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Filer lawmaker calls it quits

By Julie Pence
Times-News correspondent

FILER — It's the din of an air compressor or a threshing combine in the background that you'll often encounter when you get Filer Republican Rep. Doug Jones on his cell phone.

Through his 20 years as an Idaho lawmaker, he has learned to mix farm chores with legislative duties.

In particular, Jones says it's helping his constituents that he finds most gratifying.

Knowing the system, knowing who to call, knowing how to get something done — "that's what feels good about what I do," Jones said.

But that way of life for Jones is about to end.

He said he's resigning from his post as a representative for District 23 by the end of Octo-

ber. In doing so, Jones will vacate the chairmanship of the House Agricultural Affairs Committee. He has held the position since 1996, when then-Idaho House Speaker Mike Simpson appointed him.

Jones and his wife, Mary Liz, are moving to Hawaii, where he will begin managing farm operations for H.C.S., Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Co. Jones, who partners with his father and brother in running a 1,000-acre farm on the Salmon Tract, will oversee the operations for 37,000 acres of sugar cane.

"We're at a place in our lives when we could take advantage of the right opportunity if it came along," said Jones, 56.

Acknowledging he has made a daring decision, Jones said he lost plenty of sleep before signing the papers to take the job.

"It's a huge opportunity, but it scares me," he said.

Said House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley: "It's a pretty gutsy move at this stage of life — to leave your family and what you've known all your life."

The Jones legacy

A self-described moderate in both social and financial issues, Jones, who got into the Legislature initially through an appointment in 1985, is known for his intransigent propensity to buck traditional conservatives of the Republican Party. In particular, he has been noted for his somewhat progressive ideas concerning agriculture and education.

Living close to one of southern Idaho's large dairies that is infamous for strong lagoon odors, Jones personally experi-

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This is one of the last times that Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer, will be checking his government e-mail at the Statehouse. He's resigning from the Idaho Legislature at the end of the month to take a new job in Hawaii.

BARRIERS ON BLUE LAKES



R.J. Smith stands in front of his store on Blue Lakes Blvd. Smith is one of the many business owners on Blue Lakes who oppose the proposed new median.

Controversy brews over raised medians

By Terry Smith
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Raised medians sounds like a simple enough concept, but those are fighting words these days on Blue Lakes Boulevard North.

The lines are being drawn, as business people mount a petition drive to keep raised medians off Blue Lakes, and city officials counter by saying that installing them will cut down on the number of wrecks.

Everyone can have their say though, as the Idaho Transportation Department and the city of Twin Falls continue a public involvement campaign for the Blue Lakes North Corridor Project. Raised medians is an option being considered.

"It's an ill-thought-of plan," said Jay Geiger, area manager of Schuck's Auto Parts. "It doesn't just affect businesses, it affects customers and residents and anybody who uses Blue Lakes. You take five lanes of traffic and bottleneck it into four and you're going to have more accidents."

Wrecks seem to be at the heart of the controversy. According to ITD, there were 523 accidents on Blue Lakes Boulevard North in 2004. Traffic data show that more than 37,000 vehicles travel the road each day between Addison Avenue and the Perrine Bridge.

"There are a lot of rural-oriented drivers out there mixing it up and you get to see some pretty unusual behavior," said City Engineer Gary Young.

Reducing the number of wrecks on Blue Lakes Boulevard North has been a longtime concern of City Hall. A 10 percent reduction is listed as a goal in the Twin Falls Strategic Plan.

City officials think eliminating the center turning lane by building center medians is a way to achieve that goal.

"Other cities that have put in raised medians have seen a decrease in traffic accidents from 10 percent to 35 percent," said Councilman Dennis Maughan, who represents the City Council on an ITD traffic committee. Maughan acknowledged that some business people don't agree, but others have told him that raised medians might actually improve business.

"If customers are staying off Blue Lakes altogether, then they're not getting their business," he said.

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U.S. troops sweep into village near Syria

The Associated Press

QAIM, Iraq — About 1,000 U.S. troops, backed by attack helicopters and warplanes, swept into a village near the Syrian border Saturday in an offensive aimed at rooting out al-Qaida militants and stemming violence ahead of a crucial vote on a new constitution.

U.S. aircraft firing missiles struck houses and cars, sending plumes of smoke into the sky as the forces moved into Sadah, according to residents contacted by The Associated Press. In the evening, Marines and insurgents clashed in the streets, they said.

The U.S. military said al-Qaida in Iraq, the country's most fearsome militant group behind waves of suicide bombings, had taken control of Sadah and that foreign fighters were using it as a way station as they enter from Syria to join the insurgency.

The assault was the fourth large U.S. offensive in the border area since May. But the militants who run rampant in large parts of western Iraq have proven difficult to put down, moving back to towns after the assaults are over and the bulk of troops withdrawn.

Al-Qaida and other Sunni-led insurgents have stepped up their campaign of violence, killing at least 205 people this week in an attempt to wreck the Oct. 15 referendum on the constitution, a vital step in Iraq's political process.

Iraq's Sunni Arab minority — which ruled under Saddam Hussein but lost power after his ouster — opposes the draft charter, fearing it will split Iraq and enslave Shiite and Kurdish domination.

Al-Qaida in Iraq has declared "all-out war" on Shiites, and since a Shiite-majority government took power in Iraq on April 28, suicide bombers have killed at least 1,345 people, according to an Associated Press count.

Two U.S. soldiers were killed by explosions while on patrols Saturday — one in Baghdad and another in Beit 155 miles north of the capital, the military said. Fifteen U.S. service members have been killed this week — and at least 1,355 have died since the Iraq war started in March 2003.

In Baghdad, insurgents kidnapped the brother of Interior Minister Bayan Jabr Solagh, the Shiite official who heads police.

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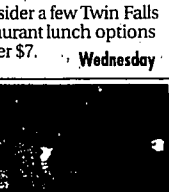
Coming up in The Times-News

Fall fashion
Tailored lines, deep hues, rich fabrics characterize autumn styles.
Monday

Studying structure safety
Student studies seismic capabilities
Tuesday



Eat cheap
Consider a few Twin Falls restaurant lunch options under \$7.
Wednesday



TWIN FALLS FORECAST
Today: Cooler with partly cloudy skies. Highs lower 60s.
Tonight: Scattered clouds with a light rain shower possible.
Tomorrow: Continued cool with light rain possible.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST
Today: Scattered clouds. High 63.
Tonight: Small chance for light showers. Low 43.
Monday: Cooler yet with light rain. High 59.
Tuesday: Cool and sunny. High 58.
Wednesday: Sunny and part quite. High 63.
Thursday: Mild and mostly sunny. High 72.

Yesterday's Weather
City HI Lo Precip
Boise 74 51 0.00
Coeur d'Alene 70 48 0.00
Idaho Falls 70 48 0.00
Lewiston 70 48 0.00
Pocatello 70 48 0.00
Twin Falls 70 48 0.00

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST
Today: Partly to mostly cloudy and cooler. Highs 60s.
Tonight: Scattered clouds, showers, sprinkles of rain possible.
Tomorrow: Chance for light rain. Highs near 60.

IDAHO'S FORECAST
SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS.
Today: High 66. Low 38.
BOISE
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ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS
Temperature: Yesterday's High 63, Low 43.
Precipitation: 0.00".
Humidity: 67%.
Barometric Pressure: 30.08".

Moons and Moonset
Moonset: 6:46 AM.
Moonrise: 7:58 AM.
Moonset: 7:58 PM.
Moonrise: 7:58 PM.

U.V. INDEX
Low Moderate High
Today: 1 2 3
Monday: 1 2 3
Tuesday: 1 2 3
Wednesday: 1 2 3
Thursday: 1 2 3

REGIONAL FORECAST
Today Tomorrow
Boise HI 62 LO 38 Precip 0.00
Coeur d'Alene HI 60 LO 36 Precip 0.00
Idaho Falls HI 60 LO 36 Precip 0.00

NATIONAL FORECAST
Today Tomorrow
Boise HI 62 LO 38 Precip 0.00
Coeur d'Alene HI 60 LO 36 Precip 0.00
Idaho Falls HI 60 LO 36 Precip 0.00

WORLD FORECAST
Today Tomorrow
London HI 15 LO 10 Precip 0.00
Paris HI 15 LO 10 Precip 0.00
Tokyo HI 15 LO 10 Precip 0.00

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP
A map of the United States showing weather fronts, including cold, warm, and stationary fronts, and areas of precipitation.

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One of what some neighbors of confined animal feeding operations live with. He wrote and pushed through the Legislature the nation's first state law regulating dairy orders.

M.V. will lose third chairman in two years

By Julie Pence
Times-News correspondent
MURLEY — Magic Valley's power in the Idaho Legislature will be diminished when Rep. Doug Jones, R-Butler, gives up the chairmanship of the House Agricultural Affairs Committee, says House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, H-Butler.

based on agriculture, Newcomb said. Plus, the population growth of the Treasure Valley has outpaced Magic Valley's over the past 15 years, Boise-area lawmakers now outnumber those in Magic Valley's almost 3-to-1 ratio.
'It's all about reapportionment,' Jones said. 'Over time Magic Valley will lose chairmanships of a number of committees.'

Some of Jones' accomplishments

- 2002 to present: National Conference of State Legislatures, chairman of National Meeting of State Agricultural Committee Chairs.
2001 to present: Council of State Governments Agricultural Policy Task Force, co-chairman.
2004 to present: Council of State Governments, executive committee and governing board member.
2000 to 2001: Council of State Governments, task force on reauthorization of 2002 U.S. Farm Bill.
1995 to 1998: National Conference of State Legislatures, executive board of directors.
1996 to present: Idaho Burg Partnership, member of board of directors.
1984 to present: University of Idaho, College of Agriculture Extension Council, Dean's advisory board executive member.
1991 to 1998: Federal Health Start Transition Research Project, chairman of Idaho board of directors.
1994 to 2002: National Education Goals Panel.
Awards:
• 2003 Biotechnology Legislator of the Year.
• 2004 Chaves-Oldham Huerta Award.
• Listed in Who's Who in America.
• The Golden Apple Award from the Idaho Education Association.
• Terry Reilly Memorial Award for dedication to young children with disabilities.
• 2001 Salute to Education Leaders from the College Board.

he was passed over for chairmanship two years ago. He said he is so committed to education that he would have given up the Ag chairmanship to take over education.
House Education Committee took a decidedly conservative turn when Rep. Jack Baracough, R-Idaho Falls, began sitting at the head of the table. Fraying, Jones moved to the State Affairs Committee for the 2005 session.
'There has been a lot of anti-public school sentiment,' Jones said. 'The budgets, in my judgment, have not been sufficient, and some things on the face of it — like the charter school stuff — have not been good for education.'

districts don't actually pay for the services for those pre-schoolers, since the dollars come from the federal government, Jones said.
Jones is also part of the legislation that mandated Idaho's school districts provide programs for gifted and talented students.
Unfortunately, he admitted, there never seems to be enough money for schools to successfully implement such programs — especially in small school districts.
Jones' focus on educational issues propelled him to participate on several national education task-forces and panels. He said he even helped craft the so-called No Child Left Behind Act. Jones said he's "absolutely not" in favor of it.
'It looks good on paper, but the implementation is an absolute disaster,' he said.

The Legislature, from Jones' perspective

The Idaho Legislature is more conservative today than when he started as a lawmaker, he said. And from his point of view, that's not a good thing.
'You're seeing politicians, not statesmen,' Jones said. 'They are interested in one or two issues. They aren't looking at the good of the whole state or the long-term future.'
Those issues have historically been anchored in the anti-abortion or gay-marriage camps.
'These things affect such a small percentage of the people of this state,' he said. 'Meanwhile we have so many other things like public schools, health and welfare, prisons — that have a much bigger impact on a whole lot more people.'

western Twin Falls County and Owyhee County, the region covered by District 23, will meet within 20 days of Jones' resignation and decide upon by several people that will make a recommendation to the governor. With no involvement in that particular process, Jones said that he has no idea who will be chosen.
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al-Mohammedawi said. U.S. troops sealed off Sadah, 180 miles northwest of Baghdad, and U.S. and Iraqi officials released no information on casualties on the first day of the assault.
Troops went house to house, blasting open doors in a hunt for insurgents, but so far no weapons caches or significant military figures had been found, a correspondent for CNN embedded with the troops said. Helicopters fired on three vehicles in the force moved in, including two that were carrying suicide bombers and a third that was being loaded with weapons, CNN reported.

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Sadah is an isolated village of about 2,000 people on the banks of the Euphrates River, with one main road and about 200 houses scattered in a rural area about eight miles from the Syrian border, near the town of Qaim in Iraq's western province of Anbar.
The offensive, named Operation Phantom Fury, was launched by a force of Marines, soldiers and sailors, aiming to root out al-Qaida militants who have turned Sadah into a 'terrorist training camp' and to stop infiltration by foreign fighters, the military said in a statement.

NATION/WORLD

Bombings in Bali kill at least 25

BALI, Indonesia (AP) — Terrorists targeted the Indonesian tropical resort of Bali for the second time in three years Saturday with coordinated bombings that devastated seafood and noodle restaurants packed with foreigners, killing at least 25 people and wounding at least 100.

The blasts came a month after Indonesian president warned of possible terrorist attacks. Two Americans were among the wounded.

Saturday's near-simultaneous blasts at two seafood cafes on Jimbaran beach and a three-story noodle and steakhouse in downtown Kuta occurred almost three years to the day that bombings blamed on Islamic militants killed 202 people, mostly foreigners in Bali.

No one claimed responsibility for the latest bombings in the world's most populous Muslim nation, but suspicion immediately fell on the al-Qaida-linked militant group Jemaah Islamiyah, blamed for the 2002 attacks and other deadly attacks in Jakarta in recent years.

President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono said terrorists were to blame and warned that more attacks were possible.

"We will hunt down the perpetrators and bring them to justice," he said, calling on people "to be on the alert."

Western and Indonesian intelligence agencies have warned repeatedly that Jemaah Islamiyah was plotting more attacks despite a string of arrests. Last month, Yudhoyono



This frame taken from television shows the Raja restaurant in Kuta after bombs went off almost simultaneously Saturday in two tourist areas of the Indonesian resort island of Bali. The explosions killed at least 25 people and wounded 100 others, officials said.

he was especially worried the extremist network was about to strike.

"I received information at the time that terrorists were planning an action in Jakarta and that explosives were ready," he said Saturday.

Vice President Yusuf Kalla told the British Broadcasting Corp. it was too soon to identify those responsible. He said Yudhoyono will visit the area Sunday.

Officials at Sanglah Hospital, near Bali's capital of Denpasar, said 25 people were killed and 101 others were being treated at six hospitals.

Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer told the Aus-

tralian Broadcasting Corp. that at least one Australian — a 16-year-old — was killed. Metro TV said a Japanese citizen also died.

The wounded included 49 Indonesians, 17 Australians, six Koreans, three Japanese and two Americans, Sanglah Hospital said.

The White House condemned the "attack aimed at innocent people taking their evening meal."

"We also express our solidarity with the government of Indonesia and convey our readiness to assist in any way," spokeswoman Erin Healy said.

Saturday's bombs detonated at about 8 p.m. as thousands of diners flocked to restaurants on the bustling, mostly Hindu island, which is just starting to recover from the 2002 blasts.

At almost the same time about 10 miles away in Kuta, a bomb exploded at the three-story Raja restaurant in a bustling outdoor shopping center. The area includes a KFC fast-food restaurant, clothing stores and a tourist information center. Smoke poured from the badly damaged building.

The bomb apparently went off on the restaurant's second floor, and an Associated Press reporter saw at least three bodies and five wounded people there. There was no crater outside the building, indicating the blast was not caused by a car bomb.

Before the 2002 bombings, Bali enjoyed a reputation for peace and tranquility, an exception in a country wracked for years by ethnic and separatist violence.

Those nightclub blasts killed people from 22 countries, including 88 Australians and seven Americans.

Engineers nearly finished pumping floodwaters out of New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The Army Corps of Engineers pumped many of the remaining floodwaters out of the city Saturday as tens of thousands of residents continued returning to dry neighborhoods to check on houses and reopen businesses.

Water was still being pumped out of the flooded lower Ninth Ward. Officials expected the pumping to be completed today.

"There will still be some isolated pools here and there that aren't drained that will have to be pumped out individually," said Army Corps of Engineers spokesman George Stringham.

Police reported few problems as tens of thousands of residents poured into the city on Saturday, a day after Mayor Ray Nagin reopened some neighborhoods.

"Residents are very patient," police Capt. Marlon DeLillo said. They "understand the conditions of the city and they are cooperating."

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Gas prices spark protests in Indonesia

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Indonesia more than doubled the average cost of fuel Saturday in a bid to stave off an economic crisis, sparking transport strikes and violent protests from people who have long enjoyed some of the cheapest gas prices in the world.

The larger-than-expected increases, announced after a Cabinet meeting Friday and implemented the following day, raise the price of gasoline by 87 percent to \$1.71 per gallon, more than double the price of diesel fuel and triple the cost of kerosene.

The increases will push up the price of everything from rice to fish to cigarettes in the sprawling country of 220 million people, half of whom live on less than \$2 a day.

Protesters burned tires and effigies of President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, while others commandeered diesel trucks and blocked roads.

Thousands of protesters have taken to the streets nationwide in recent days and rowdy rallies were reported in at least 10 cities early Saturday, though the turnout was small given the size of the nation and its history for massive street protests.

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NATION

BACK TO BOURBON STREET

Beat picks up in the bawdy heart of Katrina-ravaged city

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Cajun music live and lively, drifts onto Bourbon Street, where handbills slip from tall mixed or super-sized cups of coffee as they stroll. Dozens of people through the dance floor at the Bar and Patio, singing "We Are Family."

Other passers-by to look inside at nude in Big Daddy's, and in Bourbon Street Strip-lease sale Juneau sells thong to a young woman. The adult clothing and sport has been busy since it opened more than a week ago, partly daily with sales to military and relief workers ready to return in their causing duty nothing for their wives andly, besides back home.

"Bourbon Street is Bourbon Street," says. "That's why they come here to party, to let their hair down."

history professor at Louisiana State University Built on higher ground than most of the city, the French Quarter was spared the worst of Katrina, mostly suffering scattered wind and water damage.

"It's significant both for the real importance of having some businesses open and also for the symbolic importance," Rodrigue said.

The city faces massive physical reconstruction as well as the challenge of addressing social and economic issues highlighted by the disaster.

Resident Jim Perrier, checking on the Friday night activity on Bourbon, said he's been disappointed that few neighbors have returned to the Garden District.

"They opened the city, and nobody came back," he said. He suspects many residents are like his brother, whose children have started school in Texas after evacuating last month, and won't be returning for months, if at all.

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When you see some activity, that's a sign of optimism.

”

— Kim Boyle, member of 'Bring New Orleans Back' commission

Each night, there's a little more beat to the bawdy heart of New Orleans, the stretch of bars, restaurants, strip clubs and stores open late into the night. X-rated messages that is one of the city's strongest tourist lures. For now, it's visited by locals who have returned from evacuations and out-of-towners who came to rebuild after Hurricane Katrina, a project that remains staggering in scope a month later.

Fewer than half of the businesses on the strip have reopened, but by Friday night, there were half a dozen live hands-in bars and nearly as many open strip clubs.

If such merry-making seems incongruous in a city hit by one of the nation's worst natural disasters, one that took hundreds of lives, those who are trying to kickstart a revival welcome any signs of comeback.

"When you see some activity, that's a sign of optimism," said attorney Kim Boyle, a member of the 'Bring New Orleans Back' commission announced Friday by Mayor Ray Nagin. "We can't walk around looking sad and being in the doldrums 24-7. When I see people smiling, it makes me smile."

While New Orleans has many other attractions, much of the nation thinks first of the French Quarter, and Bourbon Street in particular, said John Rodrigue, a

eye steaks and some napa-style hickory-grilled (farm-raised) redfish on its abbreviated dinner menu before closing for the night at 6. General manager Steve Lessing said he wanted to make sure employees had time to get home before dark.

French Quarter resident Dr. Bob Honegger said he wasn't worried, because the heavy police, and military, presence quelled street crimes.

"This is safer now than it ever was," he said.

Four young women from the West Bank area, beers in hand and dressed to party, hooted and waved at soldiers in Humvees driving up Bourbon.

"Can you tell we've been cooped up for a long time?" asked Tracy Knight.

Even piles of garbage and blasts of breath-stopping stench along parts of the street didn't stop them.

"It smells worse than Mardi Gras," said Nicole Todd. "But it's Friday night, girls' night out."

"They said we wouldn't come back, but we're back," Knight said.



Patrons dance at Razzoo in the New Orleans' French Quarter on Friday. A month after Hurricane Katrina, the famous party spot is slowly coming back to life.

Recreate

Every Thursday in the Outdoors section, The Times-News guides you to recreational opportunities.

Osteoporosis: Prevention & Treatment

These classes will teach a practical approach for preventing and treating osteoporosis through healthy meal planning and increased physical activity.

Class will be taught by Rhea Lanting MS, Extension Educator at the Twin Falls County Extension Office, 246 Third Ave. East.

The series of classes will be held on October 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2005 from 6:30 - 8:00. The fee is \$20.00.

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New York Times reporter Judith Miller, center, is accompanied by New York Times Publisher Arthur O. Sulzberger, Jr., left, and New York Times Executive Editor Bill Keller, right, as she leaves the courthouse Friday in Washington. Miller testified before a grand jury Friday, ending her silence in the investigation into whether White House officials leaked the name of a covert CIA operative, Valerie Plame. AP photo

Journalists concerned, puzzled over Miller case

NEW YORK (AP) — New York Times reporter Judith Miller's decision to escape jail by testifying about her conversations with a confidential source surprised some of her supporters and left journalists wondering what her choice will mean for press freedoms.

Miller spent 85 days in jail for initially refusing to tell a grand jury whom she spoke with about Valerie Plame, a covert CIA official whose identity was leaked to several reporters in 2003.

But on Thursday she was abruptly released from prison, and a day later gave a grand jury the testimony long sought by special Counsel Patrick Fitzgerald.

The reason for the abrupt change, Miller said that her source, identified by the Times as Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff, I. Lewis Libby, called her in prison and urged her to break her silence.

"This was the first time where he was saying, do it. I want you to testify," said Miller's attorney, David Abrams. News of her release from jail was greeted with joy by some of the organizations that had supported her, but also some dismay.

"Miller's release is obviously good news in itself," said the press freedom group Reporters Without Borders, "but she recovered her freedom in exchange for naming her source, albeit with the source's agreement, which means that the principle of the confidentiality of sources, one of the pillars of journalism, has been flouted."

Lucy Dalglish, executive director of the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, praised Miller for her conduct in the case, but predicted its outcome would embolden other prosecutors to investigate press leaks, jailing reporters if necessary.

"This is very dangerous territory," she said. In deciding to testify, Miller followed a path set by Time Magazine reporter Matt Cooper, who also was threatened with jail for refusing to say who told him about Plame's identity.

Shortly before he was to report to prison, Cooper said he received permission to break his silence from his confidential source: presidential adviser Karl Rove.

The idea of confronting a source who was initially promised confidentiality and asking for permission to go public discomfited Myron Farber, a New York Times reporter who was jailed for 40 days in 1978 for refusing to turn over notes reveal sources in a murder case. He said such requests might be seen as coercive.

"It may be inoffensive in this case," he said, given Libby's position of power and savvy in dealing with the press. "But smaller people might tremble more when the reporter calls back and says, 'can you release me?'"

He quickly added that he had no cause to criticize Miller, whom he said he supported completely.

"I'm in no position, or you, to tell someone who is not a criminal, who has been locked up. 'You stick it out,'" he said.

Bob Steele, a journalism faculty member at the Poynter Institute, said going back to a source to seek a waiver is probably ethical, but should be avoided if possible.

He said reporters should ideally talk to their informants about how they might respond to a future subpoena before confidentiality is granted in the first place.

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RACIAL IMBALANCE?

Ethnic composition of federal juries challenged in death penalty case

BOSTON (AP) — For years, defense attorneys have complained that seating a jury in federal court in Boston usually yields one of two panels: all-white or almost all-white.

After several failed challenges to the system, a judge hearing the federal death penalty case of two black men has issued a ruling that could change things.

