3 for a child age 10 and under. Tickets are currently being sold by the football team and will also be available at the door. The Booster Club will be set up that night in the gym selling clothing and taking memberships. Red and Gold Club membership is due soon so names can be updated in the gym and on the football field. Anyone with questions on membership can call Penny Ralphs at 438-2788 or the Booster Club co-presidents Tammy Broadhead at 438-5250 or Donna Harper at 438-4194.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:
Lawrence Taylor.

Cutthroats clean up



Photo by MEGAN THOM/STW/The Times-News

Community School boys nip Trojans 2-1, Cutthroats girls rout Wendell 10-0

By Nathaniel Garbrandt
Times-News writer

WENDELL — After years of running the South Central Idaho Conference table, the Community School has finally found something it hasn't seen very much of soccer competition. Cutthroats coach Richard Whitelaw confesses having seen the dust on the horizon years ago watching rivals build their programs. But it took until last October for one to finally stage a coup. That team was the Wendell Trojans, who handed the Community School a 3-0 loser-out playoff loss en route to their first-ever state tournament berth. After opening the season by dropping two consecutive conference games in a tight SCIC, the Cutthroats traveled to Wendell Tuesday afternoon looking to reclaim their thunder and maybe grab a little pay-back while they were at it. Behind a goal each from forwards Travis Stone and Wes Flanagan, the Community School returned home with at least the latter, prevailing 2-1 in a hard-fought contest. With the victory the Cutthroats pulled to .500 overall at 4-4 and 3-2 in conference play. Meanwhile, the Wendell girls were left still looking for their first win of the season after falling to the Cutthroats 10-0. "From a confidence point of view," said



Wendell's Leslie Tolle dribbles the ball downfield during the second half of the Trojans' girls soccer game Tuesday against the Cutthroats.

Whitelaw, "after being beaten by Buhl and Bliss in two league games in a row, to come down here and beat Wendell was certainly satisfying because they certainly seem the team to beat." The Trojans definitely looked like it early, scoring in the third minute of play off of a solo shot from right forward Miguel Orozco. With the early lead, Wendell (3-2-1, 2-2-1) took advantage of its momentum along the

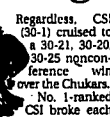
wings, crossing the ball well from the outside and winning individual matchups in the center for five shots on goal in the first 40 minutes. "We always, especially on small, tight, narrow fields we don't seem to play to our strength," said Whitelaw, whose team likes to spread the field and rely on its passing. "We get bunched up and pecked in too much." Eventually, the Community School was able to begin catching the Wendell midfield out of position and generate pressure in front of the Trojans' box. In the 20th minute, Stone caught the Wendell keeper playing too far out and fired over him to the left side of the goal from 25 yards out on the right to even the game at 1. "We got scored on early and lost of time we lost our momentum after that," said Stone. "But we stayed positive and that goal kind of reassured our confidence." The Cutthroats appeared immediately re-energized by the goal and continued to apply pressure down the middle, which grew more consistent as the game went on. Three minutes into the second half, Flanagan stole the ball from the Wendell defense and charged alone into the box for the winning goal, a short chip into the right of the net after juking the Trojans' keeper. "I just got it through and just ran onto it," Flanagan said. "It felt really nice because the whole time I couldn't do anything and then finally got a breakthrough and put it away." The Community School never relinquished its momentum, holding the hosts without a single shot on goal the entire second half.

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No. 1 Golden Eagles dispatch Chukars

The Times-News

ONTARIO, Ore. — The Treasure Valley CC Chukars were much improved, but that's simply not good enough against the top-ranked College of Southern Idaho volleyball team. "They were a lot better team than last time," Golden Eagles coach Ben Stroud. "They scrapped and we helped them along. We made a lot of mistakes."



Regardless, CSI (30-1) cruised to a 30-21, 30-20, 30-25 nonconference win over the Chukars. No. 1-ranked CSI broke each game open around the 10-point mark and enjoyed considerable leads before TVCC closed the gaps later for two respectable score 2-2-1.

"We were never in any danger

of losing that match," Stroud said. JoAnna Kaczor led the way with 17 kills and four aces. Aneli Cubi-Olivera put down 12 kills while Christine Manuel added seven spikes and three aces. "Anytime we wanted to go there, it was a kill," Stroud said. Middle blocker Marta Siemakowska stepped up for six kills and four aces while Leana Richie added six spikes. The Eagles recorded 17 aces, but made far too many service errors. "It wasn't one of our better matches," Stroud said. "After seeing them (in Twin Falls), it was hard to get too fired up." The team also may have been looking ahead to the Scenic West Athletic Conference season. CSI opens home conference play against Snow College at 7 Thursday followed by the College of Eastern Utah at 3 p.m. Saturday.

Monarchs rule WNBA

The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Yolanda Griffith had 14 points and 10 rebounds and the Sacramento Monarchs won their first championship with a 62-59 victory over the Connecticut Sun in Game 4 of the WNBA Finals on Tuesday night. Ticha Penicheiro had six assists and made a free throw with 9.9 seconds left for the Monarchs, one of the WNBA's original franchises. They lost in the Western Conference finals in three of the past four seasons, including a loss to Seattle last year, but with seven victories in eight playoff games this season, Sacramento finally won it all with flair and force. Griffith was named finals MVP. Nicole Powell scored 13 points and Rebekkah Brunson had 12 for the Monarchs. Griffith, the veteran power forward who had never won a championship, went 1-for-6 in the first half, but scored six quick points in the second half with her usual tenacious inside play.

Sacramento jumped to a 55-45 lead with an 11-3 run midway through the second half, with only Jones keeping the Sun close.

Connecticut made a late rally for the second straight game, pulling to 57-56 with 2:57 to play when the Monarchs' lightened up. Griffith made a key deduction and hit two free throws with 1:44 left, but Katie Douglas hit a 3-pointer with 37 seconds to play. Leading 61-59, the Monarchs ran down the clock and nearly turned over the ball before Penicheiro was fouled by McWilliams-Franklin with 9.9 seconds left. The eight-year veteran made one of two free throws — and just as in Game 2, the Monarchs had a three-point lead with a few seconds left. But the Monarchs, who blew a defensive rotation and allowed a tying 3-pointer late in Game 2, didn't do it again. Nykesha Sales' desperate 3 didn't make it to the basket in the final second, and Sacramento inbounded the ball to finish it.



Sacramento Monarchs guard Kristen Haynie, left, goes for a steal against Connecticut Sun guard Lindsay Whalen during the second half of game four of the WNBA Finals in Sacramento, Calif., on Tuesday.

Jacobs and Zabransky highlight Wednesday night game

The Associated Press and the Times-News

BOISE — Defensive coordinators might be chugging a lot of antacid on Wednesday night. Two of the more potent offenses in the country will meet when Boise State hosts Bowling Green in a matchup of two of the country's top mid-major programs. It's the kind of game our league needs to start taking a look at. Playing teams with similar size, speed and talent," Brandon said. "I think going to a 12-game schedule, it's very difficult for a mid-major to find games. We need to look more at some of these games." After being routed at Georgia and losing on a late field goal at Oregon State, Boise State (0-2) returns to Bronco Stadium facing a major challenge in attempting to extend the nation's longest home winning streak. Boise State has won 25 straight at home; its last loss coming in 2001 to Washington State, and 301 of its last 40. The rare Wednesday game is also a chance for Bowling Green (1-1) quarterback Omar Jacobs to display his remarkable efficiency in a nationally televised game. Jacobs led the country with 41 TD passes last year and has started this season on a similar pace. The 6-foot-4 junior threw five touchdown passes at Wisconsin in the opener, and followed that with five more in the Falcons' 40-31 win over Ball State. He is averaging 443 passing yards per game. Jacobs has thrown two interceptions so far — notable because he tossed just four all of last year. "I don't see TD goals. They call the plays, I run them," Jacobs said. "I just want to win games." The Falcons' spread offense is up to give Jacobs multiple chances to throw the ball into safe situations and before defensive pressure arrives. Ten receivers have caught passes from Jacobs. The vast majority of options in the system is part of the reason that Jacobs, with his career passer rating of 170.22, is on pace to eclipse the all-time NCAA mark of 168.79, held by former Boise State QB Ryan Dinwiddie. "Omar does a nice job taking care of the football. We do a good job coaching that — stressing the use of the ball on time and protecting our quarterback," Brandon said. "We do a nice job with him inside the system and don't throw a lot of high-risk plays." Boise State, ranked No. 18 in the preseason top 25, is still trying to recover from the reality check it was given by No. 7 Georgia, 48-13, in the season opener. The Broncos recovered nicely against the Beavers, leading 24-14 in the third quarter, before Oregon State scored 16 of the final 19 points. Boise State is on a three-game losing streak dating back to last year's 44-40 loss to Louisville in the Liberty Bowl, its longest skid since 1957. "We're trying not to get caught up in the highs or lows, and trying to focus on the things we can control," Boise State coach Dan Hawkins said. "Nobody likes losing, especially these guys or coaches, but we understand we've got to play better and win." Broncos quarterback Jared Zabransky threw four interceptions and fumbled twice before being benched in the second quarter in the opener, but rebounded with a 9-of-36 performance for 233 yards and three TDs against the Beavers. Zabransky and his offense are still trying to find the same. Please see GAME, Page D2



SPORTS

ISU athletes suspended for misconduct

POCATELLO (AP) — Six Idaho State University athletes have been suspended for misconduct, the university's athletic director said Tuesday.

