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Idaho gets new EPA boss

The Associated Press

BOISE — Beginning in Nov. 2004, Idaho's congressional delegation lobbied the White House hard to appoint L. Michael Bogert, the former counsel to Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, to head the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. "He is sensitive to the need to protect the environmental treasures of the West, while balancing the real life consider-

ations of the citizens of this region and their livelihoods," the all-Republican Idaho congressional delegation wrote in a letter last year to President Bush's personnel director. Last month, their entreaties paid off. A lawyer who helped political leaders in California and Idaho bring environmental and water cases against the federal government, Bogert became the first Idahoan in nearly 20 years to direct more than 600 employees and \$500 million

annual budget in monitoring compliance with federal anti-pollution and public health safety laws in Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Alaska. But Kempthorne and the state's congressional delegation will have to wait to get the full benefit of their hand-picked Idaho appointee. Bogert said he's recusing himself from EPA decisions on some Idaho issues, including the Silver Valley mining Superfund cleanup, to avoid any appearance he's favoring his

former clients or employer. "Once I get the ethical issues straightened out, and determine what role I can have on issues impacting Idaho, the Coeur d'Alene Basin is at the top of the region's priorities and I don't expect that to change," he told The Associated Press in a recent interview. The last Idahoan to hold the job, Robie Russell, was appointed in 1986. He became mired in ethical violations over cleaning Please see EPA, Page A2

Crime rate for 2004 holds at 30-year low

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The nation's crime rate was unchanged last year, holding at the lowest level since the government began surveying crime victims in 1973, the Justice Department reported Sunday. Since 1993, violent crime as measured by victim surveys has fallen by 57 percent and property crime by 50 percent. That has included a 9 percent drop in violent crime from 2001-2002 to 2003-2004.

The 2004 violent crime rate — assault, sexual assault and armed robbery — was 21.4 victims for every 1,000 people age 12 and older. That amounts to about one violent crime victim for every 47 U.S. residents.

By comparison, there were 22.6 violent crime victims per 1,000 people in 2003. The Bureau of Justice Statistics said the difference between the rates in 2003 and 2004 was statistically insignificant.

Murder is not counted because the bureau's study is based on statements by crime victims. In a separate report based on preliminary police data, the FBI found a 3.6 percent drop between 2003 and 2004 — from 16,500 to 15,910. Chicago was largely responsible for the decrease.

The survey put the rate for property crimes of burglary, theft and motor vehicle theft in 2004 at 161 for every 1,000 people, compared with 163 the year before.

Many explanations have been advanced for decline in violent crime, including the record prison population of more than 2 million people, the addition of 100,000 police officers since the mid-1980s and even a deterrent effect that terrorizing might have had on street crime.

"Success has 1,000 fathers," said Mark A. Kleiman, an expert on crime control policy who teaches at the U.S. Justice Department. Kleiman said the victim survey probably does not take sufficient account of a growing problem with gang violence that has been widely reported across the country. The leveling off of the crime rate also should be viewed as disappointing, he said.

"My sense is that complacency is not justified. This rate means we're down to about twice the level of crime when I was growing up in the 1950s," he said.

The Justice Policy Institute, which advocates alternatives to incarceration, said the report offered good news and further reason to "begin investing in community-based policing and local organizations that succeed in increasing public safety."

The National Crime Victimization Survey is based on annual interviews by Census Bureau personnel with about 150,000 people at least 12 years old. The FBI does a separate crime study based on reports it receives from thousands of law enforcement agencies nationwide.

BACK TO LIFE



Dalton Allen clears fallen branches from his front yard following Hurricane Rita on Saturday near Houston.

Evacuees return to Houston after hurricane hassle

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Airlines resumed service and cars flowed easily over freeways as Houston flickered back to life Sunday, avoiding at least for now a repeat of the gridlock that plagued the evacuation before Hurricane Rita. There were signs the eerie emptiness was lifting in the nation's fourth-largest city: More gas stations offered fuel, and supermarkets, drug stores and restaurants opened their doors.

At Pappas Seafood, a sign read, "Come on, open at 11. Incredible!" The marquee at Kennedy's Irish Pub read: "Rita who?" A supermarket near downtown was open, even though no produce was expected to arrive until Tuesday, and the packaged meat and dairy aisles were depleted. Still, the store was bustling within 15 minutes.

"It was without power yesterday for about five hours, but now that it's back on, I'm hungry and need some beef," said Yvette Galling, a 34-year-old lawyer.

It was the first day of a staggered re-entry plan drawn up by authorities in hopes of avoiding a recurrence of the massive grid-



A business on Westheimer in downtown Houston advertises a return to 'business as usual' on Sunday.

lock that stalled freeways and temporarily stranded some Houstonians as they fled days before Rita. On Sunday, only the northwest quadrant of the city was encouraged to return, but cars were streaming back to other parts of the metropolis as well.

"I am not going to wait for our neighbors

to the north to get home and take a nap before I ask our good people to come home," said John Willy, the top elected official in Brazoria County, along the Gulf Coast. "That is ridiculous."

"Our people are tired of the state's plan," he added. "They have a plan too, and it's real simple: They plan to come home when they want."

Traffic appeared to be moving smoothly. Meanwhile, the city's two main highways, Bush Intercontinental and the smaller Hobby, resumed service Sunday morning. They were shut down Friday as Rita bore down on the Gulf Coast.

Continental Airlines, based in Houston, was operating 249 flights out of the city, with plans to restore its smaller Continental Express and Continental Connection branches on Monday.

More gas stations opened, with lines of motorists eager to tank up, snaking around blocks.

Groundskeeper Frank Mendoza, 64, was mowing grass in front of a building next to a Citgo station where lines were getting longer as a tanker truck resupplied the pumps with fuel.

"We've got the gas. People just need to be patient," Mendoza said. "I'm thinking of filling."

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Puggles and labradoodles lead the pack of trendy hybrid dogs

By Raquel Rutledge
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

MILWAUKEE — Karen Zale arrived at Milwaukee's Mitchell International Airport to meet Delta flight 1667 from Atlanta excited and a little anxious.

"Is she as cute as the pictures? Shy or outgoing? Healthy, I hope?"

She stood at the cargo counter, waited and wondered.

Minutes later, the airline agent emerged with the crate, and for the first time, Zale met the specially ordered puppy she sought and bought over the Internet.

"I was like, 'Oh my God, she is so cute,'" said Zale.

Zale was relieved. After all, she had never even heard of her puppy's breed until two weeks before deciding she had to have one.

That's because her puppy, Jasmine, is a shepadoodle — a German shepherd-standard poodle



Karen Zale pets her shepadoodle mixed-breed dog, Jasmine, at her home in Sussex, Wis., last month.

mix — one of dozens of new, so-called "designer dogs," bred deliberately in hopes of duplicating the best traits of each within a single dog.

Once considered mutants, these high-priced crosses are the latest craze — leaving some canine enthusiasts scrambling to find them and stirring controversy among others.

There's the Schnoodle — a miniature schnauzer-poodle.

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Organizers plan M.V.'s 'premier' career fair

By Steve Sincov
The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Cold Stone Creamery will provide ice cream samples Tuesday at the Magic Valley's largest career fair, but the resulting job offers and educational opportunities will be the icing on the cake.

The Times-News and the College of Southern Idaho will host the third annual Southern Idaho Career Fair from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday at the CSI Gymnasium.

More than 80 other employers from across the Magic Valley will also be at the fair, where job seekers will have opportunities to interview for full- and part-time employment.

Experts will be on hand from Idaho Commerce and Labor and the CSI Center for New Directions to offer free resume critiques.

"Dell's back. Best Buy is new this year. We just continue to grow," said Deby Johnson, class-

If you go ...

What: 2005 Southern Idaho Career Fair
When: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday
Where: College of Southern Idaho Gymnasium

sified manager for The Times-News. "They trust that their companies will benefit from their exposure at the event."

Based on last year's event, she said several hundred participants are expected to attend when she calls the Magic Valley's premier career fair, with exhibitors and job seekers coming from a 200-mile radius.

The bottom line is that job offers will be made at this event. "These are the true success stories," she said, adding that Dell hired 30 people as a result of its involvement with last year's career fair.

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RITA'S AFTERMATH

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Recipe for disaster?

Rita exposes evacuation problems that could be more deadly in an urgent crisis

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 14-hour lines of traffic fleeing Houston — complete with cars that ran out of gas — show that four years after the Sept. 11 attacks, it is difficult to evacuate a major metropolitan area.

Experts say the consequences could be far more deadly in the event of a radiological or other terrorist strike.

"The nightmare that we all have is that, God forbid, there's a terrorist attack of some kind on a major American city that requires evacuation without warning," said Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn.

"We need to be better prepared," Lieberman, the top Democrat on the Senate Homeland Security Committee, told CNN's "Late Edition."

President Bush has ordered the Homeland Security Department to review disaster plans for every major metropolitan area. Experts say the slow pace of evacuations in Houston and New Orleans show the need for changes to get people out of harm's way in a more urgent emergency.

"You have to accept the possibility that a major portion of the people will be left behind," said Roger Cressey, a former anti-terrorism official in the Clinton and Bush administrations. "You may have to write some of them off in far larger numbers than people realize."

Cressey said the answer is not simply giving local governments more money to improve emergency operation plans.

Lawmakers said they plan to address the issue.

"You would think four years after 9/11 with billions of dollars spent to improve our emergency preparedness that the response to Katrina would be far crisper, far better coordinated and not marred by failures at all levels of government," said GOP Sen. Susan Collins of Maine, who heads the Senate Homeland Security Committee.

Cressey said there must be plans in place to move the poor and disadvantaged. Thousands of them were left behind in New Orleans after Katrina.

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People line up trying to get into a gas station to buy fuel during the evacuation from Hurricane Rita, on Friday, in Huntsville, Texas.

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shelter for those who are left homeless by an earthquake or terrorist attack.

Washington had a mass evacuation drill after this year's Independence Day fireworks on the National Mall, which revealed some glitches that officials say they are working to fix.

Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius has ordered officials in her state to identify by name every one likely to be bypassed in an evacuation.

Milwaukee leaders realized they have misplaced their evacuation plan, devised during the Cold War.

"If this isn't a wake up call for real disaster planning, I don't know what will be," Cressey

said. The evacuation before Rita was much more successful than it was in Mississippi and Louisiana as Katrina approached — in large part because citizens seemed to take the danger more seriously after seeing so many people stranded in flooded New Orleans.

"The fact is, we've never had an evacuation this size before: 2.7 million people," said Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas.

"Maybe that should have been handled on a different time basis, but the good news is that people ultimately did get out. And fortunately Rita did the rest by taking a right-hand turn and avoiding the major population centers in our state," he said.

Bush views larger role for military in disaster response

The Washington Post

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — On Sunday President Bush called on Congress to consider a larger role for U.S. armed forces in responding to natural disasters, as he completed what White House aides called a weekend "fact-finding" mission to determine if the Pentagon needs more control.

"Clearly, in the case of a terrorist attack that would be the case, but is there a natural disaster — of a certain size — that would then enable the Defense Department to become the lead agency in coordinating and leading the response effort?" Bush said after a briefing from military leaders at Randolph Air Force Base here.

"That's going to be a very important consideration for Congress to think about."

Bush has told aides that one of the major breakdowns in the Hurricane Katrina response was the federal government's inability to seize control of rescue and relief efforts.

Under the 423-page National Response Plan formally unveiled last winter, local military commanders are authorized and pre-approved to respond to requests of civil authorities for "immediate response" needs, including rescue, evacuation, medical treatment, restoration of vital services, safeguarding and distributing food and supplies, said Michael Greenberger, director of the Center for Health and Homeland Security at the University of Maryland School of Law.

The military is also allowed to provide whatever other disaster support is necessary. Traditionally the military acts at the behest of the so-called lead federal agency — in the case of a natural disaster it would be FEMA and DHS — and waits until requested to provide large numbers of troops. There are exceptions when the military has acted on its own, as a commander did in response to the 1906 San Francisco earthquake.

The current National Response Plan developed after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks gives the Secretary of Defense authority to provide military support for disaster relief efforts at the direction of the president.

However, active-duty troops generally can't take on domestic law enforcement roles, which is what many experts said was desperately needed to stop the rioting and violence in the streets of New Orleans after Katrina hit. National Guard troops under state control are allowed to take on law enforcement responsibilities.

OIL OUTLOOK

Rita left refineries 'better than expected'

By William Nelkirk
Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — Hurricane Rita spared most of the gasoline-producing refineries in its path and perhaps the American economy, too.

Before Rita hit, fears had risen that gasoline prices could surge to as much as \$5 a gallon since it threatened large number of refineries along the Texas and Louisiana coast. That prospect had caused some analysts to worry about a Rita-induced recession.

But the worst-case scenario failed to materialize. The storm lacked the punch of Hurricane Katrina and veered away from so-called "refinery row" in the Houston vicinity, leaving its gasoline-production facilities largely unscathed.

The prices of both oil and gasoline in the futures market went down after the storm's arrival, even though the condition of all 16 refineries in Rita's path, which produce 23 percent of the nation's gasoline, was not known.

"I think we can squeak through," said Philip Verleger, a Colorado energy expert who several days ago had expressed worry that Rita could do severe

damage to the U.S. economy if many refineries had been damaged.

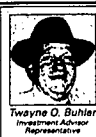
Adam Sieminski, energy economist for Deutsche Bank, said the worst fears of energy experts had not materialized, "and that's good for everybody." A spokesman for the American Petroleum Institute, trade association for the industry, said it appeared that the industry — and gasoline consumers — appeared to have dodged a bullet.

But that doesn't mean the American consumer is totally out of the woods. Damage was reported to some refineries in the area that bore the brunt of the storm, near Port Arthur,

Tex., and Lake Charles, La. Also, natural gas facilities in the Gulf of Mexico were in Rita's path, but it will take several days to assess any damage to them, said Sieminski.

At Valero Energy's Port Arthur refinery, the company reported significant damage to two cooling towers and a flare stack, damage that it said could take between two and four weeks to repair, Valero spokeswoman Mary Rose Brown said the company's Texas City and Houston refineries survived the storm, and both are expected to be back in service later in the week despite the troubles at its Port Arthur facility.

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RITA'S AFTERMATH

Cleanup resumes in the Big Easy

Post-Rita water removal could go faster than expected

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The mammoth task of restoring power to much of New Orleans and removing heaps of debris, interrupted when Hurricane Rita slammed the Gulf Coast, resumed Sunday as the mayor pushed his plan to reopen parts of the city this week.

Even those areas newly flooded this weekend by Rita could be pumped dry again within a week after levee damage is repaired, far sooner than initially predicted, a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers spokesman said Sunday.

"All indications are all operations are getting back to normal," said Ted Monette, deputy federal coordinating officer for Katrina recovery.

Monette said federal officials had been coordinating with Mayor Ray Nagin's effort to begin allowing evacuated residents to return and were supportive of his plan.

Nagin on Saturday renewed his plans to allow some residents to return to dried parts of the city where utilities have already been restored. Dry districts will eventually support a population of between 250,000 and 300,000, he said.

Residents of the Algiers neighborhood, which has working power, water and sewer services, could be allowed to return Monday or Tuesday, followed by people in other ZIP codes, Nagin said.

Nagin has suggested that only people who are mobile — not families responsible for children or senior citizens come back. That's going to be the reality of New Orleans' moving forward."

However, Coast Guard Vice Adm. Thad Allen, who is in charge of the federal disaster effort in the city, sounded a



A Chinook helicopter drops sandbags to repair the breach in the Industrial Canal levee, Sunday in New Orleans. The storm surge created by Hurricane Rita eroded repairs made after Katrina and sent water surging back into the already devastated Ninth Ward.

cautionary note. The city can continue allowing business operators to return to unaffected areas and letting residents return to the West Bank and Algiers, he said.

"Where the mayor needs some thoughtful approach to is the areas that have been re-flooded and the areas that may remain uninhabitable for safety, health and other reasons," the admiral said Sunday on ABC's "This Week." "And I think a timetable associated with that still needs to be worked out."

Most of the city was spared significant new damage when Rita struck near the Texas-

Louisiana line, but the hurricane's rain and storm surge partially breached levees along the Industrial Canal, causing renewed flooding in the Ninth Ward. That is the section of east New Orleans that was submerged by Katrina and pumped dry just days before the second big storm.

The Army Corps of Engineers worked through the night to pile rocks and sandbags in the breaks. Workers believe that once the breaches are closed, the Ninth Ward can be pumped dry in a week, said Mitch Frazier, a spokesman for the corps. Federal officials had estimated

Saturday it would take two to three weeks to pump out the water delivered by Rita.

Entergy, the state's biggest power company, was assessing new damage that Rita caused for customers in hard-hit southwestern Louisiana, but work continued in New Orleans, said Chanel Lagarde, a company spokesman. More than 200,000 customers still lack power in the New Orleans area, but many are in badly damaged areas.

Entergy has restored power to most of the city's central business district, and hopes to tackle work in the French Quarter early this week, he said.

Scientists on mission to defeat hurricanes

By Scott Dodd
Knight Ridder News Service

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Another monster hurricane on the Gulf Coast. Millions of people on the run. Billions of dollars in damage predicted.

All leading to the question: Can these storms be stopped?

It's a question scientists, not to mention people living in the path of hurricanes, have been asking for decades. After all, if we can put a man on the moon, why can't we prevent a killer storm — or at least slow it down a bit?

Scientists and zealous amateurs have hatched plenty of schemes, from shooting space-based heat rays to lining the coast with giant windmills. But nothing looks promising.

The government did try one idea. They called it Project Stormfury. The plan: Drop silver iodide from airplanes into the outer rainbands of a storm.

The goal was to create a new ring of convection to compete with a hurricane's eye and rob the storm of its power. For a decade starting in 1961, scientists seeded clouds in four hurricanes. The storms weakened, so they thought it was working.

Then Hugh Willoughby came along. The former director of the government's Hurricane Research Division concluded that a natural process called "eyewall replacement" often makes storms wobble in intensity. That's why, he said, the storm that weakened Hurricane Rita somewhat as it plowed toward Texas.

"I was really astute," says Willoughby, now a professor at Florida International University. "I'd go out tonight and seed the clouds, and when the winds drop I'd claim, 'I saved Houston! For \$50 million, I'll do it again.'"

So silver iodide is out. Other ideas have been proposed over the years: dropping sponges from airplanes; blasting storms with a fleet of jet engines; dragging icebergs from the North Pole to cool down the tropics.

Robert Simpson, a former director of the National Hurricane Center (and one of the guys the Saffir-Simpson storm scale is named after), thought spreading an oil slick in front of a hurricane might work. The Soviets tested it over the Pacific Ocean in the 1970s. The results were never disclosed.

There's even the all-purpose "What does it take to terrorize a reporter?"

Jack Douglas Jr. of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram found out Saturday morning, when power lines blocked his way and forced him back over the 177-foot-high Rainbow bridge between Port Arthur and Orange, the highest in Texas. The bridge's railings were out in places and the wind rocked the vehicle harder and harder as it approached the bridge's peak. According to Douglas, driving over the hump scared him "more than three times more" than anything he'd ever done.

plan to stop everything from as-
troids to alien Nukes' em.

Over his decades of studying storms, Willoughby's heard them all. He even helped come up with a few ideas himself, like building fiberglass ducts to suck water from the ocean floor and cool the Gulf Stream.

One drawback: That might kick off the next ice age.

"When you do this kind of mega-engineering," Willoughby says, "you might create a solution that comes back and bites you in the backside."

Indeed, hurricanes exist for a reason. They help the earth expel heat from the tropics, provide much-needed rain to parts of the United States during late summer, and help cleanse polluted coastal ecosystems.

"I think we'll be able to modify them someday, but because of the uncertainty, we may not want to," said Ross Hoffman, an atmospheric researcher at a private Massachusetts firm. His own idea involves using satellites with mirrors to reflect solar radiation, thus changing wind patterns.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has pretty much given up on the idea of influencing storms. So has the American Meteorological Society, which concluded in 1998 that there is "no sound physical hypothesis" for trying it.

Scientists keep coming up with ideas, though. Robert Langer, a chemical engineer at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is trying to create a substance that could be spread in front of a hurricane to absorb water vapor (a variation on Simpson's old oil slick idea).

"The biggest problem we've had is getting funding," Langer said. The government will spend \$50 billion on recovery, and we could have helped them for a great deal less."

Willoughby says there are promising ideas out there — if scientists can overcome the massive engineering problems. Another suggestion he's heard: Drag a piece of fabric into a hurricane's path.

Again, it might work, he said, but it would need to be about 10 times the size of the District of Columbia. And how would you even get it in place?

"The suggestion I heard was, pull it with mini-sub," Willoughby said. "You'd need a lot of mini-subs."

Katrina tax break available

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Bush has signed legislation to provide tax breaks for Hurricane Katrina victims, including a provision that would waive penalties for persons who need to withdraw money from their retirement accounts.

The provision would cover the Thrift Savings Plan as well as 401(k) plans, a TSP spokesman

said. The TSP has about 3.5 million participants, providing retirement savings accounts to civil service, postal and military personnel.

The legislation, signed Friday, would allow eligible individuals to withdraw a maximum of \$10,000 from their retirement accounts without paying the usual 10 percent tax, and would increase the limit on loans from personal plans from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

Storm vignettes

With Samaritans, luck, Rita survivors find some satisfaction.

Knight Ridder News Service

LIVINGSTON, Texas — Many who survived Hurricane Rita emerged somehow, the better for it. Their mettle was tested and they passed. Here are some cases:

Talk about a house party. When Texas coast evacuees gave up on clogged U.S. 59 north out of Houston late last week, lots of them stopped at First Baptist Church in tiny Shepherd, pop. 2,100, for help.

The church provided restrooms, some food and a place to rest, but its insurance restricted its use as a shelter.

That's when Carlos and Dora Ochoa and their three daughters stepped in.

"Eight or nine Hispanic families said, 'Where will we go? We have no gas,'" said Dora Ochoa, a native Colombian who teaches bilingual education. "I said, 'OK, my house is not that big, but you can come.'"