Judge Nancy Gertner ordered court administrators to send additional summonses to certain zip codes when mailings are returned as undeliverable. In her ruling last month, Gertner said targeting certain zip codes may increase the likelihood that black jurors will be in the pool for the trial of Darryl Green and Brandon Montez who are charged in the 2001 gun killing of Terrell Getters.

Without such a change, Gertner said an all-white or largely white jury will likely decide if the only their guilt or innocence, but whether they live or die.

"Such an outcome should be profoundly troubling, to say the least," Gertner wrote.

Her decision has created a stir in Boston's legal community, and U.S. Attorney Michael J. Sullivan appealed Gertner's ruling to the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which is scheduled to hear the case Monday.

More than a dozen defense attorneys and civil rights groups have co-signed legal briefs praising Gertner's decision. She



U.S. Attorney Michael J. Sullivan stands at the podium as members of the prosecution team line up behind him during a news conference at the Federal Courthouse in Boston in this 2002 file photo. Sullivan has appealed a ruling by Judge Nancy Gertner that addresses the racial imbalance of juries seated in federal court in Boston.

also won support from William Young, chief judge of the U.S. District Court in Boston, who took the unusual step of filing his own brief.

But prosecutors argue Gertner's ruling disrupts the goal of selecting the jury pool at random.

Sullivan said Gertner lacks authority to change the jury selection plan. Only the district court as a whole can enact such changes, he said, to avoid the potential for inconsistency.

"Any suggestion that the (office) is opposing the court's order because it supports or

wishes to continue any under-representation of any segment of the population is misleading and false," he said in a statement.

In her ruling, Gertner agreed with defense attorneys that resident lists used to summon potential jurors are more likely to be inaccurate in areas with the "highest percentage of blacks. Resident lists are compiled through town census forms.

She said poorer communities have few financial resources to update their resident lists or follow up on summonses that

cannot be delivered. The situation was ironic, Gertner said, because Massachusetts pioneered the use of resident lists instead of voter rolls for jury selection in an attempt to maximize minority participation.

Other methods to find potential jurors include tax rolls or driver's license records, said Iloilo Maguerite Jones, executive director of the American Jury Institute/Fully Informed Jury Association, a nonprofit group based in Helena, Mont.

Jones said each method has the potential for under-representing some groups. But Jones praised Gertner's ruling, which specifies that when a jury summons is returned as undeliverable, the jury administrator should send a second notice. If that notice goes unanswered, a new summons should be sent to another person in the same zip code.

"I think what this judge does is to try to find a level of remediation that is both logical and fair," Jones said.

Morris' attorney, Patricia Garin, called Gertner's remedy "a first step," but said it won't make juries truly representative of the community.

"But it's going to be a step in the right direction," Garin said. "It's going to make it somewhat more likely that we might see in our case — and defendants in other cases — may see people of color on their juries."

New York's Muslim fire chaplain resigns over Sept. 11 comments

New York Daily News

NEW YORK — The New York City fire department's Muslim chaplain abruptly resigned Friday after saying that a conspiracy was not 19 al-Qaida terrorists — may be responsible for the Sept. 11 attacks.

"Look, I'm glad that he resigned," Mayor Michael Bloomberg said, pledging to find out how Imam Indakab Habib's controversial views were not uncovered before he was hired six weeks ago.

"This is not a person who should be representing a department that was devastated on 9/11 and answering their spiritual needs," Bloomberg said. "Resigning was the right thing to do. I'm glad he did it quickly."

The soft-spoken Queens chaplain ignited an uproar when he said a conspiracy may

have been behind the World Trade Center attacks that killed more than 2,700 people, among them 343 FDNY members.

"I, as an individual, don't know who did the attacks," Habib, 39, told *Newsday* in Friday's edition. "I don't believe it was 19 ... hijackers who did those attacks."

"It takes two or three weeks to demolish a building like that. But it was pulled down in a couple of hours," he said. "Was it 19 hijackers who brought it down or was it a conspiracy?"

The theory popular in some Islamic circles, infuriated the fire department's rank and file. "It is an embarrassment to every New York City firefighter and paid tribute to the families of the 343 we lost on 9/11 that this fiasco took place," Uniformed Firefighters Association President Stephen Cassidy said.

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Medicare drug plan choices multiply

The Orlando Sentinel

Medicare released a blizzard of data Friday about the new prescription-drug plans that will start next year, including a potentially confusing process as people begin examining their options.

The plans fall under Medicare's new Part D benefit, which covers out-of-hospital medications for the first time in the program's history.

Senior advocates are urging caution and cautioning worry that Medicare recipients might be caught in information overload.

"It can get really complicated," said Vicki Gilchrist, a senior policy attorney with the Center for Medicare Advocacy.

But Medicare officials say help is available from a variety of sources and that picking a plan is a daunting task, the array of choices works to the consumer's advantage.

"Thanks to competition, these plan choices are very good news for people, on

Medicare, especially those who have been struggling with prescription-drug costs," said Administrator Mark B. McClellan with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Every plan has its own specifics, charging varying premiums, deductibles and co-payments. The options in Florida include a range of premiums up to \$104.89. Many plans charge between \$20 and \$40 for the monthly fee.

Some require no deductibles before coverage kicks in, while others charge people \$250 out of pocket before coverage starts.

The most lavish plans even offer help in the so-called "donut hole." That's a gap where people have to pay 100 percent of their drug bills until they reach \$3,600 in out-of-pocket expenses for that year (not including premiums and deductibles).

But cost isn't the only factor that people need to consider. Each plan covers different drugs and people want to make cer-

tain their medications are insured when they choose their plan. They also need to be certain that the plan is accepted by their preferred pharmacy.

Cottlich and others recommend that before tackling the myriad considerations, people start by compiling a list of all their medications, the doses, cost and the pharmacies. This will help as they begin to make comparisons among the various plans.

People can expect to start receiving marketing information in coming days. Companies are allowed to start advertising their plans Saturday.

Also, buyers beware: The vastness of the new drug program makes it a potential breeding ground for scams.

The Florida Department of Elder Affairs offers some tips on avoiding problems. First, the insurance companies are allowed to call people at home and pitch their plans. But they cannot enroll people in their programs on incoming calls. People can sign up for a

plan only if they make the call to the company themselves.

Also, the insurers are not allowed to go door-to-door soliciting customers without invitation. But they can show up at your home if you invite them. Anyone who is uncomfortable or concerned about advertising or marketing should contact Medicare at 1-800-MEDICAR or the U.S. Inspector General Fraud Hotline at 1-800-447-8477.

Former governor won't seek office again

CHICAGO (AP) — Jim Edgar, the GOP two-term Illinois governor who had become the GOP's perennial dream candidate, said Friday he will not seek elected office again.

Edgar ended months of speculation that he might challenge Democratic Gov. Rod Blagojevich in 2006, saying he made the decision with his wife, Brenda.

Edgar, 59, wiped tears from his eyes with a handkerchief as he made the announcement, calling it the most difficult decision he ever made because of its finality and what he considers Blagojevich's mismanagement of state government.

He recalled when he decided not to seek a third term, people asked him if he would run for governor again and he replied that he never says never.

"Today I say never. This is it," Edgar said at what he described as his last political news conference.

Edgar has repeatedly turned down pleas to run again for governor or other offices such as Republican Party chairman and U.S. senator, citing health or family reasons. He underwent quadruple heart bypass surgery in 1994.

Edgar said he was confident he could have beaten Blagojevich, but made his decision because of his good quality of life, teaching at the University of Illinois and serving on corporate boards.

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THE PERFECT MARKS?

Investigators: Hispanics targeted in Georgia slayings 'ready-made' victims.

TIFTON, Ga. (AP) — Pedro Bemol stayed awake most of the night, swapping lookout shifts in the dark with the five other Mexican immigrants who share a ragged mobile home with no electricity and a front door that won't close because of a broken latch.

"Right now, we're afraid to go to sleep — all of us are restless," the 36-year-old said Saturday outside his home, two doors down from the trailer where robbers killed two of his neighbors. "We don't know if they'll come in and get us in the night, break in while we're asleep."

The slayings of five Mexican immigrants and wounding of six others during a string of mobile home robberies early Friday has terrified Hispanics who come to this rural south Georgia community to work in the fields of cotton and peanut farms.

Investigators suspect at least two men committed the attacks at four mobile home parks — three in Tift County and one in neighboring Colquitt County — and targeted Hispanics not out of hatred, but because they're easy prey.

"They're ready-made victims," said Vernon Keenan, director of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. "They're reluctant to go to the police. They speak very little English. What little cash they have, they keep on their persons or in their homes."

At least two of the men killed were shot. Others were beaten with aluminum baseball bats, a weapon used in all four attacks, Keenan said.

A relative said all but one of the dead belonged to the same family, Keenan said. Investigators have only determined two were related, a father and son killed in the same residence.

Investigators were following several leads after police released sketches of two attackers



Mike Lewis, of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, surveys the scene Friday at Skeeters Mobile Home Park in Tifton, Ga. Five men were killed and at least six other people were wounded in what appeared to be a string of robberies targeting Hispanic immigrants at trailer parks in and around the city early Friday.

based on descriptions from surviving victims. But no arrests had been made. Keenan said crimes against Hispanics are becoming more common in southern Georgia.

"There's been a series of these in surrounding counties for four or five months, but never of this level of violence," Keenan said.

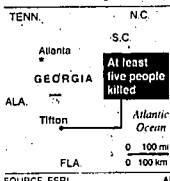
Authorities were still withholding the names of the dead. Police were working with the Mexican consulate in Atlanta to

notify victims' families in Mexico, said Georgia Bureau of Investigation spokesman John Bankhead.

Blanca Perez, 47, knows too well the fear of being a victim. Her Fordaurus has a bullet hole in the windshield and crude patches where four more bullets punctured the driver's side. She says her son was shot in the arm by thugs in November. In June, muggers held her daughter at gunpoint and demanded money, though they

Deadly attacks at trailer parks

A series of home invasions left five men dead and at least six other people wounded in and around Tifton, Georgia, on Friday



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led after Perez's son snatched her gun.

"But nothing this bad has happened before," Perez said of the killings, one of which occurred across the street from her apartment. "We all slept in one room last night — me, my son, my daughter and a friend."

"The communality has become a magnet for Hispanics looking for work. According to Census figures, about 3,000 Hispanics live in Tift and 4,500 live in Colquitt — about 10 percent of the population.

But some fear the attacks will drive them away.

Kim Martinez, 34, decided to leave Tifton and move to Florida after robbers broke into her mobile home a month ago and stole her computer. She worries the slayings, if not solved, could drive others to seek jobs elsewhere.

"They work hard to send money back to their families in Mexico," said Martinez, who planned to move Saturday. "If these people leave here, what are the farmers going to do? Because nobody wants to do farm work anymore."

Mayor calls birthday card 'offensive'

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Don't send Mayor Bill Buntent this birthday card. He won't be amused.

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O.J. signs autographs at horror convention

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A decade after he was acquitted of killing his ex-wife and her friend, O.J. Simpson was back in Los Angeles, autographing sports memorabilia for people attending a horror movie convention.

Simpson said Friday it felt "strange" to be signing autographs in such a venue. He said it did not occur to him that the date nearly coincided with the 10th anniversary of his Oct. 3, 1995, acquittal on charges of

murdering his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman.

"I don't keep these dates in my head," he told The Associated Press while signing various items with the inscription "O.J. Simpson '05 Heisman," a reference to the year he won college football's Heisman trophy.

He said the only anniversary

he observes is when he and his children mark their mother's birthday with a cake.

After playing at the University of Southern California, Simpson became one of the best running backs in NFL history, mostly with the Buffalo Bills. After that, he was an actor, television football commentator and pitcher for Herz.

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Supreme Court begins a new term

Cases involve a former Playmate, Oregon's assisted suicide law and abortion

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court opens its term Monday with a young new leader, a veteran justice eager to retire and a calendar packed with contentious issues such as abortion, assisted suicide and capital punishment.

For the first time in 33 years, William H. Rehnquist will not be on the court. The 80-year-old chief justice died Sept. 3. Every day since, the flags in front of the court have flown at half-staff.

The Rehnquist court becomes the Roberts court following a brief tradition-rich ceremony for John Roberts, who departed about the inner workings of the place a quarter-century ago while clerking for Rehnquist.

Roberts, 30, will take a ceremonial oath as President Bush and the eight justices watch on, then Roberts will pose for pictures on the steps of the court building.

The job presents immediate challenges. For one, there are unanswered questions about Justice Sandra Day O'Connor's departure. She announced July 31 that she would be stepping down; Roberts was to replace her.

Bush shifted Roberts into the chief justice opening following Rehnquist's death. The president has named a successor to O'Connor and was spending part of this weekend at Camp David considering that choice.

O'Connor, 75, delayed her retirement following a personal appeal from the president.

Once her replacement is named, the confirmation could take a little as two months. O'Connor last many more if the nomination is contested by Senate Democrats.

O'Connor, a moderate who often acts as the crucial fifth vote on the nine-member court, will hear cases and vote during closed-door sessions after oral arguments. Rulings take months to prepare, and if she leaves the court before they are done, the votes could not count.

The court will be in an extremely unsettled and uncertain situation until Justice O'Connor's successor is confirmed and seated. Supreme Court historian David Garrow said "No one ... including the justices themselves ... will know for sure whether the nine justices who hear a case will be the same nine who will decide it."

It will not take long for the court to delve into important



People queue outside the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington waiting for admission on the opening day of the fall term in this October 2004 file photo. The court opens its fall term Monday with a young new leader, an old member anxious to leave, and a calendar packed with contentious issues like abortion, assisted suicide and capital punishment.

On the docket

Some of the cases that will be heard by the Supreme Court in the term that begins Monday.

ABORTION: A review of a parental notification law from Texas. *Hornig v. Pease*, No. 04-1144.

ABORTION PROTESTS: An appeal involving a claim that an anti-abortion group's protests violated federal race-relating and extortion laws. *Schwedler v. National Organization for Women*, 04-1244, and *Operation Rescue v. National Organization for Women*, 04-1352.

ANNA NICOLE SMITH: An appeal from the one-time stripper and Playboy model revives her charges as a piece of the *Fortune* teller by her 90-year-old husband (Marshall v. Marshall, 04-1544).

ASSISTED SUICIDE: A test of a unique state law allowing doctors to help terminally ill patients die more quickly (*Gonzales v. Oregon*, 04-623).

DEATH PENALTY: The most signifi-

cant of five death penalty cases asks when people should get an additional chance to prove their innocence based on new evidence such as DNA. *House v. Bell*, 04-6990.

DISABLED INMATES: A federal powers case that will decide if states and counties can be sued for not accommodating disabled prisoners (*United States v. Georgia*, 04-1203, and *Goodman v. Georgia*, 04-1236).

RELIGIOUS TEA: A case that asks if federal drug laws trump church members' constitutional rights to use hallucinogenic tea in services (*Gonzales v. O Centro Espirita Beneficente Uniao Do Vegetal*, 04-1084).

STUDENT LOANS: An appeal that will decide if the federal government can seize a person's Social Security payments to pay off a student loan debt (*Lockport v. United States*, 04-881).

TAX BREAKS: A constitutional test of tax incentives to lure companies to build manufacturing plants and other projects (*Danier Chrysler Corp. v. Coon*, 04-1704, *Wellness v. Coon*, 04-1724).

December comes an appeal that involves gay rights, as part of a protest against the Pentagon's "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

"This will be a real watershed year," said University of Cincinnati law professor Paul

social issues.

On Wednesday, the court hears a challenge to Oregon's one-of-a-kind law that allows doctors to help terminally ill patients die more quickly.

In November, justices will review a state abortion law in

Shiff Barrman.

There are five death penalty cases and two appeals challenging spending limits on political candidates and advocacy groups.

In a test of states' rights, justices will consider if states and counties can be sued for not accommodating disabled prisoners, and a religion case will decide the constitutional rights of people who want to use hallucinogenic tea as part of their worship.

The court's workload "touches on all these hot-button issues. It will be a good weather vane for where the court is going," said Mattu Habert, a professor at Fordham Law School.

Roberts is expected to vote similarly to Rehnquist, although it is unclear whether he will go as far as Rehnquist in supporting a reversal of *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 ruling that established a woman's right to abortion.

The abortion case before the court this term involves New Hampshire's parental notification law. The case does not pose a threat to *Roe*, but it gives the court a chance to make it harder to contest restrictions on the procedure.

Whichever replaces O'Connor could make the court more conservative. The White House delayed a pick until after Roberts' confirmation. An announcement is possible anytime.

White House condemns Bennett's remarks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House on Friday criticized former Education Secretary William Bennett for remarks linking the crime rate and the abortion of black babies.

is up. "But I do know that it's true that if you wanted to reduce crime, you could, if that were your sole purpose, you could abort every black baby in this country, and your crime rate would go down," said Bennett, author of "The Book of Virtues."

"The president believes the comments were not appropriate," White House press secretary Scott McClellan said. Bennett, on his radio show, "Mornings in America," was answering a caller's question when he took issue with the hypothesis put forth in a recent book that one reason crime is down is that abortion

he went on to call that "an impossible, ridiculous and morally reprehensible thing to do, but your crime rate would go down. So these far-out, these far-reaching, extensive extrapolations are, I think, tricky."

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U.S. sees democracy in post-Castro Cuba

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fidel Castro looks like the 79-year-old hero and the Bush administration has big ideas for Cuba once he departs.

When that day comes, U.S. officials want to leave little to chance about the island nation's political fate. They are prepared to go to some lengths to ensure that the communist system Castro created goes out with him.

It is official U.S. policy to "democratize" Cuba's planned succession from Castro to his brother Raul, 74, just how that process would unfold is not clear.

"We are looking to support a genuine transition to political freedom for the Cuban people," said John McCarty, the State Department official recently put in charge of transition matters for Cuba.

McCarty, a Republican who spent many years on Capitol Hill as an aide on Latin American issues, declined in an interview to address how the U.S. would carry out its policy on Cuban succession.

McCarty's appointment on July 28, with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice presiding, was one of the few at the de-

partment made in front of television cameras.

It gives Rice a platform for denouncing communist rule in Cuba, a stance perceived as a political winner for years among constituencies in South Florida and elsewhere in the U.S.

The appointment of a "transition coordinator" for Cuba arose in a 2004 report to President Bush by the Commission for Assistance to a Free Cuba, led by then-Secretary of State Colin Powell.

The report spells out steps to bring pressure on Castro and

provide assistance if and when a democratically inclined leadership takes power.

Bush said upon the report's release: "We believe the people of Cuba should be free from tyranny. We believe the future of Cuba is a future of freedom."

The prospect of political transitions in other countries usually does not merit much attention. Cuba, however, is a special case.

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Bishops tackle major issues at synod

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Bishops from around the world begin tackling major issues facing the Roman Catholic Church on Sunday, including whether Holy Communion should be given to Catholic politicians who back abortion rights and divorcees who remarry without getting an annulment.

The priest shortage, and whether celibacy contributes to it, as well as dwindling Mass attendance also are expected to be discussed at the three-week Synod of Bishops during which bishops will offer recommendations to Pope Benedict XVI on running the church.

The Vatican said Saturday that 256 bishops from 118 countries would participate — the most ever in addition to 10 representatives from non-Catholic Christian churches will attend, although they do not have voting rights.

Benedict formally opens the synod with a Sunday Mass, and in many ways the meeting is as much about him as it is about the bishops since it is the pontiff's first major Vatican undertaking since being elected April 19.

Many participants have pointed to the changes Benedict made in organizing the synod as evidence he wants it to be a more collegial exchange of ideas than a meeting with a pre-arranged agenda, a spokesman said Saturday that the synod will last for six minutes rather than eight, allowing for an hour of open discussion at the end of each day.

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Pope Benedict XVI is greeted by faithful upon his arrival at Bambino Gesù pediatric hospital in Rome. The Pontiff blessed dozens of sick children and assuring their parents that he was spiritually close to them. Bishops are gathering in Vatican City today to tackle difficult issues facing the Roman Catholic Church.

American delegates attending the Oct. 2-23 meeting.

Officially, the synod will discuss the Eucharist, or the sacrament of Holy Communion, which Catholics believe is the body and blood of Christ.

Foreigners working on civilian projects are generally subject to Afghan law, but the legal status of security contractors appears unclear. U.S. military personnel in Afghanistan come under American military jurisdiction.

The Farah police chief said Thursday that his investigators were barred from entering the security company's compound after the shooting.

Almad Fahim Hakim, the deputy chairman of the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission, urged a thorough and transparent probe into the shooting.

"We are very concerned about this kind of incident," he said. "It

also blurs the friendly image that the Americans developed in Afghanistan in the early days. That is gradually vanishing."

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The Rev. Anthony Figueredo, an assistant to the pope during the synod, said he expected debate on both topics but little change in church policy.

"I think what we will be seeing is a very clear affirmation of fidelity to the church's teaching," he said.

The document also noted declining Mass attendance — in some countries, only 5 percent of the faithful attend — as well as the priest shortage. It cited statistics showing there was one priest for every 1,797 Catholics in 1978 compared with one priest for every 2,577 Catholics in 2003.

Because of the shortage, several participants said they expected the church's celibacy requirement to be discussed since many believe that more men would join the priesthood if they were allowed to marry.

"They're certainly not going to talk about ordaining divorcees, but I think there might be some discussion of the celibacy law," said the Rev. D. Francis Moloney, an Australian theologian at the synod.

Allegations may hurt America's image in Afghanistan

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Relatives of the slain interpreter, 37-year-old Noor Ahmad, threatened to set themselves on fire unless his American supervisor is tried for his death, which occurred at a compound of U.S. Protection and Investigations in western Farah province. U.S. Embassy spokesman Lon Funtor told The Associated Press that it was "our understanding that this was an American citizen is no longer in Afghanistan."

The case has raised questions about the reach of Afghanistan's fledgling legal system and law enforcers.

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Shooting of reporter in Iraq was justified, U.S. report says

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A U.S. military investigation of the June 24 shooting death of Yasser Sallih, a Knight Ridder Iraq correspondent, confirmed that he was killed by an American soldier and then left dead in his car, splattered with blood and shattered glass in the middle of the street.

The 3rd Infantry Division's report concluded that the shooting was justified because the soldiers thought Sallih could have been a suicide bomber or attempting to run them over as he approached an intersection in west Baghdad.

An investigator, Maj. Andre Vigg, spent about a month examining the incident and found that the shooter was acting with the intent of killing and engagement, a conclusion that was affirmed by his superiors.

The neighborhood where the shooting took place, Amariyah, is known as an insurgent hotspot in Baghdad. The day before Sallih was shot, a U.S. patrol was shot at by a sniper in the area, and troops there operate with the constant threat of car bombs. Indeed, government officials in Baghdad have said insurgents now control parts of that area.

Sallih, a soft-spoken 30-year-old doctor, Knight Ridder correspondent, was on his way to get gasoline for his car to take his toddler daughter to the swimming pool. It was "hey, day."

There are no reliable numbers of Iraqi civilians killed by U.S. forces in Iraq since the war began in March 2003. The Committee to Protect Journalists said in a release last month that American troops had killed at least 13 journalists in Iraq, and in most cases the military has either not investigated or not made its reports public.

In Sallih's case, there were no disciplinary measures

meted out. The only action taken was to send an unsolicited number of soldiers to "remedial training on consequence management." Vigg noted that the troops' decision to leave Sallih's body "in plain view and leaving the area could not have had a positive impact on the local populace."

The military made \$2,500 in payment to Sallih's family for his death and an additional \$2,500 for property damage to the car.

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EDITORIAL

Merger finally takes shape; now the voters will decide

A year of tense negotiations over hospital governance dissolved on Wednesday afternoon as Iwin Falls commissioners agreed to a merger proposal between the county-owned Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and St. Luke's Regional Medical Center.

Our view: County leaders and hospital can take a bow for successful negotiations on a merger. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

The commissioners called it the best proposal and the result of a spirited debate. Magic Valley chief executive John Kee said the agreement will benefit the community as a whole. St. Luke's president and CEO David Haggler said "energy is building in the community."

Can you feel the love, Iwin Falls County residents? Okay, so maybe the harmonious vibes coming out of Wednesday's agreement were a little hard to swallow after months of bitter talks and miscommunication.

But with the lengthy hospital governance debate behind them, county and hospital officials deserve a sincere pat on the back. Now, they will all stand in the same corner and make a case to voters that a St. Luke's-Magic Valley merger represents the best plan for a future health care delivery system.