Three football players — David Beverly, Michael Harris and Jason Wright — have been suspended for one week. Football players Jeremy Horn and basketball players Tony Jones and Akbar Abdul-Ahad were placed on indefinite suspension.

Athletic Director Paul Bubb said the suspensions were prompted by "multiple incidents that took place Saturday evening." Police earlier said there had been a fracas at a wrestling room celebrating ISU's 37-0 win over Montana Western.

Horn and Beverly were suspended for allegedly taking part

in a fight, Bubb said, and Jones and Abdul-Ahad were suspended for alleged behavior not directly related to a fight. Bubb did not elaborate. He also did not offer any details on the suspensions of Harris and Wright.

Horn, the starting defensive tackle, is currently third in the nation in tackles with 13. Pocatello Police Capt. Kirk Nelson said Monday that several ISU athletes were under investigation for assault and the firing of three bullets into an empty car belonging to a football player.

At the party Saturday night, three or four Bengal football players allegedly began hitting and kicking ISU basketball players and threatening to throw them off a 15-foot-high porch, Nelson told the Idaho

State Journal for Tuesday editions. Hours later, a football player's car was hit by three rounds from a handgun in an apparent drive-by shooting.

Police have not confirmed the two incidents are linked. Detectives were also investigating a possible connection between the weekend incidents and an alleged sexual assault last week, Nelson said.

One of the football player's girlfriends told police Sept. 15 that someone she believed to be an ISU basketball player had sexually assaulted her the week before, Nelson said. After looking into the claim, police concluded the man was neither a basketball player nor an ISU student. Police have not been able to locate him for questioning.

Gooding volleyball picks up home win

The Times-News

GOODING — Gooding moved to 3-1 in the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference as the Senators beat Kimberly 25-12, 27-29, 25-15, 25-18 Tuesday.

"In Game 2, Kimberly got some good momentum. They kept hustling and they are pretty scrappy," said Gooding co-head coach Jenny Koski. Their setter, Megan Stridley and Bailey Keller did a good job.

Gooding senior hitter Amy Tranholt connected on 13 kills followed by junior Katie Randall with eight. Brittanie Toone added 7. Senior setter Lesley Silman passed for 24 assists for the Senators (4-3).

On defense, Toone picked up 26 digs for Gooding. Randall had 12 blocks including four stuffs. Haley Gill and Toone each added five blocks with Toone getting two stuffs. Bailey Keller was led at the service line by senior Samantha Hollinger with 15 points. Sophomore Kassie Newberry added 14.

Gooding plays Burley at home on Thursday.

Hansen 3,

Lighthouse Christian 0

HANSEN — The Hansen Huskies swept the Lighthouse Christian Lions 25-12, 25-21, 25-22.

Shylane Higgins, Charlott Freestone and Amanda Doherty have five, four and three kills in the night respectively.

For the Lions, Amber Ulrich had 12 digs and five kills. Vanessa Wendland added seven kills and four aces while Alayna Smith came up with 14 assists and three aces.

Hansen, (5-4, 5-24) plays Thursday at Magic Valley Christian while the Lions (1-7) travel to Rialto River.

Castelford 3,

Murtala 1

CASTLEFORD — The Castleford Wolves defeated the Murtala Red Devils 25-11, 25-20, 15-25, 25-21 on Tuesday.

Cheney led the Wolves with 22 points.

For the 1-10 Red Devils, Drew Tolman had seven kills, four blocks and ended the night with 100 percent serving. Kristin Egbert came out with six kills and was perfect for service receives throughout the match.

The Wolves, (3-5, 4-24) travel to Oakley Thursday while the Red Devils host Higerman.

Carnas County 3, Bliss 2

FAIRFIELD — The Carnas County Mustangs defeated the

Local sports

Bliss Bears, 25-11, 25-14, 23-25, 23-25, 15-13.

For the Mustangs, Michelle Elliott made 12 blocks in the match. K.C. Davis came through with 20 points, including five aces. Kandace Boggs led the squad with 12 assists.

Carnas County (4-1, 3-4) travels to Shoshone Thursday for a tri-meet with Rimrock.

Richfield 3,

Glenns Ferry 2

RICHFIELD — The Richfield Tigers were able to defeat the Glenns Ferry Pilots 25-9, 20-25, 25-19, 13-25, 15-11.

Dana Naylor led scoring 25 points and 10 digs. "It was definitely her night tonight," said Richfield coach Delwin Amy. "She served 10 straight points in one game and 11 in another."

Shoshone takes

tri-match in Carey

CAREY — Shoshone remained undefeated on the season with sweeps of Carey and Wendell in a triangular match in Carey Tuesday.

The Lions (16-0, 6-0) defeated Carey 25-16, 25-22, 25-16 in a Magic Valley Northside Conference match. Shoshone then handed Wendell 25-15, 25-11 in conference play.

Carey split on the night with a sweep of Wendell 25-5, 25-13.

For Shoshone, Kyle Asle and Haley Harris both had nine kills against Carey.

Amy Olsen led the Panthers against Wendell with three kills, while RayAnne Hennefer contributed four kills.

In the Shoshone match, Amy Olsen recorded seven kills, while Brenna Silva had seven kills and seven blocks.

Shoshone hosts Rimrock and Carnas County on Thursday. Carey (13-2, 7-1) hosts the Community School on Thursday.

Higerman 3,

Magic Valley Christian 0

HIGERMAN — Higerman overcame the odds of sophomore setter Chauncey Axelson to an ankle injury in Game 2 to sweep visiting Magic Valley Christian 25-22, 25-20, 25-12 Tuesday.

Freshman Charlie Grier stepped up big time.

I was proud of our freshman setter, said coach Luanne Axelson. "Charlie came off the bench and held her own."

Higerman stepped up its intensity after squeaking past the

Conquerors in Games 1 and 2. Jessica Madsen and Jo-Plares with 15 points and 10 kills. Becca Hernandez added eight kills.

Higerman (8-1, 7-0) next plays Thursday at Murtala.

Wood River 3, Burley 0

HAILEY — Wood River improved to 1-1 in the Great Basin West with a 25-13, 25-17, 25-16 sweep of visiting Burley Tuesday on June 24, 2002.

Hannah Richards and Leah McHenry led the Wolverines (9-7) in assists while Richards and Kelsey Lidstrom led the hitters. Wood River next plays at Minico Tuesday.

Flir 3, Declo 0

DECLO — Flir picked up a Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference road win as it defeated Declo 25-21, 25-19, 25-18 Tuesday night.

Declo senior middle hitter Nicole Darrington did manage to pound down five kills and four blocks. On defense, Darrington picked up seven digs and senior Alisha Zollinger nine.

Declo (3-5, 1-3) continues conference play on the road next Tuesday at Buhl.

Flir hosts Buhl in a SCIC matchup on Thursday.

Dietrich 3, Valley 2

HAZELTON — Dietrich defeated Valley in a nonconference match 22-25, 25-19, 18-25, 27-25, 15-5 Tuesday night.

Seniors Lindsay Wood led the Vikings with 19 kills. Junior Jennifer Sirek was 22-for-24 at the service line.

Freshman Katie Hall had 13 blocks for Valley (9-6).

Valley opens Canyon Conference play against Wendell tonight at home.

Dietrich travels to Bliss for a Magic Valley Northside Conference match on Thursday.

Girls soccer

Preston 10, Minico 0

PAUL — The Preston Indians romped past the Minico Spas 10-0 after scoring three goals in the first half.

Minico (2-4-2) plays in Jerome today.

Boys soccer

Jerome 0, Century 0

POCATELLO — The Jerome Tigers and the Century Bulldogs met in the Centennial District round-robin played a scoreless tie Tuesday night.

The Tigers, (1-7-1) travel to Minico today.

Buhl soccer handles Filer, 6-0

By Joe Paisley
Times-News writer

FILER — Buhl made sure they weren't the ones to see Filer record its first boys soccer win of the season.

The Indians (5-2, 3-2) dominated play from the opening kick, defeating the Wildcats 6-0 Tuesday.

Buhl came in ready to play, knowing that Filer had scored Declo last week before falling 2-1.

Buhl got on the board quickly, with fullback Jeremy Thomas celebrating his birthday by scoring the eventual game-winner only 10 minutes in.

"We usually send him up to offense late in the game," Indians head coach Bill Fields explained. "But today we told him to get it right off the bat and

he did."

Buhl senior Luke Alexander made it 2-0, cashing in a penalty kick during the 19th minute. Filer (0-5) had a hard time staying with forward Martin Armend, whose foray into the Wildcat zone resulted in the tripping call that set up the penalty kick.

Another Arizona dash resulted in the third goal in the 25th minute for a 3-0 halftime lead.