About 50 people stayed at the Ochoas' six-bedroom home Thursday night. The number grew to 65 on Friday. By Saturday night, just one family was left and Dora Ochoa was exhausted but satisfied.

"I felt like my house was a celebration, a family reunion," she said.

How did Nolla Barnett live to be 102? Endurance, endurance, endurance.

Barnett evacuated from Nederland, Texas, with her family Thursday and hunkered for Livingston, 80 miles northwest. The drive took 31 hours. Doctors at a local hospital treated Barnett for heat exhaustion and dehydration, then turned her out because she didn't need intensive care.

So Barnett spent Saturday resting on the only couch at a Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Livingston.

"I'm doing all right," she said.

When Hurricane Katrina hit Lake Charles, La., four weeks ago, Joe Hasecock did what he's known for: He started cooking gumbo for evacuees and rescue workers. "We've been here since day one of Katrina," said Hasecock, the executive chef and department head at Sowell Technical Community College in Lake Charles.



Port Arthur Policeman Mike Hebert finds a dry spot at a store in Sabine Pass, Texas, to make a phone call on Sunday.

He was evacuated to nearby Oberlin with other rescue workers and returned with them Saturday. Post-Rita was just like pre-Rita in Lake Charles, with bedraggled evacuees and rescue workers milling around the civic center with big bowls of gumbo, asking anyone without one, "Did you get something to eat?"

People discover things in a hurry. For example, it's a good idea to:

• Keep a spare carton of cigarettes in the closet.

"I left to get cigarettes and clean water three hours ago," said Kirk Esthary, who was stranded by a police roadblock erected between a convenience store and his home in Beaumont, Texas.

• Choose your moment.

The 80-mile trip to Huntsville, Texas, could take a whole day late last week on

Houston's clogged highways. Not for Jeff Nesmith, however, who left late Friday and made it in two hours. Nesmith, 28, said he had a second edge: "I know a lot of roundabout roads."

• Have an airboat owner for a neighbor.

Nothing skims across shallow water or just plain wet grass like an airboat, police in Louisiana's Vermilion Parish discovered as they rescued at least 60 stranded residents around Abbeville over the weekend. Many of the airboat rescues occurred in wind too high for helicopters.

In New Orleans, East Ninth Ward resident Charles Calzada, who was flooded out for the second time with his English springer spaniel, Petoi, said they again owed their lives to one of the world's noisiest forms of marine transport. "Thank God for those airboats," Calzada said.

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NATION

Financial leaders agree on debt-elimination plan

Officials explore ways to deal with rising energy prices

WASHINGTON (AP) — Financial leaders, wrapping up three days of talks on Sunday, nailed down a landmark plan to wipe out poor countries' debt and explored ways to limit the fallout from rising energy prices.

The gap between rich and poor nations is widening amid fresh concerns that high energy costs, exacerbated by the two recent U.S. hurricanes, could affect global growth.

In their meetings, financial officials from around the world agreed on debt cancellation, developed a strategy on energy prices, and struggled with other economic issues.

The 184-nation International Monetary Fund and the World Bank held weekend sessions, while the world's seven biggest industrial powers met as a group on Friday.

The debt plan, which cleared crucial hurdles over the weekend, could allow poor nations to increase spending on fighting poverty, improving education or buying drugs for HIV/AIDS or malaria.

The World Bank's steering committee endorsed the debt cancellation deal on Sunday, one day after the IMF.

"The path to complete debt relief has now been cleared," World Bank President Paul Wolfowitz said. "The action required to complete the plan in fulfilling our promise to the world's poorest people," he said.

A product of intense international negotiations over the course of years, the plan would forgive an estimated \$10 billion worth of debt for at least 18 poor countries — most of them in Africa.

"It's gratifying to see our persistence and commitment pay off," Treasury Secretary John Snow said.

The money is owed to the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the African Development Bank. The Group of Eight economic powers are



At the close of the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank, IMF Managing Director Rodrigo de Rato, right, joined by World Bank Group President Paul Wolfowitz, left, listens to questions Sunday in Washington.

pledging to underwrite the debt plan by covering the loan repayments.

As many as 20 other countries could get relief if they met certain conditions. That would push the total amount of debt cancellation to more than \$55 billion, to be spread over decades.

"Cancellation of that debt will help achieve a substantial poverty reduction," IMF chief Rodrigo Rato said.

Snow predicted the boards of the World Bank and the IMF would approve the debt initiative within a week. That's viewed largely as a formality at this point, given that global leaders over the weekend ironed out sticking points and other details to put the plan in place.

Anti-poverty groups, which were pressing for the debt plan to be hammered out this weekend, halted the action.

"This debt deal will benefit tens of millions of the poorest people on the planet," said Irish rocker and anti-poverty campaigner Bob Geldof, who organized the "Live 8" concert this year to put a spotlight on fighting global poverty.

"This, as we have always said, is only a beginning. But, what a beginning. The deal should be implemented without delay," Geldof said.

Getting the deal agreement nailed down was seen as an important first test of Wolfowitz's

leadership. He took the helm of the World Bank on June 1. Before that, he served as the No. 2 official at the Pentagon and was an architect of the Iraq war.

On the energy front, finance officials pledged to increase supplies, promote conservation and improve the release of timely data on oil production as a way of reducing wild price swings in energy markets.

Officials "recognized with oil that a global problem requires a truly global solution, with concerted action from oil producers and consumers alike to take steps necessary to stabilize the market," said Gordon Brown, Britain's finance minister.

The meetings, Brown said, take place "at a time of greater risk for the global economy, facing the highest sustained oil prices for a quarter of a century."

In the United States, oil prices briefly surged to a record of \$70.85 a barrel on Sept. 30 after Hurricane Katrina made landfall. They are now trading above \$64 a barrel.

After Katrina, gasoline prices jumped past \$3 a gallon before settling down. Hurricane Rita on Saturday hit an important Gulf Coast region for oil-refining with less force than feared.

Prices for gasoline and diesel fuels, however, could rise if pipelines and oil refineries are slow to resume operations.

Study says medical miracles extend lives, but inflate the cost of Medicare

WASHINGTON (AP) — Technological innovations on the horizon will improve people's health and extend their life, yet do nothing about curbing the soaring cost of medical care for older people.

In fact, those advances probably will inflate the cost of Medicare, private researchers say.

Analysts at the RAND Corp., a nonprofit research group based in Santa Monica, Calif., used a detailed model of Medicare spending to project what would happen under a number of scenarios.

Their study, being released on Monday, included a look at 10 medical technologies that experts said would emerge in the coming decades.

For example, researchers estimated what the cost might be of expanding the use of implantable defibrillators for life-threatening heart conditions.

The devices, which show promise in treating heart attacks and heart failure, are planted in a patient's chest.

If half of the patients with new cases of heart failure or heart attacks got the devices, health care spending on the elderly would increase by \$14 billion or 4 percent over the next 10 years, according to the study.

"This technology is valuable because it will improve health

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— Analysts at the RAND Corp., in the Journal Health Affairs

and extend lives. But we need to begin thinking about how to pay for it," said Dana Goldman, director of health economics at RAND Health.

Goldman and fellow researchers said older people's health has improved in important ways since the 1980s and can be expected to continue to do so. But when people live longer, they spend more to maintain their health, he said.

Researchers factored in life-saving equipment such as defibrillators for their spending model.

They even simulated how much spending would increase if scientists discovered a pill to extend life. Spending would increase simply because millions of more people would be eligible for Medicare, they noted.

Ultimately, society faces its greatest spending risk not from demographics and health trends, but rather from medical technologies," the researchers concluded in the journal Health Affairs.

Health care analysts responded to the study in a collection of reports issued on the Health Affairs Web site.

David Cutler, dean for the social sciences at Harvard University, said the model does not take into account inventions that would allow doctors to do what they do now, but at a lower cost.

For example, it is possible that scientists will develop a type of cardiac intervention that involves less operating time than angioplasty.

"Accounting for these factors, my forecast about medical spending is rosier than the (model) suggests," Cutler said.

"The technological changes that the Rand authors consider will likely come to pass, and they will drive up Medicare spending (often with good value). But there is enormous potential for cost savings as well, which we have the capacity to realize," he said.

Social Security group makes changes

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — As even Republicans begin to admit that changing Social Security is a long shot, the leading Democratic group formed to fight President Bush's proposal is planning some changes of its own.

Within the next two months, the Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., have expressed their support for expanding the group's aim beyond Social Security, as have the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) and MoveOn.org, two of the principal financial backers of Americans United.

Cerald McLintee, the president of AFSCME, said discussions are already underway concerning budget and staffing for the organization. "We are going to support it 100 percent," he pledged.

Such encouragement from key financial backers is essential, as Americans United has struggled to raise the requisite dollars to fund its operation

since its inception in February. There is a belief among those connected to the group that fundraising will be made considerably easier by a broadened portfolio of issues.

No changes in the basic structure or goals of Americans United will be made until Social Security legislation has been passed, he said. However, in fact, the organization met Thursday and decided not to formally declare a victory given that Republican congressional leaders have yet to publicly pronounce the Social Security makeover dead.

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Creationists open museum based on Bible

The Washington Post

PETERSBURG, Ky. — The guide, a soft-spoken fellow with a scholarly aspect, walks through the halls of this handsome, half-finished museum and points to the sculpture of a young velocipator.

"We're placing this one in the hall that explains the post-flood world," explains the guide. "When dinosaurs lived with man."

A reporter has a question or two about this dinosaur-man business, but Mark Lutz — the guide and a vice president at the museum — already has walked over to the little head of a T. rex, with its three-inch teeth and carnivorous grin.

"We call him our 'missionary lizard,'" Lutz says. "When people realize the T. rex lived in Eden, it will lead us to a discussion of the gospel. The T. rex once was a vegetarian, too."

The nation's largest museum devoted to the alternative reality that is biblical creation science is rising just outside Cincinnati. Set amid a park and three-acre artificial lake, the 100,000-square-foot museum features animatronic dinosaurs, state-of-the-art models and graphics, and a half-dozen staff scientists. It holds that T. rex and the unicorn are but 6,000 years old and that baby dinosaurs rode in Noah's ark.

The \$25 million Creation Museum stands much more modern science on its head and might cause a paleontologist or three to rend their garments. But officials expect to attract hundreds



This is a battle cry to recognize the science in the revealed truth of God, said Kenneth Ham, who raised funds for the Creation Museum in Petersburg, Ky. The museum, slated to open in 2007, offers a biblical portrayal of creation.

of thousands of visitors when the museum opens in early 2007.

Evolutionary Darwinists need to understand we are taking the dinosaurs back," says Kenneth Ham, president of Answers in Genesis-USA, which is building the museum. "This is a battle cry to recognize the science in the revealed truth of God."

"Intelligent design," the theory that the machinery of life is so complex as to require the hand — subtle or not — of an intelligent creator, has stolen the media thunder of late. This week a trial will begin in federal court in Pennsylvania, in which 11 parents accuse the Dover school board of violating the separation of church and state by requiring

high school biology teachers to read a statement in class that intelligent design is an alternative explanation of life's origins.

Most scientists dismiss intelligent design as flawed science, and they fear cultural conservatives intend it as a religious wedge. The small band of scientists who promote intelligent design report that theirs is a scientific inquiry, albeit with theistic implications.

But by any measure, Young Earth Creationism — which holds that the Bible is the literal word of God and that He created the universe in seven days — has a moral powerful hold on the beliefs of Americans than evolutionary theory or intelligent design. That grip grows stronger by the year.

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To enter, submit a photograph of your pet along with a completed entry form. Include your pet's name along with your name, address, phone number, and \$10 entry fee to sponsor our non-profit Newspaper in Education program which supports Magic Valley Schools. Make your entry available to Laramie Leadership Inc. The Times-News. No photos will be returned. Photos must accompany original entry form, no photo copies are allowed. One entry form per photo will be accepted. All entries for the contest must be received by Friday, September 30th, by 5:00 pm at the Times-News office.

On Sunday, October 9th, photos will be published in The Times-News Pet Idol tabloid. Readers can vote for their favorite pet photo by submitting a ballot along with a voluntary \$25 cent Newspaper in Education donation per vote. Voting ballots will be available in The Times-News. The number of entries and number of ballots we receive will determine the number of voting rounds that will take place. This is a voluntary donation to NIE.

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Israel kills militant leader in Gaza

Military forces round up more than 200 wanted Palestinians

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israel pressed forward with a broad offensive against Islamic militants on Sunday, killing an Islamic Jihad commander in a pinpoint airstrike in the Gaza Strip and rounding up more than 200 wanted Palestinians. Prime Minister Ariel Sharon promised to use "all means" against the militants.

The offensive, coming just two weeks after Israel withdrew from Gaza, followed a wave of militant rocket attacks against Israeli towns over the weekend. Israel has promised to continue with its airstrikes, arrests and a possible ground invasion until the rocket fire ceases.

"There shall be no restrictions on the use of all means to hit the terrorists and the terror organizations, their equipment and their hideouts," Sharon told his Cabinet Sunday. "The order is unequivocal."

Late Sunday, a top Hamas leader in Gaza said his group would halt the rocket fire. Israeli officials said they would wait to see if things remained quiet before calling off the offensive.

The pullout and the recent wave of fighting have weakened Sharon in his ruling Likud Party ahead of a crucial vote today. Sharon walked out of a stormy Likud meeting Sunday without delivering his prepared speech after what appeared to be an intentional electricity outage prevented him from speaking.

Many party members are angry at Sharon over the pull-out, and it appeared that his opponents sabotaged the election system.

Today's vote will set a date for party primaries, and a setback for Sharon could force him to leave the party he founded three decades ago, most likely to form



Israeli soldiers stand next to armored personnel carriers during a drill Sunday near kibbutz Mefalim outside the Gaza Strip.

a new centrist party. Sunday's airstrike killed Islamic Jihad's top commander in southern Gaza, Mohammed Khalil, and his bodyguard as they drove along a coastal road in Gaza City.

The airstrike signaled a return to Israel's policy of targeted killings. Israel halted the assassinations, which have drawn international condemnation, after a February cease-fire declaration.

The army said Khalil was responsible for attacks that killed 17 Israelis.

Islamic Jihad also said Khalil, 35, had escaped four previous assassination attempts. After the airstrike, Mohammed al-Hind, Islamic Jihad's top leader in Gaza and the West Bank, said the group would no longer honor the cease-fire. "There is no talk of a truce; there is only room for talk of war," he said.

Although the truce has brought a sharp drop in fighting, Islamic Jihad has carried out a series of attacks in recent months, including three suicide bombings in Israel. The group says all of its attacks have been in response to perceived Israeli violations of the truce.

However, Mahmud Zahar, leader of the much larger Hamas

group, said he had ordered an end to rocket attacks and a halt in military-style celebrations in order to preserve the truce.

"We call on our military groups to stop their operations against the enemy from the Gaza Strip," he told a news conference.

The latest violence erupted after a blast killed 20 people at a Hamas military parade celebrating the Gaza pullout last Friday. Hamas blamed Israel, but the Palestinian Authority said the explosion was caused by the mishandling of explosives. Israel, which usually acknowledges "attacks" on militants, denied involvement in the blast.

Hamas responded by firing nearly 40 rockets into Israel, sparking the Israeli offensive. Hamas has been under pressure from Palestinian officials and Egyptian mediators to end the violence.

The fighting has destroyed the lingering atmosphere of goodwill left over from the Gaza pullout and increased already intense pressure on Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas to confront militants. Abbas has refused to use force against militants, preferring instead to co-opt them by inviting Hamas to run in upcoming legislative elections.



British soldiers ride atop an armored combat vehicle Sunday in Basra, Iraq. Judge Raghib al-Mudhalar, chief of the Basra Anti-Terrorism Court said Saturday he released homicide arrest warrants for the two soldiers, rekindling hard feelings despite attempts by Iraqi and British officials to cool tempers.

Gunbattle, bombings end relative calm in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Gunmen loyal to radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr ambushed an Iraqi patrol in an eastern Baghdad slum Sunday, and U.S. forces joined the 30-minute battle, killing as many as eight attackers in the first significant violence in the neighborhood in nearly a year.

Elsewhere in Baghdad, armed men pulled off a daring armored car robbery, killing two guards and escaping with \$850,000, and a suicide car bomber slammed into a convoy carrying Interior Ministry commanders, killing seven of them and two civilians.

South of the capital, two separate bicycle bombings in town markets killed at least seven people and wounded dozens.

The ominous resurgence of violence in the poor Sadr City region began about 1:30 a.m. when an Iraqi patrol searching for three insurgents came under attack. U.S. forces in the neighborhood joined the battle and reported killing between five and eight of the attackers, Iraqi police said eight were killed.

"I am concerned about the events early this morning, but I do not believe this action reflects a pattern of change leading to more violence," said Col. Joseph DiSalvo, commander of U.S. forces in east Baghdad.

Al-Sadr's militia, the al-Mahdi Army, was a repeated problem for American forces until a truce was negotiated about a year ago that allowed some U.S. troops to pull out of Sadr City to join the November assault on the insurgent stronghold of Fallujah, west of the capital.

Before the truce, al-Sadr's forces had led unsuccessful but bloody uprisings against coalition forces in Kut and the holy

cities of Najaf and Karbala, all south of Baghdad.

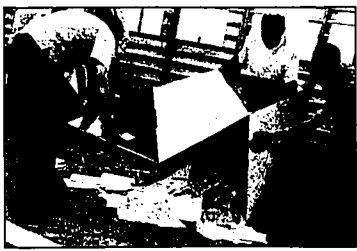
With a referendum on Iraq's new constitution less than three weeks away, violence in the poor Shiite district could deepen opposition among al-Sadr's supporters who are bucking mainstream Shiite support for the constitution.

Shiite unity has been seen as critical for passage of the basic law, which minority Sunni Muslims by and large oppose. A statement read to reporters by an official with al-Sadr's office, accused U.S. forces of trying to draw them into a battle "aimed at destroying Iraqi towns, particularly those in pro-Sadr areas and ... to prevent al-Sadr-followers from voting," in the referendum.

The two bicycle bombs hit marketplaces in Hilla, about 60 miles south of Baghdad, where one person was killed and 48 wounded. The second, more deadly bomb went off in Musayyib, about 40 miles south of Baghdad. It killed at least six and wounded 17, including the police chief, according to police Capt. Muthanna Khalid Ali.

Police also reported finding at least seven bodies in four separate locations in Baghdad — six men who had been bound and shot, including one identified as a policeman and a woman in her 20s who appeared to have been strangled and tortured.

Authorities said assailants kidnapped Baghdad school principal ... to way to work, and a militia shell targeting a western Baghdad Iraqi army checkpoint wounded four Iraqi soldiers. In Samarra, 60 miles north of Baghdad, three mortar shells landed in a residential district. One shell hit a house, killing seven members of one family, including children, ac-



Voting station officials empty a voting box before counting ballots, as the general election ends Sunday in Poland.

Exit polls show voters ousting government

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Exit polls showed Polish voters ousted the nation's scandal-prone government of ex-communists in parliamentary elections Sunday, giving a broad majority to two center-right parties that have promised tax cuts and clean government.

Prime Minister Marek Belka's defeated government had said it would withdraw Poland's troops from Iraq by Dec. 31, though it might keep some officers there as advisers. The challengers said they might be open to keeping them there longer if a "new contract" can be negotiated with the United States.

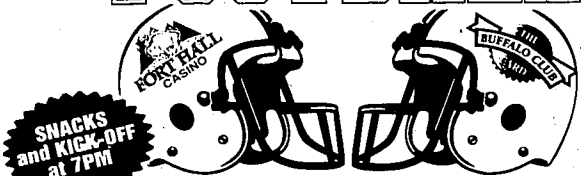
Projections based on exit polls by state television showed the socially conservative Law

and Justice Party with 27.8 percent and the free-market Civic Platform with 24.1 percent. The governing Democratic Left Alliance, which has been plagued by Europe's highest unemployment rate and scandals, lagged behind with 11.2 percent.

An exit poll for private TVN-24 showed similar results, with Law and Justice polling 28.3 percent, Civic Platform 26.3 percent and the Democratic Left Alliance 11.1 percent.

The results showed voters eager for change in choosing the two right-wing parties, both of which have roots in the Solidarity trade union movement that toppled communism in 1989-90. However, the turnout of 46 percent was the lowest since then.

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Author speaks at conference

TWIN FALLS — Ben Mikaelson, author of several children's books and the winner of many writing awards, will be the keynote speaker at the Idaho Council of Teachers of English fall conference in Twin Falls.

Mikaelson's topic will be "Finding the Heart of a Story." His experiences include raising a black bear from a cub to the 700-pound adult that "Buffy" has become over the last 20 years. Mikaelson lives in a log cabin near Bozeman, Mont.

His novels have been nominated and won a number of state Reader's Choice awards. His articles have appeared in magazines around the world. He was featured recently on television with Jack Hanna's "Animal Adventures" and in Boy's Life magazine.

The presentation will begin at 7 p.m. Oct. 5 at Twin Falls High School's Roper Auditorium. It is open to the public with a suggested \$2 donation.

The conference is sponsored by the Idaho Council of Teachers of English, the Keveren Foundation and the Idaho Humanities Council.

For more information, contact Evin Fox, College of Southern Idaho Early Childhood Education professor, at 732-6872 or at ef@csid.edu.

Tough choices

Educators grapple with meeting mandates, offering arts

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

What if your child had to choose between a career, or playing in the high school band?

District administrators gathered on Friday at Boise State University to discuss the Idaho High School Redesign program that will require additional credit hours in core subjects such as math and science. The redesign follows a long line of recent programs that have increased student requirements since the signing of the No Child Left Behind Act in 2002.

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Besides a laundry list of assessments, such as Adequate Yearly Progress reports, Idaho Standards Achievement Tests and Idaho Reading Indicator that have raised requirements for students, the Idaho Department of Education is also proposing physical education requirements.