Commissioners and the hospitals chose to put the option before voters in the May 2006 primary election. That gives county voters a good seven months to study the proposal and then make their decision at the ballot box.

Before that campaign moves forward, some kudos are in order for county and hospital officials. A who's-worked-hard-to-get-this lot. First praise goes to the commissioners. Yes, they spent \$2,700,000 to bring in a high-priced consultant on health care matters. But that helped them be more aware of what the county's long-term health care needs would be and how to bargain for them. In the end, they got an extremely good deal.

As for Commissioner Gary Grindstaff's road-to-Ramblars conversion, on his merger, we don't know how to explain it. But we'll gladly say, well done Mr. Grindstaff. Then, there are Magic Valley officials. The hospital has longed for years to join with St. Luke's of Boise. While they played their cards close to the vest early on, in the late stages, they were extremely flexible with terms given to commissioners.

St. Luke's officials, likewise, employed a sensible approach in the negotiations and effectively played its best card — familiarity with Magic Valley patients and the local hospital.

Both sides came to sensible agreements on selecting a local hospital board, and defining the county's input on its selected member. The commissioners received sound assurances on services at Canyon View and indigent care costs. The hospitals will pay a sizeable \$20 million for a new health initiatives trust, to serve as a charitable foundation that funds indigent care and other health care services.

The county also retains ownership of the existing MARM facility, as well as the downtown clinic building, which will be retrofitted to house county offices. It will retain a 15 percent reversionary interest in the case of a hospital sale or transfer years down the road.

In summary, the deal looks exceptionally good for Iwin Falls County and appears to assure a solid future for health care delivery in the Magic Valley.

And while moving the vote back from November to May delays action on this proposal, that time can be effectively spent gathering more community input on services, a hospital site, and shaping the final terms of a definitive agreement. That document must be completed by March 20, before it goes to voters.

In all, the public has more than enough time to learn about the deal before voting on it.

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita packed a wallop — not just with weather that ravaged a region, but also in lessons of hysteria and the power of fear.

Now that winds have calmed and the hot air of punditry has found new objects of fabrication, we learn that much of what we thought we knew was wrong. That sentence has a familiar, and unwelcome, ring to it. We know what comes next.



KATHLEEN PARKER

Who knows what and when? Whom to blame for what went wrong? From Baghdad to New Orleans, we seem to be plagued with flawed information. Bad intelligence.

Latest news out of New Orleans and other areas hit by the hurricanes is of the non-typical variety. Many of the horror stories that whipped Americans into a frenzy were exaggerated or bogus.

Tens of thousands of dead did not turn up. Gaps were not mending and taping bodies in the Superdome and the New Orleans Convention Center. Homeless and hungry people were not moshing on the dead bodies floating through New Orleans' flooded streets.

As we return slowly to relative calm, it's stunning to realize how anyone believed such tales in the first place. You get a real today saying that people without food for four days had begun eating their dead, you'd go immediately to Snopes.com — the Web site that tracks urban legends.

— read the word "false," and not appreciatively that you were smart enough to spot an apocryphal tale.

Yet, in the midst of witnessing truly horrifying scenes of devastation and television reporters breaking down on camera, some people were oddly credulous.



Is it human nature to believe the worst in times of extreme stress? Are some rumors so delicious — or so disgusting — that we can't let them simmer a day or two?

Bodies were stacked in a freezer, we heard. One of them was a 7-year-old girl with her throat slashed. When the world seems to be splitting apart — or is being covered in a deluge that can only be described as biblical — it's easy to go to our darkest places.

But of course they're eating the dead!

I suspect we'll be having this conversation for a long time. As never before has noted, there's plenty of blame to go around.

But the biggest lesson of all is one we can't seem to learn — that the television media by its presence changes the nature and substance of events. Yes, it's part of the media, but the impact of a twice-weekly opinion column can't be compared to real-time live coverage involving camera crews, producers, 24/7 celebrity journalists and a soundtrack. The difference is about a million degrees of drama.

Compounding the stress of disaster and chaos is the pressure on reporters to produce "news."

In the absence of verifiable facts, rumors fill the void. Excesses and excesses aside, there's no question that media presence alters reality. Even minimal circumstances ratchet up a notch when someone, say, Geraldo Rivera's celebrity materializes. Whatever the news, yes, it immediately becomes something else that is, at least in part, about Geraldo.

This is not a new insight, of course. Social scientists long ago barked the Eisenhower's Principle of the Inevitability to explain the ebbs & flows have on the dung of a person observed.

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Rev up the Bronco; O.J. Simpson is back

Drop everything, folks. Kids in sick, cancel the fall's soccer games, load them in the Bronco and head for Northridge.

O.J. Simpson is back in town. The former USC and pro football superstar is scheduled to take a well-deserved break from his exhaustive search for the killer of his wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and Ron Goldman, to sign autographs (\$90) and pose for pictures (\$20) at a comic book and collectible convention.

Hard to believe? Come on, B.S.A. — the earth doesn't open up, and the fires don't come all the way down to Northridge, he's going to be there," said Ron Bacio, a promoter who has been advertising Simpson's visit.

After reading that Simpson had been kicked out of a sports memorabilia show near Chicago this summer, Riccio called a colleague, who knows the ex-football player. The colleague assured Riccio that Simpson,

STEVE LOPEZ

who lives in Florida, "was all far getting back into L.A. and seeing his fans."

Assuming he shows up, Simpson couldn't pick a more dramatic moment. Monday marks the 10-year anniversary of his acquittal on murder charges, and on Sunday, he'll be appearing with a special guest.

No, not Charles Manson. No, not Kato Kaelin. And Johnny Cochran is gone. Simpson will team up with none other than his old pal Al Capone. Capone, of course, was the driver of the infamous white Ford Lincoln and co-star of a live, televised chase that has inspired a decades' worth of movies, with no end in sight.

If Riccio has any class — a possibility thrown into doubt by his promotion of this show — Simpson won't arrive by limo or cab. He won't walk, or run, or pull up in a Herz.

If it's rule law in the passenger seat of a white Bronco with Crouching at the wheel and a disheveled driver in the glove compartment, but only after taking a long, circuitous route, with a swarm of TV copters practically knocking each other out of the sky.

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But don't let the small matter of wrongful death keep you from collecting a souvenir from the most elusive and slinking runner in history.

For \$125 you can get O.J. to autograph a USC helmet. For a mere \$50, an autographed copy of the Simpson book "I Want to Tell You" will make a great holiday gift for a loved one. I once saw a reminded copy in which someone had changed "kill" to "kill," but it's not clear whether O.J. would sign such a book.

It's only his sports-related "isms," Riccio said. "He won't sign a picture of the courtroom, or him running around in the Bronco, or him holding up a glove."

It gets worse. Riccio told me O.J. won't sign a knife, either. I guess when you're on the trail of your ex-wife's killer, you don't want to come off like some kind of carnival act.

Steve Lopez is a columnist for The Los Angeles Times.

Teacher negotiations should stay at table

When was the last time the superintendent and school board of Iwin Falls negotiated in the paper? I have never seen it before.

About two weeks ago, Superintendent Dobbs offered the teachers two off-the-record contract offers. In good faith, the teacher's bargaining team then brought up the board's 2 percent offer in a meeting of 175 teachers, both association members and nonmembers. The offer was unanimously turned down. Now Superintendent Dobbs and the school board are trying to negotiate outside of the bargaining process.

This is really interesting since not one school board member, nor has Superintendent Dobbs, attended a negotiations meeting in two years. Instead, the school board continues to use its out-of-state negotiator, Randy Bohannon.

If anyone has been following the negotiation story in the media lately, superintendent Dobbs has repeatedly used the term "line lined." What do they mean by "line lined"? In fact, salary allocation heading to the Iwin Falls School District has increased in each year except one. While salary costs in Iwin Falls do exceed the amount projected by the state, the same is true for more than 95 percent of the districts in the state.

Despite Superintendent Dobbs' and the school board's protests to the contrary, the Legislature did increase discretionary funding to the Iwin Falls School District. Once again, the board is relying on its "line lined" tactic, salary allocation heading to the Iwin Falls School District, in an attempt to pressure the teachers into agreeing to a salary offer which is inadequate.

Please hope that both sides can come to an equitable decision soon. The teachers are just as anxious to settle the contract as

the school board is. I only hope that negotiation can stay out of the paper and take place at the negotiating table where it belongs.

STEVE HOY
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Steve Hoy is the negotiation chairman for the Twin Falls Education Association.)

Boise State player sends kids wrong message

I completely agree with the editorial written in the Sept. 21 paper regarding Carl Hall.

As a parent, grandparent and great-grandparent, it is very important to me that role models — such as sports figures — be of high moral character. And if they aren't that, the people "in charge" do not treat them with respect they don't deserve.

It is difficult as teachers of kids to give them the message their actions will be punished if they don't obey the law when sports figures and politicians are given a pat on the hand and told to proceed with their careers.

MARY BENNETT
Twin Falls

Classic tunes stir wonderful memories

Kudos to Arts on Tour for the terrific "In the Mood Revue."

It was a pleasure to hear those classic songs by Glenn Miller, Artie Shaw, Harry James, Tommy Dorsey, Benny Goodman, Duke Ellington, Woody Herman and Lionel Hampton. In my opinion, "In the Mood" is the best dance tune ever!

to begin the program, and the kids who were in good. It was the Tommy Dorsey hit, "On the Sunny Side of the Street."

GLENN TREMAYNE
Shoshone

Pledge doesn't need reference to God

Regarding the letter from the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers while I respect your beliefs regarding God, the Pledge and the Constitution, I feel I must correct a few misconceptions.

You said that our forefathers drafted the Constitution on Christian principles. That is untrue. The Constitution was based on the principles of the enlightenment, not on Christianity. God is only given a brief mention, and Jesus Christ is not mentioned at all.

none in terms of the natural world and not the Christian God, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, George Washington and John Adams, to name a few, would be consistent in their belief in a supreme being but rejected most of Christianity.

Mentions of God in government occurred later. In God We Trust" was added to currency during the Civil War, and the mention of God in the Pledge of Allegiance was not added until the McCarthy era in the '50s, not during the founding of the country.

I agree with you that the Pledge needs respect. However, I don't think it is necessary to add God to give it that respect. The Pledge is about patriotism, and whether we are Christian, atheist, Buddhist or Muslim, we are all Americans. Referencing God only adds division. JESSICA GUERRA
Twin Falls

Murder charge abandoned

NEW YORK (AP) — A Queens man was charged Saturday with murdering his life-in-girlfriend, the latest twist in a wedding mystery that began when the 34-year-old man's 4-year-old daughter was found wandering barefoot on a city street.

Cesar Ascaranz, 42, was arrested on murder charges two days after he was picked up by investigators, police said. Authorities were still searching Saturday for 26-year-old Monica Lozada-Rivadeneira's remains.

Police were led to Ascaranz by a dozen tips that came in from the public after a 4-year-old Valerie Lozada appeared on television Thursday. The child, with her hair in pigtails, described her mother as looking "like a princess." Police ultimately used records from Valley's day care center to figure out for mother's identity.

"This child has captured the hearts of all New Yorkers," said Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown. "I hope she can grow up to lead a normal life."

Child welfare officials took the unusual step of putting her on television in the hopes that it would produce more information. Authorities were unable to find her mother since she was discovered crying and shivering on the street in Queens. She told neighbors her father left her there and drove away.

Kevin Flood, a city firefighter who gave her a drink and a fruit snack that night said her hair was tangled as if she had just been awakened. But she showed no signs of abuse and neglect, authorities said.

"She was scared. She was crying," said Flood, 31. "She said her daddy had left her on the corner."

Valerie was asking to see her mother, but authorities were waiting to break the tragic news to the child, said John Matting, by commissioner of the city



Valerie Lozada plays with center Thursday in New York morning wandering last week. Monica Rivadeneira left. Queens, Oct. 24.

Administration of Social Services. Dozens of people might look much different now, depending on what the Idaho Transportation Department and the city of Boise decide to make.

Ascaranz also was charged with reckless endangering the child, child abuse and evidence tampering, the report said. He is charged with det. charge, he is in jail in prison.

Lozada Rivadeneira, 26, was charged with a second-degree murder charge, he is in prison.

IRS denies nonprofit status for

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service has denied tax-exempt status to several credit counseling agencies, partly because they relied too heavily on banks and credit card companies for their funding.

Credit counseling industry officials say the IRS demands are part of a crackdown that could ultimately force some agencies to shut down, at the very time that a new bankruptcy law will require more than 1.5 million Americans to seek credit counseling before they file for financial protection from their creditors. The law takes effect Oct. 17.

Industry officials say they are concerned that the IRS is taking an increasingly hard line on how credit counseling agencies are funded and that the effort could make it impossible for many to retain their tax-exempt status. Specifically, they point to four letters the IRS recently sent rejecting requests for tax-exempt status. In one letter, the IRS said the agency's funding

ties to creditors had a "substantial financial interest" in the agencies, which would be a substantial barrier to their becoming tax-exempt.

"Most agencies have a similar relationship with creditors, which is not a problem," said a spokesman for the IRS.

If the IRS is taking a hard line on how credit counseling agencies are funded, it could have a major impact on the industry, which is expected to be one of the fastest growing in the country.

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Google aims to provide free Internet

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Google Inc. wants to connect all of San Francisco to the Internet with a free wireless service, creating a springboard for the online search engine leader to leap into the telecommunications industry.

The Mountain View, Calif.-based company filed an application late Friday to provide wireless, or "WiFi," service that would enable anyone in San Francisco to connect to the Internet.

Google submitted its 100-page bid in response to a request from Mayor Gavin Newsom, who is looking for a company to finance a free wireless network to lower the financial barriers to Internet access in his city.

More than a dozen other bidders are competing with Google.

If Google is picked for the San Francisco project, it would provide a testing ground for a national WiFi service — something that many industry observers believe the company is pondering as a way to ensure people can connect to its search engine anytime, from just about anywhere.

"It makes sense for Google," said Chris Winfield, who runs a search engine marketing firm.

100,000. They say the service is to organize the city's network, so the San Francisco project is to provide a test case for the service.

Google spokesman said Saturday that the company does not have any plans to provide a wireless service in San Francisco.

"We're not going to provide a service for local Bay Area residents," he said.

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Conservatives challenge AARP

By Tamara Lytle
Orlando Sentinel

WASHINGTON — Looming on the horizon is a battle of passage for many Americans who take part in the group's major programs — consumer advice and other services — and safety courses — to help them save money.

The group has 35 million members, a lot of clout in Washington and some of the most powerful on Capitol Hill.

But by conservative orators with names such as Sen. Tom Coburn, of Okla., and Rep. Lou Lomax, of Miss., the National Association of Manufacturers is trying to get the AARP off its feet.

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"We're getting so many of these right now you can't believe it," he said.

But experts who study interest groups and aging say AARP is no easy target.

It has more members than the entire population of Canada. It has an operating budget of \$100 million.

And its size gives it economies of scale that allow it to offer a long list of popular discounts on everything from hotel rooms to travel services.

One unifying theme among the growing group of competitors is the accusation that AARP is too liberal.

"Watching AARP and seeing that very anti-Bush, anti-conservative agenda, I felt like something needed to be done," said Jerry Barton, founder of the National Association of Senior Citizens (NASAC), a new group that begins advertising Monday.

Experts disagree on whether that's a fair assessment. "I can't imagine why you would do that," said a conservative agenda, I felt like something needed to be done," said Jerry Barton, founder of the National Association of Senior Citizens (NASAC), a new group that begins advertising Monday.

Changes are coming to Blue Lakes North

By Jerry Smith
Times-News writer

Public Involvement ...

IDAHO FALLS — In the next few months, Blue Lakes North and North will have a lot of changes.

The Idaho Transportation Department and the city of Boise are working on a plan to overhaul the road system in the area.

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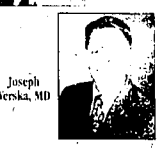
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AROUND THE WATER PUMP



Afghan Kuchi nomad women meet at a water pump in the outskirts of Kabul, Afghanistan on Saturday.

Hurricane Otis gathers strength heading to Baja

CAHO SAN LUCAS, Mexico (AP) — Officials removed a few dozen people from their homes in low-lying areas of this Mexican resort city, bracing for heavy rains and possible flash floods as Hurricane Otis moved closer to a sparsely populated stretch of Baja California.

Things were quiet in glitzy hotel zones late Friday, where tourists splashed around in cavernous swimming pools under skies that were mostly sunny with intermittent bouts of rain.

— but on the outskirts of town — where many service industry employees live with their families in poverty — officials were bracing for heavy winds and driving downpour, from the storm that could bring flash flooding.

Mayor Luis Armando Diaz led a

contingent of police officers going door to door and asking residents to voluntarily leave homes, some of them simple walled and corrugated metal shacks.

Authorities opened 14 shelters to accommodate evacuees and Diaz said he expected as many as 1,000 people to head for higher ground by late Friday night as the storm approached land.

Newspaper: Iranian president issues warning on oil sales

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Iran's president threatened to curtail oil sales if the country is referred to the U.N. Security Council for possible sanctions on its nuclear program, a newspaper reported Saturday.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad insisted in an interview with the Khaleej Times that Iran's nuclear program was peaceful. But he warned the country would protect its right to a nuclear fuel supply.

"If Iran's case is sent to the Security Council, we will respond by many ways, for example by holding back on oil sales," the president told the Dubai-based newspaper.

Iran pumps about 3 million barrels daily, making it the second-largest producer in the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries after Saudi Arabia. Crude oil exports normally earn Iran, but about 80 percent of Iran's hard currency income, and an oil official last month projected revenues from oil exports this year at \$14 billion.

The United States does not purchase Iranian oil, but it would be affected by a substantial Iranian curtailment of oil supplies as that would raise the price of oil on the world market.

Ahmadinejad's remarks came after a resolution passed by the International Atomic Energy Agency last month put Iran on the verge of international Iranian cases suspicious about its nuclear activities. Iran insists its nuclear program is for energy purposes, while the United States says Iran is trying to build nuclear weapons.

Since the U.N. nuclear agency's resolution, other Iranian efforts have threatened to resume uranium enrichment and block U.N. inspections of its nuclear facilities unless the U.N. nuclear agency stepped back from its action.

Iran has also threatened to use trade to punish countries that voted for the resolution, and last week the parliament began debating a bill to force the government to scale back cooperation with the IAEA.

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We wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all those who attended the service, sent cards and flowers and for the phone calls and donations given to the Methodist Church scholarship fund and to Dogs for the Deaf in Marvin's name.

We especially want to thank the members of the Bluebird Good Sams for the wonderful dinner they provided and for their support at the church service.

Our thanks too, goes to Pastor Greg Lindsay for the wonderful service and to Willa Rider and to Ron and Donita Lancaster for their beautiful musical contributions.

More words cannot express our appreciation to all our friends for their prayers and support.

Thanks to all,
Dorothy Custar and family

Why the fridge top is off-limits

As a 6-foot-tall guy who has been married most of his adult life to a shorter woman, I long ago learned to appreciate the top of the refrigerator.



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

Imagine one square yard in front of you. If you don't particularly want your wife to see — dirty dishes, your hat bucket, the bill from the cable company, you name it, for someone significantly shorter than the fridge, that space might as well exist at the top of a cloud.

The problem arises when you forget what's up there, or worse, it falls behind the refrigerator. Now I don't know about you, but the less often I have to move the fridge, the better. It's heavy and there's still back there best left unseen.

Besides, if you move the refrigerator you have to clean the floor underneath it, and if you clean the floor beneath the fridge, you have to do the same with the stove. This process can easily get out of hand.

So, wouldn't you know, my wife of 2 1/2 months asked me the other day what was on top of the refrigerator.

"Stuff," I replied quite truthfully.

"What kind of stuff?" she asked.

I steered Victoria to the dining room table — well away from the fridge — sat her down, and assumed my most innocuous. Let Me Explain life to you posture.

"Honey, you were a science major in college, and your mother is a microbiologist (she taught at Cal State-Sacramento), so let me tell you in the most heartfelt way I know how that's better you don't know what's on top of the refrigerator."

"Why? Are you hiding something?"

"Well, of course I'm hiding something," I replied. "But let's talk about this spoon."

The spoon had been lying on the floor beneath the table since that morning when I gave Petaunia, the resident Lhasa apso, her daily arthritis pill in a dab of peanut butter.

"You know what's on this spoon?"

"Biohazard, it would seem," she replied.

"Yes, billions and billions of microbes — some quite harmful to humans. Is there really a compelling necessity to know the details?"

"At the same deal with the top of the fridge," I continued. "Just a lot of paper and cobwebs up there. Nothing to worry about."

"Would all that paper possibly include the last two months' cable bills?" she wondered.

Now those of you who are not cable-literate should understand that pay-per-view sporting events which you ordered — some rather expensive — are listed on your monthly bill.

"I'm willing to stipulate that the last two months' bills might be on top of the refrigerator," I replied evenly. "But you can just imagine how vexing it would be to search for them. Let me take care of that."

Well, by then the jig was pretty much up. I knew Victoria would be standing on a stepladder in that kitchen in less time than it takes George Bush to decide he needs another nap.

And there, of course, she would discover that (A) my subscription to Maxim magazine is due to expire next month, (B) I got a nice card from my old girlfriend Pam — now an aerobics instructor in Oregon — last Christmas, and (C) I've been making sales brochures about Harley-Davidson motorcycles.

Settled: Jarbidge grazing suit

Ranchers, environmentalists, BLM come to terms

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

JARBIDGE, Nev. — It's not often that livestock producers, environmentalists and federal agency officials can agree on anything.

Least of all policies for public lands grazing.

But Friday evening, that's just what happened in a lawsuit that could have brought an end to livestock grazing on 100,000 acres of Bureau of Land Management grounds in the Jarbidge area.

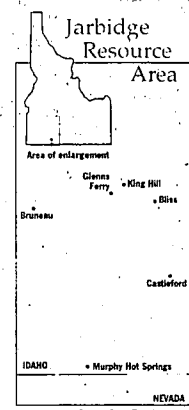
"It's one of the defendants of a settlement is that everyone is unhappy," said Laird Lucas, an attorney representing Western Watersheds Project, the environmental group involved in the dispute.

Still, the Harley-based Western Watersheds, the BLM, and affected ranchers, including J.R. Smithey, signed a settlement agreement on a suit filed in April by the environmental group. If approved by the district court judge, the settlement allows grazing to continue in 2005 grazing year.

Legislation: No legislative

Key points in a the settlement agreement over public lands grazing in the Jarbidge:

- **Management plans:** BLM will prepare a revised Jarbidge Resource Management Plan and an accompanying Environmental Impact Statement. The agency will issue site-specific grazing permits based on the management plan. The parties anticipate completion of the EIS by Sept. 30, 2009.
- **Sage grouse:** The BLM acknowledges that public land and restoring sage grouse and their habitat on the Jarbidge Field Office is a high priority.
- **Reduced grazing:** Livestock producers agree to an interim grazing management plan which reduces the level of grazing in some allotments. The interim plan will remain in effect until the end of the 2009 grazing year.
- **Legislation:** No legislative



Program aims to help those in need

By Karen Bossick
The Wood River Journal

HAMILTY — Inlaine Fischman and her family have been hands over, time she call goes out for someone to chip in for a holiday basket for a needy family.

But it's always frustrated her that she doesn't know the a total size of pants the 10-year old boy wears or Mom's favorite color sweater.

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Festival: A doggone good time

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — If every dog gets his day, then Saturday belonged to 5-year-old Wagon.

For 30 seconds, the part baset hound, part Scottish terrier dog did what he does best.

He wagged his tail.

Winners in the Snake River Canyon Kennel Club Dog Festival

- Fun Competition:**
- **Best Costume:** Jonah Ruff and Spot
 - **Tallest Dog:** Don Patterson and Lobby, a Great Dane standing 45.5 inches tall
 - **Smallest Dog:** Jenni Florenzo and 8-month long Mico
 - **Tail Wagging:** Long Tail: Clara Saxton and Wagon; Short Tail: Lillie Brown and Ansel
 - **Best Trick:** John Kapsky and Sparky
 - **Look-a-Like:** Dan Cross and his bulldog, Matilda

The American Kennel Club sanctioned competition winners:

- **Best in match:** Darlene Hiebler with a doberman pinscher
- **Best puppy in match:** Valerie Jones with a Labrador retriever
- **Best junior handler:** Ashley Lively with a golden retriever
- **Best adult handler:** Pat Sorenson with a Shetland sheepdog

It's not every day that tail-wagging wins. But at the Snake River Canyon Kennel Club Dog Festival, Wagon logged in 63 ways in a half-minute to claim first-place in the "long tail" class of the Waggiest Tail competition. The festival brought in nearly 300 people and benefited the Magic Valley Humane Society's People for Pets Fund. Wagon saved some tail-wagging to give owner, Clara Saxton, after the



Scott Montgomery, of the Buhl Police Department, demonstrates the power of Crok, a 4-year-old German shepherd police dog, during one of many events held Saturday during the Snake River Canyon Kennel Club Dog Festival at Twin Falls City Park.