The second half saw both teams rotate in their reserves. Luis Sora scored in his first varsity game, pouncing on a loose ball after Felix Killian and a Filer defender collided and both fell.

It was typical of Buhl's best scoring chances. The Filer defenders clumped together around the ball instead of marking their man. If the Buhl

forward managed to get a pass off, their teammate often had plenty of space to work with.

Killian got his goal in the 52nd minute, scoring before he was taken down by the keeper on a breakaway. Miguel Maya scored in the 74th minute for the final 6-0 margin.

Filer's best scoring chance was noted on an offside call moments before Jade Stewart's shot hit the back of the net.

Wildcats coach Bill Sweet knows the effort is there and progress has been made. The roster has swelled from a first-grade 12 players to 18, soon to be 19. At the midway point of the season, it's a matter of putting it all together.

"Our boys played hard," said Filer coach Bill Sweet. "Our football team got their first win. It's our turn."

Red Sox rip Devil Rays in 15-2 win

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — David Ortiz hit his AL-leading 45th and 46th homers and drove in four runs Tuesday night to help Curt Schilling and the Boston Red Sox hang on to first place in the AL East with a 15-2 victory over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Manny Ramirez also homered twice to drive in three runs and join Ortiz. Trot Nixon and Jason Varitek with four hits for the Red Sox, who began the night one-half game in front of the New York Yankees.

Boston finished with 21 hits and tied an AL record with four players with four apiece. The Red Sox are the first team to accomplish the feat since Minnesota did it against Cleveland on June 24, 2002.

Ortiz hit two-run homers off Seth McClung (6-11) in the first and third innings, giving him home runs in three straight at-bats over two games and two consecutive four-RBI games against the Devil Rays.

Schilling (7-8) allowed two runs and six hits, struck out seven and walked one in six innings to improve to 2-3 in six starts since returning to the rotation on Aug. 25. The six-time All-Star gave up a solo homer to Jorge Cantu in the first and

ended the speedy Carl Crawford score from second base on Cantu's sacrifice fly to deep center in the third.

Yankees 12, Orioles 9
NEW YORK — Gary Sheffield hit a grand slam, drove in six runs, Jorge Posada added a three-run homer and the New York Yankees kept the pressure on in a pair of playoff races Tuesday night.

Aaron Small was not sharp, but didn't need to be to remain unbeaten. The Yankees gave him plenty of early support by scoring four runs in the first and five more in the second, taking advantage of some horrendous Baltimore defense.

The Yankees (87-63) have won eight of nine and climbed 24 games above .500 for the first time this season. New York remained a half-game behind first-place Boston in the AL East, and also entered play 6-1/2 of Cleveland in the wild-card race.

Alex Rodriguez hit his 45th homer, an opposite-field solo shot into the upper deck in right, and Sheffield added an RBI single in the eighth.

The Orioles closed within three runs.

Small (9-0) allowed four runs and 10 hits in five-plus innings.

National League Giants 4, Nationals 3
WASHINGTON — Barry Bonds turned jokers to cheers with an upper-deck homer in his 2005 road debut, then drew a walk before Moises Alou's go-ahead, three-run shot in the ninth inning of the San Francisco Giants' 4-3 victory over the Washington Nationals on Tuesday night.

Bonds hit his 706th homer off Livan Hernandez (15-8) in the fourth inning, and that was the only run the right-handed slugger headed into the ninth.

Bonds is third on the career home run list behind Hank Aaron (755) and Babe Ruth (714).

Rockies 20, Padres 1

DENVER — The Padres in the playoffs? It really could happen, hysterical as that notion might seem after the show they put on Tuesday night.

Coming off three straight tight and impressive victories, San Diego took an embarrassing step backward, allowing seven runs in the first inning in



the shortest of his eight starts this season.

Blue Jays 6, Mariners 4

TORONTO — Vernon Wells and Gregg Van Horn, and Josh Towers pitched into the seventh inning, and Toronto handed Seattle its fifth loss in six games.

Adrian Beltré hit his 19th homer for the Mariners. He hit 48 homers for the Los Angeles Dodgers last season.

Royals 5, Tigers 4

Royals 4, Tigers 2

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Zack Greinke pitched seven strong innings, and Emil Brown and Chip Ambres homered as Kansas City swept a doubleheader against Detroit.

Mike Sweeney's RBI double with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning gave the Royals victory in the opener.

The Tigers have lost six straight since July 21 of last September. Kansas City avoided its 100th loss for the third consecutive game and swept a doubleheader for the first time since June 7, 2003, at Colorado.

Astros 7, Pirates 4

PITTSBURGH — Andy Pettitte won his shortest start in 2.5 innings, but still won his seventh in a row and kept Houston in the NL wild-card lead with a victory over Pittsburgh.

Bonds (15-8) never finds it very difficult to beat the last-place Pirates, who, despite their 62-89 record, had won three in a row against Houston — all by shutout.

Braves 4, Phillies 1

ATLANTA — Jorge Sosa overcame a career-high six walks to pitch 6 2/3 shutout innings and push Atlanta closer to its 14th straight title win.

The Phillies lost ground on two fronts, falling six games behind the Braves in the NL East and two games behind Houston in the wild-card race.

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White Sox on verge of historic collapse

CHICAGO (AP) — Down at Jimbo's, the mood is decidedly different these days.

James earlier said this season with families and friends pumping up the White Sox, the bar-rauzing just two blocks from U.S. Cellular Field is now full of worry wars.

"It's like they lost their chemistry," patron Sarah Grady said. "Barney, who baseball fans on the South Side like to drink. Barney is designed to be second place in their own city, and without a World Series title since Shoeless Joe Jackson helped them win in 1917, they believed this season was going to be different — until the White Sox headed toward a record collapse, the kind usually seen by the cross-town Cubs."

Leading the AL Central by 15 games on Aug. 1 and on the verge of a runaway, the White Sox find themselves hanging on with two weeks to go, trying to hold off the hard-charging Cleveland Indians.

A 7-6 win Tuesday increased its lead to 3.5 games.

But 181 Boston Red Sox squandered a 13-game lead on Aug. 11, beaten when Bobby

Slip slid'n on the south side

The Chicago White Sox, with a 15-game lead over Cleveland in the A Central on August 1, are on the verge of setting a record for the biggest collapse in baseball history.

	THROUGH AUG 1	SINCE	STARTING PITCHER	THROUGH AUG 1	SINCE
RECORD	69-35	21-24	Buehrle	12-4, 2.89	3-4, 4.25
BA	.266	.255	Contreras	6-6, 4.58	7-1, 2.14
RUN/GM	5.0	3.9	Garcia	11-4, 3.76	1-4, 4.65
HR/GM	1.3	1.2	Garland	15-4, 3.09	2-5, 4.17
RISP (AVG)	.273	.238	Hernandez	8-3, 4.65	1-6, 0.83
ERA	3.64	3.77			

NOTE: Statistics through games of Sept. 1.

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Largest short of the mark

Farthest leads by teams who did not win their league/division:

TEAM	(DATE)	LEAD	FINISH	GB	FIRST PL.
1951 Brooklyn Dodgers	Aug. 11	13.0	2nd-NL	10	N.Y. Giant
1956 California Angels	Aug. 9	11.0	2nd-AL West	10	Seattle
1979 Houston Astros	Aug. 4	10.8	2nd-NL West	1.5	Cincinnati
1942 Brooklyn Dodgers	Aug. 5	10.0	2nd-NL	2.0	St. Louis
1918 Boston Red Sox	July 8	10.0	2nd-AL East	9.0	N.Y. Yankee
1993 San Francisco Giants	July 22	10.0	2nd-NL West	1.0	Atlanta

SOURCE: Elias Sports Bureau; Major League Baseball

Thomson's homer doomed them in a playoff with the New York Giants for the NL pennant. The 1978 Boston Red Sox won in second half of season, but lost to New York Yankees and the 1964 Philadelphia Phillies blew it

the final week.

"Everybody wants to put the blame on us and say this and that. We haven't played our best in second half of season, but we've got whatever," White Sox first baseman Paul Konerko said.

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It was a discouraging loss, said Wendell coach Brent Kossman. "We played a lot better in the first half than we did in the second. We started booting the ball instead of controlling it and lost it."

Next up for the Catthroats will be Declo at home this afternoon. The Trojans host Filer on Thursday.

Game

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rhythm and potency as last year, when the Broncos averaged 48.9 points — second in the country — and Zabransky threw for nearly 3,000 yards and 25 touchdowns.

Bolse State is 87th in the country in scoring offense this year.

"I feel confident about moving our offense on a lot of the defenses we play," Zabransky said. "We need to establish ourselves ... for us to put a lot of points on the board."

JSU freshman tailback Ian Johnson leads the team in rushing.

Community School 10,

Wendell 0

The Community School (3-3, 3-0) took a 5-0 halftime lead behind two goals from senior Chris Cody.

Cody, who has been a pair for the game. Also finding net for a goal each were Christina Walsworth, Sarah Berman, Grayson Palmer, Corinna Pigeon,

Emily Eshman, and Mandy Adams.

"Wendell is just a young team and inexperienced," said Catthroats coach Kelly Feldman. "Hopefully they can keep improving."