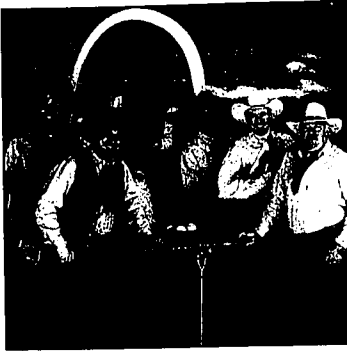
The State Board of Education says the redesign is an effort to prepare more students for higher education by increasing the number of credit hours in science and math, and by requiring elective credits to be "career focused."

But will the redesign fix what the board calls "Idaho's leaky pipeline" and send more high school grads to college? Or is it another state mandate narrowing opportunity.

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Savanna Goodman of Twin Falls High School concentrates on the music that she plays in her music class.



The Bar J Wranglers will perform in a concert to raise money for the O'Leary Junior High School Band Instrument Scholarship program.

Concert raises money for student instruments

TWIN FALLS — The Bar J Wranglers from Jackson Hole, Wyo., will perform in concert to raise money for the O'Leary Junior High School Band Instrument Scholarship program. The show will be held at 7 p.m. Oct. 21 at Roper Auditorium and includes a pre-show performance by local fiddling talents starting at 6 p.m.

All seats are \$14 and tickets are available at Everybody's Business, Crowley's Soda Fountain and O'Leary, all in Twin

Falls; and Coyote Joe's in Gooding.

The Bar J Wranglers concert will feature rich harmonies, yodeling, fiddling and fun comedy for the whole family, organizers say.

The School Band Instrument Scholarship program provides instruments to students. The event is sponsored by KMYT and Magic Valley Bank. For more information, call O'Leary Junior High School at 733-2155.

SCHOOL NEWS

Rotary Club seeks exchange students

TWIN FALLS — The Rotary Club of Southern Idaho, District 5400, are seeking local young people who are interested in attending secondary school overseas for one year as part of an international student exchange program.

This is for the school year 2006/2007.

To qualify, a student should be between the ages of 15 and 18 and one-half, in the upper third of his or her academic class, of good character and emotionally stable, and in good physical health. Most importantly, he or she must be able and willing to be a good ambassador, the club reports.

The student or the student's family is expected to pay travel and insurance costs, as well as provide spending and emergency money. The total cost is about \$3,800. Room, board and schooling are provided by the host Rotary club and host family.

The deadline for sending the preliminary applications to a local Rotary club is Oct. 10. Interviews will be held upon receipt of the application. The District 5400 Rotary Youth Exchange Committee will conduct final interviews on Nov. 5 in Twin Falls.

Students accepted into the program will be notified in mid-January and begin their exchange in August 2006. For more information, contact a local Rotary Club or call Jim Barker, Rotary Youth Exchange, 543-4371 or e-mail him at barkera@mindspring.com.

Annually, 7,000 students from more than 80 countries take part in exchanges sponsored by Rotary clubs worldwide. Currently, there are students from Europe, South America and Asia in the area.

The Rotary Clubs are also seeking families interested in serving as host parents to a foreign student.

Jerome HS Booster Club holds meeting

JEROME — The Jerome High School Booster Club will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. today in the high school cafeteria. Everyone interested in becoming a member and supporting all athletics at Jerome High School is encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Bart Patterson, chairman, at 308-2774.

Twin Falls HS announces royalty, semifinalist

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls High School announced its homecoming royalty.

The sophomore princess was

Liz Williams; junior princess, Alex Gray; senior princess, Alex Knaak; and the 2005 homecoming queen was Hannah Evans. Twin Falls High School student Sadie Poppino was also named a semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship Competition.

Congressional Awards meeting set for O'Leary

TWIN FALLS — A Congressional Awards meeting will be held Tuesday at O'Leary Junior High, 2350 Elizabeth Blvd.

Students currently working on a medal will meet from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Training for advisers will be held from 5 to 6 p.m.

Students interested in starting the Congressional Award program will meet from 6 to 7 p.m.

Established during the Carter administration in 1979, the awards are designed to challenge students between the ages of 14 and 24 to stretch their abilities in the areas of community services, personal development, physical fitness and exploration. For more information, call Laurie Geren at O'Leary at 733-2155.

T.F. Christian Academy hosts Harvest Fair

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Christian Academy will host its annual Harvest Fair fundraiser from 4:30 to 8 p.m. Saturday.

Everyone is invited to come enjoy food, games and an auction. Proceeds from the auction go toward updating audio-visual equipment and boosting the school's scholarship fund.

For more information, call 733-1452.

Families invited to Castleford FCCLA event

CASTLEFORD — Area families are invited to join the Castleford FCCLA (Future Career and Community Leaders of America) chapter in its first Families First Night at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Castleford School cafeteria.

The purpose of this activity is to explore the benefits of strong families and the benefits that strength provides for everyone in the family.

The evening is to benefit parents, as well as children, so only parent/grandparent/guardian and children combinations should attend, organizers say. The organizers will provide a meal and a speaker to share information, and there will be activities.

A Families First activity will be held almost every month of the year.

Students hear about suicide prevention

Hansen Middle and High School students, through the efforts of health teacher Renee Bamaley, participated in a presentation on suicide prevention, conducted by Peter Wollheim from Boise State University on Sept. 15.

Students were given Idaho Suicide Prevention cards to create an awareness for people who want or need them. Students remarked that they got their attention.

Homecoming week was filled with daily activities and themes for all middle and high school students, with "Redneck" day



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one of the favorites.

Friday's senior games were not only fun, but funny, as was "Dmuv" in the fields (but that detail gets glossed over). He gets only 70 cents per huge sack of onions he picks and clips, cutting off the dangling roots and feathery leaves before tossing them into a bucket that gets dumped into a sack. A good day is worth about \$65 — more than 90 sacks. But he has bad days, too, earning only a few dollars because the crops are thin or the onions small or too many workers crowd the field.

Rigoberto spends the day bent over the rows of onions, but television can't convey the heat, monotony or pain of being stooped over for hours. "I work every day because that's what I came here to do," he says of his work in the fields across Texas, New Mexico and Colorado. His migrant work causes him to miss up to two and a half

months of school each year. Schools in Eagle Pass, Texas, where he's from, help motivated students catch up with after-school programs once they return home. It seems this doubly punishes these students — first missing weeks of school and then having to work twice as hard to catch up.

But Rigoberto, like the three Cardoza children profiled in this program, has pinned his hopes on education. The Cardoza look less like migrant workers, with a DVD player in their family's van as they drive cross-country for work. The Cardoza parents and their three kids — ages 16, 15 and 12 — work in the citrus groves of South Texas and then the sugarcane fields of North Dakota, where they spend their days hoeing and weeding across upon acres of beats. After school starts (they, too, miss the beginning of the school year back in

representatives were Rachael Okarma and Juston Andersen, while the freshman attendants were Claudia Vega and Erik Clark. At the following dance, which had the theme, "We Will Rock You," everyone danced to Chuck Berry's "Johnny Be Good."

This coming week, Hansen's eighth and ninth grade students will be heading to Yellowstone for four days of exploring. Preparations have students busy and involved.

Husky News is written by the Hansen High School Husky Writers.

Mission, Texas), they work all day in the fields and then spend two hours each night at a special school for migrant kids. Each of them plans to finish high school and go to college.

This is one of several programs Nickelodeon is airing in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. Included have been several segments by Elbersee exploring Hispanic culture that have been broadcast over Cable in the Classroom links in addition to several new episodes of "Dora the Explorer" and "Go, Diego, Go!" both Nick Jr. animated programs that "star" Hispanic characters. The network's companion Web site, www.Nickjr.com, also has Hispanic-themed content.

Meanwhile, will the four teens Elbersee talks to make it to college and out of a life spent stooped in the fields? As this program's title suggests, one can only hope.

The Dallas Morning News

The story of children who work in America's farm fields has been told repeatedly and typically with more pathos than Linda Ellerbee's version that airs Sunday.

That doesn't make this latest episode of "Nick News With Linda Ellerbee" any less valid, however. Ellerbee's version is less about the hard labor, long days and limited opportunities for migrant farmworkers' children and more about the opportunities that at least some see in their future.

Disturbing facts do get buried in the program — for example, a little more than 50 percent of these children complete high school. But the TV spectrum optimistically that that's down from the more than 70 percent who dropped out of high school in the past decades.

The program spotlights Texas teenager Rigoberto Arroyo, a

third-generation migrant worker who started in the fields when he was 10, violating laws against children younger than 12 working in the fields (but that detail gets glossed over). He gets only 70 cents per huge sack of onions he picks and clips, cutting off the dangling roots and feathery leaves before tossing them into a bucket that gets dumped into a sack. A good day is worth about \$65 — more than 90 sacks. But he has bad days, too, earning only a few dollars because the crops are thin or the onions small or too many workers crowd the field.

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SCHOOL DAYS

Jerome HS principal serves 'time'

By Krista Ellis
and Rachel Choate
For The Times-News

JEROME — Patti O'Dell, principal at Jerome High School, spent time behind "bars," all for a good cause.

She participated in the March of Dimes fundraiser to help children with birth defects and families of children with birth defects with financial aid.

O'Dell was put in "jail" Sept. 14 at Idaho Pizza, along with other fundraising participants. It was a painless process that only took about 10 minutes and pizza was served for the fundraising folks.

She had put out a plea to the teachers to help her raise ball money to get out of jail. All of her ball money was donated to this specific event. In total, she raised more than \$100. She says she thinks it may have been harder to raise money right now due to Hurricane Katrina, but people helped as much as they could.

For the fundraiser, the March of Dimes contacts business people and others in the community who will be recognized, as well as those who will be willing to donate.

The goal for this fundraiser was about \$7,000 and the total they raised was \$1,700.



Jerome High School principal Patti O'Dell, right, spends time in a March of Dimes 'jail'.

If she was asked to participate in this event again, she would do it now that she knows she doesn't

actually have to go to jail, O'Dell says.

Krista Ellis and Rachel Choate are reporters with the Jerome High School Tiger News-paper.

Homecoming rolls up to Filer High School

Homecoming season has rolled around again for Filer High School, as we start the festivities off with Crazy Day. Other dress-up days will include Blast from the Past, Mystical Creatures, Runway Day and our traditional Spirit Day.

Due to many requests, we have decided to bring back "Testosterone Volleyball." The game will be held on Monday

WILDCAT WORD
Allison Ko
and Nicole Miller

night with the junior boys going up against the seniors.

The homecoming parade will begin at 2 p.m. Friday. It will follow the same route as previous

years, going down Main Street and up Yakima Street, ending at the football field. There will be a wide range of floats representing the clubs and classes of Filer High School.

Come and check out the prince nominees escorting the young women competing for the title of homecoming princess.

At the conclusion of the parade, there will be a community

pep rally at about 2:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us in sharing school spirit.

We hope to see you all back there at 7 p.m. for the game, wearing red and white and cheering on the Filer Wildcats.

Allison Ko and Nicole Miller are Filer High School student body president and student body secretary, respectively.

GHS leaders encourage youngsters to read

As students are deep into their classes and looking to the future, the young eyes of our elementary peers look on and read.

The Gooding High School student council has adopted an activity known as "Readers to Leaders." Members of the student council will read to and lead elementary students twice a week. The overall outcome of the program is to encourage younger kids to keep reading.

SENATOR SCENE
Tyler Wines

Other clubs have also been very productive in the first few weeks of school. Reading, Art and INL clubs hold weekly meetings where fundraisers, activities and other events are discussed.

Each class has also been holding fundraisers to help aid the victims of Hurricane Katrina. We would like to thank all students and community members who helped with our cause.

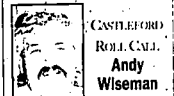
Today, students will meet in their advisory groups. The main topic of the month is sportsmanship. Students will be able to vote on student and staff of the month. Their nominations will be based on the amount of sports-

manship each student/staff shows at their attendance at our sporting events.

Local Business Professionals of America chapters will be holding a PC gaming tournament at GHS on Oct. 15. If you have any interest in entering, please call Mr. Muck at GHS at 934-4831.

Tyler Wines is Gooding High School student body secretary.

Homecoming week kicks off in Castleford



CASTLEFORD
ROLL CALL
Andy Wiseman

Homecoming 2005 "Walk the Plank" kicks off today with class meetings at 11:50 a.m. and the sophomore dress up theme of the movie, "Grease."

Tuesday is the freshmen's day to be in charge and they have selected a "pajama dress up" theme and gunny sack races at noon. Our volleyball team hosts Raft River at 6 p.m., and we plan to announce the homecoming royalty for 2005 between the junior varsity and varsity matches. Also on Tuesday, student body president Lance Blich has arranged for the homecoming bon fire and buses to travel to the bon fire immediately following the varsity volleyball game.

Wednesday is the junior day with the dress up theme of "Stereotype" and an egg toss contest at noon.

Thursday is the senior day with the assigned dress theme of "Fairy Tale." Also that day, we host the Lighthouse Christian volleyball team with a match that begins at 4 p.m.

Friday is designated as "Red, White and Blue Day" and we have float construction and end zone painting planned to begin at 9:45 a.m. Our parade is scheduled for 2 p.m., and the parade coordinator this year is Brenda Thomson.

We will have a pep assembly on the football field following the parade. Cheerleader adviser, Kris Kline, invites the community to come and be a part of the rally. The football game with Ingersoll begins at 7 p.m. The girls basketball team is sponsoring a tailgate dinner beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

The elementary school will begin the Math-a-thon today as they hand out the pledge sheets. The elementary students in grades kindergarten through fifth will be preparing for the test to take place at the end of October.

We would also remind parents and students that there will be no school on Oct. 6 or 7 because of state in-service days.

Remember to take a look at the school Web page castleford.schools.com.

Andy Wiseman is Castleford School principal.

RAFT RIVER ROYALTY



Raft River High School homecoming royalty included, from left, Jason Streeter and Cammy Ward, second runner-up; Brianna Goff and Zach Hutchison, queen and king; and Halley Ramsey and Eric Look, first runner-up. The theme for the event was 'All the Flowers of Tomorrow are Planted in the Seeds of Today.' Homecoming was celebrated Sept. 5-10.

Choices

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nities for students who have not decided on a career path, or even college? And will it all be at the expense of the arts in schools?

Teachers like Theodore Hadley, a Twin Falls High School band teacher for 32 years, are already bracing for the impact the redesign will have on offerings such as his band class.

"What worries me most is the 'career focused' electives," Hadley said. "Kids will have fewer opportunities to take music, art and other elective courses that they may enjoy but won't have much of an opportunity to experiment with."

The career-focused electives are an attempt to guide students through courses that will lead to a professional degree. The State Board of Education did say students can include the arts in those focused electives; however, the courses must be a part of their career focus. Marilyn Howard, state superintendent of public instruction, said she hopes the plan will prevent students from taking courses that will not lead toward professional careers.

"What if the kids want to go into, say, agriculture?" said Mel Wiseman, Shoshone School District superintendent. "Because, you know, here in Idaho that isn't very uncommon."

Some administrators also see the redesign as a way to help students retain their proficiency during transition between middle and high school by helping students avoid "double-dosing" — when students must take an additional course until they reach the proficiency level — and keep students from dropping out for elective courses.

"It's a bit like a carrot," said Wiley Dobbs, Twin Falls School District superintendent. "By applying themselves, students can get the elective back."

Whether administrators support the redesign or not, they



An afternoon class of Kevin Howard's at Twin Falls High School repeats sections of music that gives them problems. Howard says that the added demands on students in area of science may cause more students to opt out of electives in the arts.

still hold little control over state mandates, which is a sore spot for many who feel they could more efficiently implement the programs. If given the opportunity, programs such as No Child Left Behind and the subsequent Adequate Yearly Progress reports are imposed with little regard to individual district strengths or weaknesses, as if the programs are a "one size fits all."

District administrators' frustration is augmented by bitter parents who believe the district is not offering the courses their child needs and want funds to support day-to-day operations. But all the districts in the Magic Valley are pinching pennies to retain their electives, such as art, drama and music.

"We are doing everything we can to keep those (elective) offerings," Dobbs said. "We know how important they are to our students, and we know they keep some students in the schools."

The Twin Falls School District recently shifted a biology teaching position to an art position because of student demand, and the district is now offering a debate course in the high school.

"If (students) lose that opportunity to participate in courses outside reading, writing and arithmetic, then I believe we will lose a lot of students on the way-side," Hadley said. "I see it in other districts, and it's worse as we come under NCLB (No Child Left Behind). And it's not worth it. It's just not worth the expense of developing personalities."

According to a study by the U.S. Department of Education, music develops cognitive reasoning and math skills, while the visual arts develops reasoning, writing and organizational fields. Some studies by the Arts Education Partnership even suggest a correlation between increasingly violent behavior in grades kindergarten through 12,

and the decline of courses allowing students to channel their emotions through the arts.

If the studies are correct, then the redesign could work against its purpose of preparing students for the future labor market and higher paying jobs because the students might not develop as fully the skills that arts courses may be giving them.

"Isn't this what businesses are asking for? Hadley said of the skills that the arts instill in young people."

The Shoshone School District looks at its purpose in a different way. Hanging inside Superintendent Wiseman's office is a small sign that reads, "We educate students to be lifelong learners and contributing citizens."

"Of course, it's still in discussion so we're very interested to see what happens," Wiseman said, and then pointing to the sign, he added, "But we already know what our decision will be."

BIG NAMES IN BOOKS RETURN

Familiar characters and writers return for new season

Detroit Free Press

Big names are back this fall for upper-elementary and middle-school readers. The good news is these reads won't make your student feel like assigned reading is a big burden.

It is for Arvi, and he's back with "Poppy's Return" (Harper-Collins, \$15.99), an animal story starring the beloved Poppy. This one, for elementary readers, is sure to please.

It is for Brian Jacques, and his latest "Redwall" novel is "High Rhulain" (Philomel, \$23.99). The critters are creative and courageous, and this fall, they're also culinary enthusiasts. So Jacques now also has a cookbook, "The Redwall Cookbook" (Philomel, \$24.99), for fans to try to create animal feasts at home.

C is for Carl Hiaasen, back with another smart contemporary tale for fans of realistic fiction. Hiaasen, a favorite writer of many adult readers, also knows how to tell a tale for middle-school readers. "Flush" (Knopf, \$16.95) is a mystery and a family story starring a resourceful detective and his pals who are determined to get to the bottom of a tale about a polluting boat owner.

C is also for celebrity and this month's celebrity writer, Steven R. Schrimpa, is an actor from "The Sopranos" (Abby Baccalieri) who shows his writing

talent in "Nicky Deuce: Welcome to the Family" (Delacorte, \$15.95). Teamed with Charles Fleming, he crafts a funny summer novel about Nicky's unexpected stay at his grandmother's house in Brooklyn, N.Y. You may want to borrow this from your young reader.

D is for "Drift House" (Bloomsbury, \$16.95), a compelling, original and dazzling new fantasy that mixes in a bit of C.S. Lewis, Madeline L'Engle's "Wrinkle in Time" and gold story-telling about children sent to live with their uncle in Canada after the 9/11 attacks. They end up on board a house that drifts into a sea of time. As they battle to save themselves (and others), the reader will be riveted to the page. Dave Peck will be back with more of their adventures.

We have to break the alphabetical order and jump to J, for Jason Valeri. The veteran writer has penned the start of a new series for middle-schoolers and older readers with his musician son, Adam Stemple. Called "Put the Piper Back in Reel Fairy Tale," it's a fantasy about a popular rock band, Brass Rat, that has more than a magnetic effect on listeners. It's clever and sure to appeal to readers with a musical background. Songs and music notes are included at the end of the book.

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OTHER VIEWS

Atheist objections ring hollow with Pledge case

The Missoulian (Mont.)

A federal judge last week threatened to rekindle the tiresome, trivialized debate over separation of church and state with a ruling calling the "Pledge of Allegiance" unconstitutional because it includes a reference to God.

No, it's not your imagination. This is exactly the same issue the U.S. Supreme Court dispensed with last year.

It's also the same plaintiff — California from a lawsuit by Michael Newdow.

The Supreme Court flicked his last attack on the Pledge aside, ruling that he didn't have legal standing to mount his challenge. In doing so, the court said he didn't think should have or have the opportunity to say the word "god" in public school.

The Supreme Court said he wasn't entitled to sue because he didn't have legal custody of his daughter, his ex-wife did, and she disagreed with him. Newdow's bar court after adding parents who do have custody of their children to his case. Last week, U.S. District Court Judge Lawrence Karlton in Sacramento ruled the Pledge violates the right of school children to be "free from a coercive requirement to affirm God."

This is incorrect and wrong. It's sure to be overturned, if not by the most-reversed court in the land, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, then surely

by the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court's ruling this summer permitting the display of the Ten Commandments on the grounds of the Texas state Capitol should apply to this issue. In the Ten Commandments case, the court said a display respecting the religious traditions of many Americans is constitutionally permissible.

in contrast to something that endorses a religion.

No one but a zealot could possibly construe the Pledge to be endorsement of religion.

Those reciting it pledge their allegiance to the United States of America.

not God. The reference to God is akin to the "In God We Trust" printed on money, reference to God in the Declaration of Independence and the reference to God in the oaths of office taken by public officials, including judges. That is, it's a reference respectful of the religious traditions of many Americans, not advocacy of a religion. No religion on Earth is limited to the mere reference to God.

But there is a religion, of sorts, dedicated to the rejection of God. At least as practiced by some, atheism has all the trappings of religion. It's a creed, a belief system based on faith, a philosophy full of rituals, which include filing lawsuits aimed at imposing an absolutist point of view on others. As we read the First Amendment, government-sponsored denial of religion is no more acceptable than government-sanctioned practice of religion.

Bush takes cronyism to new lows

The president won't be happy until he does a little more slicker and actually takes the place of Anderson Cooper, violently blown about by Rita as he talks into a camera lens lashed with water landing onto a mailbox as he's hit by a flying pig in a squall, sucked up by a waterspout in the eye of the storm over the Dry Tortugas.



MAUREEN DOWD

When maybe he'll go back to the White House and do his job instead of running down to the Gulf Coast for silly disaster ops every other day.