Ketchum City Council looks to buy seized property

By Susan Bailey
The Wood River Journal

KETCHUM — The Internal Revenue Service auction set for Oct. 4, at Bavarian Village in West Ketchum, has Ketchum City Council on a hand-sawing with several other groups looking to purchase the property.

City Council held a special meeting Wed., Sept. 28, at City Hall to check options for the purchase.

Three apartment buildings within walking distance of the River Run ski lifts on Bald Mountain were seized from Ketchum resident Patrick O. Malley Cannon in a drug smuggling conspiracy investigation last year.

Cannon and Halley resident David Brocklebank were sentenced to forfeit assets amounting to more than \$4 million by a federal judge in February 2004.

ARCL, Advocates for Real Community Housing, is partnering with the Blaine Ketchum Housing

Authority and the Sun Valley Company to acquire the three apartment buildings in Bavarian Village at 154 Bird Dr., 106 Rember St. and 110 Rember St.

Under Ketchum law, new construction that doesn't provide workforce housing units must make a payment in lieu of housing. Payments feed into a BKJA bank account to be used to purchase or build affordable housing in Blaine County.

Currently, BKJA has almost \$1 million in funds, according to director Michael David.

Because the eight buildings of the Bavarian Village have served as affordable rentals for workers in Ketchum since the 1970s, the City Council has its eye on assisting efforts to keep work force housing in the complex.

"We'd like to see these units kept as work force housing in some form," said Ketchum City Council Member Ron Parsons.

Purchase of the three Bavarian Village buildings by BKJA and ARCL with assistance from Sun Valley Company could ultimately include a blend of rental apartments with deed-restricted housing unit purchase.

Parsons said the Sept. 16 announcement of the pending IRS auction of the three buildings containing a total of 14 apartments in studio, one bedroom and two bedroom configurations prompted a desire for last action.

"This came up really suddenly and the Council feels it could be a wonderful rental pool," Parsons said.

Rebekah Helzel, director of ARCL, said less of affordable housing has been a problem in Ketchum for 20 years, and has reached crisis proportions.

"Ketchum can't afford to have another affordable rental complex replaced by huge townhouses," Helzel said. "That will put another 30 cars on the highway."

Helzel, a resident of Bird Drive in Ketchum, said she has watched affordable West Ketchum apartments disappear one by one in the past several

years. She said the goal is to provide more rental of affordable workforce housing, in this case rentals.

ARCL plans to request Council pass a resolution for the pledging of in-lieu fees to the purchase of the property, Helzel said public support is essential.

"Please come and support the effort," Helzel said.

On Monday, September 26, ARCL and BKJA sought Ketchum Planning and Zoning approval for its proposal of emergency resolutions to push the purchase forward.

The three Bavarian Village buildings will be auctioned as a single unit. Two of the three parcels have been rezoned for condominium construction that could allow 12-unit buildings on each of the two sites.

Many of the new condominiums in the area sell for \$800,000 to \$1 million each, according to real estate brokers.

To register to bid, potential bidders must present a photo ID and Please see KETCHUM, Page B7

That's why the Halley woman has come up with an adopt-a-family program to help those with needs in the Wood River Valley.

The fact is we have about 1,500 individuals — more than 570 of them children — that live near or below the poverty line in Blaine County. And that's the national poverty level. So, in a community like this where the cost of living is lower than New York and San Francisco those who fall below the national poverty line are really struggling," Fischman said.

"There's no reason in the world why children should be going without in a wealthy community like ours."

The Family Connection Project, as Fischman is calling it, would serve as an adjunct to the Hunger Coalition Center for Community Health, food stamp program and other programs available in the area.

It would act as a matchmaker, connecting sponsors with carefully screened individuals or families who have been referred to the program by the community social workers.

Sponsors, which could include individuals, families, businesses, school classrooms or organizations, can choose the amount they're comfortable pledging each month, matching their ability to give with the family they give to.

How with limited resources might sponsor a mother and child with the intention of spending \$25 a month on them. These would more might sponsor a bigger family.

Those on the receiving end would indicate some of the things they need and those on the giving end would try to meet those needs by providing a monthly box of household items such as laundry detergent, personal hygiene products, such as toothpaste and suntan lotion, school supplies and clothing.

Sponsors would have enough information about the family's actual clothing sizes, color preferences — even whether Mom has sensitive skin — to make the donations personal.

"I personally would like to adopt a family with a boy a year or so younger than my son so I can pass down clothes from my son," Fischman said. "If I know someone's birthday is coming up I might throw in a cake mix and some candles and a few balloons."

The two parties would remain anonymous unless both sides indicate a desire to meet one another.

Eventually, Fischman said, she would like to establish an emergency fund to help pay for a car breaking down, medication and sunblock, school supplies and other emergencies.

Fischman, a former hospital administrator from New Jersey who has lived in Halley for nine years, got the idea for the program from a program based in Florida called The Box Project.

She adopted a family through the program but found it impractical for someone living in the area to send \$50 to send \$30 worth of household cleaning products. When she found out there were needs in her own backyard, she decided to shift her focus.

She said the program is still in the planning stages and she would like to see it implemented in the next few months.

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Virginia Rogers



She worked for more than three decades at Gem International, using her outstanding office and secretarial skills as its office manager.

She was very artistic and loved working in her flower garden, where she raised beautiful roses. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. One

could say her whole life was total dedication to her family.

She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Wayne Rogers of Burley; one son, Mike Rogers and his companion, Laina Koon of Phoenix, Ariz.; two granddaughters, Jessica and Lorie Rogers; and their mother, Diane Rogers of Phoenix, Ariz.; one sister, Velma Arlyle Diaz of Kennewick, Wash.; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister, Charlotte Jones, and a brother, Richard Laybourn.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2005, at the Burley First Christian Church, 1001 Oakley Ave., with the Rev. Herb C. Whitaker officiating. Burial will be in Palat Cemetery, Trenchard, may call from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday at Basinspenn Funeral Home, 150 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church.



Alta Fairchild

BURLEY — Alta Marie Bow Lindahl, an 82-year-old resident of the Burley Health area, died Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2005, at Highland Falls State due to complications of lung cancer.

She was born on March 9, 1923, in Barber, Idaho, the daughter of Ralph Sheard and Sophia C. Henrich (Kovland). She moved with her family to Met Air, Idaho, and graduated from high school there. She often spoke of how much she and her siblings enjoyed the beautiful summer months, skiing and playing on the frozen ice Pavelet Lake. She met a C.C. Camp boy by the name of Ralph W. Lindahl, who became the love of her life. They were married on July 17, 1940. They lived a few years in San Diego, Calif., and she often related how the windows of their home had to be covered so no light came through during World War II. She enjoyed sewing her collection of quilts and quilts that she had made.

After moving back to Burley, Alta became very active in the Mother's March of Dimes, the I.C.H. Club, the Cancer Place, was a Camp Fire Girls leader, a PTA home room mother, and enjoyed teaching. She was pleased to be instrumental in getting the South Side streets paved. She was excellent at crossword puzzles, card games and any game of spelling. Her artistic embroidery and crocheting pieces decorated her home and she shared her work with others. She was always eager to help anyone in need.

She is survived by her loving husband, Ralph of Burley; her children, Nancy, Betty, Rose and Alta; Bill, Berta of Hama, Bessie, three granddaughters, Berta, Betty of Loveland, Colo., Berta, Betty of Boulder, Colo., and Berta, Betty of LaGrange, Wis.; two great granddaughters, Cate and Ashton; Pansy, two sisters, Lorain and Lank, Avelis and Lay. Linda; her nieces and nephews, whom she enjoyed and loved a great deal. She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Edward Brockland and Leonard Brockland.

At Alta's request, there will be no formal funeral service.

The family expresses their heartfelt thanks to the staff at Highland Estates, the staff at Park View Care Center and to the IHC Hospice personnel for the compassionate care given to Alta.

The family suggests memorials be directed to IHC Hospice. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Basinspenn Funeral Home, 150 E. 16th St., Burley.

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A graves service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 3, 2005, at the Rupert Cemetery. There will be a viewing for family and friends one hour prior to the service at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Marion J. Royer

both retired and moved into a 35-foot fifth-wheel trailer to travel for several years finally staying the winter in Wickburg, Ariz., and the summer in Mackay, Idaho. In 1996, they moved to Polson, Mont., to be close to family. He died Sept. 5, 2005, and after the first year she began living with her daughter and her husband. Until the time of her death, they lived in Surprise, Ariz., in the winter and Polson, Mont., in the summer.

She was a devoted member of Polson Community Church. Marion is survived by their children, David K. Royer (Montana) of 4 valleys, Colo., Diane L. Alexander (near of Surprise, Ariz./Polson, Mont., and Richard K. Royer (near of Phillipsburg, Mont. She also

has three living sisters, and three brothers, eight granddaughters, 13 great grand children and one great-great-grand child.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Oct. 10, 2005, at the Polson Community Church in Polson, Montana, and a service at Shepherd of The Hill Methodist Church in Sun City West, Ariz., where she was an associate member in Arizona. Arrangements and services are under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory in Polson, Mont.

June D. Holloway



where she enjoyed the hospitality of Sue and Ken, the

partnership of Sue's dogs, Shadow and Lally, and the beauty of rural Whatcom County.

June is survived by her only daughter, Susan Thomas, Sue's husband, Ken, and grandsons, Brian, and wife, Katina Thomas of North Carolina, and James Thomas of San Diego, Calif.

The family asks that remembrances be made to Hospice of Whatcom County, Mont. may share memories with the family in June's online guestbook at www.westfordonlinehome.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Westford Funeral Home, a Cremation Service in Bellingham, Wash.

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Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy
Thursday: No school
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Lunch Menu
Salad bar and milk served every day.
Monday: Chicken sandwich
Tuesday: Burritos
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school

BUHL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Waffles
Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school
Lunch Menu
Salad bar and milk served every day.
Monday: French dip
Tuesday: Taco salad
Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school

BURLEY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast menu
Milk served daily. A variety of fruits and vegetables are served with each meal. Burley High School offers a hamburger bar, salad bar or a main dish each day. Breakfast is served starting at 7:30 a.m.
Monday: Churros
Tuesday: French toast sticks
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Breakfast on a stick
Friday: Bagel
Lunch Menu
Salad bar and milk served every day.
Monday: Macho nachos
Tuesday: Chicken Malibu or tuna
Wednesday: Hamburger, cheeseburger or bacon cheeseburger
Thursday: Hoagie or hot combo
Friday: Pizza or cheese square

CASTLEFORD SCHOOL

Milk and juice served daily.
Monday: Muffins
Tuesday: French toast
Wednesday: Cinnamon rolls
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school
Lunch Menu
Salad bar and milk served daily.
Monday: Soft shell tacos
Tuesday: Corn dogs
Wednesday: Toasted cheese sandwich
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school

CLOVER TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Milk served daily.
Lunch Menu
Monday: Chicken patty
Tuesday: Hard shell taco
Wednesday: Turkey dumplings
Thursday: Chili bowl
Friday:

FILER SCHOOL

Monday: Burritos
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
Wednesday: Mini corn dogs
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school

HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Breakfast Menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy
Wednesday: French toast
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school
Lunch Menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Pizza
Tuesday: Enchiladas
Wednesday: Chicken burgers
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school

KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Milk served daily.
Monday: Pizza wedge
Tuesday: Ham and cheese sub.
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school

KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL

Milk served daily.
Monday: Pizza wedge
Tuesday: Ham and cheese sub.
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Fried chicken
Wednesday: Fajitas
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school

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Fresh fruit and milk served daily.
Monday: Italian lasagna
Tuesday: Roast turkey
Wednesday: Grilled cheese quesadilla
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school

MINIDOKA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Choice of milk served daily.
Breakfast menu
Monday: Toast
Tuesday: French toast sticks
Wednesday: Granola bar
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school
Lunch menu
Monday: Baked cheese sandwich
Tuesday: Enchilada
Wednesday: Fish squares
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school

MINIDOKA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Breakfast menu
Monday: French toast sticks
Tuesday: Hashbrowns and scrambled eggs
Wednesday: Toaster tarts
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school
Lunch menu
Monday: Hamburger gravy with whipped potatoes or baked potato
Tuesday: Chicken wgyars
Wednesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school

MURTAUGH SCHOOL

Milk served daily.
Free breakfast served daily. Fruit and salad bar served daily at lunch.
Monday: Hamburger gravy and potatoes
Tuesday: Nachos
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school

ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Pancake on a stick
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Cereal
Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu

Milk served daily.
Monday: Pepperoni hot pocket
Tuesday: Grilled quesadilla
Wednesday: Pizza
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school

ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Monday: Spaghetti
Tuesday: Taco salad
Wednesday: Mararomi and cheese
Thursday: Corn dogs
Friday: Pizza

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY

Milk served daily.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Pancake on a stick
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Cereal
Friday: Lunch menu
Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Chicken fried steak
Wednesday: Grilled barquito
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast is served daily.
Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar, and salad bar each day, taco bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Main line menu varies every day.
Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Chicken fried steak
Wednesday: Hamburger or cheeseburger
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school

VALLEY SCHOOLS

Breakfast is served daily.
Monday: Corn dog
Tuesday: Spaghetti
Wednesday: Hamburger patty
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school

BLISS SCHOOL

Milk served daily.
Monday: Beef bites
Tuesday: Lasagna

Wednesday: Grilled cheese
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school

CASSIA SCHOOLS

Milk served daily. A variety of fruits and vegetables are served with each meal.
The high school offers a hamburger bar, salad bar or a main dish. Breakfast is served at 7:50 a.m.
Breakfast menu
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich
Wednesday: Omelet
Thursday: Cereal
Friday: Yogurt
Lunch menu
Monday: Hamburger
Tuesday: Pizza
Wednesday: Taco
Thursday: School chore
Friday: Ham

GLENN'S FERRY

Monday: Corn dogs
Tuesday: Chili salad
Wednesday: Egg roll
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS

Choice of milk offered daily.
Breakfast menu
Monday: Quesadilla
Tuesday: Cereal
Wednesday: Breakfast cookie
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school
Lunch menu
Monday: Hamburger
Tuesday: Ham and cheese
Wednesday: Burrito
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school

IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND

Milk served daily.
Breakfast menu
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Pancakes
Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy or jelly
Thursday: Cinnamon toast and yogurt
Friday: No school
Lunch menu
Salad bar and choice of milk served daily.

Monday: Stuffed turkey sandwich
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
Wednesday: French pizza
Thursday: Hot dogs or roast beef sandwich
Friday: No school

JEROME SCHOOLS

Milk served daily.
Monday: Doggone chicken
Tuesday: Hamburger gravy
Wednesday: No school
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school

RICHFIELD SCHOOLS

Milk and juice served daily.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school
Lunch
Monday: Chicken breast fillet

Banqueted chicken
Tuesday: Pizza
Wednesday: Pigs in a blanket
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school

WENDELL SCHOOLS

Milk and choice of milk served daily.
Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Burrito
Wednesday: Pizza
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school

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Kerry Moosman conducts a tour of a barn he has restored in Atlanta in September 2005.

Saving Atlanta

Driven by childhood memories, artist restores small town in Idaho

By Susan Whaley
The Idaho Statesman

ATLANTA, Idaho — As a child, Kerry Moosman loved to visit an elderly old couple who lived across the street in Atlanta, a former mining boom town that sat high in the mountains near the scenic Sawtooth wilderness. His mother didn't approve of his visits to the strange people who lived in the old house, but Moosman couldn't stay away from their little wooden house tucked in the woods with oaks and pines.

"These people were very interesting," he said. "They had a big rock collection and their outbuildings were piled with mounds of old stuff I loved that."

The attraction was the location of an old couple living in the town where his grandfather settled in 1913 to work in the mines. Moosman lives in summer and fall in the Atlanta, putting his prodigious energy to work collecting, restoring and preserving the town's history.

The rest of the year Moosman, a Ph.D. graduate in ornithology and sculpture at Boise State University, lives in Boise where he teaches pottery classes and creates beautiful, hand-hewn earthenware pots that are sold through art galleries.



Kerry Moosman sits on the porch of a home he has restored in Atlanta in September. Atlanta is a former mining boom town that sits high in the mountains near the scenic Sawtooth wilderness. Moosman carries on in the tradition of an old couple today in the town where his grandfather settled in 1931 to work in the mines.

He and other Atlanta residents got the town's history code listed on the National Register of Historic Places in the early 1970s and received grants from the Idaho Heritage Trust to restore the jail, a log house and the Pioneer Cemetery.

With change in the wind, however, Moosman grew concerned that buildings he considered valuable were threatened, so he started saving them himself.

"I've been throwing myself in front of bulldozers for a long time," he said with the quiet chuckle that frequently punctuates his sentences.

Steve Guerber, executive director of the Idaho State Historical Society, appreciates efforts by people like Moosman because his agency is perennially short of funds to save historic structures.

"Anything that an individual does that recognizes the historical significance of a site and takes it upon themselves to do preservation work, obviously we like to see those things happening," Guerber said.

Born in 1951, Moosman went to school in Atlanta's little schoolhouse (now a community hall) through the third grade before moving with his parents to Boise in 1959. He spent summers in Atlanta with his grandparents, exploring nearby forests, frog ponds and, especially, old abandoned buildings.

He now lives in the old old couple's house, one of his first projects, which he began restoring in 1976. His first house burned down that same year.

Five years ago he bought a 1941 building in the tiny downtown on Atlanta's main dirt road, The Atlanta Club, completely with a dance floor, had sat empty for 15 years.

He cleared out the garbage, fixed the plumbing and other basic services and filled it with his collectibles, from photos and records chronicling the lives of former town residents to tools and dishes from days gone by.

"Now he is hanging out in the Atlanta Club again, gathering with the friends who make up a small but tight-knit group within the Atlanta community."

"It does end up being a bit like a party," said Kerry Moosman, a Boise jazz musician. "We all end up having dinner together."

"People have drifted in and out of the 'Kerry universe' in Atlanta over the years," Moosman said, and everybody has their own reasons for being there. His wife caught the restoration bug from Moosman and spends many of their days with a hammer in hand, but Moosman goes to play his guitar, cook, play with his daughter and soak up the vibe.

"Atlanta is a hell of a place to take a nap — it may be the best place in America," he said with a laugh.



Colorful bottles sit in the windows of a house Kerry Moosman restored.

Ranchers are waiting for disaster payments

WASHINGTON (AP) — Livestock producers around the country are still waiting for agricultural disaster payments Congress approved a year ago to help them deal with an ongoing drought.

Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., and other senators are pressuring the Department of Agriculture to distribute money that Congress appropriated in an October 2004 spending bill. Baucus, who met with Deputy Agriculture Secretary Chuck Conner Friday to discuss the issue, said that only 13 percent of the checks have been distributed to qualified producers.

Department spokesman Ed Ford attributes the delay to "one glitch after another" in the department computer system and said Friday that the payments should be distributed within the next few weeks.

"FSA recognizes it has taken far too long to distribute these payments to those producers and we are doing everything we can to move the process forward," he said.

Ford said \$70 million in livestock payments have already been distributed. The legislation appropriated almost \$3 billion total for livestock and other crops hurt by natural disasters, and most of the payments to crop farmers have been sent out, Ford said.

Baucus said he is pressuring Congress' investigative arm, the Government Accountability Office, to look into the matter.

"It is absolutely derelict on

FSA's part not to have disbursed these funds by now," he said. "Our producers are still feeling the pain from years of drought and they need their applications approved now."

Sen. Ken Conrad said Friday that the delay suggests "incompetence on a serious scale."

"I think USDA needs to seriously review their operations, this is beginning to look like FEMA," he said.

Dave Kelsey, a rancher in south-central Montana who has no access to irrigation systems, said the process has been "a bureaucratic nightmare."

Because Kelsey's cattle ranch depends on rainfall to survive, the drought in the upper Midwest that has lasted much of the past decade has brought stressful times, he says. Though beef prices have risen in past years, profit margins have decreased as grazing lands have dried up and feed prices have skyrocketed.

Kelsey said that only seven out of 249 ranchers in the Montana county where he lives have received their disaster payments.

"It's a real domino effect," he said.

Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., assailed the department's plan to close about a third of the nation's Farm Service Agency offices, which are in charge of distributing the payments.

"I am disappointed that it has taken this long to get payments out to farmers," he said Friday. "Maybe FSA should focus on assisting farmers than closing offices."

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Gas prices are high, but big vehicles still rule Alaska's roads

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Two snowmobiles sit on a trailer behind Todd Steeves' Ford Explorer as he fills up at an above-ground station.

Steeves, of Anchorage, also uses the Explorer as a fleet manager to haul tools, wood and other construction materials for a cabin he's building in Seward a few hours drive to the south.

As gas prices continue to climb to the pump, some Alaska drivers are choosing to downsize their large, rugged vehicles, but many, including Steeves, say they depend on the power and space of the big guzzlers.

Trucks and SUVs dominate the streets and highways of Alaska where ice glazes roads in winter, and a casual weekend off-road drive can involve a bumpy off-road trek to a favorite fishing spot, campsite or trail head.

The low large-vehicle hybrids available don't save enough gas or Steeves to consider buying a hybrid supplement gas with electricity harnessed from the engine during braking and coasting.

"I would love it if it made big trucks that could haul stuff and were fuel efficient," Steeves said. "I'd be right there."

A drive in Alaska can actually resemble a drive in Montana or Wyoming, with a large vehicle plugging through a creek, bouncing over boulders or kicking up just on a two-toe road.

Walt Barber recently traded in his Ford Excursion for a Lincoln Navigator to haul his fishing boat. The SUV's gas mileage is lower, but Barber no longer worries about being stuck in snow or mud.

"So many people in the lower 48 have four-wheel drive vehicles and don't really need them," the Anchorage resident said. "In Alaska we do."

In Fairbanks, many Alaskans who fish as the main reason they need big vehicles. They say small sedans don't have room for big catches, or the muscle to tow boats.

Jim Gates of Anchorage said gas prices this fall weren't high enough to make him switch to a smaller vehicle for his fishing trips to the Kenai Peninsula, about six hours south of Anchorage.

"It's the best time of year to fish," Gates said. Gates said his main gas-saving option is the 20-minute walk to work at the state's department of



Todd Steeves watches the pump as he fuels his SUV, hauling his two snowmobiles, at a gas station in Anchorage, Alaska on Friday. As prices continue to rise at the pumps some drivers are choosing to downsize, but most say they need the four-wheel drive vehicles for work, to haul recreational gear, such as boats and snowmobiles, and for driving on the snow and ice.

Environmental Conservation. But choosing to save on fuel by walking can be a dead-end choice during winter in Alaska's Interior, where temperatures routinely drop to 40 below.

None resident Marguerite Lariviere says people in the community have frozen to death while walking outside.

"When it's 30 below, it's not safe to walk places," Lariviere said.

Small interior communities, which often lack public transportation, have been struck by some of the highest gas prices in the nation.

Average prices in Nome, an Alaskan western coast, to Barrow, on the northern coast, are hovering near \$4 a gallon for regular unleaded gasoline, while residents of tiny Fort Yukon in the Eastern Interior are reporting prices of \$4.12 a gallon.

Prices are lower in Alaska's two largest cities. Drivers fork out between \$2.61 and \$2.69 a gallon for regular gasoline in Anchorage, and pay about 10 cents more in Fairbanks.

Ford Taurus sedan owner James Hoogenhous believes year-round survival in Alaska is possible without a large fuel guzzler.

Hoogenhous, of Eagle River, said driving skill is all that's needed to maneuver safely over ice and through snow.

"I've seen a Suburban get stuck in the snow right behind me," said the 46-year Alaska resident. "I was driving an (Hyundai) Elantra."

Hoogenhous said the means to transport heavy objects is just a phone call away.

"I have friends with trucks I'll really need them," he said. Shane Yoelk general manager of Vitos Auto Sales, said he's seen an increase in customers looking for smaller vehicles.