The Community School girls also play host to Declo today, while the Trojans (0-4-1, 0-3) visit the Minico junior varsity on Thursday.

"The Broncos are a little wounded-right now," Brandon said. "Going into their place, their first home game, is not going to be easy. I think they are very similar to us. You look at their two-deep, size-wise, and what they're playing with is very comparable to what we're playing with. I think it will be a good matchup."

Although this game is being hyped as an offensive circus, it will be the defenses that decide the game. The Falcons took the final lead last week against Ball State with an Antonio Smith interception return for a touchdown that gave the Falcons the win.

Bolse State has no interception

SCORES AND STATS

WHAT'S ON T.V.

- Baseball**
- Regional coverage, ESPN, noon
 - Regional coverage, ESPN, 5 p.m.
 - Major League Baseball, ESPN, 8 p.m.
 - Baseball, ESPN, 8 p.m.
- Football**
- Bowling Green at Boise State, ESPN2, 6 p.m.

BASEBALL

American League

Team	W	L	Win Pct.
AL East			
Tampa Bay	13	10	.569
Baltimore	12	11	.522
Yankees	11	12	.479
Boston	10	13	.435
Detroit	9	14	.391
AL Central			
Minnesota	14	9	.609
Chicago	13	10	.565
St. Louis	12	11	.522
White Sox	11	12	.479
AL West			
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SPORTS IN BRIEF

CSI remains No. 1

TWIN FALLS—The College of Southern Idaho remains No. 1 in the second week NCAA national poll with all three first-place votes. Adams State (11-0) remains No. 2 followed by Western Nebraska (22-1), Missouri State-West Plains (10-0) and 12-8 Hutchinson (Kan.) are tied for fourth.

North Idaho is ranked sixth followed by B-3 Lake Land (Ill.), Arkansas-Hill Station (15-0), Illinois-Hills (town) and Iowa Western (11-0) at 11th.

On the same stage last season and 2.8 the year before.

Gordon auctioning off helmet for Katrina fund

HUNTSVILLE, N.C.—Robby Gordon is auctioning off the helmet he threw at Michael Waltrip, with all proceeds going to a relief fund for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Gordon started a one-week auction for the helmet Tuesday on eBay. The winning bid will go to the NASCAR's Employee Relief Fund.

"People started asking me almost immediately after the race if they could have my helmet, and rather than just giving it away, we'll use it to raise more money," Gordon said. "Obviously I'm still angry about getting wrecked intentionally, but at the end of the day I still have a house to go home to which is a lot more than a lot of people can say."

He hopes people will dig deep and think of the big picture when they're bidding on the helmet.

Gordon was fined a total of \$35,000 and docked 50 driver points by NASCAR for refusing against Waltrip during Sunday's race in New Hampshire.

BRIEFLY
IN MONEYJerome chamber
holds event today

JEROME — The Jerome Chamber of Commerce will hold business After Hours from 5 to 7 p.m. today at First Federal, 1515 S. L. vein.

The catered outdoor event is a networking social for chamber members, other businesses and individuals. Door prizes will be awarded.

Judge Vioxex
in tests

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Verbal jousting between a defense lawyer and a key plaintiff's witness escalated Tuesday and the judge told attorneys to calm down during the second trial over Merck & Co.'s withdrawal painkiller Vioxx.

Dr. Benedict Luchesi, a heart and medical expert who helped develop the first painkiller, returned to the witness stand for a second day of cross-examination in the trial, in which an Idaho man is suing Merck, blaming Vioxx for his heart attack four years ago.

Luchesi, a professor at the University of Michigan Medical School, stood his ground when Merck attorney Stephen Baber questioned some of Luchesi's conclusions about Vioxx. Superior Court Judge Carol E. Higbee twice intervened in the testy exchanges between the two men.

Baber raised his voice as he pressed a point in questioning Luchesi about an Indian researcher's study that supported theories proposed after publication of a 2000 Merck study that raised the first public alarm about the safety of Vioxx.

Higbee then told Baber to keep his voice down. After another objection from plaintiff attorney Chris Sawyer, Higbee told the two attorneys, "Let's not attack each other."

Sawyer represents 60-year-old Boise, Idaho, postal worker Frederick "Mike" Humeston, who survived a September 2001 heart attack that has left him frequently fatigued and reliant on heart medications. Sawyer argues that excess weight and other cardiac risk factors, not Vioxx, caused Humeston's heart attack.

GlaxoSmithKline
to pay settlement

PHILADELPHIA — GlaxoSmithKline H.C. has agreed to pay \$500 million to settle U.S. Justice Department allegations that the company set "fraudulent and inflated prices" for two drugs covered by Medicare and Medicaid.

The government claimed GlaxoSmithKline, with a U.S. headquarters in Philadelphia, engaged in a scheme to overcharge for two injectable drugs, Zofran and Kytrel, used to prevent nausea for patients undergoing chemotherapy cancer treatment.

GlaxoSmithKline issued a statement Tuesday saying it admitted to no wrongdoing, but agreed to the settlement to "put this historical matter behind it." The company said it "fully cooperated" with the government during its investigation.

The charges related to sales of Zofran between 1994 and 2002 and for Kytrel between 1994 and 2000 to Medicare and Medicaid programs, which reimburse healthcare providers based on the manufacturers' prices.

Americans adjust their
views of 'golden years'

As our population ages, a survey suggests many people are gradually adjusting their views of the so-called "golden years" and retirement. Not too surprisingly, the age was seen as "older" as we age, and more than half those surveyed worldwide expect to work in some fashion in retirement.

Among Americans this coming era is fraught with anxiety: Only 12 percent said retirement would be the best years of their lives. More than two-thirds (68 percent) said the biggest concern about old age was becoming ill, while 66 percent said they're afraid of losing their memory. Just over half were worried they'd be a burden to family, 40 percent said they're nervous about outliving their money.

— compiled from staff and wire reports

Plastic bag maker
celebrates in Jerome

By Karma M. Fitzgerald
Times-News writer

JEROME — With a machine that looks like a robotic taffy puller, a stream of thin, white plastic begins its journey from raw material to grocery bag at Jerome's Hilex Poly Co.

The company — one of the nation's largest manufacturers of plastic bags — celebrated its official ribbon-cutting Tuesday. After just 15 months in business, company officials say Hilex Poly has grown three times faster than scheduled. Southern Idaho's work force has helped the company grow beyond expectations, Hilex Poly officials said.

"When we were looking for a new site, we never thought we'd end up in the state of Idaho," Hilex Chairman Leon Farahnik said. "When we came here, people welcomed us with open arms. It has been a great decision."

The company opened just over a year ago with about 30 employees. Now it is at 100 employees, with plans to add more. The company fielded complaints in June for recruiting workers out of state, but Operations Manager Scott Houtz said those concerns were taken out of context. The bulk of the firm's employees are local.

Several employees hired locally had no experience, Houtz said, but were young and full of desire to learn. In the next year, the company plans to hire even more such workers, he said.

"This plant has seen better quality people than our other plants," Houtz said.

He credited other Magic Valley companies, such as Moore Wallace Inc., which owned the building Hilex occupies, for training quality workers.

"Some of those employees had 25 years of experience. Those people are like gold to us," he said.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and Department of Commerce and Labor Director Roger Madsen toured the plant Tuesday with Hilex corporate officers. The governor shook hands and watched intently as the local manager, Mike Schutz, and Farahnik explained the inner workings of the plant.

Later, at a ribbon-cutting ceremony, Kempthorne had to compete with the noise of rail cars being loaded at the nearby Jerome Cheese plant and with semi-tractor trailers pulling in to pick up shipments from Hilex. He said he was impressed with what he saw at the plant.

"We hold you up as a role model," he said.

said. "There is a reason why you ended up in Idaho. This is a place that makes sense."

Schutz thanked community and business leaders for making the rapid growth at the plant happen. He said when Hilex came into Jerome it expected to grow in three stages over several years. Thanks to an enthusiastic work force and ready and willing contractors, he said, the company has packed that growth into one year.

"If we could do it all over again, we'd still do it here," he said.

Said Kempthorne: "Things are happening here. There is something dynamic in this state."

"Three weeks ago, we had the president of the United States. Last week, we had the Dalai Lama and today we dedicate Hilex Poly," Kempthorne said. "It doesn't get any better than that."

Federated to slice thousands of jobs



Visitors to downtown St. Louis walk past the Famous-Barr Co. logo and display window on Tuesday. Federated Department Stores Inc., which owns Famous-Barr Co., has announced plans to cut up to 8,200 jobs beginning in 2006.

Cuts are the first announced since acquisition of rival

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Federated Department Stores Inc. said on Tuesday it is planning to cut up to 8,200 jobs beginning next year and change all 62 Marshall Field's stores to the Macy's name in the fall of 2006 in its biggest steps yet since completing its acquisition of May Department Stores Inc.

The operator of Bloomingdale's also said it will shed the Philadelphia-based bridal group division it acquired from May and is studying what to do with its Lord & Taylor division.

About 4,500 positions will be eliminated beginning in March as Federated phases out May's divisional operations in Boston, Houston, Arlington,

Va., and Los Angeles. The remaining 1,700 cuts will be in St. Louis at May's corporate offices.