There's nothing more pathetic than watching someone who's out of touch feign being in touch. On his fifth sudden pilgrimage of penitence to the devastation he took so long to comprehend, W. desperately tried to show concern. He said he had spent some "quality time" at a Chevron plant in Pascagoula and nattered about trash removal, infrastructure assessment, and the "can-do" spirit.

Now look forward to hearing your vision so we can more better do our job," he said at a briefing in Gulfport, Miss., urging local officials to "think bold," while they still need to think meek.

Bush should stop posing in shirtsleeves and get back to the Oval Office. He has more hacks and cronies he's trying to put into important jobs, and he needs to ride herd on that.

The announcement that a veterinarian, Norris Alderson, who has no experience on women's health issues, would head the U.S. Office of Women's Health ran into so much flak from appalled women that the FDA may already have reneged on it. No morning-after pill, thanks to the antiscience administration, but there may be hope for a morning-after horse pill.

Bush made a frowny over Browne, but didn't learn much. He's once more trying



to appoint a nothingburger to a position of real consequence in homeland security. The choice of Julie Myers, a 36-year-old lawyer with virtually no immigration, customs or law enforcement experience, to head the rolling immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency with its \$1 billion budget and 22,000 staffers, has caused some alarm, according to The Washington Post.

Myers' main credentials seem to be that she worked briefly for the semidragged homeland security director, Michael Chertoff, when he was at the Justice Department. She just married Chertoff's chief of staff, John Wood, and she's the niece of Gen. Richard Myers, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

As a former associate for Ken Starr, the young woman does have impeachment experience, in case the forensic war on terrorism requires the analysis of stains on dresses.

Julie makes Browne look like

Giuliani. I'll sleep better tonight, knowing that when she gets back from her honeymoon, Julie will be patrolling the frontier.

As if the Veterinarian and the

Niece were not bad enough, there was also the Accused.

David Satter, the White House procurement official involved in Katrina relief efforts, was

arrested on Monday, accused by the FBI of lying and ob-

structing a criminal investigation into the seamy case of "Casino Jack" Abramoff, the Republican operative who has broken new ground in giving lobbying a bad name. Democrats say the fact that Satter's wife is a top lawyer for the Republican congressman who's leading the whitewash of the White House blundering on Katrina does not give them confidence.

Just as he has stonewalled other inquiries, Bush is trying to paper over his Katrina misdeeds by appointing his homeland security adviser, Frances "To-mend, to investigate how her department fumbled the response.

Bush's "Who's Your Daddy?" bravura — blowing off the allies on global warming and the slides on the Iraq invasion — has been slapped back by Mother Nature, who refuses to be fooled by spin.

When Donald Rumsfeld came out Tuesday to castigate the gloom-and-doomers and talk about the needs, American forces had made against terrorists in Afghanistan and Iraq, he could not so easily recast reality.

In Afghanistan, the U.S.'s handpicked puppet president is still battling warlords and a revived Taliban, and the export of poppies for the heroin trade is once more thriving.

Iraq is worse, with more than 1,900 American troops killed. Five more died Tuesday, as well as four security men connected to the U.S. embassy in Mosul, all to fashion a theocratic-leaning regime aligned with Iran. In Basra, two journalists who have done work for The Times have been killed in the last month.

The more the president coaches his dad's "Message: I care," the more the world hears "Message: I can't."

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LETTER

Merger deal boosts solid health care

I am an 18-year employee of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. I have attempted to write this letter but hesitated because my emotions have changed from anger to sadness.

Being a resident of Jerome, the fate of me and my family lie in the hands of commissioners I cannot vote for or against. If this reaches the ballot, I have no voice.

There have been eloquent opinions written on the merits of "the merger." It's an offer which benefits physicians, physicians and, most importantly, those who receive health care services of Magic Valley Regional.

I read Gary Grindstaff's opinion. He interchanged the words merger and sale within the text. That worries me. This is not a sale — sale and merger are not interchangeable. To make sure, I looked up the word "merger" in my dictionary. Sale was not on the list: "join," "union," and "fusion" were.

As an employee with multiple experiences at Magic Valley, I crave this partnership. We employees have waited patiently for resources. Stop Band-Aiding our facility; allow us the means to build a state-of-the-art hospital. We have outstanding, talented staff; give us an appropriate working environment so we can take advantage of those talents. The hospital board and administration have explored multiple opportunities within the past 10 years. The commis-

sioners have dangled these decisions, then taken no action. I yearn to work with an outstanding, Idaho-based health care facility such as St. Luke's.

Standby letter is a prime example of such a positive merger. I understand that the commissioners make many decisions on numerous county issues, but I don't understand how they feel that they can take the advice of our administration, board of directors and physicians on appropriate health care decisions. Are we not the experts in health care?

Can the commissioners name just two of the multiple regulatory agencies that are involved in health care and the rules and regulations we must currently abide to keep the doors open and running efficiently?

Health care is a complex industry with more technical issues than one can imagine. Unless you "live" in this world, you can't envision what it takes to keep those doors open. I wouldn't dare tell an agency that has not taken tax money in 25-plus years going to its business. I would applaud it, and ask how it succeeded.

Please trust us — we've found the perfect partner.

PATRICIA HEATH

(Editor's note: Patricia Heath is a registered nurse at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Other signers on this letter are Robert Heath of Eden, a heavy equipment operator with the Twin Falls Highway District; Scott Valder of Buhl and Almita Nunez of Declo, both registered nurses at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.)

China rises higher in North Korea pact

In September 1905, President Theodore Roosevelt brokered the Treaty of Portsmouth (New Hampshire) that settled the Russo-Japanese War. Settling an extra-spherical dispute between foreign powers marked the emergence of the United States as an economic and demographic dynamo, as a world power and serious actor on the international stage.

Exactly 100 years later, a statement of principles has been issued from Beijing on dismantling North Korea's nuclear program. If it holds — the "if" is very large — it will mark China's emergence as a prime economic and demographic dynamo to a major actor on the world stage, and serious rival to American dominance in the Pacific.

Why is the Beijing agreement different from the wordless "Agreed Framework" Bill Clinton signed in 1994 and North Korea violated (we now know) from the very first day? That agreement was bilateral. This one is six-party, but the major player is China.

China conspicuously made itself the locus of the conference and its host. Its vice foreign minister declared "North Korea committed to abandoning all nuclear weapons and existing nuclear programs and returning to early date to a nuclear nonproliferation treaty."

Cyclists must follow the road rules, too

Response to Roy Dixon's letter last Sunday:

Roy makes some excellent points on the bicycle-automobile problem in Twin Falls. But I would like to point out that the problem goes both ways. It is true that many cars don't



CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

liferation treaty." If China can succeed where the U.S. failed miserably in solving the knottiest problem in the Pacific, China will have emerged. That means a lot for China. It has a large stake in this agreement.

Moreover, China controls 30 percent of the food and at least 70 percent of the fuel going into North Korea. That is leverage. The question is why China has decided to use it now.

Until now, China had been content to allow North Korea to putter along with its threats, bluster, promises and violations. This served a useful purpose for China in that it was a distraction to the U.S. — a thorn in its side. Nor were the Chinese in a particular mood to jeopardize the stability of a useful client state.

If this new agreement bears fruit, it will be because China has recalcitrated its interests, by first deciding that if these negotiations go nowhere and North Korea remains nuclear, it is only a matter of time before Japan goes nuclear too. A nuclear Japan is China's ultimate nightmare.

watch out for cyclists. However, as a driver, I have also found that there are a plethora of careless, inattentive cyclists of all ages.

Last week I was annoyed by a pair of teen cyclists taking up my whole car lane in an area where I couldn't pass them. Last month, on Filbert Street, just east of Eastland, I was cruising

Second, the usefulness of North Korea as a thorn in the side of the United States may have diminished. America has thorns aplenty, from Afghanistan to Iraq to Palestine to Venezuela to say nothing of its Katrina-related domestic problems.

Third and perhaps most important, this was less a crisis than an opportunity. China spent the last decade trying to translate its economic power into geopolitical power to make itself the arbiter of Asian affairs. It has established several new regional organizations with ASEAN Plus Three, Shanghai Cooperation Organization, East Asian Summit that pointedly exclude the United States. Its major ambition is to displace the U.S. as the major Pacific power. At which point, specific and smaller objectives, such as the absorption of Taiwan and the extension of oil rights to waters claimed by weaker neighbors, become infinitely more possible.

By succeeding at denuclearizing Pyongyang, China can demonstrate that it is ready to get things done in Asia runs through Beijing. It will have shown its neighbors that the future lies in association with China, with or without the United States.

For this to happen, however, the declaration of principles

has to translate into actual dismantling of the North Korean nuclear program. The declaration itself is problematic. It leaves ambiguous the fate of the uranium enrichment program, which North Korea admitted to in 2002 and now claims does not exist.

Success is also contingent on the North Koreans agreeing to postpone, at U.S. insistence, talks about a new light-water nuclear reactor until after it has dismantled its nuclear weapons and nuclear weapons facilities. Yet within a day of the declaration of principles, Pyongyang issued a statement directly contradicting this and saying that nothing will occur unless it gets the light-water reactors right away.

China is the only country that can force North Korea to give way. China will do so if it decides that this is its Portsmouth moment. That would be a blessing, but not unalloyed. It would solve the most acute and dangerous problem in the Pacific — nuclear weapons in the hands of the half-mad Caligula that Kim Jong Il is — at the warranted but still significant cost of seeing our principal rival in the Pacific rise from its slumber.

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LETTER

at the 30 mph speed limit with three young children dashed out right in front of me on their bicycles. I had to slam on my brakes to keep from hitting at least one. Yesterday, I saw an adult cyclist with one hand on the handle bar and one hand holding a cell phone to his ear. I see cyclists frequently ignoring stop signs,

riding on the wrong side of the road and dashing out between parked cars.

Yes, Roy, bikers do have the same rights as car drivers, but they also have the same responsibilities. Drivers, beware of cyclists! Many of them do not watch out for you. DONNA ERICKSON Twin Falls

OPINION

The Democratic party is staging a valid comeback

Fifteen Democratic members of the House of Representatives have produced a document and a strategy they hope will convince substantial numbers of voters who don't trust them on national security to begin trusting them again.

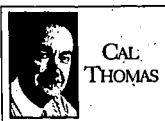
Led by Minority Whip Steny Hoyer of Maryland, "Ensuring America's Strength and Security: A Democratic National Security Strategy for the 21st Century" is an attempt by at least some Democrats to reclaim this issue from Republicans and return the Democratic Party to majority status.

Hoyer, a liberal who voted for the Patriot Act, tells me that during the presidency of Bill Clinton, "We didn't do enough to fight terrorism." But he praises Clinton for depositing former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic from his genocidal power without many American casualties (that was because Clinton mostly employed high-flying bombers instead of ground troops). He also calls the United Nations "feckless."

Hoyer adds, "We got it." What did he get? "If we don't convince people we are capable of defending the country, we'll never get to other issues."

A Republican might conclude this is merely a repositioning of the party so it can get back to its big-government, big-spending ways on other things and maybe it is. But Democrats have not always been the party of peace-at-any-price and never seeing a war or an idea for which they would fight. Vietnam and President Lyndon Johnson changed the party's direction on foreign policy radically jerking it leftward.

The late Sen. Henry "Scoop" Jackson of Washington was a



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leading congressional Democrat known for putting his country and its best interests ahead of partisan politics. While much of the rest of his party embraced liberalism during and after the Vietnam War and favored negotiation instead of confrontation with the Soviet Union, Jackson clung to the belief that communism is inherently evil and should be opposed and ultimately defeated by American power.

Democrats may not yet be born again Jacksonians, but this line from the Hoyer document indicates they may finally be getting around to understanding their primary problem with the national security issue: "We must use every tool at our disposal — including military force — to capture, kill or disrupt international terrorists who are intent on attacking our homeland and our citizens, as well as our interests in other parts of the world."

What about the Iraq war, about which Democrats have been mostly critical since the Bush Administration deposed Saddam Hussein? The Hoyer document says, "We must win the war in Iraq, and will do what it takes to achieve victory there." And to address present and future threats, the 15 House Democrats propose "an increase ... of 100,000 troops, along with enhancements to recruiting and retention."

Several proposals should appeal to some voters beyond the Democrat base. They include "adopting a risk-based formula

for disbursing homeland security funding" and "enacting a comprehensive border protection plan that prevents terrorists from entering our country."

Democrats have indicated they might make illegal immigration a major issue in the next two campaigns because they see the Bush Administration's vulnerability on it. Whether they will risk offending the Hispanic voter base they — and Republicans — have tried to attract by doing more to reduce illegal immigration remains to be seen.

The statement also calls for a "New Manhattan Project" to speed up breakthroughs in hydrogen fuel, composite materials and nanotechnology to make automobiles lighter, stronger and more fuel efficient. If portrayed as a way to free ourselves from the clutches of the oil-producing nations that hate us, this issue could work well for Democrats.

Possibly the least credible position is the document's assault on what it calls the "fiscal recklessness" of the Bush Administration. While the administration can be faulted for not reining in the cost and growth of big government, Democrats gain no political points on this issue since they have long been the party of more programs, more spending and higher taxes.

Still, the Hoyer document is a good start for Democrats. If they are serious, the devilish details should follow. If they are really serious, they may give Republicans something to worry about in the 2006 congressional races and especially in the 2008 presidential contest.

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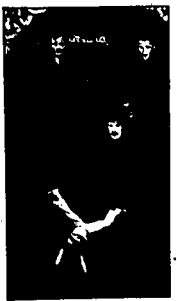
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Irish Republican Army fully disarms, aide says

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — International weapons inspectors have supervised the full disarmament of the outlawed Irish Republican Army — a long-sought goal of Northern Ireland's peace process — an aide to the process' monitor said Sunday.

The IRA permitted two independent witnesses, including a Methodist minister and a Roman Catholic priest close to Sinn Féin leader Gerry Adams, to view the secret disarmament work conducted by officials from Canada, Finland and the United States. The aide to retired Canadian Gen. John de Chastelain said on condition of anonymity.

The office of de Chastelain, who in recent weeks has been in secret locations overseeing the weapons' destruction, scheduled a Monday news conference in Belfast.

The aide told The Associated Press that the Independent International Commission on Decommissioning news conference would detail the scrapping of many tons of IRA weaponry this month at a confidential location in the Republic of Ireland. The aide spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the situation.

Both witnesses — the Rev. Harold Good, a former president of the Methodist Church in Ireland, and the Rev. Alex Reid, a Catholic priest — also will state what they saw.

The breakthrough should smash the biggest stumbling block in Northern Ireland's peace process since Britain opened negotiations with Sinn Féin, the IRA-linked party, in December 1994.

On Saturday, Adams told thousands of supporters in Dublin that IRA disarmament would have a "huge impact" on peace efforts.

Adams, a veteran IRA commander, also said Sinn Féin stood ready to make major electoral and diplomatic gains once the IRA disarmed.

Unfortunately, most politicians and analysts agree, the IRA move is coming years too late to kickstart the revival of a Roman Catholic-Protestant administration, the central dream of Northern Ireland's 1998 peace accord. That complex landmark agreement required the IRA to disarm by May 2000. Years of denial and delay have sharpened Protestant distrust of Sinn Féin. Moderates willing to take risks were trounced in elections by hard-liners.

The Rev. Ian Paisley, whose uncompromising Democratic Unionist Party represents most Protestants today, has dismissed the coming IRA moves as inadequate. Paisley insists on photographs, a detailed record and a Paisley-approved Protestant clergyman to serve as an independent witness.

A senior Democratic Unionist, Jeffrey Donaldson, said the IRA's apparent refusal to provide any photos and its refusal to use a Protestant minister nominated by his party as a witness meant that many Protestants would not fully believe the IRA moves. "I don't think we're going to get that level of transparency tomorrow, and I think that's most unfortunate," Donaldson said. "People want to see what has happened."

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Domino's robbed

TWIN FALLS — Police are looking for two young men who robbed Domino's Pizza Saturday night.

Twin Falls police officers received the call about 10 p.m. Saturday that the Domino's Pizza store at the 500 block of Washington Street North had just been robbed, said Staff Sgt. Mike Covington.

"Two younger males went into the store, displayed a weapon and demanded that the manager give them money out of the safe and till," Covington said Sunday.

Covington said the men were dressed in dark clothing and their faces were covered. After the manager gave them the money, they fled on foot in an unknown direction with an undetermined amount of cash, Covington said.

No arrests had been made late Sunday. The robbery is under investigation. Anyone with information is asked to call the Twin Falls Police Department at 311 or at 735-4357.

Guardsmen to help with hurricane relief

BOISE — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne on Sunday announced that 400 members of the Idaho National Guard will be deployed to Alexandria, La., Wednesday in support of hurricane relief efforts.

"Idahoans have watched with despair as the residents along the Gulf Coast have done their best to deal with these devastating hurricanes," Kempthorne said in a news release. "Idaho has stood, and continues to stand, at the ready to help in any way possible. These soldiers and airman will help our fellow Americans return to normal lives."

Approximately 250 Idaho National Guard soldiers and 150 Air National Guard airmen will report to Gov. Field early in the week and depart Wednesday for Camp Beauregard in Alexandria, La. They'll be fully self-sustaining for at least 31 days so they'll be taking more than 100 vehicles along with equipment and supplies needed for that length of time. The Idaho National Guard will use its three C-130 cargo planes to fly as many soldiers and vehicles as possible to Louisiana, and the remaining soldiers and vehicles will travel by convoy, the news release said.

DMV announces new available service

BOISE — The Division of Motor Vehicles has added a new service that will allow motorists in nine counties to request their current county plate number when replacing their license plates online, the Idaho Transportation Department announced.

Although motorists have been able to request their existing county license plate number when purchasing plates through the online service, the new service allows them to make that request online at id.idmv.gov/dmv if they reside in one of the nine counties participating in offering the online service — Ada, Blaine, Canyon, Gooding, Kootenai, Madison, Oneida, Twin Falls and Washington.

New license plates are required every seven years when plates begin to lose their reflectivity. Motorists who request their existing county plate number will add \$2 to the \$6 replacement plate fee.

DMV also provides online services for driver's licensing, title and vehicle registrations and motor carrier (commercial vehicle) services.

Jerome School Board will meet Tuesday

JEROME — The Jerome School Board will meet Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at the high school's Center Luther Vocational Ag Building.

Jerome School Facilities Improvement Committee members Betty Sugden and Jill Crozier will update board members on progress toward the Oct. 25th bond election.

Building financial reports are made available in addition to the business manager and superintendent's report.

Journey of remembrance



Stopping in Burley Tuesday, Eric Latham displays plastic bracelets he wears bearing the names of cancer victims he has met during his cross-country trek to promote awareness for cancer research. The 24-year-old from Richmond, Va., plans to complete his trip Nov. 3, in San Francisco, Calif., and hopes to have raised \$50,000 by that time.

Cross-country walker raises money for cancer research

By Renee Wells
For The Times-News

BURLEY — When the going gets tough and Eric Latham wonders why he chose to walk across the United States to promote cancer research, he brings to mind Isabelle Thomas, Brooke Cobbs or a host of other people he has met along the way.

"I met 52-year-old Isabelle Thomas in Cedar Rapids, Iowa," Latham said. "She has fought four different types of cancer and just refuses to give up. She is just one of the dozens of reasons why I'm walking."

He holds up his wrists, laden with plastic bracelets of all colors, most of which have the names of cancer victims or survivors. Some are from Relay For Life events, others from cancer centers across America.

"Most of these people have asked me to wear their bracelet and think of them along my trip," Latham said. "I can't not think about them. They are my inspiration."

Latham, 24, was working at Massey Cancer Center in Richmond, Va., when the idea of walking across America popped into his head.

"I saw all these wonderful people every day, fighting to survive the ravages of cancer and all I was doing for them was bringing them magazines or something," he said. "I decided to make this trip and raise money. My goal is \$50,000, which I'm far from. However, \$13,000 isn't too bad. That's what I've raised so far, and hopefully others will continue to give to my effort. It all goes to the American Cancer Society."

His love for others is what motivates

Latham's walk by the numbers

- 239 — The number of offers for a ride, so far, he's turned down.
- 2,843 — The estimated number of miles walked so far.
- 3,500 — The estimated number of miles he plans to complete.
- 40 — The number of pounds Latham has lost since beginning the trip in April.
- 6,000 — The average calories eaten per day along the trip.

Latham. "The French have a saying, 'Certainly you need money to live, but not to love,' and I agree. Money means nothing to me, but my friends whom I've met through cancer mean everything."

As his trip has progressed, his resolve has increased.

"I left Virginia and for the first hour or so, I kept thinking 'What are you doing?' But as I continued on, I realized just how many Americans are impacted by cancer and my resolve kept growing," Latham said. "If one person decides to get checked for cancer and his life is saved because we met and they heard my story, then it's worth something."

He says the people he has met and the adventures he has shared, with cancer victims and survivors, are the highlights of his trip. While he treasured being compared to Forrest Gump, he has enjoyed every step he has shared with those who have joined him to walk.

Latham has encountered much more than cancer victims, survivors, helpful friends and wonderful people, too.

"Oh, there have been some interesting experiences," he admitted. "At one point, I encountered two wild dogs. They came at me with their teeth bared. Growing, I had some hammy burger buns someone had given me to snack on. I threw the package to them and took off while they ate the buns. That is one time I can say my buns saved me."

He averages 20 to 25 miles daily, stopping to talk with people he passes or those who stop to see what he's doing. But through central Nevada, there are some stretches of more than 100 miles between towns or services.

"I have to be in contact with the state patrol there because I understand it will be long distances between water and food stops," Latham said. "I may need them to bring me water or food, but I can't take any rides. This is one effort where I plan to walk every step of the way."

Latham plans to wrap up his trek in San Francisco on Nov. 3. He will spend a few days promoting cancer research there, then fly back to his home in the east, complete with an airline.

"I then plan to decide myself and write a book about my experience," Latham said.