"We have more people who have huge vehicles who want either smaller SUVs or four-door sedans," he said. Yoelk isn't one of them. He plans to trade in his Cadillac Escalade next year for a Hummer.

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Gender discrimination lawsuits filed against Utah organizations

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission filed gender discrimination lawsuits against two Utah organizations, claiming female employees were paid less than their male counterparts or fired because of their gender.

A class-action lawsuit was filed in U.S. District Court against the Ogden campus of Stevens-Henager College, where the EEOC said four female recruiters were paid 6 to 31 percent less than male workers with less experience. One of the women was fired.

Two other lawsuits were filed

against Convergys Corp., an outsourcing and consulting company that operates eight offices in Utah. The EEOC said Convergys paid four female technical support engineers in Ogden and one female employee in Midvale less than their male counterparts.

"Convergys denies the allegations and the complaints," the company said in a statement.

"We are an equal opportunity employer, and our pay practices are administered without regard to an employee's gender," Representatives of Stevens-Henager College could not be reached for comment.

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Viola C. Bottcher Hicks



VIOLA — Viola C. Bottcher Hicks 99, of Idaho, died Friday, Sept. 30, 2005, at Woodstone Retirement Center in Twin Falls. Viola was born Jan. 12, 1906, on a farm outside Granville Falls, Minn., the daughter of Fred and Alvina Bottcher. When Viola was 9, all the family moved to Phoenix, Ariz., hoping that the warm dry weather would benefit the lung conditions of her mother. When Viola was 16, the family moved to Twin Falls, Idaho. Here Viola graduated from Twin Falls High School and then attended Hicks Business School, after which she worked for a law firm, V.S. brother, Walt, married Grace Hicks and, at a family dinner, Vi met Grace's cousin, Ted Hicks. The pair was married a few months later on Feb. 4, 1937. Ted and Vi purchased and moved to a farm which she clearly loved, in the Cedar Draw area, working there until Ted's untimely death at the age of 63. Vi continued to live on the farm until 1990 when she moved to Woodstone Retirement Center. Vi volunteered her time as a "Pink Lady" with the Magic Valley Hospital Auxiliary for a number of years. She was a member of the Cedar Draw

VI was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Ted; half brothers, Freddie and Paul; sisters, Margaret; and her brothers, Alfred and Walter Bottcher; and by numerous nieces and nephews. She is survived by several nieces and nephews, E. B. "Bill" (Vivian) Hicks, Barbara Bottcher Cline, Greta Bottcher, Gene Bottcher, Geraldine Hettinger, Sevel, Patricia Hettinger Knighton, Dorothy Wilson, Margaret Bottcher Lang and Maime Askew Miller; and many great and great-great nieces and nephews, friends and neighbors.

A celebration of Vi's life will take place at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2005, at Sunset Memorial Park with Rev. Haley of the Bull First Baptist Church officiating. Contributions in Vi's memory can be given to the Bull First Baptist Church or to the V.S. Hospice. Contributions may be left with Reynolds Funeral Chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

DEATH NOTICES

Dale Harding

SIIHONIES — Dale Harding, 82, of Shoshone, Idaho, died Oct. 1, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service in Shoshone.

Jackie B. Green Rudd

TWIN FALLS — Jackie B. Green Rudd, 79, of Twin Falls and formerly of Carey, died Friday, Sept. 30, 2005, at Heritage Home in Twin Falls. This funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2005, at The

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Carey with Lathrop Jerry Jolley officiating. A viewing for family and friends will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 3, 2005, at Demaray Funeral Service, 401 W. B.S., Shoshone, and from 11 a.m. until time of the service Tuesday at the church. A complete obituary will appear at a later date.

Dorothy Werner

TWIN FALLS — Dorothy Werner, 86, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Oct. 1, 2005, at Hospice House in Jerome. Arrangements will be announced by Park's Magic Valley

Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Myrtle A. Heil

TWIN FALLS — Myrtle A. Heil, 73, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Sept. 29, 2005, at her home.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2005, at the Seventy-day Adventist Church in Twin Falls with Pastor Dwayne Kuchesky officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2005, at Serenity Funeral Chapel, 2158 Fourth Ave. E., Twin Falls.

Dogs

competition while stretching out his long black body over the grass in City Park, chewing his doggy biscuit reward. "He's just a happy dog," Saxton said.

Two Twin Falls Animal Shelter Advisory Board members served as judges of the Waggiest Tail contest at Saturday's dog festival. Dave Montgomery explained that he and Rick Otto would be looking for the most complete tail wags in 30 seconds. No half-wags or twitches would count.

"It is based entirely on our judgment," Otto said. "It will be apparent who the winner is."

Ashley Tomlinson, 11, showed Chico. She said Chico was a little nervous and didn't

do well. At least Chico was in a lot of the same company — many dogs refused to wag.

Dogs could participate in a variety of contests including waggiest tail, best costume and best trick. The American Kennel Club also sanctioned competitions on Saturday. Organizer Monte Smith said the festival received 60 entries and was sponsored by the Snake River Canyon Kennel Club, the Magic Valley Humane Society and the Mad Hat Theatre Company.

Besides the competitions, owners could take their dogs to obedience class, such as the course for puppies taught by Marti Kincaid.

Corralled in a white metal fence, four participants with

puppies in tow listened attentively to Kincaid who instructed the owners on sitting techniques for their dogs and on the value of "toy respect." And, sometimes, Kincaid said, puppies need to learn to just "chill."

"The world does not revolve around them," she said. "Try telling that to Barb Hurlbutt's eight-month-old Australian shepherd, Mael, for Hurlbutt, Kincaid drilled home one very important message.

"I'm supposed to control my dog," Hurlbutt said. "My dog is not supposed to control me."

Times-News reporter Michelle Dunlop can be reached at 735-3237 or by e-mail at mdunlop@magicvalley.com.

Grizzlies relocated from Upper Green

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — Nine grizzly bears have been relocated from the Upper Green River Valley this year after conflicts with livestock. But environmentalists and bear biologists defend the relocations, saying they're usually an effective way to prevent future run-ins.

A case in point is a bear that was killed in a car crash near Moran this year — 12 years after it was tranquilized, captured and relocated because of conflicts with livestock. Louisa Wildcox, wild bears project director with the Natural Resources Defense Council based in Livingston, Mont., said

the bear had never again threatened livestock.

That's typical, said Mark Brucino, a bear management officer for the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, who estimated that 70 percent of relocated bears never get in trouble with wildlife managers again.

Ketchum

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a \$100,000 cashier's check made payable to EG&G Tech Services, on behalf of the U.S. Department of Treasury. Proceeds of the auction will be shared by Idaho State Police, Ketchum Police and the Blaine County Sheriff Department for future law enforcement activities.

The auction takes place on the property at 10:00 on Tuesday, Oct. 4, with a preview of the public 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2.

Parsons said officials at the Housing Authority and with the city have not yet decided who

the bidder will be on Oct. 4.

"There is a possibility of private money being donated," Parsons said.

Hezel said many agencies and individuals had expressed a desire to help put the Bavarian Village buildings into workforce housing for Ketchum.

Jarbidge

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reduced levels, over the next four to five years while the BLM conducts a comprehensive study of the ecological health of the sagebrush landscape.

The settlement outlines an eight-year process that includes developing a new management plan and environmental impact statement and issuing new grazing permits. Lucas said. The interim grazing plan grants tighter protections for native habitat, he said.

"It's a long time, but we want it to be done right," Lucas said. "Phone calls to Simplot and several livestock producers were not returned at press time.

In July, District Court Judge B. Lynn Winnill agreed with Western Watersheds' claims that the BLM prioritized increased grazing over the protection of habitat for sage grouse. The judge recognized the species as sensitive even though the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service declined to list it for protection under the Endangered Species Act this year.

Winnill also criticized the BLM for its "patchwork" approach to assessing the overall health of the Jarbidge area. Winnill further concurred with Western Watersheds' allegations that the BLM violated a number of federal policies and its own management plan. He granted the group's request to temporarily end grazing on 28

NewsTracker

- Last we know: Western Watersheds Project and Simplot reached an agreement in a lawsuit over grazing on public lands in the Jarbidge.
- The latest: All parties to the lawsuit, including the Bureau of Land Management, affected livestock producers

and Western Watersheds, signed a new settlement in the case which allows reduced grazing and halts further litigation for five years.

■ What's next: A district court judge will need to approve the settlement agreement to make it final.

allocations.

In the months that followed, several livestock producers have been in negotiations with Western Watersheds, Simplot and Western Watersheds signed a settlement in August which shifted pressure back on the BLM to conduct a complete environmental impact statement in the Jarbidge. The new agreement negates this previous settlement.

Winnill previously gave the parties until Oct. 1 before the livestock would need to be removed from the range. Therefore, Lucas suspects that the judge will make a determination on the settlement shortly.

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Crump

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ment Victoria's cell phone rang, so she went in the bedroom where she'd left her purse in order to take the call.

With admirable dexterity, I shoveled everything that was on top of the fridge into a wastepaper basket and dumped it all into the firebox of the insert that we have in our

fireplace. Then I went off to clean the garage.

It turned out to be a coal mine — chills enough that you might want to turn on the furnace.

Victoria built a fire instead.

I believe I forgot to mention that this summer was the first year that I splurged — without, of course, telling my wife — and

bought a season golf pass.

And, not wanting her to see it, I put the golf pass on top of the refrigerator.

Can I borrow \$17 until Monday?

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Program

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"I like the idea that every time I buy a package of toilet paper for my family I can automatically buy another package for my adopted family," she said. "I'm more inclined to give on a regular basis if I know someone counting on me. And I like the idea of knowing that someone would be looking for me because they know I and my family care about them."

Erin Hirt, who runs St. Luke's Center for Community Health, said she likes the idea because it provides people in the community with a meaningful, thoughtful ongoing way to give support.

"We have some clothes available for those who need them but we don't know what kind of donations we're going to get on a daily basis," she said. "We might have what someone

needs and we might not — it just depends on what we have on hand. This makes sure that those in need get exactly what they need when they need it. And it's easier for them to access if they don't have to go through transportation."

Tom Iselin, who runs the Hunger Coalition, said he's intrigued by the personal connection opportunities the Family Connection Project of-

fers, even though he's not sure how all the particulars will work out.

"The most important thing is to help people move toward economic security. And that means moving from dependency to self-sufficiency and self-development," he said. "The Family Connection Project is a very novel idea. I'll be interested to see how it unfolds."

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Gordon B. Hinckley, president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, arrives for the 175th semi-annual general conference Saturday in Salt Lake City. Following the Mormon prophet are his counselors: Thomas S. Monson and James E. Faust, rear.

Mormon church will add temple in Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will build two more temples in Utah to accommodate an increasing number of members — placing the church's most sacred rituals.

Members performed a record 32 million temple ceremonies in 2004, church President Gordon B. Hinckley said Saturday during the opening session of the faith's 17th semi-annual general conference.

The Mormon church has 122 temples in 57 countries around the world. Of those, 72 have been built in 21 countries during the 10 years that Hinckley has been at the helm of the church.

Temple ceremonies include proxy baptisms and marriage ceremonies known as sealings. They are among the most sacred rituals performed by Latter-day Saints; temples are not open to the public and members must be deemed in good standing, including tithing 10 percent of annual personal income, to enter and perform such ceremonies.

Part of Hinckley's mission as president of the church has been to increase the number of temples around the world for the convenience of members.

"Temple service is the end product of all our teaching and activity," Hinckley said during the church conference center to observe the proceedings.

Nine new temples already are in the works, in Rehburg and Twin Falls, Idaho; Sacramento, Calif.; Helsinki, Finland; Panama City, Panama; Brazil; Draper, Utah; and one is yet to be located in Iran.

Mormons gather twice a year — in April and October — to

hear from church leaders. The event draws more than 100,000 to Salt Lake City, filling the conference center and other local church buildings. Millions more tune in on radio broadcasts or via television or satellite broadcasts which are translated into more than 80 languages in more than 130 countries.

Of the new facilities planned for the Salt Lake valley, one will be built in South Jordan about 20 miles south of church headquarters, in a massive 4,200-acre, 13,000-unit housing development under construction.

Hinckley did not disclose a specific site for a second new temple in Utah.

"You may ask why we favor Utah so generously," Hinckley said. "It is because of the degree of activity that requires it."

About 12 percent of the Mormon church's 12-plus million members live in Utah, where former president Brigham Young settled the church in 1847 after fleeing persecution in Nauvoo, Ill., two years after the church's founding prophet, Joseph Smith was murdered by a mob.

Mormons have spent much of the year celebrating the 200th anniversary of Smith's birth, Dec. 23, 1805, with conferences and musical pageants.

In the August issue of the church magazine "Ensign," Hinckley challenged members to reread and study the Book of Mormon, the faith's foundational text, which Mormons believe was translated through revelation by Smith from a set of ancient gold plates.

The book chronicles the history of the ancient Americas and tells the story of Christ's interactions with ancient inhabitants.

Rail cars backing up with waste for Envirocare dump

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Envirocare of Utah, the radioactive-waste disposal firm in Utah's west desert that has permission to double the size of its landfill, is having trouble keeping up with demand for its services.

Longlines of rail cars are waiting at rail yards in Ogden and Wendover to deliver waste that in many cases is contaminated soil. More cars from big government cleanups at Oak Ridge, Tenn.; Rocky Flats, Colo.; and Fernald, Ohio, rest on rails along Interstate 80. Still more wait on the mile-square Inocle County site to be unloaded, cleaned and returned to their owners.

In the first six months of 2005, the Inocle County landfill took in 74 percent as much waste as it accepted in all of last year, most of it from Superfund and U.S. Energy Department cleanups. Envirocare can't bury it fast enough.

State regulators took the company to task earlier this year for leaving in the open about 10,000 cubic yards of waste contaminated with hazardous PCBs and "dry active waste."

The Utah Division of Radiation Control ordered the company to clean up the pile in a couple of months and it complied, according to the agency's John Hultquist.

Also, in the spring of 2004, the Division of Radiation Control issued a "notice of violation" when the company had too much waste backed up.

Under its state license, the company keeps a surety bond to cover the cost of burying all the waste on its property in the event its owners walked away.

The growth in Envirocare's waste volume is documented in reports the company files periodically to the state radiation regulators.

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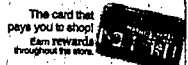
Question: I kept thinking I had a pebble in my shoe but nothing was ever there. Now I have a burning and tingling pain in the ball of my foot. What can I do?



Answer: Neuromas are an enlargement or swelling of an irritated nerve, usually in the ball of the foot. Symptoms are mild at first and gradually worsen until burning, shooting, tingling, or numbness occur. Tight shoes, high heels or extended walking makes neuromas more painful. Treatments range from injections, shoe gear changes, pads or surgery. Contact your foot specialist if you have additional questions or need help.

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

For whatever reason, you just can't get it done, and you can't get your act together. I and millions of fans think that's pathetic.

— Sen. Jim Bunning, a Kentucky Republican and former pitcher elected to baseball's Hall of Fame in 1996, about baseball's inability to pass a strong anti-steroid policy

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Division II Pittsburg State in Kansas last season scored 817 points, a single-season record for college football. What school held the previous record and when was it set?

...answer below

IN BRIEF

T.F. Legion plans parents meeting

TWIN FALLS — An urgent meeting for parents of prospective Twin Falls American Legion baseball players will be held at 6 p.m. on Oct. 3 in Twin Falls High School's small gym.

TFHS changes sports schedule

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls High athletic director Andy Barrett announced some changes to the sports schedule today and next week.

Today, the Skyline-Twin Falls girls soccer varsity and junior varsity games will both start at 10 a.m.

The Twin Falls junior varsity football game at Idaho Falls will now be played at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5 in Idaho Falls.

The Bruins home varsity game against Idaho Falls will now be played at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6 in Bruin Stadium.

Jerome baseball holds fund-raiser

JEROME — The Jerome High School baseball program will be holding an annual dinner and auction fund-raiser on Saturday, Oct. 15 at the Best Western Sawtooth Inn Conference Center in Jerome. There will be a silent auction starting at 6 p.m., dinner from 7 to 8 p.m., and the auction will start following the dinner. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door for \$12 per person or \$20 per couple. Also offered will be a no-host wine/beer bar.

For more information, to donate an auction item or to purchase tickets in advance, call Pam Thompson at 324-8534, Deb Bos at 324-8104 or Darcie Bobrowski at 539-2346.

High school hoops officials meet Oct. 10

HAZELTON — The first meeting for the fourth district high school basketball officials' certification is set for Monday, Oct. 10, at 7 p.m. at Valley High School.

All officials planning on certifying for the 2005-2006 season should attend. For more information, contact Sean Standley at 731-1026.

Gooding Elks offer best ball tourney

GOODING — The Gooding Elks is sponsoring a two-tournament best ball golf tournament in memory of Jim Hollifield on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 8-9 at the Gooding Golf Course. Entry is \$120 per team which includes lunch each day. The shotgun start begins at 10 a.m.

To enter, call the Gooding Golf Shop at 934-9977. Space is limited.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Harvard scored 765 points in 1886.

Eagles cleared for flight

CSI kicks off basketball season with exhibition

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Eagle hasn't landed yet, but it already spread its wings.

The College of Southern Idaho basketball program celebrated the official start of practice for the 2005-06 men's and women's hoops seasons with Saturday's Meet the Teams night at the CSI gymnasium. From the short scrimmages to the three-point and slam dunk competitions, both teams gave fans a small taste of what they're about.

"You know, it's just that time of year," CSI men's head coach Barrett Peery said. "We're trying to get everybody excited about the season. We've got about 30 days to go before we play our first game, so we're trying to get everybody excited, get everybody introduced to the team a little bit, and show them who we are."

Aside from who, fans will likely be impressed with what the men are after finishing 33-3 and third at the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I Championships last year. It's a long, athletic team on the wing with a couple bruisers on the inside.

"I like this team a lot," Peery said. "I think we're very athletic. We have a lot of long, perimeter athletes and we're a little better on the post, which I'm excited about."

The women sport a new look after last year's 34-2 record and second-place finish at nationals. Head coach Randy Rogers suits up a relatively short squad that will look to play an uptempo offense out of transition to accompany the program's traditionally stout defense.

Well, it's going to be a little different from last year since we're little," sophomore guard Jaleena Williams said. "But we have good ability to run up the floor and a good point guard to run the ball."

Williams returns after averaging 4.3 points per game last year, and knows this team still has a number of wrinkles to



Amy Bratvold, a freshman guard for the CSI women's basketball program, blocks a shot during a Meet the Teams Night scrimmage, Saturday night in the CSI Gymnasium.

iron out. Still, the expectations are as high as ever.

"We want to host regionals, get back to nationals, and take care of some unfinished business," Williams said.

The women played to a 14-14 tie in a 10-minute scrimmage. Freshman point guard Maria Moore controlled the game for

the black team, scoring out five assists and dribbling two points. Williams was on the receiving end of two of those dishes for

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No. 1 USC rallies past No. 14 Arizona State

The Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — After another shaky start, No. 1 USC turned loose those Trojan horses in the backfield.

The strength and speed of Lendale White and Reggie Bush lifted two-time defending national champions out of trouble on a sweltering Saturday in the desert.

White rushed for 197 yards in 19 attempts, Bush gained 150 on 17 carries, and the Trojans rallied from 10 points down at the half to beat No. 14 Arizona State 38-28, breaking a Pac-10 and school record with their 26th victory in a row.

Southern California (4-0, 2-0 Pac-10) advanced Matt Leinart's big-play passing game in favor of the run, and the Sun Devils (3-2, 1-1) were helpless to stop it.

"They didn't try anything fancy in the second half," Sun Devils coach Dirk Koetter said. "They just ran the trap talkbacks at us." The Trojans outshined the Sun Devils 373-68 in a matchup of two of the nation's most prolific offenses.

"We just pounded the football in the second half," USC coach Pete Carroll said. "It



Arizona State's Jamar Williams (4) and Robert James (21) tries to stop Southern California running back Reggie Bush (5) during the second quarter Saturday, at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, Ariz.

was a beautiful job by the offensive line, a beautiful job by Reggie and Lendale."

Bush had touchdown runs of 24 and 34 yards, the second one giving the Trojans the lead for good 31-28 with 3:44 to go. White scored on runs of 32 and 46, the latter putting USC up 38-28 with 2:22 left after

Arizona State's Sam Keller was intercepted for the fourth time.

Keller completed 26 of 45 for 347 yards and two touchdowns but was intercepted five times, four in the second half. Keller had been intercepted only twice going into the game, both in the season opener.

It had thrown 131 passes without a pick before Oscar Luis interception in the second quarter.

"We very well could have won that game, and I think they've scared, too, at a lot of points in that game," Keller said. "A few bad plays by me if they don't happen, then we win."

It was the second week in a row that USC fell behind on the road and rallied. Last week at Oregon, the Trojans trailed 13-0 but scored the next 45 points.

USC has outscored opponents in the second half 140-20 this season, including 35-7 in front of a capacity Sun Devil Stadium crowd of 71,700.

Still, after Leinart's 1-yard sneak had put USC ahead for the first time, 24-21, with 8:41 to play, the Sun Devils overcame a personal foul penalty that made it 1st-and-25 at their 15 to go the length of the field.

Keller's 24-yard pass down the sidelines to Rudy Burgess and Burgess' 6-yard run to

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Last-minute goal salvages a tie for Twin Falls girls

By Wes Smalling
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Bruins only had one shot on goal the entire game. But, oh, what a shot it was.

Marissa Sanchez' breakaway goal in the final minute of Saturday's home girls soccer game against the Skyline Grizzlies salvaged a 1-1 tie for the Bruins in a Region Four-Five-Six conference matchup.

"It was a total defensive struggle the whole game and to their credit they hung in there until the last minute and that's what the game," said Twin Falls head coach Steve Schmid.

"Skyline had taken a 1-0 lead in the 15th minute of the first

half when junior forward Katie Browning dribbled past defenders on the right wing, cut toward the goal and launched a shot past Twin Falls keeper Erin Donnelly.

The Grizzlies, who led 1-0 at the half, appeared to have the game well in hand by keeping the Bruins back on their heels defensively for almost the entire second half. Twin Falls managed to keep the Grizzlies at bay, however, with physical defensive play and eight saves in the match by Donnelly.

Then with time ticking with less than a minute to play in the game, Bruin forward Annie Watkins earned the ball off a Grizzly player that bounced to

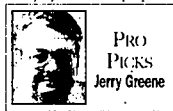


Liz Oliver of Skyline (front) tries to maintain possession as Annie Watkins of Twin Falls High School challenges her for the ball Saturday during first-half play at Ascension Fields in Twin Falls.

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Don't expect a huge crowd in Mexico

ORLANDO, Fla. — Go for it, you know something's phony when the NFL doesn't blow its own horn. Take Sunday night when league history will be made by playing the first regular-season game outside of the United States.



The game is in Mexico City at Estadio Azteca. But there's been hardly a promotional peep.

"I wonder the NFL has abandoned its original prediction of 105,000 fans. Oh, check that number — the capacity is now 85,000 because the NFL is blocking out the first 10 rows because the fans in those seats might not be able to see the game."

"They'd be better off. NOTE: Betting on sports is legal in Mexico City. The NFL is going to love that."

LAST WEEK: Brilliant! Game 2 in shock and awe at 11:22 record straight up (29-17) for season 63 percent. What? Well, we probably shouldn't even mention the point spread because gambling is wrong. So my 6-8 effort against the jolly (21

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Yankees win AL East

The Associated Press

BOSTON — The New York Yankees are going to the playoffs. And the Boston Red Sox still have a couple of chances to join them there.

New York won its eighth consecutive AL East title on Saturday, scouring Tim Lincecum for three homers and riding Randy Johnson to an 8-4 victory over Boston.

Alex Rodriguez and Hideki Matsui homered, and Rodriguez had four hits to help Johnson settle down and win his sixth consecutive division.

When Johnny Damon hit a high chopper, he hit on the mound. Mariano Rivera grabbed it and first baseman Tim Lincecum pumped his fist as he caught the final out. The Yankees streamed out of the dugout with purpose — but not quite joy — a celebration befitting a 26-time World Series champion that survived its most difficult regular season in a decade.

Players gathered on the mound for just a few minutes, hugging and high-fiving, before returning to the visitors' clubhouse.

"I can't take my glasses off. I'm crying like a baby," Yankees manager Joe Torre said after the final out.