Federated had pledged not to cut any jobs before March 1 as part of its acquisition of its rival.

The moves are a logical extension of Federated's strategy, said Michael Appel, of Quest Turnaround Advisors, a turnaround management and advisory firm in Purchase, N.Y. "Macy's nameplate is going to take over, and they are streamlining the old divisional operations of the May company and putting them under the Macy's umbrella."

The job cuts are the first announced since Federated completed in August its \$1.9

billion acquisition of rival May, creating a combined retailing powerhouse better able to compete against industry leader Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and upscale merchants. The deal for May combined more than 1,000 stores with \$30 billion in annual sales.

The retailer said previously that it was eliminating 10 May nameplates and that it was studying whether to keep the name of Marshall Field's, a Chicago landmark. "We have great respect for the legacy and traditions of Marshall Field's, and we carefully researched customer preferences and studied alternatives before making this decision to incorporate Marshall Field's into the nationwide Macy's brand,"

Federated Chief Executive Terry Lundgren said in a statement.

The cuts and name changes are intended to build the nationwide Macy's and Bloomingdale's brands while reducing costs by \$175 million in 2006 and \$450 million in 2007 and beyond, Federated said.

Kurt Barnard, of Barnard's Retail Consulting Group in Nutley, N.J., said the moves should be good for customers.

"The job cuts and nameplate changes will help keep prices down," said Barnard. "The job cuts will trim costs and changing Marshall Field's to the Macy's nameplate also should save in advertising and in negotiating with vendors."

As Rita picks up steam,
energy worries rise

By Kevin G. Hall
Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Hurricane Rita threatens serious damage this week to the energy infrastructure in and around the Gulf of Mexico and could send fuel prices skyrocketing again.

Oil companies battered down offshore oil rigs and platforms Tuesday in the central and western Gulf and evacuated offshore personnel.

"All of the operators and drilling contractors are taking extra precautions for Rita because they've seen what can happen after Katrina," said David Kent, an owner and editor of the Houston-based Web site Rigzone.com, focused on the offshore oil industry. "I think it's a matter of getting out of Dodge right now."

On Tuesday the Web site, a favorite of energy analysts, warned that Rita threatens the most productive area of deep-water oil rigs and platforms.

Rita was upgraded to a Category 2 hurricane Tuesday and is forecast to become Category 4 on Wednesday — with winds from 131 to 155 mph — as it

heads toward the Texas coastline. It could make landfall Friday.

Texas is the country's largest oil producer, accounting for 20 percent of national production. Much of it comes from offshore activities coordinated through Houston. America's energy capital.

The state boasts 26 refineries, or about a quarter of the nation's refining. At least 14 are located on or near the Gulf Coast. They turn oil into gasoline or distillates for home heating. Most are built on higher ground and around Houston, and most are further inland than refineries damaged by Katrina. Even if Houston dodges a direct hit, Rita could force precautionary shutdowns that could severely impact the availability of gasoline.

That could drive gasoline prices up sharply. Most U.S. refineries have been running full throttle to make up for the four major refineries idled by Katrina. Those refineries, three in Louisiana and one in Mississippi, have a combined capacity to convert 659,000 barrels of crude oil per day.

COURT
FILINGS

The Times-News

BOISE — Recent activity in U.S. Bankruptcy Court included these Magic Valley filings:

Chapter 7, nonbusiness,
under \$50,000

San Michelle Parker, 951 Watterhaven, No. 10, Hiale, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-42100.

Michael D. Askey and Doris R. Askey, also known as Darie Kins, Doris Askey, 1514 Washington St. S., No. 30, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-42102.

Arton T. Nimms, 246 N. Napa, Clifton, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-42101.

Katie Ann Shaughter, c/o Katie Shaughter, P.O. Box 1230, CSI Eagle Hall, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-42105.

Paula Lee Quinlan and Sunshine Rye Quinlan, 907 First Ave., No. 4, Kimberly, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-42106.

Donna L. Peterson, 750 W. 50 N., Paul, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-42107.

Margaret Olson, 626 E. 10th Ave., No. 108, Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-42108.

John B. Roberts, P.O. Box 300, Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-42109.

Paula Ann Smith, 211 E. 17th St., Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-42110.

Carlo Asch, 1051 W. 10th Ave., Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-42111.

Paula Ann Smith, 211 E. 17th St., Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-42112.

Linda Marie Blom, also known as Linda M. Blom, Linda M. McLean, 1950 Grandview Lane, Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-42113.

Melissa Martinez, P.O. Box 2296, Hiale, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-42114.

Cynthia Diane Giamatti, Cynthia Diane Giamatti, 321 Chestnut St., Bellevue, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 05-42115.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$50,000 to \$100,000

Aaron Verdian Verter, 3153 S. 1600 E., Wendell, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$100,000, liabilities under \$100,000. Case no. 05-42107.

Gary Garmey, 1612 Highland Ave. E., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$100,000. Case no. 05-42108.

Michael Todd Aldrich and Alisa L. Aldrich, also known as Alisa L. Aldrich, 778 Pinecone Lane, Heyburn, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$100,000. Case no. 05-42109.

Antoinette E. Cullen, also known as Toni Cullen, 315 N. Lerone St., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$100,000. Case no. 05-42110.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000

11th W., 608 Robbins Ave., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$100,000, liabilities under \$500,000. Case no. 05-42111.

Antoinette E. Cullen, also known as Toni Cullen, 315 N. Lerone St., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$100,000. Case no. 05-42112.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$500,000 to \$1,000,000

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Federal Reserve raises
rates a quarter point

By Greg Robb and Rex Nutting
MarketWatch

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve raised interest rates again Tuesday, saying Hurricane Katrina could fuel inflationary pressures but does not pose a persistent threat to the U.S. economy.

The 9-1 vote to increase the federal funds target rate by a quarter percentage point to 3.75 percent leaves the key interest rate at its highest level since August 2001.

Economists said language in the FOMC statement indicated that the central bank would not pause or stop their steady rate hikes this year. The committee said current rates remain "accommodative" and suggested again that rates could be raised at a "measured" pace.

"We continue to expect the Fed to raise rates at a measured 25 basis points per meeting through the January meeting, bringing the Fed funds target rate to 4.50 percent," said Drew Matus, economist at Lehman Brothers.

A basis point is one-hun-

dredth of a percentage point.

In its statement, the FOMC said Katrina was not a long-term threat to growth. The statement shows that inflation, is the principal worry for the Fed post-Katrina, economists said.

The widespread devastation in the Gulf region, the associated dislocation of economic activity and the boost to energy prices imply that spending, production and employment will be set back in the near term," the committee said.

"While these unfortunate developments have increased uncertainty about near-term economic performance, it is the committee's view that they do not pose a more persistent threat," the statement said.

"Higher energy and other costs have the potential to add to inflation pressures," the committee said. However, core inflation was low and longer-term inflationary pressures were contained.

Fed Gov. Mark Olson dissented at the meeting, voting to hold rates steady. It was the first

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COMICS

B.C. By Johnny Hart

1. FEAR I'M BECOMING AN ENVIRONMENTALIST WACKO.
2. DO YOU SEE A LANDFILL AS HALF EMPTY OR HALF FULL?

Baldo By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

1. MATH!
2. OUT OF MY NO. OVER
3. WHO ARE YOU?
4. ME... ER... I'M...
5. YOUR RE SOURCE
6. ???

Dilbert By Scott Adams

1. DOGBERT CONSULTS
2. YOUR TIME MACHINE IS A FRAUD, BUT NO ONE NEEDS TO KNOW.
3. WITH A FEW MINOR MODIFICATIONS, THE USER WILL VANISH, AND EVERYONE WILL ASSUME IT WORKED.
4. THIS IS IN CASE YOU DON'T COMPLETELY VANISH.

The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

1. I'll have me a slice of that pie with the calf slobbers?
2. Hed like the lemon pie with the meringe.
3. And hed like a cup of coffee.
4. Imagine that! The professor is fluent in French, Spanish and Cowboy.
5. Anything else, Dush?
6. Thanks, pardner!

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

1. TODAY'S TOPIC: "INTELLIGENT DESIGN"
2. DO YOU BELIEVE IN "INTELLIGENT DESIGN"?
3. I DID UNTIL I MET YOU.

Mallard Fillmore By Bruce Tinsley

1. IN OTHER NEWS, THE FEVERPOND JESSE JACKSON TODAY SAID THAT ALL AMERICAN HURRICANES ARE RACIST...
2. CITING THE FACT THAT YOU NEVER SEE ONE HIT IDAHO OR MONTANA...

Pickles By Brian Crane

1. I TAKE TOO MANY PILLS!
2. I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT HALF OF THESE ARE FOR.
3. WELL, I'M PRETTY SURE YOU CAN STOP TAKING THIS ONE.
4. I CAN? YES. THIS IS ROSCOE'S DEWORMER.