"I believe I'll have a real story to tell. I may not sell a great many copies, I don't know. Maybe just a single copy will sit on my shelf. Maybe someone somewhere will pick up a copy, though, and it will prompt others to see a need for cancer research."

For more on Latham's effort, see his Web site at <http://www.walkaboutamerica.com>.

Twin Falls agent named Idaho Realtor of the Year

By Steve Slinovic
For The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Idaho's Realtor of the Year bought her first home for \$27,000 nearly 30 years ago and still remembers the excitement of that acquisition.

"It was an acre in the country," said Jill Stone of Irwin Realty.

Since then, she has helped countless clients sell and buy homes, while also climbing the property ladder herself. She recently was named Idaho's Realtor of the Year, serves as president of the state association and will represent Idaho on Oct. 28 at the National Association of Realtors convention in San Francisco.

Stone will be front and center at the convention; she's been asked by the national association's president to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the convention's kickoff.

"That's pretty cool for a little Idaho girl," said Stone, who has worked in the Twin Falls area since 1996.

Striving constantly to improve herself rather than raking in a lot of bucks is what drives the career professional.

"It's not about the money," said Stone, who has weathered what she calls the "rollercoaster ride" her profession brings.

Stone's 29-year career in the field began as a receptionist for a Realtor in her native Rexburg. Fresh out of high school, she was an eager learner, and obtained her real estate license in order to better answer clients' questions and help with closings at the office.

While she enjoys being a role model and cheerleader for her statewide "real estate family," Stone said she's never forgotten the training from her first boss, Dan Rasmussen, who ran a two-man office in Rexburg. "He taught me to stick up for what you believe in," Stone said. "He also impressed on me how hard work — and honesty — speak volumes."

Stone's career started slowly, mostly selling to family and friends while raising five children.

She began working full time in 1981 for Century 21 franchise and eventually partnered with her husband, Willis. "We complement each other," she said. "He likes working with the buyers and showing them around, like all the paperwork details and working on the seller side."

As president of the statewide association, Stone works heavily on legislative issues and tries to visit all of Idaho's 22 boards and associations. She said the best agents "compete against themselves and that's how they improve."

Participants look their lightest as weight loss class finishes

By Candace Baltz-Smylie
Times-News correspondent

Megan and led "Red" Garner have just one week left in their 10-week weight loss class.

That's seven weeks they've stuck to their diet and exercise plans. That's 168 hours to find the lightest-weight clothes to wear on their final weigh-in day. That's 10,080 minutes to come up with a plan for maintaining their weight loss after the class ends. That's 604,800 seconds until they find out just how successful they've been in the class.

By now, the weight loss is a long and slow process, the time couldn't tick past any faster for Megan.

Some of my co-workers are beginning to make comments

Mini-Cassia leader lived with integrity

Former Heyburn mayor Harold Hurst dies at 81

By Julie Pence
Times-News correspondent

HEYBURN — Harold Hurst was a straight arrow, and because of that, people looked up to him.

"He had great character, and that never varied," said former Heyburn City Councilman Harry Badger. "He was a leader, no doubt about that."

An educator for 32 years, mayor of Heyburn for 30 years, and dedicated member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Hurst died at the age of 81 on Sept. 18. He stood out because he was a leader in the community.

"His whole life was dedicated to serving other people," daughter Cindy Hutchinson said.

But he always put his wife and four children first, she said. Often he was able to combine his dedication to his family with community service, son Tim Hurst said.

"Most of our vacations were in conjunction with Association of Idaho Cities meetings or National Education Association meetings," Tim Hurst said. "He'd take us with him."

He said growing up with a

dad who was so involved in the community rubbed off. Tim Hurst grew up to become the Cassia County administrator and now works in Boise in the secretary of state's office.

Most outstanding about his father's character, Tim Hurst said, is that he would never compromise his values. For example, he didn't drink, so when he attended national conventions and was invited to share the night life, Harold Hurst would find something else to do — even when the mayor of Atlanta invited him to do the town. Another example of his uncompromising values, was when Hurst attended a National Education Association meeting he discovered the organization was promoting policies he couldn't support. Shortly after, Harold Hurst left the group, his son recalled.

Because he was so principled in his own actions, Harold Hurst trusted that everyone else was, too.

"He expected people to live what they professed. He expected them to be genuine and honest," Tim Hurst said. "It didn't matter what religion a person belonged to or what that person's station in life was,

he treated everyone the same. Hutchinson said.

As a mayor of Heyburn for two years while it was still a village and then mayor of that city for 32 more years and also a teacher, counselor and coach for four decades in the Declo and Minidoka County school systems, Harold Hurst was well known.

Said close friend Warren Cromey, "Everybody knew him, and he knew everybody. I can tell you that."

But Hurst wasn't one to talk about himself. His way with others was to draw them out. Cromey said. Both men had been in World War II. Hurst was a paratrooper in the Philippines, but he wasn't eager to share those adventures, Cromey said.

"I had to work at him for a long time before he'd talk about it," said Cromey, who is a pilot. One thing upon which Hurst would expound, though, was government and politics.

"He would teach us as members of the council what our responsibilities and obligations were," Badger said. "He always had the community in mind and what we could do to make it better."

aLife remembered



Harold Hurst

Born: Sept. 23, 1923
Died: Sept. 18, 2005
Survivors: Wife, Irene; three sons, Dean (Jan) Hurst of Houston, Tim (Becky) Hurst of Heyburn, Rick (Tish) Hurst of Burley; daughter Cindy (Phil) Hutchinson of Boise, Utah; 18 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; brothers Leo Hurst, Arvel Hurst, Norman Hurst, Archie Hurst, Earl Hurst, LeRoy Hurst; sisters Leone Anderson, Arlene Cheever and Belva Henshild.

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

UI professor will testify on intelligent design

MOSCOW — A University of Idaho microbiology professor, Scott Minnich, will be testifying in a federal court trial over whether intelligent design should be taught in public schools.

The civil trial is set to begin Monday in Hagerman, Idaho. There, the Dover Area School District will defend its policy requiring ninth-grade students to hear about "intelligent design" before biology lessons on evolution.

Intelligent design holds that Charles Darwin's theory of natural selection causing gradual changes over time cannot fully explain the origin of life or the emergence of highly complex life forms. It implies that life on earth was the product of an unidentified "intelligent being."

Minnich said the design is merely creationism — a literal reading of the Bible's story of cre-

Idaho in brief

ation — camouflaged in scientific language, and it does not belong in a science curriculum. In the Pennsylvania trial, eight local families are suing the school district, alleging that the policy violates the constitutional separation of church and state.

Minnich said he believes a force of intelligence created the universe, but it should not be included in the formal high school curriculum.

"Students and teachers should be free to discuss," said Minnich. "That's how education progresses."

Albertsons pulls magazine over controversial photos

BOISE — Albertsons Inc., the nation's second-largest supermarket chain, has pulled the

October issue of Seventeen magazine from its shelves because of an article in the magazine's health section.

The two-page article is called "vagina 101" and includes two photographs showing the female genitalia.

The company ordered the removal of Seventeen magazine from stores in 12 western states, including Idaho.

A spokeswoman for Albertsons said it is the company's right to decide what goes on its store shelves.

Seventeen magazine said in a statement that the magazine talks about subjects in an open and objective way.

Albertsons' sales this year were \$10.19 billion. The company operates about 2,500 stores including Albertsons', Acme, Shaw's, Jewel-Osco and Sav-on Drugs.

— compiled from wire reports

THIS WEEK AT CSI

Today

CSI Athletic Boosters weekly luncheon, noon, Taylor 276.
CSI Student Senate weekly meeting, 4 p.m., Student Union 232.

"The Nutcracker" ballet audition for local children, 4 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.

Tuesday

CSI Professional and Classified Employees training and fall in-service meetings, all day, Taylor 276 and 277.
CSI and The Times-News third annual Southern Idaho Career Fair, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., gym (free admission).

CSI Ski Club weekly meeting, 1 p.m., Shields 106.
CSI interclub meeting, 1 p.m., Shields 115.

Latinos Unidos weekly meeting, 2 p.m., Taylor 247.
CSI Ambassadors weekly meeting, 2 p.m., Student Union 232.

CSI Math and Engineering Club weekly meeting, 4 p.m., Shields 203.
"Bride's Vision," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

"Stoke!" wood-fired ceramic show (through Oct. 15), Hermet Center, Jean B. King gallery (free admission).

CSI Chi Alpha Club weekly meeting, 8 p.m., Student Union north cafeteria.

Wednesday

CSI Professional and Classi-

fied Employees training and fall in-service meetings, all day, Taylor 276 and 277.

CSI Paramedics ropes challenge, 2 p.m., CSI Challenge Course.

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

Thursday

CSI Professional and Classified Employees training and fall in-service meetings, all day, Taylor 276 and 277.

CSI Multicultural Student Services International Study Abroad information table, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Student Union Eagles Nest.

CSI Phi Theta Kappa weekly meeting, noon, Student Union 232.

CSI Renaissance Club weekly meeting, 2 p.m., Shields 106.

Students Accessing Abilities weekly meeting, 3:30 p.m., Student Union 248.

Center for Community and Justice Latino Parent Conference, 6:30 p.m., Taylor 277.

Centennial Dance Band weekly rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts 121.

Friday

Center for Community and Justice Latino Parent Conference, all day, Taylor meeting rooms.

CSI Golden Eagle volleyball team participates in a Walla Walla tournament (through Saturday), Walla Walla, Wash.

"Feel Good Friday," featuring Jason DeShawn, noon to 2 p.m., Student Union Building.

City of Twin Falls firefighter entry level testing, 4 p.m., Shields 115.

"Hubble Vision," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

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

Saturday

CSI Outdoor Program mountain hike extravaganza, north of Ketchum, all day.

Idaho Small Business Development Center, AARP and Internal Revenue Service volunteer tax-aid training, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Evergreen C33.

CSI Ag Department and Twin Falls Farmers Market (local produce and crafts), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., across from Eldon Evans Expo Center.

Expo Center Twin Falls Orchestra rehearsal, 9 a.m., Fine Arts 121 and 133.

United Church of God weekly meeting, 10 a.m., Aspen 145.

"The Search for Life in the Universe," 2 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

"WSKY: Radio Station of the Stars," followed by a live sky tour, 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

"Hubble Vision," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

"Lynndy Skymyr: Fly On Free Bird," 8:15 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

SERVICES

Rita "Nadine" Stanger of Hansen, funeral at 10 a.m. today at the Kinney LDS Stake Center, 3857 N. 3500 E.; visitation from 9 to 9:45 a.m. today at the stake center (White Mortuary).

Dorothy Lucille (Dooley) Conrad of Boise and formerly of Buhl, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at the West End Cemetery in Buhl. Memorials service at noon today at the Buhl United Methodist Church, 908 Maple St. (Summers Funeral Home, Boise).

Warren Charles Nilsson Jr. of Gooding, graveside service at 1:30 p.m. today at Halley Cemetery; viewing from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at the Wood River Chapel in Halley.

Eileen B. Hawk of Rupert, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at the Rupert Cemetery (Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel).

Myrtle M. Bodenhamer of Twin Falls, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park (White Mortuary).

Darwin R. Green of Rupert, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at the Rupert Cemetery; friends may call from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St., Burley.

Rev. Herb B. Schutte of North Platte, committal service at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. today at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Gary L. Smith of Heyburn, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church, 25 N. Fourth St. Paul's friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Tuesday at the church (Payne Mortuary).

Robert "Bob" Strom of Twin Falls and formerly of Hagerman, memorial service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Hagerman United Methodist Church (White Mortuary).

DEATH NOTICES

Gary Tibbett

JACKPOT, Nev. — Gary Tibbett, 67, of Jackpot, Nev., died Sunday, Sept. 25, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, of Twin Falls.

Lilah Landers

PAUL — Lilah Landers, 92, of Paul died Saturday, Sept. 24,

Grant Beck of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Star 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 100 S. 200 W. Burley; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Burmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Loren L. Calhoun of Kimberly, graveside service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Twin Falls Cemetery (Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home).

Gale Marvin Smoot of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 5 p.m. Oct. 15 at the Smoot family home in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel).

ON THE AGENDA

Today

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

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

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

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

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

Jerome County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln.

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

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

Minidoka County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 715 G St., Rupert.

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

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

Blaine County Recreation District Board, 2:30 p.m., Room 211, Community Campus, 1050 Fox Acres Road, Halley.

Cassia Regional Medical Center Board, 5 p.m., hospital board room, 1501 Hilland Ave., Burley.

Heyburn City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 941 10th St.

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

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

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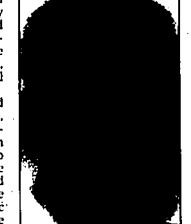
Twin Falls School Board, 7 p.m., administration office, 201 Main Ave. N.

OBITUARIES

Loren Lynn Calhoun

KIMBERLY — Loren Lynn Calhoun passed peacefully from his struggles in his world into the loving arms of his Savior, Jesus Christ, early in the morning on Friday, Sept. 23, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

He was born to Leon and Carrie Calhoun on Oct. 3, 1928, in U.S. Wash. He graduated from Bellevue High School and then from Idaho State College Vo-Tech. He loved being a machinist, and practiced his trade in machine shops throughout the Magic Valley. Throughout his life, he enjoyed hunting and fishing with his wife and children. He loved to tell stories about his life to his children and grandchildren. He told of carefree days growing up in the beautiful Wood River Valley, and hilarious stories from when he served in the Army in Austria during the Korean Conflict. He crossed the Atlantic four times. Loren was a loving husband and father who was greatly missed; his family eagerly



looks forward to the day when we will all be reunited in heaven, in the presence of our Lord. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Mari Lynn Calhoun of Buhl; his parents of Bellevue, his brothers, Jerry Calhoun of Twin Falls, Ray Calhoun of Bellevue, and Wayne Calhoun of Littleton, Colo., and by his sister Janet Calhoun of Benaville, Tenn. of Show Low, Ariz. He is survived by his

Gary Leland Smith

Prescott Valley, Ariz., a sister, Mary Lovelace of Talent, Ore.; a brother, George Smith of Burley; two grandsons, Ryan Smith and Alex Smith; a granddaughter, Rachel Smith, all of Meridian. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2005, at the Paul First Baptist Church, 25 N. 4th St. in Paul with Elliott Lovelace officiating. Friends may call at the church from 10 to 10:45 a.m. prior to the funeral on Tuesday.

In lieu of flowers, family members request memorial contributions be made to the Burley Christian Academy, 2350 Overland Ave. in Burley. Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley.

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Hurricane Katrina refugees get married

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Jacqueline Gordon and Herald Herbert had a whirlwind courtship — literally.

The pair met just a few weeks ago at the New Orleans airport, both had been evicted from Hurricane Katrina and were on a flight bound for Utah.

Friday night they married at the Officer's Club at the Utah National Guard's Camp Williams, the place that's been their temporary home since fleeing the water-soaked Gulf Coast.

"It's like we've known each other all our life," said Herbert just before the couple's wedding reception in downtown Salt Lake City.

The hurricane was done by God and when God does things, he does things to make things better.

Both the ceremony and reception were attended by about 100 guests, including their families, other refugees and Red Cross workers the couple had befriended at Camp Williams.

It was a beautiful ceremony with a Red Cross volunteer and wedding attendee Renee Creer said. "It really was very, very special. There was humor, there was tears and there was laughter."

Some called the event "the wedding of the year."

From the three-trail-draped arches, to Gordon's wedding dress, to an enormous stretch Hummer limousine and dinner reception at the Joseph Smith Memorial Building, everything for the \$200 wedding was donated by local companies, who heard about the couple's romance.

The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. Fritzie Davis of Calvary Baptist Church and punctuated by a Mardi Gras-style parade through downtown Salt Lake, complete with a jazz band.

The bride and groom were to lead the parade in a horse-drawn carriage, but the band and revelers spooked the horse, which jolted the carriage, scattering the crowd and thwarting that plan.

Police instead escorted the bride and groom through town, with onlookers cheering and honking car horns.

Forced from their homes by Hurricane Katrina, Gordon and Herbert were introduced Aug. 31 by mutual friends at the New Orleans airport.

Their first meeting ended in an argument over a pack of cigarettes.

"That's how it started, us bickering over a pack of cigarettes," said Gordon. "He told me I was cheeky, and I said

yes I was."

But love quickly followed. Walter Favaro, a grade-school friend of Herbert's, said the two belong together. "She likes the qualifications he have," Favaro said. "I think they're compatible."

Favaro was Herbert's best man during the wedding. Another Katrina evacuee, Curtis Pleasant, gave Gordon away. Pleasant and his wife, Gwen-dolyn, were living near Herbert and Gordon at Camp Williams.

"We've all become a family," said Pleasant.

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Lawmakers look to boost enrollment

BOISE (AP) — Enrollments are inching up in two programs designed to help more uninsured Idaho children get health insurance, but they're still far below what lawmakers had envisioned.

"We thought people would flock to it," said Sen. Dick Compton, R-Coeur d'Alene, the Senate Health and Welfare chairman. But, he said, "You've got some people who didn't have any insurance, and have got some coverage now. That's good news."

Lawmakers are seeking federal permission to ease some restrictions that are keeping many needy families out of the program.

There's a lot of people applying, said Sen. Flinck, R-Idaho. Chairman Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, "Unfortunately, a lot of

them are not able to qualify for the product for a variety of reasons."

Lawmakers in 2004 expanded Idaho's Children's Health Insurance Program, CHIP, to provide limited coverage for children from families that make just over the income limit for regular CHIP. The CHIP B program charges a \$15-per-month premium in exchange for limited coverage. The Access Card program provides a \$100-per-month subsidy to help pay private insurance premiums, up to a maximum of \$300 per family.

There are now more than 2,200 children on the two programs, most of them on the CHIP B program. But lawmakers had originally envisioned serving at least 5,600 children through the two programs.

Since they started in July 2004, more than 10,000 have applied, but fewer than half qualified.

More than a thousand were turned away because their incomes were too high. While the regular CHIP program insures only those whose families make 150 percent of the federal poverty level or less, CHIP B and the Access Card program serve families who make up to 185 percent. For a family of four, that's \$35,797, compared to \$29,025 for regular CHIP.

Many others were rejected because they already had insurance, making them ineligible under federal rules. But some of the people rejected do not have Medicaid, which provides full health coverage at no cost to the poor and disabled. Some have Idaho's Access Card, which provides only partial Medicaid funding.

Idaho now plans to apply for a waiver from the federal rules. Parti Campbell, senior program manager in the Division of Medicaid at the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, said the state asked for a similar waiver earlier and was rejected.

Compton said the system encourages people to drop their insurance and go without for a period of time, so they can apply for the partial subsidy. "It just doesn't make any human sense that you'd want people to be without insurance in order to get it," he said.

Campbell spoke to lawmakers Thursday in a briefing to a state health care task force that is trying to find ways to help more Idahoans get health insurance.

HEAVENLY TOUCH UP



Patrick Harrington paints the trim on a window at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Bremerton, Wash., on Friday.

Conferences eye energy alternatives

MOSCOW (AP) — Panelists at a University of Idaho conference on energy costs asked drivers to think beyond the cost of gas.

They talked about the cost of building and maintaining roads, of automobile emissions, and of lives lost in accidents.

"We've normalized the fact that 42,000 deaths a year is acceptable," said Don Forbes, a former director of the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Forbes and several other speakers led discussions last week at UI's Sustainability Conference, an event focused on

alternative energy and conserving resources.

Gas prices have risen dramatically in the last few weeks.

Will Toot, a county commissioner from Boulder, Colo., and author of "Transportation and Sustainable Campus Communities," said people use most energy at home and on the road.

"If you think about the overall impact, about half of it comes from transportation," he said.

He said campus communities like Moscow are good environments to try to shift from a car-heavy approach to

local transportation. Other college towns around the country have in recent years adopted more of an emphasis on public transit, walking and biking paths, and building housing close to campuses, he said.

The panelists also said American cities like Canada make up 8 percent of the world's population but use more than half its resources.

"There's something any way we can be doing to our children," Forbes said. "So what are we going to do as leaders to allow them to have a life?"

In Moscow, groups will work together to design proposals for renewable energy use, such as creating a lab at UI dedicated to alternative fuels, cleaner-burning vehicles and renewable energy. This lab, the Sustainable Energy Laboratory and Transit Facility, has attracted about a half-million dollars in grant funding already, organizers said.

The UI panelists said they were hopeful Americans are ready to change their habits.

"The world stopped using whale blubber before we ran out of whales," Forbes said.

Grizzly bears make inroads in Idaho

SQUIRREL (AP) — Cattle ranchers Larry and Donna Orme have been a target of grizzly and already have lost eight calves to bears this year. Blair and Velma Callaway, also ranchers, had a bear ransack their cabin near Yellowstone's southwest boundary.

The ranchers have learned to tolerate grizzlies. Whether other Idahoans do will play a critical role in determining whether the bears continue to prosper.

Grizzlies were all but gone in eastern Idaho three decades ago. In the 1970s, they said, deer and elk were being killed off by grizzly bears. Today, they're back, rising from fewer than 200 to more than 600 throughout the Yellowstone area. A 2002 law allows bears to occupy "some limited areas" outside of a recovery zone outside the park.

The Bush administration is expected to propose removing Yellowstone's grizzlies from the threatened species list soon. That would return management of the bears back to state and make it easier to kill marauding bears.

"I view that as an evolution-

ary process in Idaho," Chris Servheen, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service grizzly bear recovery coordinator, told the Idaho Statesman. "The average person who works, lives or plays in bear habitat has changed the way they act."

Even though the bear has come back naturally, its return has prompted a response in Idaho similar to the reintroduction of wolves by the federal government. Many people don't want them here.

There certainly are places that are appropriate for grizzly bears, but I don't want them in my back yard," said Senate Pro Tem Bob Gard, R-Soda Springs.

The grizzly grows to 600 pounds, can run faster than a horse, and occasionally eats people. There was about one human injury per year from grizzly bears in the 1970s in Yellowstone from 1970 through 1997.