The Yankees' victory, their 16th in 20 games, clinched a playoff berth, and they took the division because Cleveland lost 4-3 to the Chicago White Sox a few minutes earlier. The Red Sox finished second in the division for the eighth straight year, but it's not all bad news for them.

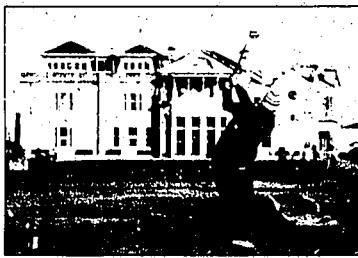
Because of the Indians' loss, the defending World Series champions can do no worse than a tie for the AL wild card — news that got a medium-sized cheer when it was announced on the Fenway scoreboard.

If Boston loses on Sunday and Cleveland wins, they will meet at Fenway Park on Monday to decide the AL's last playoff berth. If Cleveland loses, please see YANKEES, Page C5

SPORTS

Ferrie leads in Dunhill

STANDFAST, Scotland (AP) — Kenneth Ferrie of England shot a 6-under par 17 on the Old Course Saturday to open a five-stroke lead after the third round of the Dunhill Links Championship.



The tournament leader England's Kenneth Ferrie tees off on the 18th hole during the third day of the Dunhill Links Championships at the Old Course at St Andrews in Scotland, Saturday.

He was a 15-under 201 and followed at 201 by Scotland's Colin Montgomerie (73), Sweden's Henrik Stenson (75) and Argentina's Ricardo Gonzalez (71).

Ferrie was in position for a 65 on the Old Course, which would have tied for the second score. Montgomerie matched Friday, but three-putted the last two greens.

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Eaks ekes out one-shot leads

CARY, N.C. — RAW Laks moved a step closer to his first win on the Champions Tour, shooting a 6-under 66 to take a one-stroke lead into the final round of the SAS Championship.

Laks made four birdies over the final eight holes at the 7,177-yard Prestonsong Country Club, putting the 43-year-old in position for his first professional victory since the 1997 San Jose Open.

Eaks is at 11-under for the tournament, one stroke ahead of Bob Gilder, who also shot 66 on Saturday. Jim Leveaux posted a 65 to get to third place at 9-under, and Roger Davis is at 8-under.

Five players, including defending champion Craig Stadler and Hale Irwin, are tied at 7-under.

Han leads fog-delayed LPGA tourney

RANCHO PALMS, Calif. — Lee-Ann Han consolidated herself Friday, and not just with 18 points, seven kills, and nine digs.

"Sabah showed up and put in a solid match," said Axelsson. "Game 12 ended in a tie, so Sabah and I went to give Caseldoff the lead at 8-7 and senior Bryce Cheney dropped in a soft hit that Hagerman could not return on time. We were their last lead at 9-8. Hagerman began to pull away with sophomore Shamray Pundley serving at 9-9. Junior Kalla Madrigales recorded six points in the game for Hagerman."

Cheney gave Caseldoff an early lead at 1-0 in Game 3. Both teams battled to take control of the confident, with one team putting an end to the other until Madrigales put Hagerman ahead 15-12. Madrigales totaled 19 points for the match.

"We just gave up too many points on errors," said Caseldoff coach Oscar Flores. "As a team, our attack percentage was up to 85 percent which is very large for us. We had many good touches and good passes."

Caseldoff (13-4, 3-7) was led by senior Cindy Lopez with six assists and nine digs. Cheney dug up 11 digs and senior Angela Carren pointed three kills.

"The team's playing so much more solid now," said Flores. "For Hagerman, Axelsson picked up eight digs and Madrigales seven. Axelsson also handled five serve attacks."

"This team has what it takes," said Hernandez. "Lots of determination and the will to want to win. As a team, we are becoming more confident. The young players have been able to step up and play at the varsity level."

Hagerman is on the road tonight at Lighthouse Christian in Oakley, Monday. Caseldoff travels to Wendell in a triangular with Camas County.

hunting in there." Ivan Falls (5-3, 0-3-2) had lost to each of its conference rivals earlier this season, including a loss at Skyline. The Bruins consider Saturday's tie a turning point in their season, Schmid said. "I think they feel now they can play with anybody," he said.

The Bruins played against Minico at home Tuesday in a nonconference match. Next week the Grizzlies (9-2, 2-9-2) go against Tighlman, a conference member they tied earlier this season. The winner of that game will sit atop the conference standings.

CSI sweeps through Walla Walla

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Skyline boys romp against Bruins

DUNHILL FALLS — The Skyline Grizzlies (9-1-2) won for the second time in as many games over the Bruins (5-5) Saturday after an 8-0 victory at the Idaho Falls Soccer Complex.

The two conference rivals were even for the first 22 minutes, only thanks to the twin falls goalskeeper who made some big saves and got some help from the cross-bar and in the 22nd and 41st minutes, Skyline put together two beautiful goals to take control.

Local sports nets battled through the effects of housewarming route to a sweep of cage hallway during a volleyball action Saturday afternoon in Oakley. The Hornets won by scores of 25-14, 25-20 and 25-15.

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Chicago	72	81	.470	2.0
Minnesota	72	81	.470	2.0
Seattle	71	82	.463	2.5
San Diego	71	82	.463	2.5
St. Louis	70	83	.457	3.0
Arizona	69	84	.450	3.5
San Francisco	68	85	.444	4.0
Colorado	67	86	.438	4.5
Washington	66	87	.432	5.0
Philadelphia	65	88	.426	5.5
Detroit	64	89	.420	6.0
Cleveland	63	90	.414	6.5
Texas	62	91	.408	7.0
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Chicago	16	137	.132	30.0
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San Diego	14	139	.120	31.0
Arizona	13	140	.114	31.5
San Francisco	12	141	.108	32.0
Colorado	11	142	.102	32.5
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WHAT'S ON T.V.

- Auto racing**
 - Metrol Cup, Univ Ford F50, NBC, noon
 - NHRA, Amerquest Nationals, Final eliminations, ESPN, 6 p.m.
 - FIA World Rally, Rally Japan, SPEED, 9 p.m.
- Baseball**
 - Regional coverage, ESPN2, 11 a.m.
 - Cubs at Astros, WGN, noon
 - Dodgers at Padres, ESPN2, 2 p.m.
- Football**
 - Chargers at Patriots, CBS, 11 a.m.
 - Seahawks at Redskins, Fox, 11 a.m.
- Horse racing**
 - WTA Lady's Secret Breeders Cup Handicap and North Stakes, ESPN, 4 p.m.
- Other**
 - Eagles at Chiefs, Fox, 2 p.m.
 - 49ers at Cardinals, at MeTV, 6:30 p.m., ESPN, 6:30 p.m.

Baseball

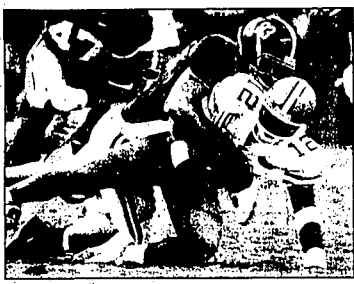
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Vandals vanquish Utah State, 27-13



Alabama's Travis McCall sacks Florida quarterback Chris Leak during the second half of their 31-3 win over Florida at Bryant-Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa, Ala., Saturday.

Tide rolls over Gators

FLUORIDIAN, Fla. (AP) — Alabama produced everything from long touchdowns to a goal-line stand in its biggest game to date.

Then the in-state tide players wondered why people seemed so surprised that the 11-2 rout of No. 3 Florida on Saturday.

This is exactly where we thought we'd be, quarterback Trent Woodson said.

Key players were expected such as a dominant performance from No. 1 Alabama 5-0, 5-0 Southeastern Conference, which performed 85 percent of the league's teams to beat with the victory.

Crash three for three 118, including an 8-yard yard to Keith Brown and a 22-yard to Keith Brown and the defense even more impressive in shutting down Brian Meyers offense.

A Meyer-coached team had never been held without a touchdown, and the game 1-2-1 hadn't been kept out of the end zone since 1992.

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Linebacker Mike Anderson scored an interception, 71 yards for a touchdown with 45 seconds to play, securing Idaho's first Western Athletic Conference win of the season, 27-13 over Utah State.

Idaho quarterback Steven Wichman completed his first 13 passes, and finished 20-for-25 for 230 yards and a touchdown.

The Vandals (4-1, 1-1) also received a boost from sophomore running back Billy Lundball, who finished with 73 yards and a touchdown on 21 carries.

Wichman led the Vandals in stride on the left flat but the 12 yards to give the Vandals a 14-0 halftime lead.

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Notre Dame pounds Purdue

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — Brady Quinn passed for 340 yards and three touchdowns, two to left cornerback, leading No. 13 Notre Dame to a 49-28 victory over Purdue on Saturday night.

Quinn was 20-for-23 for 283 yards in the first half to lead Notre Dame (4-1) to a 28-0 halftime lead. He finished the game 29-of-36 for a career-high 80.5 percent completion rate—and threw a TD pass for a 10th straight game, tying a school record set by Heisman trophy winner John Elway in 1984.

The loss was the biggest by the 22nd-ranked Boilermakers since losing 31-3 at Michigan in 2003. Purdue led 12-27 at halftime.

Quinn had lost his first two games against the Boilermakers despite passing for a combined 729 yards.

The problem in 2003, his first collegiate start, was he was intercepted four times and didn't have a TD pass. Last year he was sacked seven times in a 41-16 loss.

On Saturday night, though, Quinn didn't throw an interception until the Irish were up 35-14—and the Irish intercepted the ball back on the first play—and he was hardly pressured as he picked the Purdue secondary apart.

Quinn was 3-for-3 passing for 68 yards on Notre's first scoring drive, 7-of-9 for 99 yards on the next one, 6-for-6 for 52 yards on the third score and 2-for-2 for 45 yards on the fourth.

No. 2 Texas 51, Missouri 20

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Vince Young ran for 108 yards and a touchdown and threw two other touchdowns, and Texas converted three turnovers by Missouri quarterback Brad Smith into touchdowns.

The Horns (4-0, 1-0 Big 12) have now won 11 straight road games and 11 straight games overall. Tamaia Charles had one rushing and one receiving touchdown for Texas, which is 4-0 for the fourth time in five seasons and beat Missouri (2-2, 0-1) for the 14th time in 15 games.

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Hockey's back, far different than before the NHL went away

NEW YORK (AP) — Maybe by the time the NHL starts its Olympic break in February, some of the burning questions facing the relaunched league will have been answered.

Television phenom Sidney Crosby will have a few months under his belt as he tries to show he can live up to comparisons to Mario Lemieux and Wayne Gretzky.

Gretzky, meanwhile, will be busy with his first job as an NHL coach.



"They'll all be working under a new set of playing rules created to mark off the excitement in a game that has gotten stale. It's all part of a plan to bring fans to arenas and television sets."

But if the interest is there, will people even find the games on their cable lineup?

And after a year without the NHL, will they even care to try? On Wednesday, the NHL returns to the ice 16 months after its last real game. All 30 teams will be in action, and the game's reintroduction to the North American sports landscape truly will begin.

Done is the talk of collective bargaining agreements, salary caps, lockouts and cries of financial distress. The rich teams appear to be showing signs of weakness, while some small-market clubs have begun to inherit the hockey fever.

"So one looks like the business side of things is doing OK," Mike Modano said. "Finally the game has gone to the forefront, the business part is over with."

The games have gone the way of inflated payrolls. Situations will be used to break all regular-season deadlocks not settled in overtime, and goalies will have to play with smaller equipment and have more pucks that go into the corners.

Crosby will be welcomed to Pittsburgh, the town that had the NHL's worst team in the spring of 2004 but now perhaps has one of the best. The No. 1 pick in this year's draft landed with the Penguins after a lottery, and now will play with North American star Sidney Crosby and even live in his house.

But the Penguins didn't stop there. They squeezed top forwards Mark Recchi, John LeClair and Ziggy Palffy into the lineup. Former Pittsburgh forward Joe Mullen and goalie Jocelyn Thibault, who netted the \$3 million salary cap that was at the heart of last year's labor strife.

While the spending went on in western Pennsylvania, big-market clubs such as the Detroit Red Wings, Philadelphia Flyers and New York Rangers tried to figure out how to get better but also trim payrolls that were nearly twice the now-allowed level.

The Flyers said goodbye to LeClair and Thibault, and Tony Amonte but got creative in adding Peter Forsberg and top defenseman Derian Hatcher and Mike Rathje. They expect to contract Dainis Zubov with a new look, one they hope will carry them farther than Game 7 of the Eastern Conference finals, where their season ended in 2004.

A flurry of player movement started in August and provided a week crazier than a fantasy league draft.

Stanley Cup champion Tampa Bay Lightning had goalie Nikolai Khabibulin leave for Chicago, Paul Kariya landed in Nashville, Eric Lindros finally found his way to the Philadelphia Flyers and Vincent Lecavalier and Norris Trophy winner Scott Niedermayer left New Jersey for Anaheim, where he will play with his brother, Rob.

Defending champion Chicago took over the Calgary locked up captain Jarome Iginla with a long-term deal just as the Lightning did with forwards Martin St. Louis and Vincent Lecavalier. But those signings made it impossible for Tampa to keep Khabibulin, too.

"It's kind of a crapshoot right now," said defenseman Chris Pronger of the Edmonton Oilers. "Teams that have chemistry early on and are able to get and adapt to the rule changes and everything are really going to be able to take off early on in the season and try to get a little bump or cushion for the dog days of January and February, when teams usually get into a little bit of a malaise."

That's perfect timing for the break that allows NHL players to participate in the 2006 Winter Olympics. There's a problem long before the NHL game this season or in 2010, when the games come to Vancouver.

While Crosby gets his career

underway Wednesday at New Jersey, Philadelphia will host the flangers in the first NHL broadcast on OLN — the league's new cable partner.

A long-standing relationship with ESPN came to an end shortly after the new CBA was reached. Instead of taking a cut-down deal with the well-established network, the NHL, signed with OLN — which is trying to broaden its sports horizons well beyond Lance Armstrong and the Tour de France.

While the money was in the range the NHL was seeking, the league is taking a risk because OLN reaches far fewer customers. And sports fans who do get it might not even know where to find it.

The NHL is campaigning to win back the fans it hurt and back, we're going to try to have them. Dallas forward Bill Guerin said. "The ones who are upset, we're going to do everything in our power to make them happy and get them back in the arena."

Placating fans the league already had might be an easier task than attracting those people who didn't miss the league at all. What might help is the increased importance placed on division games. Rivalries will be heightened as teams will play the other four clubs in the division eight times each.

"Everybody was concerned with how the game was going to come back, and I think everybody in our locker room was willing to do whatever it takes to make sure the game comes back strong," Guerin said.

It's certainly coming back different.

New rules

More room was created in the offensive zone, at the expense of the neutral zone and space behind each goal. Defensemen now are allowed to fire home-run passes from end to end, because the red line has been removed — enabling passes across two lines.

But defensemen will have to chase the puck more often, too, because goalies have been limited to where they can play it. Goalenders must stay within a trapezoidal area when playing pucks below the goal line, which will force defensemen to backtrack more to get to dump-ins. More pressure will be created by unshrinking forwards, which would lead to mistakes and scoring chances.

"There are going to be races. There are going to be collisions," said Stephen Walkom, the new director of officiating.

There are also going to be a lot of penalties as players get used to a strict crackdown on interference and unnecessary clutched and grabbing.

Rangers forward Jarome Iginla went to the penalty box with his arms outstretched this week after being whistled for an infraction he had not been committed. But if it leads to the wide-open game that produced the Oilers' dynasty in the late 1980s, then maybe the NHL is the center of officiating.

Gretzky started on that team, along with the recently retired Mark Messier, who called it quits at age 44 and 25 NHL seasons. Just as Messier departs Gretzky gets back near the ice as the coach of the Phoenix Coyotes.

He isn't the only new face behind an NHL bench. Some familiar names are showing up in different places. Mike Babcock left Anaheim to take over the Detroit Red Wings from Dave Lewis. Larry Robinson is back with the Devils, a team he led to a Stanley Cup title.

Whether old or new, everyone will feel the burden of making hockey relevant. That was a problem long before the NHL became the first North American sports league to lose an entire season to a labor dispute.

Indians falter down the stretch

CLEVELAND (AP) — It comes down to this for Cleveland: Win and hope.

Bookie Tadahito Iguchi hit a three-run homer off Jake Westbrook (15-15) in the seventh inning for a 3-1 victory, and Chicago hold on to send the Indians into the regular season's final day without control of their October fate.

Iguchi's shot to center, his 19th, snapped a 1-all tie and helped set up a Sunday in which the Indians, who didn't deliver with the bases loaded in the eighth, will have to win or have their inspirational season end in disappointment.

It could have been so much easier, but Cleveland lost by one run for the fifth time in six games, jeopardizing a postseason that seemed guaranteed a few days ago when it concluded a 17-2 stretch.

Jon Garland (10-10) allowed just four hits in 6 2-3 innings. Chicago bullpen was unable to hold off the Indians, who have lost a club record 34 one-run games, including all nine to the White Sox.

Ben Zobler pitched a perfect ninth for his sixth save.

Royals 7, Blue Jays 6

TORONTO — Andres Blanco hit a go-ahead single in the eighth inning, and Kansas City recovered after allowing six unearned runs in the seventh to beat Toronto.

Dawn 5-0, Toronto scored six times after Kansas City committed two errors on what should have been double-play grounders.

Saturday's loss means the Blue Jays (79-82) will finish below .500.

Athletics 4, Mariners 3

SEATTLE — Jason Kendall hit a tiebreaking double in the seventh inning to back Joe Blanton (12-12) and lead Oakland over Seattle.

Dawn 2-1, Oakland came back in the seventh after Julio Mateo (3-6) relieved George Sherrill with two outs and none on.

Yanore Sotomayor doubled and scored on a single by Mark Ellis, who took second on the throw, and Kendall doubled for a 3-2 lead. Sotomayor added an RBI single in the ninth against Gil Meche.

Rich Harden, who hasn't started since Aug. 19 because of a strained muscle below his throwing shoulder, struck out five in two innings, and Huston Street finished for his 23rd save in 27 chances, allowing Yunesky Betancourt's sacrifice fly.

Orioles 4, Devil Rays 3

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Tampa Bay left fielder Damon Hollins lost track of the outs in the seventh inning, Saturday and threw a live ball into the stands, helping Baltimore beat the Devil Rays.

Hollins made a nice running catch, partially falling over the wall down the left-field line, on Eric Byrnes' foul ball with one out and David Newhan on second. Newhan tagged up and advanced to third after the catch. Then was awarded home to make it 4-2 after Hollins started running toward the dugout and threw the ball into the seats.

Hollins was charged with an error on the play.

Twins 3, Tigers 0

MINNEAPOLIS — Michael Cuddyer and Justin Morneau each had two hits and an RBI to

Sorting out what could happen in playoff races

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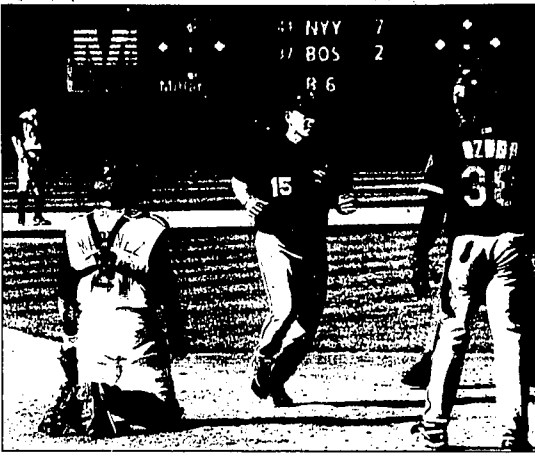
A look at the playoff scenarios in the AL and NL after Saturday's games:

American League

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If Boston loses Sunday and Cleveland loses, the Red Sox would be the AL wild card.

If Boston loses Sunday and Cleveland wins, there would be a one-game playoff between the Red Sox and Indians at 7 p.m. Monday at Fenway Park.



Chicago White Sox second baseman Tadahito Iguchi (15) crosses the plate toward teammate Pablo Ozuna after his three-run homer off Cleveland Indians pitcher Jake Westbrook in the seventh inning Saturday, in Cleveland. Indians catcher Victor Martinez (42) looks on dejectedly.

Wild-Card Race

American League	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	94	67	58.4	1
Cleveland	93	68	57.8	1

Saturday's Games
Chicago White Sox 4, Cleveland 3
N.Y. Yankees 8, Boston 4

Remaining Schedules
Cleveland
HOME (1) — Oct. 2 Chicago, Boston
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HOME (1) — Oct. 2 N.Y. Yankees

National League

W	L	Pct	GB	
Houston	86	73	54.7	1
Philadelphia	87	74	54.0	1

Saturday's Games
Houston 3, Chicago Cubs 1
Philadelphia 8, Washington 3

Remaining Schedules
Houston
HOME (1) — Oct. 2 Chicago, Philadelphia
Philadelphia
ROAD (1) — Oct. 2 Washington

support rookie Scott Baker, and Minnesota look advantage of a wild pitch on Jacque Jones' strikeout to beat Detroit.

Inker (3-3) scattered seven hits in six innings and did not walk a batter for the Twins (82-79), assured of finishing above .500 for the fifth straight season. Matt Guerrier pitched two innings of perfect relief and Joe Nathan finished for his 42nd save in 47 chances.

Jason Johnson (8-13) gave up all three runs and six hits in six innings as Detroit lost its fourth straight. Tigers manager Alan Trammell expects to meet with ownership on Monday to find out if he will be back for the final year of his contract.

National League

Astros 3, Cubs 1

HOUSTON — Roger Clemens' ailing arm supported and guaranteed the Houston Astros at least a tie in the NL wild-card race.

Clemens (13-8) allowed one run in seven innings, while pitching on a still sore left hamstring, leading the Astros over the Chicago Cubs 3-1 Saturday and putting Houston on the brink of a return to the playoffs. Houston (88-73) headed into

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Phillies 8, Nationals 4

WASHINGTON — Chase Utley homered twice, Ryan Howard hit an upper-deck shot and a three-run double, and Philadelphia beat Washington

to send the NL wild-card chase down to the regular season's final day.

Brett Myers (13-8) had a career-high 12 strikeouts while limiting Washington to three runs on six hits and a walk over 6 2-3 innings. Ryan Madson, Aaron Fultz, Ugoeth Urbina and Billy Wagner led the final seven outs, giving up a run. The last five Nationals outs were strikeouts.

Philadelphia got to John Patterson (8-7) for four runs in the first, the biggest hit being Howard's bases-loaded double off the base of the wall in left.

Jimmy Rollins slapped a double just inside the bag at first on the game's first pitch to extend his hitting streak to 35 games, making for the ninth-longest in major league history.

Cardinals 9, Reds 6

ST. LOUIS — Larry Walker hit two home runs and St. Louis beat Cincinnati to move within a game of becoming baseball's only 100-win team.

Albert Pujols hit a two-run homer, his 41st, with one out in the first, and Walker followed with a drive off Cincinnati starter Ramon Ortiz. Walker connected off Ortiz again lead-

Yankees

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on Sunday, the Red Sox got the wild-card berth no matter what they do.

Curt Schilling (7-8) is scheduled to go against Mike Mussina (13-8) on Sunday at Fenway, though Mussina might get a rest instead now that the game doesn't matter for the Yankees.

If the Red Sox have a one-game playoff against Cleveland, Matt Clement (13-6) would pitch on three days' rest.

Johnson (17-8) allowed three runs, five hits and three walks, striking out eight in 7 1-3 innings. He retired 16 of his last 18 batters after David Ortiz doubled to start the third.

Only Tony Graffanino, who has three hits in a game as a homer, seemed to solve the five-time Cy Young Award winner,

Diamondbacks 2, Giants 1, 11 Innings

SAN FRANCISCO — Bruce Clayton lined a tiebreaking double for his fourth hit of the day, and Arizona beat San Francisco for its season-best seventh straight victory.

Tony Clark hit a first-inning sacrifice fly as the Diamondbacks wrapped up second place in the NL West behind the San Diego Padres.

Clayton doubled against Armando Benitez (2-3) to score Shawn Green from first, sending the Giants to their fifth straight loss.

Brandon Medders (4-11) pitched the 10th, and Jose Valverde finished for his 15th save in 17 chances. The Diamondbacks have their best winning streak since getting 12 straight victories from June 18-30, 2003.