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

1. YOU HAD TO TUNNEL THROUGH THE JUNGLE TO GET INTO YOUR ROOM?
2. JUSTICE AFTER THAT ITS MORE LIKE A SPUNKING.
3. YOU HAD TO REMIND THAT ITS A LOT MORE INTERESTING THAN NOT WALKING INTO A ROOM.
4. ARE THESE SPARKLEBUSTERS?
5. DIRTY GARDENERS DON'T LET THEM TOUCHER CLOTHES.

Non Sequitur By Wiley

1. I HAVE TO SWITCH PLACES WITH THE PROSECUTION
2. DONALD'S GROUND MAINTENANCE TO KEEP HIS WINNING STREAK ALIVE

Strange Brew By John Deering

1. 50,000 B.C.
2. 20,000 B.C.
3. 10,000 B.C.
4. BACK IN THE DAY

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott

1. HI, FRESH!
2. IT'S SO GOOD THAT YOU'RE SLEEPING OVER TONIGHT!
3. I, FRESH!
4. WE CAN TALK, WATCH TV, AND BEST OF ALL, TELL SECRETS!
5. WE DON'T HAVE ANY SECRETS.
6. I KNOW, BUT I'VE UNCOVERED A LOT, I'LL SHOW MY BROTHER CRAZY.

Brevity By Guy & Rodd

1. I'M AN HERBIBOLOGIST... I STUDY THIS GUY.
2. [Panel showing a man in a suit]

Doonesbury By Garry Trudeau

1. MR. REBELLIOUS ALWAYS CLAIM THAT ACCOUNTABILITY IS ONE OF THOSE REBELLIOUS VALUES.
2. SO ANYTIME THAT AFTER YOU DEGRADED THEM FOR YOUR OWNANCE, NONE IN THIS ADMINISTRATION IS BLAME HELD ACCOUNTABLE.
3. THAT'S NOT TRUE! I'VE FREED OR DEGRADED AT LEAST TWO REBELLIOUS...
4. BUT THEY WERE ALL AMBITIOUS... BUREAUCRATS!

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

1. THOUGHT AGAIN FOR YOU, HOPEFULLY IT'S A LONG DRIVE HOME, GO TO BATH, NEEDS YOUR PHOTOGRAPH.
2. YOUR DAUGHTER, BRANCHED HIS INTEREST?
3. NO, SHE'S NOT SETTLED DOWN, YET.
4. I SUSPECT IT WILL BE A FEW MORE YEARS BEFORE SHE MEETS HER RIGHT!

Luann By Greg Evans

1. WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN "LIP COLOR" AND "LIP COLOUR"?
2. COUPLE OF BUGS

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

1. YOU REALLY THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO GO TO BAMBLED 75th ANNIVERSARY PARTY...
2. OF COURSE THEY WON'T KEEP US OUT JUST BECAUSE I GOOF ON OTHER STORIES OCCASIONALLY, THEY KNOW IT'S ALL IN GOOD FAITH, THE GUY GUY LOVE US.
3. BEEN MISTAKEN?
4. YOU GO FIRST.

Rose is Rose By Pat Brady

1. I'VE GOT THE NOOP!
2. BUCKET!
3. I'VE GOT TO RUN... BUT I REMEMBER THE CLEAN-UP CROWD HAS BEEN ALERTED TO YOUR SITUATION!

Get finances off your mind, Cancer

IF SEPT. 21 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Fortune smiles on you in the next several weeks, so be sure to take advantage of the generosity of others and walk boldly through any doors that open in October. You can make impressive progress with your career and permanent improvements in your life. Your ability to charm others and draw them closer is also enhanced until the end of the year. A new romance could lead to the altar or a new friendship could offer you the helping hand you have always needed for success.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Pure faith and enthusiasm can't always make things happen. There might be an unexpected shift in your social life or a block in your creativity. Take a short time out if you run into obstacles.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): There is a fine line between reasonable caution and being a stick-in-the-mud. Remain open-minded and yield to changes. Past problems could crop up to bar your progress at home or in career.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Be an inventor. Develop new, unusual tactics. Find ways to blend the old with the new. There is still time to take advantage of helpful stars to start new projects or seal important deals.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Situations over which you have no control can affect your finances. This could be a plus or a minus. Try not to inflate changes in checking accounts, insurance or payroll deductions today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't overreact. Something unexpected might rock your boat, but you aren't likely to get wet unless you abandon ship. Interferences might actually force you to get more organized with work projects.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Brilliant ideas may need some structure in order to be a success. Look to the past for clues as to how to make them a success. Don't be upset by minor interruptions or surprises.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Do what you said you would do when you said you would do it. There may be some excitement if you depart from routines. If you are stuck in a rut with a romance, you may find a way to escape.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Different strokes for different folks. A romantic escapade may have you on cloud nine, but you must remember not to repeat past mistakes. Don't ignore career responsibilities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Focus outside your bank account or possessions. If you have forgotten to take care of routines such as changing the oil in the car, you may have a problem.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The tree that doesn't bow to the wind may break. Be willing to change tactics and interrupt routines. Shifts in your personal life may require rethinking your schedule for top efficiency.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Make progress by being unorthodox. Organize your checkbook and bills, but don't make changes. If the powers that be choose to alter conditions, find ways to adapt gracefully.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): People might talk about you. Stick to routines and restrain your more outrageous impulses. Those in the workplace might disapprove of unusual outfits or disruptive behavior.

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U.S. Senate retaliates against Japan, votes to keep beef ban

WASHINGTON (AP) — Angry with Japan for refusing to lift a mad cow-related ban on U.S. beef, senators retaliated Tuesday by voting to retain a ban on Japanese beef.

Once the biggest customer of American beef, importing more than \$1.5 billion's worth in 2003, Japan has refused to allow the purchase of U.S. beef since the first U.S. case of mad cow disease was confirmed in Washington state in December 2003. Last fall, Japan agreed to lift the ban but still hasn't done so.

In June, U.S. authorities confirmed a second domestic case in a Texas-born cow, Japan, in contrast, has found 20 cases of mad cow disease. U.S. regulators proposed last month to partially lift the ban on Japanese beef.

Japan's stalling is "just unfair," said Sen. Ben Nelson, D-Neb. "There have been two cases

of mad cow disease in the United States, one from Canada," Nelson said in a Senate speech. "Statistically, it's nonexistent, in terms of the millions of head of cattle that are sent to slaughter every year."

Senators adopted, on a 72-26 vote, an amendment by Nelson prohibiting importation of Japanese beef until Japan lifts its ban on U.S. beef. They adopted a similar, nonbinding measure by Sen. Wayne Allard, R-Colo., on a voice vote.

The Senate vote came during debate on an annual spending bill for agriculture, food and drug programs. Senators also were debating emergency food assistance for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Japan's food safety panel issued a draft report last week saying U.S. cows faced higher risk of exposure to mad cow disease because of insufficient feed

controls in the 1980s and 1990s, according to Kyodo News agency.

Ground-up cattle remains — leftovers from slaughtering operations — were used as protein in cattle feed until 1997, when a mad cow outbreak in Britain prompted the U.S. to ban the feed industry from using cattle remains in cattle feed.

The U.S. bans beef from all countries with confirmed cases of mad cow disease, including Japan.

The exception is Canada, which resumed limited beef shipments in 2003 and live cattle shipments earlier this year.

Mad cow disease is also known as bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or BSE. Eating infected beef is believed to cause variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, a fatal brain disorder that has killed more than 150 people, mostly in Britain in the 1990s.

U.S.: Pope immune from lawsuit

ROME (AP) — The U.S. government has told a Texas court that Pope Benedict XVI should be given immunity from a lawsuit accusing him of conspiring to cover up the sexual molestation of three boys by a seminarian, court documents show.

Assistant U.S. Attorney General Peter Keisler said in Monday's filing that, as pope, Benedict enjoys immunity as the head of a state — the Vat-

ican. He said allowing the lawsuit to proceed would be "incompatible with the United States' foreign policy interests."

There was no immediate ruling from Judge Lee Rosenthal of U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas in Houston, who has been presiding over the case. However, the Supreme Court has held that U.S. courts are bound by such "suggestion of immunity" motions submitted by the

government, Keisler's filing says.

A 1994 lawsuit against Pope John Paul II, also filed in Texas, was dismissed after the U.S. government filed a similar motion.

The Vatican Embassy in Washington had asked the U.S. government to issue the immunity suggestion and do everything it can to get the case dismissed. As a result, Keisler's motion was not unexpected.



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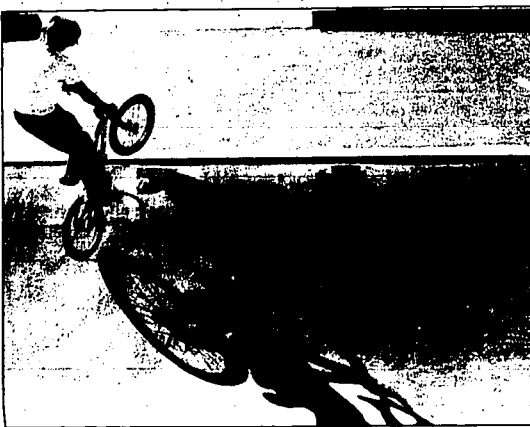
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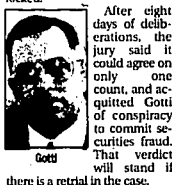
PERFECTING HIS SKILL



Tim Lange, 15, rides at Stanley Quarter Skate Park on Monday in New Britain, Conn. Lange and some friends practiced BMX tricks at the recreation center.