When Meriwether Lewis and William Clark first arrived in the West in 1804, more than 100,000 grizzly bears roamed the area. Now 1,200 to 1,400 survive in and around wilderness

areas and national parks. In the Yellowstone area, grizzly bears are again expanding their range east, south and west.

Idaho has always had grizzly bears in the far north, Selkirk and Cabinet-Mark Mountains, and in East Idaho near Yellowstone National Park. They lived in Central Idaho until the late 1940s, when they disappeared.

But in eastern Idaho, grizzlies were rare visitors after the 1940s. Those bears that wandered out of Yellowstone into the Targhee National Forest died in traps, or were killed by ranchers and sheep herders.

"The bears that went there didn't live very long," Servheen said.

Today, the sheep are the endangered species on the slopes of the Teton and in the other parts of grizzly habitat in Idaho's section of what is known as the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

A cooperative program of environmental groups, the Forest Service and sheep ranchers bought out the federal grazing units in Idaho's grizzly country. The Forest Service also has ag-

gressively closed roads that take poachers and other threats to grizzlies deep into their favorite haunts.

"These bears are beginning to make an effort to recolonize Idaho," said Charles Schwartz, the leader of the Interagency Grizzly Bear Study Team in Yellowstone.

Schwartz's team radio-collared five bears this year so the biologists can monitor their movements. They learned that the bears were spending much of their time outside the 9,200-acre core recovery zone, an area larger than Connecticut that spreads into three states.

There's no doubt about it, we're seeing bears moving outside of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem westward," Schwartz said.

Grizzly bears have shared space with livestock since the early days of settlement along the southwest edge of Yellowstone National Park for years. He and his riders see bears regularly.

"Every grizzly that kills livestock should be exterminated, and ranchers shouldn't have to go through the red tape," Calaway said.

"They covered a pretty good area. Nightmares coming on, we were seeing bears moving north, they realized they probably ought to call for reinforcements," Peterson said.

Peterson said the call came in around 7 p.m. Saturday. The boy must have found the cabin, which was within a couple miles of where he became lost, before sundown, Peterson said.

Man leaves \$2M to ISU

POCATELLO (AP) — Former Idaho Falls businessman Sam Bennion has left \$2 million to Idaho State University.

Bennion always looked out for the underdog, said one of his daughters, Patti Eaton. ISU, now Idaho's second-largest institution of higher learning, started out as an underdog, Eaton said.

"ISU has always been the little guy in education in Idaho," said Eaton, of Boise. "I think my dad thought, I can really make an impact at ISU."

Bennion died in May. His \$2 million contribution was announced Friday.

Bennion is already known at ISU for contributing to the university's Idaho Falls expansion and its long-running athletic budget. Much of his final gift will go toward the Stephens Performing Arts Center, and to establish student scholarships.

On Friday, two of Bennion's

daughters, Eaton and Kristie Bennion of Wyoming, said he had always told his children they would succeed in life if they used their educations wisely.

A Utah native, Sam Bennion opened his first gas station in 1937 and eventually turned it into V-I-Oil, a multi-million dollar gas and oil outfit.

Bennion was a lifetime member of the ISU Foundation Board of Directors whose ties to the university date back 50 years.

"In the history of this school, no one comes close to Sam Bennion in terms of his generosity," said ISU Foundation President Joe Jensen.

The \$1.98 million gift will go toward scholarships for non-traditional students, honors students and those studying hazardous waste management. ISU has nearly 14,000 students.

Bodyguard killed outside escort service

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A bodyguard working for an escort service was fatally shot while sitting in a chair outside the business south of downtown.

Edwin Tamoua, 35, of South Salt Lake, was shot several times around 1:30 a.m. Saturday and died at a hospital, said Salt Lake City police spokesman Dwayne Baird.

Tamoua worked for the company for three years, providing late-night protection for the escorts and was on duty when he was shot, Baird said.

"These girls come back with a lot of money, and the job is to make sure nobody comes up to them as they're coming in," Baird said. Baird said robbery was not being considered a motive.

"Somebody just came up and shot him multiple times," Baird said.

Child missing in wilderness found sleeping in cabin

CEDAR CITY, Utah (AP) — A 4-year-old boy who wandered off in the wilderness of southwestern Utah was found sleeping in an old cabin he apparently found after getting lost.

Members of Iron County's search and rescue team had been looking for the boy for about an hour when he was found around 11:30 p.m. Satur-

day by two local men who hunted in the area and had been asked to help, Sheriff Sgt. Wayne Peterson said Sunday.

"He'd have actually been fine until morning, but we didn't know that," Peterson said. "When he was reunited with his parents, it made it all worth it."

The boy, whose name was not released, was on a family outing to

get wood near Hamlin Valley, about 70 miles north of Cedar City. The boy was playing with some other children but got separated in the late afternoon, Peterson said.

The families searched for a couple of hours, then called Iron County dispatchers. The area is heavily timbered and easy to get disoriented in, especially when it is dark, Peterson said.

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about how quickly the weight is coming off of me," she said. "It's nice that they notice, but it's not just falling off of me. It's a lot of work."

Megan doesn't have a specific number that she'd like to have lost. She would like to drop at least another 10 pounds.

"That would put my weight right at two pounds a week, which would be really good," she said.

Megan, who began serious attempts at losing 100 extra pounds in the spring, met her half-way point five weeks ago. This is the second time she's taken the adult weight loss class at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center (MVRMC) — and it won't be the last.

"Before enrolling, Megan tried to drop inches by using fad diets. They never worked."

Of course there's always the lure of the quick fix," she said. "The pills you can take to solve your hormone problems that are making you gain weight or whatever. I've tried them before, but you learn your lesson after the second time. I didn't get here quickly. I won't lose it quickly."

Heather Shaw, a registered dietitian at MVRMC, stepped in

to teach class this week. She went over the problems with fad diets and gave the students some key words to look for when considering a new diet.

"Fad diets exclude or tout one or more than one food groups. More often, though, it's an exclusion of one or more food groups. They also point to one problem and blame all the weight on just one thing, when we know that weight gain is the result of a combination of many things," she said. "Eliminating one food group all together is a bad idea because we need a wide variety of foods to get all the nutrients we need. Many sell supplements, and I'd say if you have to take a supplement on your diet, then it isn't well-balanced and you shouldn't be on it."

So what sets the MVRMC adult weight loss class apart from fad diets? It focuses on how to lose weight in every situation, from home life to ordering at restaurants.

"To lose weight you need to know how to eat in the real world," Shaw said. "Many of these fad diets will give you quick results, but they aren't long-lasting. You can't maintain the diet for ever. They quit after a month or two, and then usually gain the weight back."

The class leads students to develop their own diet, through

the help of meal plans, calorie guidelines and nutrient ratios that are individualized for each student.

"We encourage good food choices, a good, balanced diet, eating a diet low in fat, high in fiber and getting enough water to drink," Shaw said.

Megan isn't just looking forward to the last class for the weight loss. The last class will also be a pot luck of sorts, with each student preparing and bringing a healthy dish that meets the class' diet requirements. To share. Megan, who's had trouble branching out and trying new foods that meet the diet's guidelines, looks forward to the opportunity to try and learn new dishes.

But she is worried about the class ending too. Megan and her husband, Red, haven't decided yet if they will enroll in the next class, or take a break over the holiday season. Megan is concerned about maintaining her weight loss without the weekly support of her other classmates. But, she says, she thinks she has learned enough after completing the class twice to make it on her own for a few months.

Candace Balitz-Smythe can be reached by e-mail at Candace.Balitz@hotmail.com.

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— New Orleans QB Aaron Brooks, on Hurricane Rita

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Volleyball

Volley at Glens Ferry, 6 p.m.
Shoshone at Bliss, 6 p.m.
Dierhelt at Wendell, 6 p.m.

Girls Soccer

Twin Falls at Jerome, 4:30 p.m.

Burley at Century, 4:30 p.m.

Boys Soccer

Jerome at Twin Falls, 4:30 p.m.

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IN BRIEF

Minico boosters meet tonight

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

CSI booster luncheon is today

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

Benefit dart tournament planned

TWIN FALLS — A dart tournament with all proceeds to benefit Safe Harbor will be held Saturday, Oct. 1 at the Log Tavern. Cost is a \$5 donation and with a blind draw. Registration is at noon with the tournament starting at 1 p.m. There will be a raffle, auction and lots of food available.

Hawaii football shuts down Vandals, 24-0

MOSCOW — Hawaii quarterback Colt Brennan completed 34 of 44 passes for 347 yards and three touchdowns, leading the Warriors to a 24-0 victory over Idaho in the Western Athletic Conference opener for both on Saturday night.

Brennan completed at least four passes to six different receivers, and his first-half scoring throws to Boss Dickerson and Davone Bess covered 11 and 17 yards, respectively. He added a 7-yard touchdown pass to Bess in the fourth quarter.

Hawaii (1-2) also performed well defensively, holding Idaho (0-4) to 153 total yards, 112 of which came through the air. Bess finished with 10 catches for 106 yards, and Michael Washington added seven receptions for 46 yards.

Idaho quarterback Steven Wichman, who had thrown for 390 yards and three scores two weeks earlier against UNLV, completed just 8 of 25 passes and tossed an interception.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Ed Rommel and Frank Unott broke conventional protocol by wearing eyeglasses on the field. (Did they make better calls afterward? We don't know.)

Patriots topple Steelers

By Alan Robinson
Associated Press writer

PITTSBURGH — Don't write off the New England Patriots after one loss. The Super Bowl champions were good enough to beat what coach Bill Belichick called the NFL's best team on the road with backups, a patched-up defense and good old determination.

Oh, yes, and with Tom Brady and Adam Vinatieri, too. The Patriots, badly depleted by injuries, withstood the longest scoring pass play against them in 15 years and two turnovers inside the Pittsburgh 10 to rally in the fourth quarter behind Brady and beat the Steelers 23-20 Sunday on Vinatieri's 43-yard field goal with one second remaining.

New England was within one play of winning when Chad Scott, cut by Pittsburgh after last season, was called for pass interference against Quincy Morgan on a fourth-and-11 play from the Steelers' 27. Ben Roethlisberger, off his game most of the day, threw his second scoring pass to Hines Ward from the 4 a play later to tie it at 20 with 1:21 remaining.

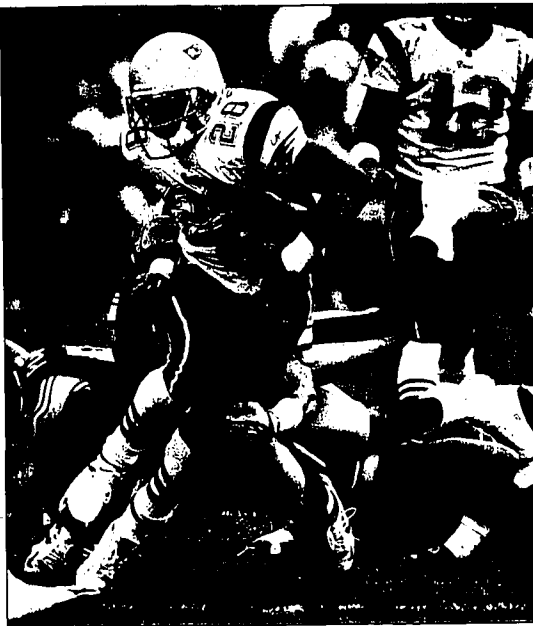
But that was too much time for Brady, the NFL's best late-in-the-game quarterback, and Vinatieri, its best clutch kicker. Brady shouldering most of the offense, completed his last 12 passes and went 31-of-41 for 372 yards and Corey Dillon, at all but absent the week before in a 27-17 loss at Carolina, scored from the 7 early in the fourth quarter to help end Pittsburgh's 16-game winning streak.

The Patriots did it in the same stadium where their own record 18-game regular season streak ended last season with a 34-20 loss on Oct. 31.

New England came back 2.5 months later and manhandled the Steelers 41-27 in the AFC championship game, the second time in four seasons their road to a Super Bowl title ran through Heinz Field.

Just as in that game, the Patriots (2-1) all but took away Pittsburgh's running game — Willie Parker, coming off consecutive 100-yard games, was held to 55 yards — and forced Roethlisberger to try and beat them.

The quarterback hasn't lost to



New England Patriots running back Corey Dillon breaks a tackle by Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker Larry Foote on a run for a first down in the second quarter in Pittsburgh on Sunday. The Patriots won 23-20.

any other team in 18 NFL starts, counting the postseason. He couldn't do it this time, either, in a mostly poor performance reminiscent of that AFC title game and now has his first loss in 16 regular-season starts. Roethlisberger went 12-of-29 for 216 yards.

The Patriots won this one with perseverance and, yes, a lot of Brady when it looked like they were certain to lose.

Already without three injured

cornerbacks, including starter Tyrone Poole, they lost backup cornerback Duane Starks on the Steelers' first play from scrimmage (the returned later). Then, after allowing an 85-yard Hines Ward touchdown reception, New England lost safety Rodney Harrison and left tackle Matt Light to leg injuries.

It was the longest TD pass against the Patriots since an 86-yarder by Kansas City in 1990.

With so many players hurt, the

Patriots were forced to patch together a secondary on almost every series and to call plays that kept the pressure off rookie offensive linemen Logan Mankins and Nick Kazir. They gave up two sacks early in the second half before tightening up.

Despite Roethlisberger's mis-throws and incompletions, the Steelers (2-1) led 13-10 early in the fourth after New England twice moved inside the Pittsburgh 10 without scoring.

First Harris poll released Sunday

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — The winningest team in the history of college football team is unrivaled for the first time in more than seven years.

Michigan fell out of the Associated Press Top 25 on Sunday, ending a streak of 114 straight weeks in the rankings, which was the longest in the nation. The last poll that didn't include the Wolverines was Oct. 18, 1998.

Southern California extended its streak of No. 1 rankings to 23 in the latest media poll. The Trojans picked up two first place votes after wiping out an early 13-point deficit and blowing out Oregon 45-13 on Saturday, a win that knocked the Ducks out of the rankings.

The Wolverines fell at Wisconsin 23-20 to fall to 2-2. Michigan's two wins came against Northern Illinois and Eastern Michigan of the Mid-American Conference.

The Wolverines' other loss was to

Notre Dame. Michigan started the season ranked No. 4.

The Wolverines' fall comes a week after another traditional power, Oklahoma, dropped out of the rankings for the first time since 1999.

No. 9 Miami now has the longest current streak at 93. USC received 59 of a possible 65 first-place votes. No. 2 Texas received the other six.

Virginia Tech moved up a spot to No. 3 after a 51-7 romp over Georgia Tech. The Yellow Jackets fell 10 spots to No. 25. LSU, which plays Tennessee on Monday night, dropped a spot to fourth.

The Volunteers remained No. 10, and voters will next week have to judge them and the Tigers on two games. Tennessee plays Mississippi in Knoxville on Saturday and LSU is in Mississippi State.

No. 5 Florida, followed by Florida State and Georgia.

The seventh-ranked Bulldogs give the Southeastern Conference four top-10 teams for a

second straight week.

The USA Today coaches' poll had the same top five as the AP poll, with Southern California, Texas, Virginia Tech, LSU and Florida. Virginia Tech received a first-place vote in the coaches' poll.

The first Harris Interactive College Football poll was also released on Sunday. The Harris poll is voted on by a panel of former coaches, players and administrators, plus some media members. It will replace the AP poll in the Bowl Championship Series standings formula.

The Harris poll's top five was just slightly different from the other polls, with the same first three (USC, Texas, Virginia Tech), but with Florida fourth and LSU fifth.

Ohio State was one of five Big Ten teams ranked in the AP poll. The Buckeyes were No. 8, but Iowa joined Michigan in dropping from the rankings for the first time this season. The Hawkeyes lost 31-6 at Ohio State.

No. 17 Wisconsin and No. 18 Minnesota from the Big Ten moved into the rankings for the first time this season. Michigan State moved up six spots to No. 11.

The unbeaten Gophers beat Purdue 42-35 on overtime, and the Boilermakers fell 11 spot in the rankings to No. 22.

Purdue's tumble wasn't as far as Louisville's. The 24th-ranked Cardinals dropped 15 spots after a stunning 45-14 loss to South Florida as the two former Conference USA members played their first Big East game.

No. 12 California is followed by Notre Dame and Arizona State, and No. 15 Alabama gives the SEC five teams in the Top 25.

No. 16 Texas Tech is followed by Wisconsin, Minnesota, No. 19 Virginia and No. 20 UCLA.

Boston College rejoined the rankings at No. 21. The Eagles fell out for a week but moved back in with a win over Clemson. No. 23 Iowa State dropped a spot after surviving a scare at Army.

Johnson wins at Dover

By Dick Brinster
Associated Press writer

DOVER, Del. — Jimmie Johnson held off teammate Kyle Busch by about a car-length Sunday to claim victory at Dover International Speedway — and the lead in NASCAR's Chase for the championship.

Tony Stewart, the Nextel Cup points leader for the last seven races, battled an ill-handling car en route to a 16th-place finish that dropped him to fifth in the championship standings.

INASCAR

There would be no perfect weekend for Ryan Newman, who won pole position here this weekend and was coming off a victory in a Busch Series race Saturday. Newman won the opening event in the Chase a week earlier, leading Jim Stewart in a stirring finish at New Hampshire International Speedway.

The victory in the MINA 400 was the third this year for Johnson, who now leads Rusty Wallace by seven points after two of 10 races in the Chase among the top-10 drivers. Johnson also won for the third time at Dover and 17th overall.

Stewart came to The Monster Mile 20 points ahead of Greg Biffle, who won here in June. Stewart is now tied with Biffle, who cut a tire and finished 13th. They're 23 points behind Johnson.

Johnson went to the front on the 37th lap by passing Mark Martin, who had leads in two laps earlier under caution, but Johnson took four tires and after the restart easily outpaced Martin, who took only two.

Rookie Busch and Wallace also passed Martin, who's fourth in the points. 21 back, Newman led the first 30 laps Sunday, but faded badly before recovering to finish fifth and stand third, 12 points behind the leader.

Just before the halfway mark, Rusty Wallace topped the scoreboards with Biffle, Kurt Busch, Martin and Matt Kenseth running 1-2-3-4. There has never been such a finish of teammates in NASCAR history.

Johnson, who started fifth in the fourth of 43, led 134 of 404 laps in the \$5 million race. His Chevrolet beat that of Hendrick Motorsports teammate Busch by 0.080 seconds in a race extended by a green-white-checker finish after Joe Nemechek streaked on lap 398.

Finishing third on the high-banked, counter-clockwise oval, Wallace in a Dodge, followed by the Ford of Martin and Newman's Dodge.

The winner averaged 115.054 mph in a race that featured 11 cautions. There were 15 lead changes among seven drivers.

Completing the top 10 were Elliott Sauter, Jeremy Mayfield, Kyle Petty, Carl Edwards and Casey Mears.

Reigning series champion Busch led 192 laps, but cut a tire and finished 24th. He's 10th in the standings, 170 points behind.

Seahawks' offense picks apart Cardinals

By Tim Booth
Associated Press writer

SEATTLE — Yep, Mike Holmgren was right. The Seattle Seahawks did score in the second half, thanks to the legs of Shaun Alexander.

Ahead 10-0 at halftime, Alexander scored twice in just 30 seconds early in the third quarter, and Seattle cruised to a 37-7 romp over winless Arizona on Sunday.

Seattle was scoreless in the second half in its first two games, prompting Holmgren to guarantee earlier this week that the Seahawks would score in the second half sometime this season.

Alexander continued his impressive track record against the Cardinals at home. Alexander rushed for 135 yards and three touchdowns in the first three quarters, and his 1-yard TD run on the first play of the fourth



Seattle Seahawks quarterback Matt Hasselbeck (8) shows under pressure from Arizona's Chike Okefor (56) as Seahawks offensive lineman Sean Locklear defends at right, in the second quarter of Sunday's game in Seattle.

gave Seattle a 31-12 lead. Alexander finished with 140 yards on 22 carries, the 24th 100-

yard game of his career, tying him with Chris Warren for the most in team history. The last

two seasons against Arizona, Alexander rushed for 135 and 154 yards at home against the Cardinals.

Matt Hasselbeck finished 20-of-31 for 242 yards, and Darrell Jackson had eight catches for 125 yards for Seattle (2-1).

Meanwhile, the day got progressively worse for Arizona. In his first game, the Cardinals picked to win the NFC West.

Down 10-6 with 3:56 left in the first half, Arizona lost quarterback Kurt Warner to a right groin injury.

Facing a third-and-9 at the Seattle 32, Warner was pressured, and ran from the pocket to his left. He attempted to throw across his body to fullback Obafemi Ayanbadejo, but the pass fell incomplete. After he threw, Warner began limping back toward the center of the field before laying down and grabbing at his right leg. Trainers helped Warner off the field, and he was replaced by Josh Mc-

Carton on Arizona's next possession.

Warner was 8-of-13 for 105 yards and was sacked once. McCarton did have a few better finishes, 10-of-24 for 97 yards and an interception on the last play.

Arizona held a 175-170 advantage in total yards at halftime, but gained only 91 yards in the second half. Seattle finished with 447.

Arizona also lost nose tackle Russell Davis (hip), linebacker Eric Johnson (left knee), and cornerbacks David Macklin (left hamstring) and Antrel Rolle (left knee) to injuries in the second half.

Seattle's kicker missed goals of 54, 33, 50 and 39 for Arizona. The Cardinals have just one offensive touchdown all season. Seattle received the second half kickoff and promptly went 80 yards in 3:09. The Seahawks clipped off at least 12 yards on every play for one. Hasselbeck was 4-of-4 for 48 yards before Alexander scored from the 1.

Direct deposit lets hurricane victims have access to cash



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

His employee appears to have left her brains in the deep freeze, because her actions are inexcusable.

DEAR ABBY: For most of this year I have been battling a drug and alcohol addiction. I am only 14, but I have managed to almost completely stop both — but my bad days I fall right back in.