Mets 3, Rockies 1

NEW YORK — David Wright hit his 27th home run, helping New York beat Colorado for its 12th win in 15 games.

With 83 wins, the Mets are assured of their best record since going 94-68 and reaching the World Series in 2000.

Pirates 5, Brewers 1

PITTSBURGH — Chip Wells anchored yet another run in 6 2-3 innings to avoid becoming the Pirates' first 19-game loser in 20 years, leading Pittsburgh over Milwaukee.

Wells (8-10), who leads the major leagues in losses, gave up six hits, struck out two and walked four. He had been 0-6 in seven starts since beating Philadelphia on Aug. 19.

Milwaukee (81-88) must win Sunday for its first winning season since 1992.

Yankees

Under baseball rules, the Yankees, (95-66) clinched the division over Boston (94-67) because of Cleveland's loss to Chicago in the AL Central. The loss by the Indians (93-68) eliminated the possibility of a three-way tie — and an unprecedented two-game, three-team tiebreaker — and gave New York the East because the Yankees clinched the season series against Boston, 10-8.

New York began the year 1-19, its worst start since 1966, and dropped nine games off the division lead. The Yankees trailed Boston by 5.5 games on the morning of Aug. 11, but the Yankees went 35-12 the rest of the way.

acquired during the offseason to anchor their \$167 million rotation.

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SPORTS

Penguins are convinced Crosby's time has come

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Up in Canada, where hockey is as much a passion as it is a sport and a first-born hometown player is prized not just for being fun to watch but also for national treasures, they've known full about Sidney Crosby for years.

Cousins like can rent his Crosby and Lemieux's puny hockey statistics from memory. They can recall vividly the first time they saw him out-ski two others to the puck to put a 100-foot pass directly on a teammate's stick. They know his parents' names, his sister's, his street address in Cape Lambert, Nova Scotia, what he likes to eat, his shift by shift performance during the wild and crazy training camps and what he does for fun.

The next Matt Lemieux. No doubt. The next Wayne Gretzky. Crosby will be. His potential is the Great One's next take-over, so the settles for the Next One.

"He's going to be a superstar in this league," Pittsburgh Penguins general manager John Russell said, making up his mind after a single training camp practice alongside Crosby.

And Sidney Crosby just turned 19.

In the United States, where hockey can disappear for 15 months without many people knowing of it except for the few who are into the sport, Crosby has not only played a game yet but already is recognizable among the most indisputable mass of off-ice and on-ice hockey players in the world. He's not just in the young News and Sports Illustrated, but



in GO (with his shirt off) and Vanna Van (with it very much on). He's already being compared to the NHL's future stars by his hometown and football fans who know Crosby — general manager, Cing Patrick compared it to hitting the lottery — the team sold 100,000 tickets in the nine 2004-05 seasons. "This is huge for us," said Lemieux, the Penguins' owner, player who devoted, incidentally or not, to not sell the team as previously planned with days of landing Crosby. Now, they hope, without crowds and the excitement Crosby creates and the star players he attracts. Let Lou Liguori coach, Zepher, fully buy into the momentum and fully back him for a new building.

And Sidney Crosby just turned 19. Crosby more resembles, physically and aesthetically, a plucky kid, not a Prolet. Crosby has not done a physically imposing, but he's got a lot of Lemieux. Some scouts agree Crosby already is the best skater and passer in the league, even if

they do not yet have a regular-season game to judge him by. Because of his speed and exceptional playmaking ability, it took him just one practice to mesh with Lettich and Mark Recchi, the two high-scoring ex-players who will open the season alongside, on the Penguins' No. 1 line.

How's that for impact Crosby already has pushed Lemieux, one of the sport's greatest players, to the No. 2 line.

No wonder Penguins scout Greg Malone, whose son, Ryan, is a Crosby teammate, wrote on his first Crosby scouting report: "He's the real deal." Crosby was 14 at the time.

"I'm not trying to be the next Wayne Gretzky or Matt Lemieux," Crosby said. "I am putting pressure on myself to do my best and perform to my potential — that's all I can do." And Sidney Crosby just turned 19.

Crosby's debut, which comes Wednesday night in New Jersey, is being billed and anticipated for a Pittsburgh rookie since Lemieux himself in 1984. (Not to put the pressure on Sid the Kid, but Lettich, Maguire, scored his first NHL goal with Crosby on his career on Oct. 11, 1984, in Boston.)

As the season grows closer, Pittsburgh has become something of a hotbed for Canadian sporting media, with virtually every news agency and major newspaper covering his first training camp. One national outlet, the Associated Press, is expected to have a reporter full-time to the Penguins' beat to cover every moment, home and away, of Crosby's



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rookie year. "I don't think there ever was a time I stepped back and said I

wasn't I was something different," he said. "I'm doing what I love to do and I want to continue to get bet-

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Shaun Alexander tries

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — Shaun Alexander has straightened out his running back report card in three games into the Seattle Seahawks' season. Now the fourth-period bell is sending him to the classroom of the Washington Redskins' defense, the NFL equivalent of the mean teacher who refuses to grade on a curve.

He should find out when the teams meet Sunday. The Redskins are allowing 2.8 yards per rush, exactly half of what Alexander is used to. His 5.6-yard average leads the league, and his 140-yard effort against Arizona last week was the 24th 100-yard game of his career.

The Redskins, they haven't allowed a team to rush for 100 yards in seven straight games, the longest active streak in the NFL, and a source of pride for assistant coach Gregg Williams.



Seattle Seahawks running yardage in the first quarter of the offensive lineman Bernard Pollard's upper right blocks last Sunday. Receivers Jimmy Stewart

Denver at Jacksonville

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Picks

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24-1 for season) is best left unmentioned.

- Denver (2-1) at Jacksonville (2-1) — Jaguars favored by 4. Let's start with some football philosophy from Denver DE Trevor Pryce: "It all depends on the swing on how do we feel, how do they feel." Thank you, Dr. Phil. What I remember is that you came to Florida three weeks ago and got trashed by Miami. How'd that feel, Trevor? Lags by 12.
- Detroit (1-1) at Tampa Bay (3-0) — Bucs favored by 6.5. Hey, it's a clash of division leaders (snicker). The Lions have a six-game road losing streak. Let's make it seven. Bucs by at least 10.
- Buffalo (1-2) at New Orleans (1-2) — No favorite. Everyone outside of Buffalo wants the Saints to be pumped by playing in San Antonio, but they have lost the ball 12 times already this year. And they have given up 20, 27 and 33 points. Not good, Bills by 12.
- Houston (0-2) at Cincinnati (3-0) — Bengals favored by

9.5. Texans took a made just one game come back. (Don't mind New Texas offensive linemen Joe Pennington and care about was the of the team. The told him that was in Texas. (He got 'em) Bengals by 10.

- Indianapolis (1-2) at Tennessee (1-2) — Titans favored by 7. Another weirdly different "Aren't you all?" possession of the turned them into the monstrosities. Texton England (2-1) at England (2-1) — Titans favored by 6.5. (Rebels telling yourself.) So, the tries have taken out another, losing, but the and plays, but the two-time defender who just beat the everything is the Wrong, baked bread. That sound you hear crack in the foundation. "How The Mighty

The Redskins

Seahawks at Redskins

They're a little hype and have one of the most productive and consistent receivers in the last 10 seasons. They've combined to catch more than 1,000 passes for 21,000 and 320 touchdowns. They also have developed a long bond, one that began in a nearby hotel room more than a decade ago.

The Seahawks didn't sign either of them. Instead, they brought them to Denver, where they signed with the expansion team in Jacksonville. They have been there since. They will reunite when the leagues (2-1) and the Browns (2-1). The game will be televised locally at 8 p.m. on CBS.

Patriots face strong offense

Chargers at Patriots

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — The New England Patriots should see firsthand what the San Diego Chargers already know: Winning is much tougher than Harrison.

"I know that if there ever was an intimidator in the secondary in the NFL, it was Rodney Harrison," Chargers coach Marty Schottenheimer said. "That may be something they miss."

Harrison joined the Patriots before the 2003 season, after nine years with San Diego, which released him in a salary cap move. The hard-hitting safety helped the Patriots win the next two Super Bowls while the Chargers struggled through a 4-12 season before peaching the playoffs last year.

But Harrison sustained a season-ending injury last Sunday, leaving the Patriots with a knee in a 23-20 win at Pittsburgh. The Patriots (2-1) already have lost two key linemen — Ted Johnson to retirement and Tedy Tuschitt to

a season-ending stroke — and have five defensive backs listed as questionable for Sunday's game.

Third-year pro Eugene Wilson, the other starting safety, had some advice for Greg Scott, Harrison's replacement who spent all of his first year on injured reserve.

Easier said than done against an offense with running back LaDainian Tomlinson, quarterback Drew Brees, tight end Antonio Gates and wide receiver Kellen Meade.

The Patriots sustained two other costly injuries at Pittsburgh. Offensive tackle Matt Light hurt his leg and running back Kevin Faulk hurt his foot, both are out this weekend and not expected to return soon.

- Dallas (2-1) at Oakland (0-3) — Raiders favored by 3. I don't know when this game will be on anything, this week's NFL Salute goes to the NFL. Last week against the Raiders they were penalized for too many men on the field. In an Al-Least-Not-Count Upset (2-1) Cowboys by 11.
- Minnesota (1-2) at Atlanta (1-2) — Falcons favored by 6.5. I mentioned earlier this week that two Vikings were arrested late night gas station and where the Minneapolis crowd to eat and top off the tanks. Well, teammate Tom Smith is unhappy about the treatment of his pals: "You're a human, but you got a lot of people running around in your face image, Mr. Smith, you're just 34."
- Philadelphia (2-1) at Kansas City (2-1) — Chiefs favored by 2.5. One on, gang, let's give the new game that's helping the nation — Name it: Kansas McNabb's Injuries. I can't wait to see you written your answer? The winning entry is (1)

bruised chest; (2) lower abdominal strain (but we will accept sports hernia) and (3) shin contusion. If you didn't win, you can play again next week. Healthier Chiefs by 5.

- San Francisco (1-2) at Mexico City Cardinals (0-3) — Cards favored by 2.5 on Sunday night. Did you know Mexico City was founded in 1325, has a population of 8.7 million in the metro area and has an average altitude of 7,200 feet above sea level? Where else do you get this stuff? What? The game? Well, in a Nobody-Really-

Gives A Post-Opset Special (1-1) at Carolina (1-2) — Panthers favored by 7.5. Monday night. After the third loss, Packers (1-1) have had their moral support from the sympathetic media, then said: "Gays say when you play long enough you see everything. This is something you don't want to see." It that's true. But, how high is it going to be? Panthers by 11.

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Ryan is the materials manager at Ivey. She has bowled about seven years and carries a 156 average. Ryan bowls on a men's league and she bowls on a ladies league. She says he is competitive but she just enjoys the friendships. Their son, Cady, 10, bowls in the Giants League and last Saturday bowled his first-ever 400 series. She is also helping coach the Giant League.

Leah Dowk at Rotary and she talked them into coming to bowl. Daughter is expecting and they are anxious to name "it" at a later date. What they have found out about bowling and like the best is the camaraderie and it is quality time for them together. The feeling of being wanted on a team is wonderful. Mom is the owner of Bekins-Ford Transfer and Storage.

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Team Smith takes off-road title

The Times-News
TWIN FALLS — Off-road racing driver Scott Smith completed the 2005 season by taking placing first in the 1600 Class after a 200-mile race Labor Day weekend in West Wendover, Nev., which was held by Bonneville Off-Road Enterprises.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

CSI offers free career workshop

TWIN FALLS — A free Career Planning Workshop is being offered in two parts, from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho.

The workshop is for those who are interested in learning more about the labor market, training programs and wage potential. Participants will identify their interests, investigate different careers and make a plan for success. Registration deadline is Monday.

For more information or to sign up, call 732-6680 or (800) 680-0274, ext. 6680.

Classes will teach Microsoft Access

HURLEY — The College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia Center is offering a Microsoft Access computer class from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Oct. 4 to 12, at the center, 1600 Purke Ave.

The program is gaining popularity in the business community. Students will learn to create and maintain a database and tables, add fields to the tables, manage data with filters and queries, create forms to access data, and create reports for specific data.

Early registration is recommended. The fee is \$40. For more information, call 678-1100.

Seminar will be on retirement planning

HURLEY — A "Successful Retirement Planning Seminar," sponsored by the College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia enrichment program, is set for 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 4 to 18.

Financial instructors Bret Robinson and G. Clay Eplin will present investment information in nontechnical and easy-to-follow language. The two-week course will cover financial goals, managing income and investments, combating future inflation, tax shelters, insurance, retirement planning and money management.

Cost is \$59; each student may bring a guest at no additional charge. Class size is limited, and early registration is recommended.

For more information or to register with a credit card, call 678-1100.

CSI holds classes for nursing assistants

TWIN FALLS — A few spaces are open in the next certified nursing assistant classes set to begin in mid-October at the College of Southern Idaho. The program's basic nursing care services and are readily employable at assisted living and home health centers, hospitals and nursing homes. Hourly wages generally range from \$8 to \$12. There are no educational prerequisites to enroll in the CNA program at CSI. Applicants must be at least 16 years old.

A daytime class will be held from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, Oct. 20 through Dec. 16. The class will be held from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, Oct. 17 through Dec. 16.

Class fees are \$400, plus two certification tests at \$45 each. Some employees may receive reimbursement for the training.

For more information, call CSI's health sciences office at 732-6701.

NAIFA holds October meeting on Tuesday

TWIN FALLS — NAIFA, the Southern Idaho Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (formerly Life Underwriters) will hold its October meeting from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Loong Hing Restaurant, 1719 Kimberly Road. A buffet lunch is available.

Agents and representatives of the industry are invited.

United Heritage's Ed Glennan and John Bellamy will present the program, "Suitability of Selling to Seniors."

— compiled from staff reports

Bankruptcy blues: New laws make it tougher to file and also impose stricter guidelines

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — The stroke of midnight on Oct. 16 will mark the end of the bankruptcy system we know.

On April 20, President Bush signed the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005.

The bill is designed to push more people into Chapter 13 where the debtor is forced into a repayment plan rather than going through the steps to have the debt erased by a Chapter 7 bankruptcy, according to Richard Greenwood, chairman of Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Section of the Idaho State Bar.

"If your household income is above the state median you

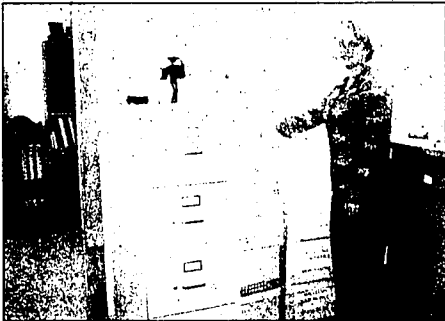
won't qualify for Chapter 7 anymore," he said. "You will be subject to the guidelines of Chapter 13."

He estimated an additional 10 to 15 percent of filers will be forced into Chapter 13.

Language in the law mandates that applicants take credit counseling in a government-approved program as forced education in personal finance to help curb bankruptcy abuses by some filers.

"The language of this law claims that somewhere, somehow debtors are abusing the system. But I can tell you it wasn't happening in Idaho," Twin Falls Attorney Paula Brown Sinclair said. "Those filing are forced into bankruptcy. They are not stupid or dishonest."

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Rachael Hunsaker, bankruptcy paralegal with Williams Law Office in Twin Falls, shows the boxes of bankruptcy cases in progress.

The office is getting about eight new cases each week as filers are trying to beat the Oct. 16 deadline before new bankruptcy laws go into effect.

Preparing for the future

Don't let frustration cloud your decision on extended care

By Bob Moses
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — One in 10 middle-aged and older Americans has long-term care insurance, but that number is likely to grow.

"Boomers who are looking after their parents have started to realize they need to get things squared away for their own care," said financial gerontologist Gary Crooms of Senior Information Services in Lewisville, Texas.

In 2011, the oldest of 77 million boomers will turn 65 and live an average of 18 more years. As those boomers march toward Golden Folds, some will find they can't care for themselves anymore.

"People should ask two questions as they think about retirement," said Joyce Ruddle, vice president of long-term care insurance at MetLife. "First, 'If the day comes when I can't look after myself, how will my family care for me?' And second, 'How will we pay for it?'"

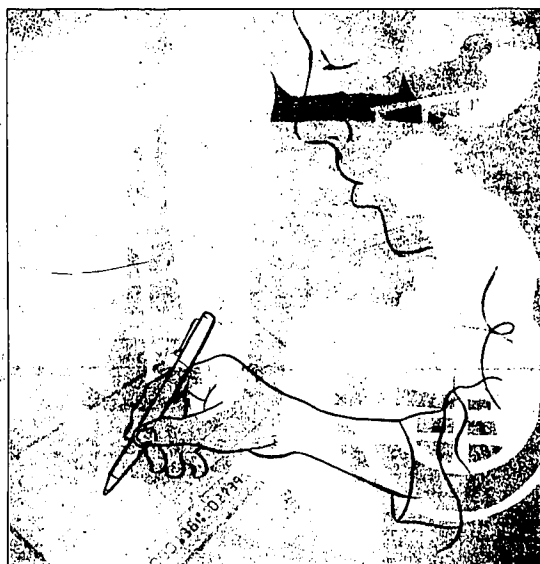
On average, the average cost of a private room in a nursing home is \$192 a day, according to the MetLife Mature Market Institute. The average rate for home health aides is \$18 an hour.

"Nursing care can wipe out a retirement nest egg in months," Ruddle said.

But financial planners say many retirees who consider buying long-term care insurance become confused and frustrated. More than 100 companies offer the coverage, and the policies aren't standardized.

"It's such a hodgepodge that people often get overwhelmed and throw up their hands," said Sharon Luker, a certified financial planner with LTC Planning Consultants in Plano, Texas.

Luker and other financial ex-



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Resources

These organizations and agencies provide handbooks on long-term care insurance, available on either their Web sites or, by request, through the mail:

American Association of Health Plans:
www.aahp.org or 202-778-3200

MetLife Mature Market Institute:
www.metlifematuremarketinstitute.com or 203-221-6580

perts say these are the most common questions asked by prospective buyers:

Who should buy it?
Insurance experts say long-term care coverage is best suited for people whose net worth is more than \$100,000 but less than \$1.5 million, excluding their houses.

Some people considering

long-term care insurance try to calculate their odds of needing help.

Half of women and a third of men over 65 will stay in a nursing home sometime during their golden years, Ruddle said.

On one hand, about half of those stays last less than three months and may be affordable. Yet more than a third are longer than a year and capable of wiping out nest eggs.

There's no way to know for sure whether you'll need long-term care.

"If Alzheimer's disease or another chronic illness runs in your family, you'll be at greater risk," said Ana Smith-Daley, a deputy commissioner for the Texas Department of Insurance.

When should you buy?
Many financial planners recommend 50 as a good age to

decide about long-term care coverage, before your health slips and makes you less insurable.

The younger you are when you buy a policy, the lower your premium will be — although it's also true that the younger you are, the longer you're likely to pay premiums.

Still, some industry officials argue it's never too early to consider long-term care coverage.

"Long-term care isn't for just old people," said Karen Ignagni, chief executive of the American Association of Health Plans. "Four of 10 people receiving long-term care are between 18 and 64."

How much is enough?
"One size doesn't fit all," Luker said. "Work with a trusted insurance agent who can tailor a policy to your particular needs."

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Spouses in dual-income homes often must make extra effort

By Cindy Krischer Goodman
Knight Ridder News Service

MIAMI — After a 10-hour day at the office, Anne-Marie Etkin rushes home to her family. In time to gobble down dinner and catch up on the day's events. As her husband tucks the girls in bed, Etkin's car disappears into her home office and re-emerges around midnight.

Joquin Luaces says he is "superproud" of his wife, who has become one of the top labor lawyers in the country. But he also pines for more alone-time with her. It is a sentiment increasingly echoed by spouses in dual-income homes.

Take the pulse of South Florida's work force and you will find that in the work/life juggle, marriage often gets sacrificed. As work hours lengthen and home life is invaded by technology, many in relationships find

they must try harder to connect as a couple.

Nationally, the odds that any marriage will last still are only 50-50, a figure that hasn't budged in decades. But what has changed is attitudes toward marriage, as more women contribute equally to family income and bring home job related stress.

"Too often, people successful in their careers count on their marriages being low maintenance," says Joel Block, a clinical psychologist specializing in couples therapy. But to achieve success in relationships too, Block says, you need a plan to balance love and work.

"Many people are busy doing big deals all day and night and don't think about the value of their marriage," says Block, author of "Making It Work When You Work a Lot." But when you think about it, what deal is worth 50 percent of their assets

and emotional wreckage?"

Shifting from worker or boss to spouse or lover can prove a painful transition. Block says it starts with the right attitude. You may come home from work overwhelmed and overtired but show basic politeness. If you only have 10 minutes together before going to bed, "say something that will nurture your relationship, not tear it down."

Some couples are breaking new ground, negotiating arrangements and boundaries for time together.

Laura Kaplan, 35, a team leader for Citigroup's Private Banking group, says she and her husband, "Trey," a Miami securities lawyer, struggle to find time for each other. Parents of two toddlers, she admits to a nighttime routine that includes reading documents in bed.

"It's a constant effort to talk and find out what's going on," Laura says.

But the Kaplans figured out another way to connect — lunch dates.

Connecting as a couple, particularly for those who travel or work odd shifts, may mean enjoying love on the run.

"There are all kinds of ways to touch each other," says Julie Carter, author of "He Works She Works — Successful Strategies For Working Couples." "Sometimes it is just the warmth of conversations on the telephone, e-mail or voice message."

Marcy Orth, 47, owner of a small film-production company, works odd hours and grabs quality time with her husband, an attorney, whenever she can get it.

"Sometimes that means riding with him to his office or going to Starbucks together for 10 minutes to get coffee," she says. "But the truth is, a lot of

Choicepoint struggles to recover after identity theft

The Associated Press

In August the police in Corona, Calif., got a surprising phone call. The caller said an auditor needed to examine the department's facilities and take pictures inside.

To the security-conscious police, the photo demand seemed ridiculous, especially given its source: the data broker ChoicePoint. The office is one of the department's information suppliers. A Corona crime analyst refused the request, and asked to speak to a ChoicePoint supervisor.

She never heard back. The episode reveals the delicate balance ChoicePoint is trying to strike as it recovers from a staggering identity theft scandal in which con artists posing as legitimate customers accessed personal information on 145,000 Americans.

As it seeks to rebuild trust and resolve against fraud, the data giant is struggling not to alienate valuable customers in the process.

Indeed, the Alpharetta, Ga.-based company has cut off some customers entirely, including debt collectors and other small businesses that once wanted to obtain all background reports on people from ChoicePoint.

Other customers — including news organizations such as The Associated Press — are claiming the last four digits of Social Security numbers masked in ChoicePoint reports.

Such moves — which have won praise even from privacy activists — are generally criticized. ChoicePoint — are expected to trim company revenue by up to \$20 million a year and earnings by up to 12 cents per share.

That's not a huge hit. ChoicePoint earned \$1.82 per share in 2004 on sales of \$884 million.

Meanwhile, customers who still get access to the most sensitive data, including driver's license numbers, are being subjected to site visits and other audits to ensure they are who they say they are — even if those customers are the cops.

In fact, the company recently discovered that an unauthorized Miami police officer had used someone else's log-in and password to mine ChoicePoint records. The officer was relieved of duty.

Law enforcement accounts for 5 percent of ChoicePoint's revenue — most sales come from companies that are ChoicePoint dossier users, assess job insurance or other consumer.

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A security measure

ChoicePoint Inc. has taken new security steps, which may trim revenue by \$20 million a year, becoming a victim to identity theft last winter.

ChoicePoint net income

\$180 million \$148 million

2001 2002 2003 2004

SOURCE: Hoover's Inc. AP

CAREER MOVES



Scott Standley Colby Meyer



Rhonda Bartholomew Kirby Koop

came a freshman in high school. Mott enrolled at the College of Southern Idaho and received her degree in nursing. Following graduation, she worked at the former Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital as a registered nurse in its medical-surgical wing, where patients became accustomed to her patient-centered care. When the clinic was dissolved, she found her niche in home health at Idaho Home Health and Hospice and also in the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's home health department. She provides one-on-one care in the home environment and assists patients in achieving independence.

than 10 years. She will continue to practice at Twin Falls Orthopedics and has also joined Kimberly Family Medical Center as a primary care provider.