Judge declares mistrial in most of Gotti case

NEW YORK (AP) — The judge in the John A. "Junior" Gotti racketeering case declared a mistrial on the most serious charges Tuesday after the jury said it was hopelessly deadlocked.



Gotti

After eight days of deliberations, the jury said it could agree on only one count, and acquitted Gotti of conspiracy to commit securities fraud. That verdict will stand if there is a retrial in the case.

U.S. District Judge Shira Scheindlin declared a mistrial on the remaining counts which included an allegation that Gotti plotted the kidnapping of Curtis Silvestro, the founder of the Guardian Angels crime-fighting group.

Prosecutors told the judge that they would seek to retry Gotti, the son of the late mob boss John Gotti.

Defense attorneys asked that Gotti be released on bail. Scheindlin said she was likely to grant the request, drawing applause from Gotti's supporters.

Gotti was smiling in the courtroom after an announced-the-trial-had-ended. He hugged one of his co-defendants and his lawyers.

"This case, what's left of it, is a hanging wreck," said his lawyer, Jeffrey Lichtman, predicting that Gotti would be free on bail within days.

Government: Accused man found al-Qaida uninspired

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — A suspected terrorist accused of conspiring to assassinate President Bush said he proposed the plot but it wasn't pursued, and was frustrated that other members of his al-Qaida cell lacked initiative, prosecutors said.

A government motion unsealed this week by a federal judge reveals new details in the case of al-Qaida cell leader Abu Ali, 24, who is scheduled to go on trial next month.

Prosecutors say the Falls Church resident has admitted joining al-Qaida while attending college in Saudi Arabia and that he discussed numerous terrorist plots, including plans to assassinate U.S. and hijack airplanes.

Abu Ali says he was tortured into giving a false confession by Saudi authorities and that U.S. officials aided the torture. His lawyers are asking to have the confession tossed out.

The motion says that Abu Ali was asked to research the location of U.S. nuclear power sites for possible attack. The request was made by the second-highest ranking al-Qaida operative in Saudi Arabia, Sultan Jubran Sultan al-Qubani, according to the motion.

Also, Assistant U.S. Attorney David Laufman writes in the motion that Abu Ali was frustrated and bored during a stay at an al-Qaida safe house "because his fellow al-Qaida cell members did not appear sufficiently motivated to suit the defendant's terrorist zeal."

Abu Ali's lawyers did not return calls seeking comment Tuesday.

In an initial interrogation by Saudi authorities, Abu Ali said that after a May 2003 al-Qaida

attack in Riyadh he organized the cell into a more structured daily regimen at the safe house "because, as I said to the guys, we were wasting our time sleeping and engaging in idle chatter." The attack killed 39 people, including nine Americans.

Prosecutors said Abu Ali's plot caused a response to a question posed by Saudi authorities at the request of the FBI.

When Abu Ali was asked, "Were you tasked to assassinate the President?" he replied, "I came up with the idea on my own, but it did not get beyond the idea stage. I wanted to be the brain, the planner, just like (reputed Sept. 11 attack mastermind) Mohammed Atta and Khalid Sheikh Mohammed."

The government motion was in response to defense claims that the case against Abu Ali should be thrown out because the confession was obtained through torture and that U.S. authorities acted in concert with the Saudis.

Abu Ali's Saudi interrogators have already given depositions in which they testified that Abu Ali believed and well cared for when he confessed.

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Footage shows attack planning

London bombers did reconnaissance ahead of time

LONDON (AP) — The suicide bombers who struck London's transit network did reconnaissance ahead of time and used peroxide-based explosives that took skill to assemble, suggesting the deadly attacks were carefully planned, police said Tuesday.

Closed-circuit television footage taken June 28 shows three of the four bombers following the same route they took on the day of the bombings, which killed 56 people including themselves.

"What this told us about these people is that this was carefully planned," said Peter Clarke, head of the police anti-terrorism branch. "This is quite typical of terrorist methods to reconnoiter the layout, the timings, to check security, to check all those things that they would feel in their mind they need to get right."

The three men wore t-shirts and baseball caps. Two wore smaller backpacks than the ones believed to have carried the deadly July 7 bombs. A fourth, alleged bus bomber Hasib Hussain, was not present.

The pictures show the three bombers entering Luton train station north of the capital, arriving at London's King's Cross and entering the Underground system. Footage was also found showing the three at the Baker Street subway station, close to



This surveillance camera image released by London's Metropolitan Police on Tuesday shows three of the four men believed to have been responsible for the July 7 explosions in London, on what detectives believe was a reconnaissance trip less than two weeks before the deadly attacks.

one of the bombing sites.

The images bore striking similarities to television pictures released earlier showing the suspects entering Luton station on July 7 and walking inside, with heavy backpacks strapped to their backs.

Detectives located the June 28 images after finding train tickets and receipts.

Britain's closed-circuit cameras are owned by many entities — including private transit companies, traffic monitors, shops and banks — so there is no rule on how long tape must be stored. Police seized about 6,000 recordings after the bombings and are reviewing them.

The suspects — Muhammad Sidique Khan, Shahzad Tanweer and Germaine Lindsay — spent about three hours in London on June 28 and they have split up during that time, police said. Investigators were still searching closed-circuit tapes for more about what the bombers did in the city.

Clarke also gave the first official confirmation that the bombs were based on peroxide, as the New York police said in August without authorization from London.

He said one of the apartments police had searched in Leeds, the northern English city that was home to three of the four bombers, had been a "care-

fully thought out and effective (bomb) manufacturing facility."

The attackers carried explosives in coolers the morning they struck, he said. Detectives found two unexploded bombs in a Nissan Micra they left at Luton station, Clarke said. Those devices were also made of peroxide and were surrounded by nails, he said.

Clarke said police also found traces of HMTA, a type of peroxide explosive, in the car.

Andy Oppenheimer, an explosives expert with Jane's Information Group, said HMTA was one of a group of explosives made from common, easily available items such as hydrogen peroxide, which can be used as a hair bleach or antiseptic. The ingredients are tricky to assemble and can blow up accidentally in unskilled hands, he said.

Assistant Police Commissioner Andy Hayman said the investigation was "a colossal undertaking."

Among the 15 sites detectives have examined is a landfill in West Yorkshire, where forensic searches are still going on, Clarke said.

Police said they have interviewed more than 3,000 witnesses, and seized nearly 30,000 items from the sites, which included homes linked to the bombers in and near Leeds.

More than 1,000 of the seized items came from the apartment where police believe the bombs were made, they said. The search of that home took more than six weeks and ended only recently, the police said.

Israel pulls last troops out of Gaza settlements

RAFAH, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israel pulled the last of its troops out of two isolated West Bank settlements Tuesday, completing the final phase of the withdrawal it began in Gaza last month.

As Israeli soldiers left the empty settlements of Ganim and Kadim, next to the West Bank town of Jenin, thousands of Palestinians streamed in, setting fires as gunmen fired in the air — repeating the scenes in Gaza after last week's pullout.

Earlier, Israeli forces left two other evacuated West Bank settlements. Unlike Gaza, however, Israeli forces will continue to patrol the area, the military said, as it has not turned over control of the northern West Bank to the Palestinians.

In Gaza, meanwhile, workers put the finishing touches Tuesday on a border crossing between Rafah and Egypt as a top Palestinian security official announced the border would be opened over the weekend to allow some Palestinians to cross.

Israel shut the Rafah crossing before it withdrew from Gaza, saying that people and cargo traveling over the border would be temporarily routed through Israeli-controlled crossings, so it could ensure no weapons or militants entered Gaza.

After the Israeli pullout, the border exploded in chaos, with thousands of Palestinians and Egyptians clamoring over the wall to visit the other side.

After the Gaza-Egypt border was sealed Sunday, the Palestinian Authority renewed calls to open the Rafah crossing and sent construction workers to put a fence coat of paint on the terminal, lay wiring and install new X-ray machines.

"The Rafah crossing will be ready either today or tomorrow



Palestinians celebrate Israel's evacuation of the Jewish settlement of Samu, while standing on a former mosque that was used as a second synagogue and a Jewish seminary on Tuesday in Gaza.

to receive travelers, but we can't operate it alone," Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia said. "We have the Egyptian side, and we need international assistance."

Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas said Monday that despite the renovations, the Palestinians did not plan to open the crossing in the absence of an agreement with Israel.

However, Palestinian National Security Adviser Jibril Rajoub said the border would be briefly opened over the weekend to allow Palestinians with special needs to cross.

"We have a pressing issue, which is that of students and those living abroad who are currently — in Gaza — who hold Palestinian nationality. We will organize their exit Friday and Saturday," he said.

Iran warns of harsh response if referred to Security Council

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran on Tuesday threatened to resume nuclear enrichment and bar open inspections of its nuclear facilities if an ongoing meeting of the U.N. nuclear watchdog decides to refer it to the Security Council for possible sanctions.