I would have the strength to stop if it wasn't for my best friend, Stella. Stella helped me deal with my parents' divorce and a near-suicide attempt. I got her into alcohol. I have tried to stop, but she is always dragging me back into it.

Please tell me what to do. I don't want to lose Stella as a friend, but I can't keep damaging my life.

—LOST IN CONFUSION, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.
DEAR LOST: One of the keys to staying sober is cutting your ties with people who "enable" you to fall off the wagon. Your health and sobriety depend upon your developing friendships with kids who stay clean. You and Stella may be best friends, but right now you're not good for each other.

You say Stella "saved your life." Well, you now have an opportunity to save hers. Do that by telling Stella's mother that she is abusing alcohol. Plan on the fact that your friend won't like it, but please don't chicken out. It's the most direct way to ensure that she'll get the help she needs.

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DEAR ABBY: I am from the South and have lived in Colorado for five years, but I still have a deep Southern accent. My problem concerns a woman who works at our local grocery store. Every time I shop there, she responds to me by mocking my accent in a very exaggerated manner.

Last week, I asked her to please not do it anymore because it hurts my feelings. She said she does it because she thinks I talk funny and it makes her laugh. Should I just find another store? This is really bothering me.

DAUGHTER OF THE SOUTH, AURORA, COLO.
DEAR DAUGHTER: Absolutely find another establishment in which to spend your money — but before you do, have a little chat with the manager of the store and explain why you're taking your business elsewhere.

DEAR ABBY: During this difficult time in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, we are doing everything in our power to reach out to those who have been affected. We are working with people to make sure their Social Security money gets to them on time, so they will have one less thing to worry about.

The best way to do this is by direct deposit into a bank or credit union account. A simple action like signing up for direct deposit offers some much-needed peace of mind. Direct deposit is completely predictable. It gives people access to their money wherever they are, whenever they need it. It also means no lost or stolen checks because the money goes straight into a person's account.

The U.S. Department of the Treasury and the Federal Reserve Bank, as part of our Go Direct campaign, are encouraging all people — whether affected by the hurricane or not — to use direct deposit.

—DICK GREGG, COMMISSIONER FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SERVICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

DEAR MR. GREGG: I'm pleased to help you spread this important and timely message. With so many people having been displaced by the recent natural disaster in the Southeast, your Go Direct program will ease considerable logistical problems in getting their money to them. This is a pri-

This day in history: Sept. 26, 1937, saw the opening of "West Side Story," a musical about the gangs of New York with a plot stolen from William Shakespeare, music by Leonard Bernstein and lyrics by a 27-year-old neophyte named Stephen Sondheim.

In the early 1800s, nitrous oxide was solely used for entertainment purposes. "Laughing gas" parties became popular in 1846, though, a Connecticut dentist named Horace Wells tried some on himself and found he could extract a tooth painlessly.

You know the mountain gorillas that were featured in the movie, "Gorillas in the Mist"? There are fewer than 650 left in the wild today.

Writers suffer deeply from their own insecurities. John Steinbeck once said about his "Grapes of Wrath," "If I could do



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Jack Mingo
Erin Barrett

this book properly, it would be one of the next five books. But I am assailed by my own ignorance and inability.

Who was the youngest first lady? Not Jackie Kennedy at 31, Julia Taylor, 24, and Francis Cleveland, 21, were much younger.

A woman named Lord, Lillian Moller Gilbreth invented the electric food mixer and the mechanical trashcan. You may know her as "Mother" from the book her children wrote, "Cheaper by the Dozen."

In Malaysia, it's believed that

washing your cat can bring rain. If there isn't proper ventilation, the yeast in a wine vat can produce enough carbon dioxide to kill a person.

From 72 to 180, and then to 0. Those were the results when a team of researchers monitored the pulse of a man being executed by a firing squad. This grisly experiment took place at a Utah prison in 1938.

Film capital of the world? Not Hollywood. India makes about 800 films each year, more than any other country in the world.

According to a poll by Fox News, 34 percent of Americans believe in ghosts, an equal number believe in UFOs, 29 percent believe in astrology, 25 percent in reincarnation, and 24 percent in witches.

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Foster's 'Flightplan,' Burton's 'Corpse Bride' propel big box-office weekend

Box office at a glance

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. Final figures will be released Monday.

1. "Flightplan," \$24.6 million.
2. "Tim Burton's Corpse Bride," \$20.1 million.
3. "Just Like Heaven," \$9.8 million.
4. "Roll Bounce," \$8 million.
5. "The Exorcism of Emily Rose," \$7.5 million.
6. "Lord of War," \$4.9 million.
7. "The 40-Year-Old Virgin," \$4.3 million.
8. "The Constant Gardener," \$2.2 million.
9. "Transporter 2," \$2.15 million.
10. "Cry Wolf," \$2.1 million.

took in \$69.000 at five theaters. The film will be shown in about 100 theaters Friday.

"Flightplan" was the first No. 1 debut in almost five months for distributor Disney, historically one of Hollywood's steepest hitters.

"Long time coming. You never expect that. We're usually more consistent," said Chuck Viane, Disney head of distribution. "Flightplan" stars Foster as a widow whose 6-year-old daughter vanishes on a transatlantic trip, prompting panic from the girl's mom and Septimian from the crew and passengers, who have no record or recollection the child was ever on board.

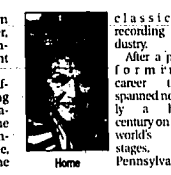
After a strong premiere for "Corpse Bride" in five theaters the previous weekend, some industry observers had expected the animated tale to hold the top box-office spot this weekend.

"Corpse Bride" features the voices of Johnny Depp and Helena Bonham Carter in a musical fantasy about a jittery groom whisked to the underworld after he's inadvertently wed to a decomposing cadaver. It's the second stop-motion animated flick for co-director Tim Burton, following 1993's "The Nightmare Before Christmas."

Singer Marilyn Horne nabs achievement award

NEW YORK (AP) — Marilyn Horne at 71: singer, teacher, grandmother — and now, winner of a lifetime achievement award.

"I think that I'm making a difference for a lot of young singers," said the mezzo-soprano, who will officially receive the award Monday from London-based Gramophone magazine, considered an authority in the



Horne

native heads a nonprofit foundation launched in 1994 at Carnegie Hall to encourage young talent and nurture audiences for the arts.

The truth, she says, is that it's a challenge to get audiences to listen to classical music.

"But you have to keep talking to people and say, 'They come on, try it — try it once at least,'" Horne said in an interview.

Beetle Bailey



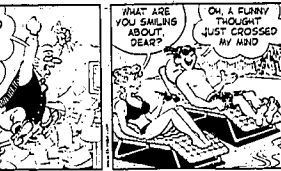
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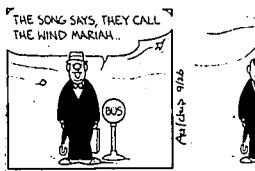
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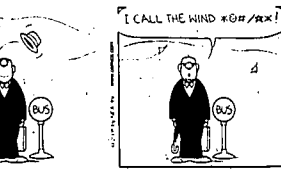
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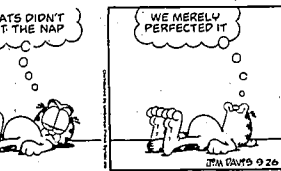
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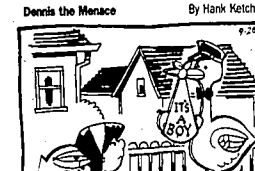
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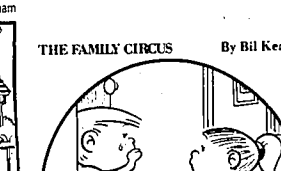
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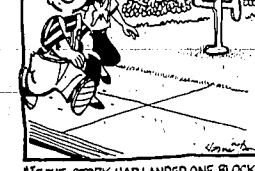
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
T/S No. ID-00361-C Loan No. 030003243-A P/R #105172010750
Notice is hereby given that, Family National Title Insurance Company (the duly appointed Successor Trustee), will on 11/15/2005 at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), at the main entrance to Alliance Title & Escrow, 1411 Fairview East, Suite 115, Twin Falls, ID 83301, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payables at the time of sale, the following described real property and personal property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows: EXHIBIT A Township 10 South, Range 17 East of the Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho SECTION 1, A part of Government Lot 1, COMMENCING at the Northeast corner of Section 1, Said point lies North 00° 18'24" West, 2642.82 feet, from the East quarter corner of Section 1, THENCE South 00° 18'24" West, 1321.41 feet, to the Southeast corner of Section 1, THENCE North 89° 56' 43" West, 188.18 feet, THENCE North 00° 18'24" West, 36.14 feet, to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE North 00° 18'24" West, 281.14 feet, THENCE North 89° 56' 43" West, 147.01 feet, THENCE South 20° 03' 33" West, 452.56 feet, THENCE along a curve, Having a central angle of 15° 20' 15", R - 459.28 feet, A - 125.62 feet, C - 125.25 feet, B - 63.19 feet, LCB - 30.17 feet, THENCE South 89° 56' 43" West, 39.16 feet, THENCE to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the above described real property, with said real property is 4151 Meadowridge Cir. Twin Falls, ID 83301. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, and the above described real property, and the power to sell conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by William S. Hart and Denise A. Hart, husband and wife, as grantors, to Security Title Company of Idaho, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of West One Bank, Idaho, N.A., as Beneficiary, dated 7/7/1992, recorded 7/10/1992, as Instrument No. 92009572 and re-recorded - records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, the benevolent interest in which is presently held by CMAC Mortgage Corporation. The above grantors are named to comply with section 45-15064(A), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation. The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 7/7/1992. The monthly installments for principal, interest and impounds (if applicable) of 142.97, due per month for the months of 4/1/2005 through 10/1/2005, and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$123,010.76, plus accruing interest at the rate of 8.50% per annum from 3/1/2005. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorneys' fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the title property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Dated: July 15, 2005. Family National Title Insurance Company, Candy Herzog, authorized signatory, 15455 Sun Fernando Mission Blvd #208, Moon, MI 48135, Phone (818) 837-2300, Sale Date (818) 361-9999, ASAP712737

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE KIMBERLY CITY COUNCIL will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 11, 2005, in the City Council Chambers located at 120 Madison West, Kimberly, Idaho, to consider the request of Grassroots United Methodist Church for annexation of the 5.9 acre parcel and an adjoining 19.87 acre parcel in the SW1/4 NW1/4 of Section 21, Township 10 South, Range 18 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho, within the City of Kimberly Impact Area. It is located adjacent to Main St. N., Kimberly, Idaho.

The complete legal description, the application, and other documents are on file with the Office of the Planning and Zoning Administrator and available for review at the City Hall. Any and all persons may register their comments, protests or agreements on the subject being considered. The public hearing shall be held at 7:00 p.m. (5:30 p.m. in the City of Kimberly) on Tuesday, October 11, 2005, at the City of Kimberly City Council Chambers. Any residents and interested persons should have an opportunity to appear and be heard on the above request at the hearing prior to the request being acted upon by the City Council.

KIM MARTIN
CITY CLERK

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When you play pairs, you learn that you have to struggle for every undertrick and overtrick, even if in the process you occasionally allow an impossible contract to make or you go down in a cold game. If you collect nine overtricks and go down in one game, that is a fine rate of exchange at pairs, while at teams it may be a rather poor bargain.

In today's four-heart contract, South's hand is rather easier to play at pairs than at teams. At pairs you would ruff the second club, lay down the heart ace, and curse your luck. You would suddenly have discovered that the defenders had two trump winners and two black aces: down one. Unlucky — but you probably followed the chance of finding the hearts 2-2 is far higher than getting a 4-0 split.

But how should you play the deal at teams? The answer is that after ruffing the second club, you should lead a low heart from hand toward the J-10. (You cannot afford to go to dummy with a diamond for the heart finesse, because you might run into a diamond ruff.) By taking the safety play, you may concede an unnecessary heart trick to a doubleton or singleton queen of trumps, but you know that you can unblock the trump from dummy, ruff a club back to hand, draw the rest of the trumps, and ensure 10 winners for your side.

NORTH		09-26-A
♠ Q J 8 6	♥ J 10	♦ A 9 7 5
♣ K 7 3		
WEST		
♠ K 9 7 5 2	♥ —	♦ —
♣ 10 3 2		
♠ Q J 10 5 2		

EAST		
♠ A 10 4	♥ Q 9 8 4	♦ A 9 6 4
♣ K 7 3		
SOUTH		
♠ —	♥ A K 7 6 5 3 2	♦ K Q J 4
♣ —		

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
4♥	All pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Club queen

LEAD WITH THE ACES

South holds:

♠ A 7 5 4	♥ —	♦ —
♣ K 7 3		
♠ —	♥ J 7 6 5 3 2	♦ K Q 2

South	West	North	East
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♦	All pass	

ANSWER: Lead a small heart. While no lead is attractive, a trump is very dangerous here. Dummy has not announced any ruffing values, but has simply given preference, so you should look for the lead least likely to cost a trick. My guess is that this is a heart, even though dummy has bid the suit.

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RT. 420: Times-News Rupert

RT. 421: Times-News Pocatello

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Both Carriers & Substitutes needed

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\$625-\$650 every four weeks

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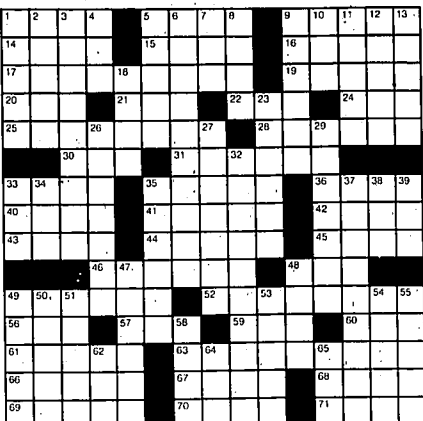
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ACROSS

- 1 Crack shots
- 5 Pinnacle
- 9 Room
- 14 Nothing in Spanish
- 15 Entreaty
- 16 Writer Cather
- 17 Sailboats with three hulls
- 19 Library tome
- 20 Night before
- 21 Plat section
- 22 Earth tone
- 24 Raw mineral
- 25 Leak remedies
- 28 Profit
- 30 Dapperman
- 31 Breadwinner
- 33 Remain behind
- 35 One archangel
- 36 Dueling sword
- 40 Alias
- 41 Inasmuch as
- 42 Fish choice
- 43 Irksome fellow
- 44 Remove, as knots
- 45 Window ledge
- 46 Firing-range sight
- 48 Sty
- 49 Beach south of Clearwater
- 52 Syrian capital
- 56 Luau staple
- 57 "Miniver"
- 59 Roof gully
- 60 Lyrical
- 62 Gershwin
- 61 Thalia's sister
- 63 Bar codes, essentially
- 66 Tapers off
- 67 Crow's cousin
- 68 Small bills
- 69 Piglet
- 70 Yearnings
- 71 Writer Shelley



Saturday's Puzzle Solved



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DOWN

- 1 Pays to play
- 2 Whittle
- 3 "The Ernie Kovacs Show" co-star
- 4 "Casablanca" pianist

- 5 Cook's coverage
- 6 Making a racket
- 7 Fellows
- 8 Right on maps
- 9 Gershwin song
- 10 Mining
- 11 Divvy up
- 12 "Boothe"
- 13 Became less tense
- 18 Actor Alida
- 23 Founder of the Shakers in America
- 26 Baby supplies
- 27 Having been canonized
- 29 Locks
- 32 Pupil's order
- 33 Chalk-jack
- 34 Chute—chute
- 35 Loan shark
- 37 Flamboyant tree

- 38 Building wing
- 39 Sushi bar order
- 47 By the highest estimation
- 48 Cashes down
- 49 Gashes
- 50 Pentateuch
- 51 Bill Evans' instrument
- 53 Shane and Connie
- 54 Incinerator
- 55 Smart-mouthed
- 58 Light on one's feet
- 62 Drink for two's
- 64 Shad delicacy
- 65 Cruise or Kite

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four jumbles. One letter to each circle to form four ordinary words.

CUNEL

NEFTO

TRIOGE

ENCHIL

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer: FLUID LEAFY ADJUST STYLUS

AN "ALLEY" TIGHT

(Answers tomorrow)

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8	2	7	3	1	9	5	4	6
9	1	4	5	6	8	7	2	3
6	3	5	4	7	2	9	1	8
4	5	2	9	3	1	8	6	7
1	8	9	6	4	7	3	5	2
3	7	6	2	8	5	4	9	1

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Girth control: Does gender matter?

People are funny. We glorify bare midriffs and we tout "flat abs" as one of the erroneous gold standards for fitness. As creeping overweight has spiraled into an obesity epidemic during the last decade, we have become a nation of "ab notes." Southern Idaho is no exception.



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The consequences surrounding girth control are not simply a cosmetic issue; they're a serious health threat. Recent research reveals that fatty tissue is not an inert blob but an endocrine organ that is surprisingly active. Belly blubber secretes inflammatory chemicals that can increase your risk for heart disease, high blood pressure, insulin resistance, type 2 diabetes and possibly some cancers.

Both men and women share the risk, but their approaches in addressing matters of girth control are different. So what else is new?

Dr. Pamela Peeke, internationally recognized researcher on nutrition and stress for the National Institute on Health, addresses the question: Does sex matter? The answer is a resounding YES.

Let's consider some of the differences that might appear as mental aerobics before physical aerobics can occur:

On being female

Her brain is smaller with more connections between the hemispheres. She may appear easily distracted because her brain is so responsive to all kinds of external stimuli — color, smell, textures and conversation, as well as the silence between the spurts of conversation.

When she's stressed out, too often the fight or flight response stimulates appetite or the "stew and chew" syndrome. No wonder STRESSED is desserts spelled backwards. A woman just knows this. Her brain dictates certain specific ways of doing things: The toilet seat is down, and parking spots are spacious.

On being male

His brain is bigger, but the hemispheres don't seem to talk to each other so readily. He compartmentalizes; he may handle acute stress more readily, like squeezing a four-ton truck into a parking space designed for a compact car. But he's not as good for the long haul or chronic stress, according to Peeke.

When he is stressed out, though, he is more likely to indulge in a bunch of beer rather than sugar/fat concoctions. He is more comfortable with the toilet seat up.

We are in this together!

We admit that we don't understand each other. We do have our differences, but we become surprisingly alike when it comes to girth control. As we age our bodies tend to shape out in similar profiles.

Both sexes can curb excess stress and burn more calories, but their approaches are different, according to Peeke.

When Peeke prescribes "take a walk" to a male patient in her private medical practice, he typically takes no notes and asks the question: "What is the least amount of work to get the optimal result?" He goes to the local sporting goods store, buys a pair of workout pants. The shopping expedition takes six minutes.

When Peeke does the same for a female patient, she typically takes notes carefully — she wants to be perfect, you see. She goes home and calls a friend for shopping for the appropriate workout gear on sale. It takes 3-1/2 hours to scout out the best deal.

We joke about our differences but we do share the bottom line: Chronic stresses, declining sex hormones and poor lifestyle habits can create toxic weight deep inside the belly. Fortunately, we can do something about it — besides chuckle about our differences.

Jan Mittleider is a health educator and coordinator of the award-winning Over 60 and Getting Fit Program at the College of Southern Idaho.



Simple cotton shirt with hidden double opening, \$14.99 at Motherhood Maternity in Magic Valley Mall. The top layer pulls up, and a slit in the inside layer's side seam provides access for nursing.



Pink tank top with front clasps, for layering under another shirt, \$16.98.



White striped button-up for modest coverage, \$29.98. A hidden camisole inside — only partially attached — pulls away from the breast for nursing.



Long-sleeved velvet blouse, with partial camisole, for \$29.98 at Motherhood Maternity.



Green corduroy long-sleeved shirt with double opening and partial camisole for \$29.98. Inside, the camisole is only partially attached.

NURSING in style



Cathy Robeson of Jerome, a mother of two, nurses her 1-year-old son, Connor. Robeson says that dressing for modest nursing can be easily accomplished by layering.

Fashions offer moms convenience, comfort — but can be hard to find

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — The fashion scene for young women this fall is full of three-quarter sleeves, screen-printed T-shirts and layered tops and jackets for cool days and evenings. Even breast-feeding women need not miss out on trendy tops, but the shopping is a good deal more work.

Nursing wear makes it easy to breast-feed your baby with conveniently placed slits and layers that make access to the food source easy for baby and mom.

Thanks to growing demand from nursing moms, fashionable clothing specialized for them is becoming more common.

"Styles have changed for the better," said Kaley Ridge, manager of Motherhood Maternity in the Magic Valley Mall. "More people are interested in nursing wear and asking for it. It has definitely evolved throughout the years."

The store carries several styles of nursing tops — including two-layered cotton blouses, button-ups and T's for just lounging, with many sizes and colors to choose from. Prices range from \$11.98 to \$34.98.

"Right now we have our fresh fall fashions. We get a new rotation of styles with every season," Ridge said.

But mothers who want more choices in nursing clothing might have to search beyond the Magic Valley.

"I make do with regular clothing because I can't find it around here," said Cathy Robeson, nursing mom of 1-year-old Connor. "There is only one store that I know of that even sells some, and the styles just weren't what I was looking for."

Sales representatives at local Target, Fred Meyer, Sears, JC Penney and Wal-Mart stores said nursing bras are the only specialized clothes they stock for breast-feeding.

Robeson instead shops wisely when picking nursing clothing that is both trendy and usable, like longer tops and button-up shirts that can be layered.

After a woman spends months waddling around like a bloated penguin carrying a baby, she deserves to be able to find attractive, confident clothing.

And if you can't find what pleases you in the store, the Internet has a slew of outlets. Web sites such as www.mommygear.com, www.babystyle.com, and even eBay offer breast-feeding fashions appropriate for a day at the office, an afternoon at the beach or a formal night out.

Another tactic for finding suitable tops: Scan the classifieds to score a mom's used wear.

Also, the Magic Valley La Leche League holds a yearly yard sale in late spring or early summer at which moms can find nursing clothing at reasonable prices. For information, call 736-1731 or 733-9639.

Amy Peterson, an international board-certified lactation consultant, said that with nursing clothes, modesty is the best policy.

"Moms tend to think that throwing a blanket over her and the baby is more modest when nursing," she said. "But it is like a big flag that says, 'I'm nursing my baby!'"

"With nursing clothing, or even with correctly used regular tops, moms can position baby over anything that is going to show, and nobody is the wiser," Peterson said.

She had some tips in making the most of clothing that may be already in the closet if you can't find nursing wear to your liking.

"Make sure that if you are wearing a button shirt that when nursing, you unbutton from the bottom up. That way the baby covers your belly and the entire chest isn't exposed. You can also find longer tops that can be draped strategically," she said. "Any mom can nurse her baby and still be stylish."

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Photos by MEAGAN THOMPSON/The Times-News

IMAGE

Free program teaches parents about kids

NutParent, a parenting program, will be offered in an eight-week series at 5:30 p.m. Mondays beginning today, in the Sage Room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Education Center, 588 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls.

NutParent's structure provides time in each session for a parent-and-child activity, a knowledge-building exercise and a parent support group. Topics will include: nutrition, nurturing, infant development and coping with crying.

The class is free. Pre-registration is required. Call 737-2092.

'Baby and Me'

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

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

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

Diabetes education

Diabetes Education 101 classes will be offered in two sessions from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Oct. 4 in the Evergreen Room at Cassia Regional Medical Center, 1501 Hillar Ave. W., Pocatello.

Classes will be led by registered nurse Cynthia Hedding, a diabetes educator. The first session will include basic diabetes information and easy carbohydrate counting. The second session, "Is an Insulin Pump Right for You?" will be held Oct. 4 and include a review on insulin pumps.

The classes are free. For information, call 677-6526.

Breast-feeding 101

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

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

Organizers encourage parents to attend the class within two months of the baby's due date.

The class is free. To register, call 324-4301, ext. 3361.

Brain injury videocast

Tetelhealth Idaho and Idaho State University Institute of Rural Health will present the sixth edition of the Traumatic Brain Injury statewide videocast series.

The series will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Thursday through Oct. 13, in

To do for you

Room C-89 of the Evergreen Building at the College of Southern Idaho, 315 Falls Ave., Twin Falls.

Videocast topics for each date include:

• **Thursday** — "How to Cope with the Financial Aftermath of TBI." The prerecorded session will be directed at individuals with TBI and their families. Topics will include how to manage the financial effects of TBI on the individual and family, and how to plan for the rest of life.

• **Oct. 6** — "Persistent Post-Concussion Syndrome." The prerecorded session will be directed at family practitioners, neurologists, psychologists and other health-care professionals. An interdisciplinary panel will discuss the diagnosis of concussion, evaluation and treatment of headache after head injury, and indications for therapy and support services during the transition back to work.

• **Oct. 13** — "Learning After TBI: Challenges and Solutions for Students." This live session will focus on information about behaviors after TBI that relate to classroom, classroom and community participation.

The series is free. Pre-registration is advised. Call Donna Parker, of the ISU Institute of Rural Health, at (208) 373-1769.

Learn CPR

A cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 6 to 10 p.m. Thursday in the Sage Room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 588 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls.

The class is offered under the guidelines of the American Heart Association and includes emergency procedures for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, chest compression and choking for adults and infants. The program includes classroom instruction and hands-on practice.

Cost is \$25. Pre-registration is required; call 737-2007.

About C-sections

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

The class includes information on cesarean deliveries, pain management, hospital procedures and nonconformity labors.

Cost is \$20. Pre-registration is required; call 732-3148.

Caregiver support

The Caregiver Support Group will meet from 1 to 2:30

p.m. Oct. 3 at the Office on Aging Annex building, 998 Washington St. N., Twin Falls.

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

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

For information, call the Office of Aging Information and Assistance Program at 736-2122 or (800) 574-0665.

CPR for babies

An infant safety and cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Oct. 4 in the lobby at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

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

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

Senior matters

A Senior Matters Seminar will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 4 at the Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls. Speakers will include Kent Alexander of Dick's Pharmacy with the topic, "Using Medications Wisely"; Bill Baxter of Stevens, Pierce and Associates with "What Role Does a CPA Provide?"; and Mike Morgan of Seniors Insurance Services with "Do You Need Long Term Care Insurance?"

The seminar is free for senior citizens and their families (no children, please).

For information, call Jim at 735-0700.

About osteoporosis

A series of classes, "Osteoporosis: Prevention and Treatment," will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning Oct. 4 through Oct. 25, at the Twin Falls County Extension Office, 246 Third Ave. E.

Rheta Langing, family and consumer sciences extension educator, will be the instructor. The class is designed to help participants prevent and treat osteoporosis through healthy meal planning and increased physical activity.

Cost is \$20 per person and will include materials. Pre-registration is required. Call 734-9590.

Arthritis support

A new support group for people with arthritis will begin at 7

p.m. Oct. 4 at South Central District Health, 1020 Washington St. N., Twin Falls. Use the building's north entrance.

The first meeting will include a needs assessment of arthritis topics. Future meetings will feature speakers on topics. People with all types of arthritis and fibromyalgia are invited. The meetings are free and open to the public.

For information, call Susie Beem at 737-5846 or Mary Streiman, at 736-1084 after 7 p.m.

Prepare for childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning Oct. 5 through Nov. 9, at the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

The six sessions, taught by a registered nurse, emphasize preparation for labor and birth, postpartum care and newborn care. Individual classes may be taken as refresher courses.

Participants are asked to bring two pillows, a blanket and one or two support people to each class.

The suggested fee is \$30 for the class series or \$5 per class.

To register, call 324-1122, ext. 3361, and leave a message with your name, address, phone number, doctor's name, due date and the month of the class. Registration also can be completed by mailing the same information to St. Benedict's Family Medical Center, Attention: Anita, 705 N. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338.

About childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning Oct. 5 through Nov. 2, in the lobby at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

The class will include classroom instruction on wellness of the mother, labor and delivery process with relaxation and breathing techniques, care of the postpartum mother, care of the newborn including breast feeding and bottle feeding, and a video tour of the Women's and Infant Center.

Cost is \$50. Pre-registration is required; call 732-3140 or go online at www.mvmc.org.

"To do for you" is a calendar listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Image section. Mail notices to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or deliver to our office at 132 Fairfield St. W.

Research: Libido loss can be helped by testosterone

By January W. Payne
The Washington Post

A new analysis of published research suggests that testosterone therapy may help many post-menopausal women dealing with loss of libido. The analysis — labeled a position statement from the North American Menopause Society (NAMS) — states that testosterone "has a positive effect on sexual function, primarily desire, arousal and orgasmic response, in women after spontaneous or surgically induced menopause."

The report was sponsored by Procter & Gamble, the maker of Intrinsic, a women's testosterone patch rejected by the Food and Drug Administration last year.

It recommends testosterone for post-menopausal women with diminished sexual function, but it says this advice applies only to women taking concurrent estrogen therapy. Not enough evidence exists to make recommendations for women not taking estrogen or for those who wish to use testosterone therapy for longer than six months, the report states.

The report's conclusions are based on randomized, controlled clinical trials, as well as meta-analyses and systematic reviews. Safety and efficacy data regarding pre-menopausal and peri-menopausal women are

lacking, according to the report.

The statement is based on an analysis of data involving prescription testosterone products available in the United States and Canada. NAMS said it conducted the inquiry to respond to the need for clearer clinical standards in treating menopause-associated health conditions.

NAMS — a nonprofit organization that reports a membership of 2,600 practitioners, scientists and other professionals and receives funding from various industry sources — acknowledges that published data on testosterone are limited, but it says the evidence is consistent.

"Adding either oral or nonoral testosterone to estrogen therapy results in a positive effect on sexual function, primarily an increase in sexual desire," the statement says. It suggests the use of transdermal patches and topical creams or gels rather than oral medications because adverse liver effects have been associated with oral testosterone.

But some women's health groups have concerns about the long-term safety of testosterone and oppose use of the drug until more research is completed. Several argued against approval of Intrinsic, and an FDA advisory committee decided that such concerns outweighed the product's potential benefits.

ENGAGEMENT

HANSEN-ORTON

HEYBURN — Jaimee Hansen and Jared Orton announce their engagement.

Hansen is the daughter of Emma Jean and Kim Williams. Paul and the late Lowell Hansen.

Orton is the son of Berkeley and Kelly Orton of Heyburn.

Hansen is a 2004 graduate of American Heritage Academy in Burley and is attending the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

Orton is a 1997 graduate of American Heritage Academy and served an LDS mission in St. Louis. He is employed at Berkeley Construction Inc. in Heyburn.

The wedding is planned for



Jared Orton and Jaimee Hansen

Wednesday, Sept. 28, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, at the Harris residence, 725 S. 200 W., Burley.

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Adults with wisdom teeth often develop gum disease

By Rob Stein
The Washington Post

Young adults who keep their wisdom teeth often quickly develop gum disease, which appears to increase the risk of pregnancy complications and possibly other health problems, according to the first large study to carefully evaluate the risks posed by wisdom teeth.

The research, released last week, should prompt more dentists and patients to closely monitor the extra molars — and consider removing them — even if they are not impacted or causing obvious problems, experts said.

Data from 254 patients in their twenties who opted to keep all four wisdom teeth and underwent detailed follow-up examinations found that a surprisingly high proportion — 60 percent — already had signs of early gum disease around those

teeth when the study began, and about 25 percent experienced a worsening over the next two years.

Wisdom teeth, also known as "third molars," are the last teeth to emerge, usually pushing through the gums between ages 17 and 25. The decision about whether to extract them if they are not causing pain or damaging other teeth remains highly controversial among dentists because few well-designed studies have evaluated the issue. This research is very important to dentistry, said Leon Asseel, an oral surgeon at the Oregon Health & Sciences University in Portland who edits the Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, which will publish the study. It indicates that there are both general oral health and overall health implications related to the wisdom teeth that were not known before.

The new data come from a se-

ries of studies the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons launched in the late 1990s at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill and the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

"The conventional wisdom is that people who have gum disease typically don't have a problem until they are 35 or 40 years old," said Raymond P. White Jr. of the University of North Carolina, who led the studies. "We found it is much more prevalent than anyone believed at a much younger age than anyone thought."

Gum disease occurs when bacteria grow in the tissue supporting teeth, which can damage the tissue and cause spaces known as pockets to form around the roots. As it worsens, the infection can loosen and damage the teeth, eventually requiring them to be pulled. Wisdom teeth are particu-

larly vulnerable because they are difficult to reach and keep clean. Once the bacteria get established in the mouth, the risk they will spread and damage other teeth increases significantly.

A growing body of evidence has also linked inflammation from chronic infections in the body, including gum disease, to an increased risk of a host of more serious problems, including heart disease, diabetes complications and pregnancy difficulties. Scientists suspect chronic inflammation releases bacteria or toxic substances that can have myriad adverse effects elsewhere in the body.

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NATION

Women struggle in cooking world

By April Lisante
Knight Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA — In a historic move last month, the White House hired its first female chef, a petite, 42-year-old mother of a toddler who is now charged with cooking hundreds of meals for President Bush, his family and guests.

The move was lauded by women chef organizations, who had asked first lady Laura Bush to hire Cristeta Comerford to make a statement to the culinary world that women can and should hold more top positions. But the hiring cast light on just how grossly under-represented females are in the professional cooking world's top spots.

Of the 12 million U.S. chefs, cooks, wait staff and other food service workers in everything from hotels to chain restaurants to fine dining establishments, women comprise only half the total workforce — mostly as wait staff — and only 16 percent hold top jobs as executive chefs, according to the National Restaurant Association. That top jobs figure represents a 2 percent drop from just five years ago.

Why so few women in chefs' whips? Hundred-hour work weeks, untoward sexual advances, piddly paychecks and zero family life.

That's what female chefs say they have to endure to get to the top in the tough, male-dominated professional kitchen.

The women who do make it to the top often fall into two categories: those who have supportive families and financial backing to open their own places, and those who pay their way and put their personal lives on hold while waiting for a promotion.

Comerford worked for 10 years in the White House as a chef under head chef Walter Scheib III. Until he left this summer, still, the Bushes conducted an extensive round of interviews with dozens of chefs before choosing Comerford.

"The kitchen today is still operated on a European male model, almost run still like an army kitchen, by men," said Bonnie Moore, president of the



Lucia Watson, chef/owner of Lucia's restaurant in Minneapolis, discusses menu changes with staff members during an afternoon meeting.

Women Chefs & Restaurateurs association, a network of female chefs nationwide whose goal is to help educate and promote women in professional kitchens.

"There aren't a lot of women chefs that young women can look to, to emulate or have as mentors. I think this White House chef is wonderful — she is showing the culinary world that this can be done. There really are a lack of role models like her."

Chef Allison Barshak could be considered one of those role models. Barshak devoted her life to the kitchen after falling in love with cooking as a child, when she was the designated snack-maker for friends after school, as well as the dinner cook in her parents' house each night.

She developed such a passion for cooking that she came straight out of college with no culinary training and headed for a job kitchen.

After working her way up the line at small restaurants and bars, she landed at Philadelphia's famous Striped Bass, where she earned national acclaim.

Then it was off to another

three restaurants, including her own Venus and the Cowboy. The Philadelphia restaurant was open 10 months before closing in 1999.

Barshak opened her tony, 65-seat BYOB Alison at Blue Bell in 2003 in Montgomery County, Pa. She now works more hours than ever. She is in the kitchen seven days a week, sometimes until midnight, and spends most of the day shopping and prepping food.

Barshak admits she's sacrificed a lot to get where she is, forgoing marriage, children and a social life. Needless to say, she can understand why more women don't choose this tough lifestyle.

"The road is long, winding — and disheartening."

"It's just really hard work," said Barshak. "It's hard working with the guys. You get pinched from that kind of sexual thing. You work nights, so a social life is kind of impossible and raising a family is difficult. ... Now, I'm finding women applicants for entry-level positions few and far between."

Women who are willing to put in long hours in a restaurant kitchen face yet another drawback: Hard work doesn't

guarantee they will make any more than \$30,000 — for years.

Executive chefs on average make about \$75,000, and there's a huge drop-off below that.

Couple that with the fact that women are still paid less than men for the same job according to organizations and chefs.

"It's interesting to me that when I interview people now for jobs, the men always ask for more money than the women do, for the same positions. It's what women have come to expect," Barshak said.

"There are glass ceilings," said Donnie Koteski, president of the Philadelphia chapter of Les Dames d'Escoffier. "And I don't think (those who do the hiring) look through those glass ceilings for their female executive chefs."

Organizations struggling to even the playing field hope more role models like Comerford, who now earns about \$100,000 and leads a staff of dozens, will help shatter restrictive traditions.

In time there's a woman in a prominent role, it gives the other women hope," said Barshak. "You see someone else can do it, and you know you can, too."

Newborn donors give gift of life with cord stem cells

By Patricia Ansett
Detroit Free Press

DETROIT — Peter Bernard Storm started life as a big contributor. Someday, he may save a life.

One minute after his birth last month at Detroit's St. John Hospital and Health Center, Dr. Carl Buccellato collected the blood from Peter's umbilical cord for a public cord blood registry at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

"It would be great if this could help someone else," said Kathy Storm, 35, of Sterling Heights, Mich., as she held her healthy, 9-pound baby.

Most hospitals discard cord blood after a baby's birth, despite the fact that the blood contains stem cells that can be used in transplants for as many as 80 serious medical problems. Those include the most prevalent types of leukemia, metabolic disorders like Tay-Sachs disease, blood-related conditions such as sickle cell anemia and severe anemia problems.

"People literally are dying on the transplant list who could be cured with this," said Dr. Brian Mason, the St. John obstetrician/gynecologist who approached the Storm family to fore the birth to ask them to contribute Peter's cord blood to a public registry.

Now, major changes are under way, here and nationally, that will make cord blood donations for potential transplant use much more likely.

The Karmanos registry recently unveiled a new web site, www.karmanos.org/cordblood, to help parents find metro Detroit hospitals that participate in the public cord blood bank. For a list of hospitals outside of metro Detroit that collect cord blood for public banks, contact the Michigan Community Blood Centers at www.mcblood.org or call 866-642-5663.

The Karmanos registry is significant nationally, providing more of the lifesaving cord blood for minority transplant recipients than anywhere else in the country.

Nine of 10 of the units for the nation's largest registry, the National Marrow Donor Program, were collected in Detroit, said Dr. Viorat Ratanatharathorn, codirector of the Karmanos registry.

Pending national legislation, the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005 would create a unified national registry and provide \$10 million for collection for public cord blood banking, making it much easier for expecting parents to allow their newborns to be donors like Peter Storm. The legislation awaits action by the full Senate. (For updates, visit www.cordcoalition.org, the Web site for the

Coalition for Responsible Cord Blood Donation, a group of scientists, educators, parents and others backing the legislation.)

Each year, 5,000 Americans, one-third of them children — die waiting for a transplant because there are no matches in national registries, according to National Bone Marrow Program's Cord Blood Bank Network.

Families, of course, can store the cord blood of their newborns through private banks for their own use, but the option is costly and considered to have a slim chance it might be used someday, unless the family carries a genetic disease.

Once donated to a public bank, cord blood can be tapped for transplant by anyone in the world, as long as blood types match. Families contributing to public registries can't be promised their baby's blood will be reserved for them. But if no one claims the blood, families are eligible to receive it.

That's exactly what happened to Allison Cisco, 12, of St. Clair Shores, Mich., a seventh-grader at South Lake Middle School.

Two weeks after her second birthday, in July 1995, Allison developed leukemia.

At the time, her mother, Sherry Cisco, a hairdresser, was seven months pregnant. She and her husband, Dan, a truck driver for Daimler Chrysler Corp., choose to donate the cord

blood of their son, Kevin, when he was born that September. They heard about cord blood donation from Dr. Thomas Harrell, another St. John obstetrician, who had read about it in a medical journal. Sherry Cisco said, "Stem cells, the body's early repair tools, are extracted from the blood, tested for diseases, listed by its antigen, or subunit, components; and frozen. But Allison didn't need the cord blood, at least not at first."

Her cancer went into remission after 2.5 years of radiation and chemotherapy at Karmanos' bone marrow and stem cell transplant unit.

But in March 1999, Allison's cancer returned. Her only choice was a stem cell or bone marrow transplant.

Luckily for her, no one had claimed her brother's cord blood in the four years it was frozen; and stored at the Karmanos registry. He also was a perfect match, and though small at birth, just 6 pounds, it was enough for a transplant.

It worked. Month after month, Allison's health improved.

She has been free of cancer since. Kevin doesn't lord it over her, though he laughs when asked if he'll make her pay for it someday.

"People talk about stem cells," says Dan Cisco. "But there is so much cord blood that gets thrown away. It doesn't make sense."

HALF-FULL

The beat is always up at Happynews.com

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The news menu was stuffed with the dreadful and appalling on Friday. A massive hurricane bearing down on Texas. A bus fire killing 24 elderly people near Dallas. Floods ravaging New Orleans — again. And that was before you even considered what's happening to the economy, or in Iraq or Afghanistan, or anywhere else in this sad, wicked world.

You see any happy news out there?

As it happens, the people who produce Happynews.com did. There it was, right at the top of their Web site, bordered by a sunny, yellow frame and adorned with smiley faces: "Hurricane Rita still weakening."

And "Majority to back Algerian peace plan."

And "Indonesia takes steps to prevent bird flu."

Happynews.com, started three months ago, covers many of the international, national, sports and entertainment stories that the big guys do. But as the name implies, it doesn't cover them the same way. Happynews doesn't do burners: no death, no destruction, no shocking. Lindsay Lohan weight-loss updates. Which is to say, it doesn't do the kinds of stories that have come to define the contemporary concept of "news."

Unlike the media's bad news bearers, Happynews's glass is always at least half-full, and sometimes it bubbles right over. It is Prozac for the eyes: "India proposes free school for one girl families," it declared brightly. A typical story from its international section might be "Food Aid to Niger Increases," while its sports section includes the likes of "Long-distance swimmer conquers Great Lakes."

In other words, not man-bites-dog. More like man-scratches-dogs-tummy.

World-weary journalists may scoff, but Happynews founder and publisher Byron Reese says his Web site's take on the world may be more representative than what he sees in the newspaper or on TV. "I think the news media should give people an accurate view of reality," says Reese, 36, an Internet entrepreneur who lives in Austin, Tex.

"What the media gives us now is not an accurate view. It's distorted. I don't want to sound like a media basher, because I'm not, but news organizations tend to report what people want and what they'll buy."

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In fact, Reese says, good news has been trumping bad for some time. "We've cured childhood diseases, ended legal segregation, lengthened the average lifespan and improved the quality of life for millions of people." Murder rates have been declining for years, he adds, yet the number of stories on network newscasts about murders has soared.

Hence, Happynews, whose credo reads: "We believe virtue, goodwill and heroism are hot news. That's why we bring you up-to-the-minute news, geared to lift spirits and inspire lives."

Each day, the site's staff of 10 full- and part-time employees scours news wires and press releases for the good stuff. They also edit contributions from about 100 "citizen journalists" around the world who offer their own upbeat stories.

Not everything on Happynews qualifies as unalloyed happy news, however. "Enrollment up at conservative colleges," for example, might be good news to conservatives and bad news to liberals, but trying to tell that to campus leffies. Similarly, New York Yankee fans might find no joy in this headline: "Manny Ramirez of the Boston Red Sox named AL Player of the Week."

Reese concedes that those stories shouldn't have made the site. As a rule, he says, the site avoids covering sporting events and politics — or anything likely to create winners and losers. The criteria for a story are: Is it truthful? Is it interesting? Is it something that almost everyone on Happynews's staff can agree is "positive?"

So far, Happynews seems to have struck a chord. Reese says the site got 70,000 unique visitors in its first month of operation and traffic has been building since then. He also sees something he's never seen in his years creating Web sites: Daily fan mail. Which, of course, makes him happy.

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