However, Iran's top nuclear negotiator, Ali Larijani, offered Europe a new round of talks, saying the world should give Tehran's new government a chance to reach a political understanding.

At the International Atomic Energy Agency board meeting in Vienna, European negotiators prepared a draft resolution that would refer Iran to the Security Council for alleged "failures and breaches of its ob-

ligations to comply" with the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

But Russia's opposition could delay the draft resolution, a meeting of the 35-member board, diplomats in Vienna said.

Larijani criticized the discussion in Vienna, saying nuclear technology has become a matter of national pride and that the Iranian government would not compromise over its right to enrich uranium.

"If they want to speak with Iran with the language of force, Iran will have no choice, in order to preserve its technological achievements, to get out of the framework of the NPT and the additional protocol and resume (uranium) enrichment," Larijani told a news conference.

Museum plans to exhibit mummified Incan children

The Washington Post

SALTA, Argentina — Their facial features are clear, and their muscles are firm. The blood remains frozen in their veins, and the vivid clothes they wore the day they died remain intact.

The three Incan children — believed to be victims of a mountain-top sacrifice about 500 years ago — are among the best-preserved mummies ever found, and Argentine officials hope to display them in a museum in this city in the far north.

But not everyone is looking forward to the public unveiling of human remains that look anything but ancient. Members of an Argentine indigenous organization are trying to legally block the display, saying it dishonors their "little brothers and sisters." Rival museum officials in Buenos Aires dismiss the exhibit as morbid. And the explorer who discovered the bodies six years ago worries that a rushed showing could permanently damage them.

"I'd much prefer that they not

be displayed, just because of all of the headaches," said Johan Reinhard, who lives in Arlington, Va., and is an explorer in residence for the National Geographic Society, which sponsored the expedition.

Reinhard and his team of mountaineering archaeologists found the three bodies, along with dozens of Incan artifacts, atop the 22,000-foot Llullaillaco peak near the Argentine border with Chile, about 200 miles west of Lima.

The corpses — two girls and a boy believed to range in age from about 6 to 15 — were not artificially mummified, but preserved naturally by the combination of freezing temperatures, thin air and moderate humidity. No signs of violence were found, scientists suspect the three were simply left to freeze to death on a funerary platform as sacrificial gifts to an ancient mountain god.

After National Geographic's one-year exclusivity rights to the mummies and artifacts expired, the Argentine

government took possession of them. Officials decided to open an Inca-themed museum in Salta to display the finds and augmented the Museum of High Altitude Archaeology last November in a remodeled 19th-century Victorian building bordering the city's central square.

The museum currently exhibits the collection of artifacts — including gold and silver statues, textiles and pottery — and hopes to unveil a mummy exhibit for its one-year anniversary on Nov. 19, charging tourists about \$3 to enter. The museum plans to show the mummies in rotation, one at a time.

"Whether it was right or wrong to take the mummies from the mountain, I don't know," said Gabriel Miramont, the museum's director. "But we now have them, so we have a choice: leave them in a laboratory with a small group of scientists, or share them with society. I think it's more democratic to give everyone the opportunity to see them."

Since taking possession of the corpses, the museum has solicited the support of several local scientists, but Miramont said they were skeptical at first but changed their minds after assurances that the exhibit would honor the dead, not exploit them.

But the country's first and largest association of native tribes strongly opposes the exhibit, and its president said last week that the groups' lawyers have begun the process of trying to prevent the display from opening. He said he would like to see the mummies returned to the mountain.

"These children have been taken violently from their sacred resting places, and we consider this an attack on our people," said Rogelio Guanata, president of the Indigenous Association of Argentina, which says it represents 65 percent of the country's 88 native communities. "The desire to show them is something we consider even worse, because it turns something spiritual into something commercial."

Book: Soviet spies tried to woo Third World leaders, including Saddam

LONDON (AP) — The KGB's role in getting Marxist Salvador Allende elected Chile's president was among the biggest successes in what the Soviet Union long believed was a winning battle against the United States for influence in developing nations, according to a new book.

"The Mikrokosmos Archive II: The KGB and the World," published Monday, is the second volume based on reams of handwritten notes that British intelligence agents helped former Soviet spy agency archivist Vasili Mikrokosmos dig out of Moscow when he fled to Britain in 1992.

Agents funneled campaign money to Allende through the Chilean Commu-

nist Party, took partial credit for his election in memos home and arranged meetings with the president through his mistress after he took office, the book said.

"Allende is very attentive to ladies, and tries to surround himself with charming women," wrote KGB agent Syatovskiy Kuznetsov, according to the book. "His relationship with his wife has more than once been harmed as a result."

But Soviet spies flopped in Iraq, where they failed to win the sympathy of Saddam Hussein or sufficiently bolster his opponents — including Jalal Talabani, now Iraq's president.

Mikrokosmos, who died last year at age

82, copied thousands of top-secret documents while supervising the 10-year-long move of the KGB's foreign intelligence archives to a new site, said his co-author Christopher Andrew, a Cambridge University history professor. He did it by hand because photocopying was too dangerous.

The title of the book's U.S. edition is "The World Was Going Our Way," a phrase taken from the archives that summed up the KGB's belief from the 1960s through the early '80s that it was winning the Cold War fight for power in poor nations around the world, Andrew said in an interview.

Soviet intelligence leaders realized by the 1950s that they wouldn't succeed in

turning America communist but came up with an alternate goal, he said.

"They did have an actual belief, that they could beat the U.S. in the Third World, because they could achieve greater influence and blacken the reputation of the U.S.," Andrew said. "And they had a series of tactical victories in doing that."

Of those victories, Allende's 1970 election was among the proudest, seen by the Soviets as a major blow to U.S. influence in Latin America. Cuban President Fidel Castro was another KGB ally — though the spy agency's Havana office thought his ego was a problem.

"E Castro's vanity is becoming more and more noticeable," a 1979 report

said. "Castro's approval is needed on every issue, even insignificant ones."

The KGB believed in the 1970s that Iraq was the Soviet Union's best potential foothold in the Middle East and sought to woo Saddam — known to be an admirer of Josef Stalin — before he took power.

After Saddam made his dislike of Soviet policy clear, the KGB offered training and other help to his opponents, working closely with a group headed by Talabani, an ethnic Kurd, the book said.

But Moscow backed away from its support for the Kurds, fearing that strengthening them might help Iran win its war with Iraq.

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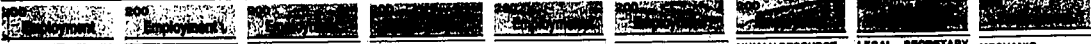
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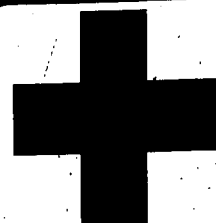
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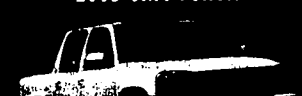
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At the Miami Nationals in 1996 a San Francisco team won the Grand National Teams. Here is a deal from the finals.

Less Stansby of the winning team found, the only defense to trouble declarer when he led the heart king against five clubs and then, instead of switching to the obvious spade, continued with a second heart. Declarer ruffed in dummy, then played the diamond king. Stansby won and played back a second diamond. In dummy, declarer played the club king and Stansby contributed the jack!

South next played the diamond jack, to which all followed as he discarded a second spade. He was now at the crossroads: If clubs were 2-2, he could simply draw all the trumps. Alternatively, he could take the spade finesse—which on the auction figured to be wrong. However, the most elegant line would work if trumps were 3-1 with Martel having the length. He would simply run the diamonds from dummy. When Martel ruffed, he would overruff and cross back to dummy with the club queen to draw the last trump. Then he would cash the rest of the diamonds, discarding his spades.

South opted for this line, leading the fourth diamond from dummy. Martel carefully discarded (ruffing in would have exposed the position), and declarer triumphantly pitched his spade queen. He was brought back down to earth when Stansby produced a small trump that he was not supposed to have, taking the contract one down.

NORTH 09-21-A
♠ J 5 4
♥ 9
♦ K Q J 7 3 2
♣ K Q 2

WEST
♠ 10 7
♥ K Q 10 7 6 4
♦ A 8 5
♣ J 4

EAST
♠ K 9 8 3
♥ A J 8 2
♦ 10 6 4
♣ 8 3

SOUTH
♠ A Q 6 2
♥ 5 3
♦ 9
♣ A 10 9 7 6 5

Vulnerable: North-South

Dealer: South

The bidding:

South West North East
1 ♠ 1 ♥ 2 ♠ 3 ♥
Pass 4 ♥ 5 ♠ All pass

Opening lead: Heart king

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:
♠ 10 7
♥ K Q 10 7 6 4
♦ A 8 5
♣ J 4

South West North East
1 ♥ 1 ♠ 2 ♥ 1 ♠
? Pass

ANSWER: Raise to three hearts, not a game try, but as a pre-emptive measure. If you wanted to make a game-try in this auction, you could have bid any one of the other suits, but a raise is designed simply to up the ante and make your opponents' life tougher.

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