Earl Fitzpatrick

GOODYEAR—The board of directors at Gooding County Memorial Hospital announced the appointment of Earl Fitzpatrick to the position of chief executive officer, replacing G. Randolph Gee who was appointed as interim CEO in April 2005.

Fitzpatrick has an extensive background in health care management and holds a bachelor's degree in accounting and finance. He has most recently held a position in Dallas, Texas, where he managed the construction and opening of a new facility, created strong physician relations and participated at a high level with community involvement and facility promotion.

He and his wife and daughter live in Gooding. He and his wife are originally from Idaho and returned to their home state after spending the last few years in various locations including Texas and Florida. Regarding his return to Idaho, he said, "I was specifically interested in Gooding County Memorial Hospital due to its rural setting and my interest in GCMH peaked after finding the dedication of the medical staff, state-of-the-art equipment and the high quality of staff not normally found in a community hospital."

During his first few months, Fitzpatrick will spend time getting to know the inner workings of the hospital and learning about the community served by GCMH. He is looking to receive community input as he and the board of directors look at long-term goals for the hospital, immediate goals of renovation and continued quality care close to home.

Insurance representatives

TWIN FALLS—Southern Idaho Health Underwriters has elected new officers for the 2005-06 year. New officers are Scott Standley, president; Colby Meyer of Gene Schuller Insurance, vice president; Rhonda Bartholomew of Premier Insurance, treasurer; Kirby Koop of HomeTown Insurance Services Inc., secretary. Southern Idaho Health Underwriters is a local representation of the National Association of Health Underwriters.

Insurance representatives

HERMIE—Elizabeth Acevedo and Veronica Ayala, both employees at State Farm Insurance in Hermie, each received an Extra Mile Award from the Hermie Chamber of Commerce in September.

Acevedo and Ayala were nominated by a customer of State Farm Insurance for what she considered going "above and beyond" the call of duty in providing customer service.

Leann Jones

HERMIE—Leann Jones joined St. Benedict's Long Term Care Unit as its new director of nursing.

After moving out of state and raising two children, Jones returned to the Magic Valley and enrolled in nursing classes. Most recently she was employed at Mountain View Care Center in Kimberly as a director of nurses, where during her five years of service, she was able to accomplish a zero deficiency state survey and receive the L. Jean Schoonover award twice, which is a coveted recognition within the skilled nursing facility community.

Jenny Mott
HERMIE—Jenny Mott joined the Home Health Department at St. Benedict's as one of its providers of home based services.

Mott was born and raised in Twin Falls and raised her family before fulfilling her lifelong dream of becoming a nurse. When her young child be-

Auto dealership workers

TWIN FALLS—Chevrolet Cadillac of Twin Falls announced the new team members and promotions and a retirement at the dealership. New team members include, in the parts department, Jeff Few as parts manager, Eric Welsh as parts adviser and Enrique Iltico as parts number adviser; new sales professionals Venise Koski, Dylan Byrne, Phil Henry, Mike Woods and Pete Molinar in the service department. Nell Mandis as service adviser, Debbie Matlock as service cashier and Morgan Price in the service wash bay and Ed Studdard as a painter in the body shop.

Promotions include Shannon Fasset as service lube, oil and filter adviser; Ron Harding as used car manager; and Cori Black as assistant office manager.

Nancy Doan

TWIN FALLS—Nancy Doan is the new owner of Nail Works, a full-service nail salon located in the Food Court area at the Magic Valley Mall.

Doan brought with her a new manager and nail tech from New York. Nail Works provides acrylic and crystal nails, pink and white gel nails and spa pedicure.

Doan is currently in New York, California and Idaho. Nail Works is her fourth salon in Idaho, including Ketchum Nails and In & Out Salon, both in Ketchum, and Nancy's Salon and Supply in Burley.

Josefina Silva

TWIN FALLS—Josefina Silva recently completed the Certified Dietmontologist Course through the Dietitians of America.

Silva is a sales associate at Alpine Jewelers in Magic Valley Mall. She has worked in the jewelry business for five years.

Anna Hawker

TWIN FALLS—Anna Parrott Hawker recently completed a master's degree in nursing at Idaho State University. She also received her family nurse practitioner certification from the American Association of Nurse Practitioners. This new education adds to the experience Hawker had previously gained by providing care as a registered nurse for more

Grant Starley

TWIN FALLS—Grant Starley of Starley-Leavitt Insurance was recognized for professional leadership, skill and advanced knowledge by the Society of Certified Insurance Consultants, a leading national insurance professional organization.

He was awarded a certificate marking more than 25 years of participation as a designated CIC, which requires annual completion of advanced education and training.

"Grant Starley's ongoing allegiance and support of the CIC program is a testament to the value he places on 'real world' education and customer satisfaction," said Dr. William H. Hold, president of the Society of Certified Insurance Consultants. Starley is a former president of the Professional Insurance Agents of Idaho and co-owner of Starley-Leavitt Insurance Agency.

Bev Hall

TWIN FALLS—Bev Hall, a certified family nurse practitioner at Care Compassion Communication, a consulting and medical center at 224 Martin St.

Hall was elected as Twin Falls and Pocatello. She has worked in nursing all over southern Idaho and is now providing primary health care for all ages at Care Compassion Communication.

Hall's husband, Bret, also is a nurse. They have six children. Care Compassion Communication can be reached at 733-1131.

Dr. Gary Dixon and Eric Thomas and the dental team at Sawtooth Dental donated dental services to whiten the teeth of local citizens. The project raised \$3,000 for children's charities. Half of the amount, \$1,500, was donated to Valley House Homeless Shelter, and the remaining funds went to the Garth Brooks Teammates for Kids Foundation. Nearly 500 children's charities have benefited from these funds in the past six years.

The teeth-whitening services were part of an annual campaign organized by the Crown Council, an association of dentists throughout North America, of which Dixon is a member. Community members were provided with teeth-whitening treatment and the dentist participated the fee for the service to

participating dentists for the satisfaction of contributing to their community and best of all, children who really need help to "smile." Sawtooth Dental can be reached at 733-4515.

Teton Wireless celebrates 10 years

IDAHO FALLS—Teton Wireless, celebrating its 10th anniversary providing wireless cable and Internet services in Idaho and Montana, with more than 15,000 television and 30,000 broadband customers. This milestone marks a passage from the company's early days of providing a low-cost alternative to cable television to its current position as one of the 10 largest providers of broadband Internet services in the United States.

Willis E. "Gene" Isavara, president and chief executive officer, has led the company since 1995, establishing the Teton Wireless brand as a provider of reliable, high-quality wireless services.

From its beginnings in Port Orchard, Wash., in the mid-1980s, Teton Wireless has evolved to continuously provide quality services in a changing landscape. The 2.5 GHz private frequencies that Teton Wireless utilizes were purchased from the Federal Communications Commission during competitive auctions. Under this agreement, Teton Wireless has secured the right to transmit cable television programming. Within the past four years, Teton has added high speed Internet services and reorganized for growth by consolidating operations and adding around-the-clock customer service.

Teton Wireless

Teton Wireless has also forged unique partnerships, such as that with Grove Idaho Falls, a nonprofit organization that provides economic development along eastern Idaho's burgeoning technology corridor. The companies provide "Wi-Fi spots" that allow users to access the Internet via wireless connections.

"It's been quite a ride," Isavara said. "Ten years ago, when 2.5 GHz frequencies for broadband Internet was still just a dream. Five years ago, hardly anyone was doing it. Three years ago, we looked to be as much fun. And we're getting ready to roll out a suite of business focused Internet services to complement our existing residential services. We'll be adding business class connectivity as well as collocation and Web hosting. And the next ten years look to be just as much fun. And we're testing exciting new technologies such as video-over-IP and non-line-of-sight wireless broadband."

Teton Wireless is the leading provider of wireless broadband and video services in the Mountain States and is a division of Teton Information.

More information is available at the company's Web site, www.tetonwireless.com.



Dr. Gary Dixon, center, of Sawtooth Dental, presents a \$1,500 check to Sharon Breshers, executive director of the Valley House Homeless Shelter. The donation was a portion of funds raised by Sawtooth Dental with a teeth-whitening project. Also pictured are four members of the dental team at Sawtooth Dental.

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Smiles for Life foundation

Smiles for Life provides a win-win service. Dixon said, "Patients get a brighter smile, participating dentists for the satisfaction of contributing to their community and best of all, children who really need help to 'smile.' Sawtooth Dental can be reached at 733-4515.



A ribbon cutting with the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce celebrated the opening of L.E. Duke Salon and Elements Day Spa & Wellness Center at its new location, 1411 Falls Ave., Suite 401. Pictured left to right in front are Marcella Gutierrez, L.E. Duke Kodesh, Julie Kodesh, Tonja Valdez, Lisa Scarrow, Valeri Haslam and Julio Borges, and in the back, Heidi Conley, Lori Iniguez and Amanda Stirling. Not pictured is Laura Dean.

GRAND OPENING



Aardvark Legal celebrated the grand opening of its new facility in Jerome with a ribbon cutting hosted by the Jerome Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors Club. Pictured are members of the Ambassadors Club and Aardvark Legal staff.

RIBBON CUTTING



Rosebud's Florist recently opened a store just west of The Home Depot in Twin Falls and celebrated the grand opening with a ribbon cutting hosted by the Jerome Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors Club. Rosebud's has a store in Jerome. Pictured cutting the ribbon is Rosebud's owner Lona Blom, with help from her granddaughter.

Stafftopla partners with Global Health Care

JAMILEY—Stafftopla Inc., a nationally recognized executive placement company, announced a multi-year strategic partnership with Global Health Care Recruiters Inc., a multi-national provider based in Chennai, India, and Sanibel, Fla. Under this agreement, Stafftopla Inc. will become the sales arm for GHCI's Foreign Nurse and Therapist Migration Solutions in the United States. GHCI, in turn, will provide the ongoing global resources of health care professionals qualified to work in the United States. At a time when health care organizations are averaging a 10 percent vacancy rate in nursing positions and in states like Maryland and Ohio where the vacancy rate is 14 percent, forcing hospital units to close and non-essential surgeries to be cancelled, the partnership creates a much-needed resource for health care organizations faced with significant personnel short-

falls in the short and long terms. Founded in February 1996, Stafftopla has been placing executives across corporate America for nearly 10 years. Its Health Care Division, started in early 2002, has experienced vast success in the placement of physicians nationwide. Stafftopla is headquartered in Huntley and also maintains offices in Ketchum and in Atlanta, Ga. Founded in July 2000, GHCI operates foreign nursing schools and training centers with excellent track records and reputations. GHCI's knowledge of the industry has enabled the development of a proven model for its curriculum and training centers which attracts and selects the best health care professionals as candidates. The result has been the establishment of a network of centers throughout India as well as other select countries in Asia and the United Kingdom. The U.S. office of GHCI, located in Sanibel, Fla., coordinates the marketing and migration of its personnel.

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Mortgage lenders analyzed for bias

Regulators will examine whether higher rates are being charged to certain groups

By Kirilin Downey
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — About 200 lending institutions are being placed under review by federal regulators to examine whether they are making mortgage loans fairly or are discriminating against minorities by charging them higher rates.

The review, which involves a phalanx of government agencies regulating different portions of the mortgage industry, has been spurred by the release last month of new banking data by the Federal Reserve. Which for the first time compiled statistics on high-cost loans. The Fed analysis found that about a third of blacks got high-priced loans when they bought a house in 2004, compared with only about 9 percent of non-Hispanic whites. About 20 percent of Hispanics got the more costly loans.

Reverse loans, also called subprime loans, are generally written for those with flawed credit and mean higher payments for borrowers than lower-cost "prime" loans. Bank industry officials have said they do not discriminate and that borrowers, no matter their race or ethnicity, are charged higher interest rates if they have bad credit.

In their report on the statistics last month, Federal Reserve officials agreed that much of the difference in loan rates was based on credit scores and other financial factors, but noted that "about 2 percent of the 8,853 lenders" whose names they reviewed "exhibited a statistically significant difference in the incidence of higher-priced loans between black and Hispanic borrowers... and non-Hispanic white borrowers."

They said they would begin contacting lenders in that group to learn more about their practices. But in the report, Fed officials also urged caution in interpreting the data, saying it would be "unfortunate if unwarranted accusations of illegal bias, stemming from improperly analyzed pricing differences, discouraged lenders from participating in this segment of the market."

The Fed has sent lists of lenders to review to the various agencies that regulate the different types of institutions. The regulators would not identify which institutions are on those lists.

Washington lawyer Andrew L. Sandler, who has many lending-industry clients, said he was aware of "several lenders" who had been contacted by regulators, but the names were not disclosed. He said the letters informed the lenders of the Fed's analysis and asked them to ex-

plain their lending policies and standards in more detail.

Many of the government agencies involved in the review declined to comment at length on the matter, saying they had just begun reviewing the statistics themselves. Several officials said the companies with the most notable discrepancies appeared to be state-chartered firms, and also subprime lenders, which are more loosely regulated.

The Fed provided the Department of Housing and Urban Development, which enforces the Fair Housing Act and oversees the subprime lending market, with a list of 179 institutions to review, said Bryan Greene, director of the office of policy at HUD's Fair Housing Office.

The list "identified lenders that had higher cost loans on average for minorities than for whites," said Greene, who said the information does not indicate discrimination had occurred but that it would be a "very, very useful indicator to us as we consider whether to launch an investigation, it would be conducted by the new systemic investigations unit at HUD, which is coordinating efforts to pursue cases that seem to refer widespread bias rather than only individual cases brought to the attention of federal officials by the news media."

Frederic G. Greenek, spokesman for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., which regulates

banks, said his agency is taking its cues from the Fed. "On our end, we're still analyzing the data to see if we need to take any action by institution."

Kevin L. Petrasic, managing director of external affairs at the Office of Thrift Supervision, which regulates savings and loan institutions, said his agency also had received a list from the Fed. "It's not that great of a number," he said. "It's significantly under 50" lenders, he said.

The Federal Trade Commission, which enforces the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, is finalizing its own review of lending practices, statistics, known as HMDA or Home Mortgage Disclosure Act data. "We are taking a close look at the HMDA data," said Peggy Healy, assistant director of the FTC's division of financial practices. "This is a very important issue, and in the past we have used HMDA data to target fair lending enforcement actions."

The National Credit Union Administration, which oversees credit unions, was asked to review new institutions, said Nick Healy, a spokesman for that agency.

He said that regional staff members would make inquiries at the firms' headquarters, but that preliminary discussions indicated the companies had "made few loans in lightly populated areas, so that any differences showed up on a statistical basis."

Officials at the Justice Department's civil rights division declined to comment.



Michael Eisner, outgoing chief executive officer of the Walt Disney Co., right, and incoming CEO Robert Iger speak to guests at a luncheon meeting of the Hollywood Radio and Television Society on Tuesday in Beverly Hills, Calif. While Friday marked the end of the 21-year tenure of Eisner as chief executive of Disney, his successor, Iger, is wasting no time planning for the future.

Michael Eisner says farewell to Disney

Los Angeles Times

BURBANK, Calif. — Walt Disney Co. chief executive Michael Eisner spent his last day at the Burbank entertainment giant Friday. As promised, he sent a farewell e-mail to the company's 129,000 employees. Here are the highlights of the eight-paragraph letter:

"I'm sitting in my office thinking about how much I have enjoyed working with the people who make up this company. I am about to pack up 21 years of pictures, books and letters and other Disney memorabilia from around the world that hopefully my great grandchildren will not sell on eBay... I've earned so much over all the years from my partnership with you, from how to build theme parks to how the evening news is put together, from building an animated movie to building a legitimate theater on 42nd Street, from the revitalization of the 100 Acre Wood to the build-out of the thousands of acres of steamships and beet farms and landfill of Florida, Paris and Hong Kong, and even learning what 'World Series' ring looks like.

"I even finally learned the precise relationship of Huey, Dewey and Louie to Donald Duck. But I never really learned how to master reading a TV teleprompter. There is still time. In 1984, there was plenty of room in my brain to acquire this much-needed knowledge. At my first speech on the first day on the Burbank lot at the old headquarters, I met my first cast member, Angela Philo, and asked what department she was in. Her response, "BWD." "Wow," I responded, "I didn't know Disney owned an underwear company."

"This company, which I so love, is poised for a tremendous future, with superb management at all levels, entrusted to the brilliant and steady chief executive officer, Bob Iger. I want to thank everybody for letting me share a piece of your lives for two decades."

"While I leave Disney with less hair than I had when I arrived, I do know creative inequity doesn't mean ages or feet or opinions. As I did on Oct. 1, 1984."

"By the way, I have since learned that BWD stands for Buena Vista Distribution. Good luck, and go see 'Chicken Little'."

Workshop will help crafters, hobbyists with marketing skills

TWIN FALLS — A one-day workshop, "Keys to Business Success for the Crafter/Hobbyist," will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday in Room C76 at the Evergreen building at the College of Southern Idaho.

The course is sponsored by the Small Business Development Center. Crafters and hobbyists who want to learn how to market and sell their goods are encouraged to sign up.

The session will teach participants the small-business management skills they need, bookkeeping and record keeping practices, marketing, wholesaling, pricing, show scheduling, copyright and related laws, and online sales techniques.

The fee is \$40 per person; a spouse or business partner can sign up for just \$10. Lunch is provided.

For more information, contact Sherry Rust, Idaho Small Business Development Center coordinator, at 732-6455 or at srust@csid.edu.

Workshop aims to help first-time homebuyers

HAILLEY — The Finally Home first-time homebuyer education program will come to the Wood River Valley for an all-day workshop from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 15 at the College of Southern Idaho Haley campus, located in the old Wood River School building.

Presenters for the Haitley course include Susan Gady, a lender from Wells Fargo Bank; Suzanne Walsh, a Realtor with Cornerstone Realty; Michael David and Drew Sandford from the Idaho Ketchum Development Authority; home inspector Tim Gray; appraiser Shane Black from Mayer & Appraisal; and Cassie Jones from Sun Valley Title.

"Thanks to federal funding for the program, the cost is only \$10 per student. For more information, call 788-2093."

Companies backedpedal from ad showing assault on mosque

FORT WORTH, Texas — Bell Helicopter and Boeing have pulled an advertisement for their V-22 Osprey aircraft infuriated a major Islamic group.

The ad in the Sept. 24 issue of *World's Journal*, a political affairs publication, depicts U.S. special operations troops rappelling out of a Bell/Boeing-built CV-22 Osprey in an assault on a mosque. The ad descends from the heavens, ironically it unleashes hell,

Car buyers may receive fewer incentives

Knight Ridder News Service

SAN FRANCISCO — If you buy lots of cash back when you buy a new car, now's a good time to head to the car lot.

After hitting what might be a peak in auto incentives — with car buyers in recent months enjoying thousands of cash-back dollars on top of money-earning programs — carmakers intend to ease consumers into a new (yet somehow familiar) market of cash-back pricing.

General Motors calls it "Total Value Promise," industry experts call it "value pricing," and, translated, it's something like "what you see is what you get."

While it's unlikely carmakers will ever completely dispense with cash rebates and the other perks consumers have enjoyed for years, manufacturers are beginning to ease away from incentives.

"The domestic (carmakers) in particular are working hard to get consumers away from incentives as much as possible," said Mike Chung, industry analyst at Edmunds.com, the consumer car information site.

Chung says he's seeing more incentives, without any cash on these vehicles, these vehicles will not move," he said. "Eventually all manufacturers will have a manageable level of incentives. Right now, they're a little bit out of control."

In August, the big three domestic carmakers — GM, Ford and Chrysler — had an average of \$480 in incentives per car in the United

States, compared with about \$1,200 for Honda, Toyota and other Japanese carmakers.

GM's employee-price program was set to end Friday, and Ford's and Chrysler's programs ended Monday.

Still, while the marketing might end on those days, Chung thought it likely consumers will be able to get employee pricing on 2005 models through the end of the year, depending on the deal.

Auto manufacturers' goals to move toward value pricing, where the price consumers see plastered on the car will be much closer to the price they end up paying.

As carmakers unveil new designs and models, they'll offer new standard packages, making it easier for the new car impossible to compare to the earlier incentive-laden model, Chung said.

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More than 30 million people are expected to get drug coverage, which is provided by private insurers on behalf of Medicare.

Those insurers want to sign up as many beneficiaries as possible when open enrollment begins on Nov. 15. The coverage begins in 2006.

Plans that recruit the most new enrollees are more likely to get a mix of healthy and sick patients, which is crucial in balancing the cost of coverage, said Brad Ellis, an insurance ratings group director at Fitch Ratings of Chicago. Healthy enrollees who use fewer drugs

offset the cost of sicker patients who use more.

"You want to get as many people into the program as you can to help spread the risk," Ellis said. "This is a huge opportunity to get up to scale right away and those companies that are aggressive in convincing people to their drug plan will be much better off."

Hilary Dalin, Medicare director at the Health Assistance Program, said that it's not surprising that drug marketers are so aggressive in advertising and marketing.

They can solicit door-to-door, so seniors are advised not to open the door for people claiming to represent a Medicare prescription drug plan.

Some plans can make cold calls to home and cell phones of Medicare beneficiaries — unless those numbers are on the national Do-Not-Call registry.

During cold calls, marketers can't ask for personal or financial information, nor can they enroll a person in a plan. Dalin said in a recent conference call that Medicare counselors from across the country. Enrollment "can only be done through an inbound call" at a beneficiary. Dalin added that he would like to see the fraudulent marketing that occurred with the Medicare prescription

drug cards last year. Medicare will drug plan representatives to make sure they understand the rules. Law enforcement and local consumer protection agencies will also be watching for reports of fraudulent activity, said Medicare Administrator Pat O'Connell.

The agency has hired private firms to help it police the activity and will fine and penalize violators. McClellan said the program also would allow to identify bad players among them.

"If they're following the rules, they don't want to see other contracts get away from them or bending or breaking them," McClellan said Friday. "We're gonna be on top of this."

In ads, a company can say it's contracting with the federal government to offer coverage, but it can't say that "Medicare endorses" or "wants you to join" its plan. And it can't use doctors or other health care workers to urge people to enroll in a certain plan.

Companies can use Medicare beneficiaries for testimonials, but they can't use

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Marriage

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 our intimate conversations take place on the phone."
 Experts say you should speak up about your needs — whether it's more help with housework or quality time. Better than criticizing his or her work habits, negotiate for change, Block suggests.
 Luaces and Estevez, both 37, high-school sweethearts and parents of three young daughters, have agreed that one night a week after the girls fall asleep, they will sit by the pool, sip wine and chat cheese.
 Being relieved of pressure from the house to detach from work at night has helped her marriage, Estevez says. "As our careers have grown, we have hit humps in the road," Luaces says. "But I realize you don't get to where my wife is or without support from your husband."

Block says you should make your spouse a priority, include them in your work or outside activities whenever possible.
 Buster Castiglia, 62, president and chief executive of Central National Bank of Miami and his wife, Esther Castiglia, 59, a consultant at Lewis B. Freeman & Partners, have been married 34 years.
 The two spend time together volunteering for social organizations, attending each other's business dinners, even traveling to blues bars to hear their sons' music.
 "We try to do things together any time there's an opportunity," Buster says. "But we read each other's signals and respect when someone has a bad day and wants some time alone."
 Intimate relationships, Block insists, are not incompatible with a dynamic career. "Stress is inevitable," he says. "Struggling is optional."

Bankruptcy

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 In fact, according to the National Consumer Law Center, half of those who file bankruptcy are trying to find relief from mounting medical bills.
 "In 10 percent of cases, Greenwood said, a bankruptcy is filed because of out-of-control credit card spending.
 "We hardly ever see a credit card default," he said.
 "They are more likely to be in the situation due to medical bills and a bad set of circumstances."
 Said Sinclair: "Even with those with credit card debt aren't out buying luxury goods. When you look at what they bought you will find it was prescription drugs, car repairs and necessities."
 Greenwood said the additional burdens placed on legal staff by the new laws in order to meet documentation requirements will likely mean an

increase in the cost to file for bankruptcy.
 "An unintended consequence of this law is that debtors may liquidate property to pay for legal fees," Greenwood said.
 "Money that may have gone to creditors in repaying debt may end up being used to file bankruptcy."
 With the changes to the system fast coming files are rushing to beat the deadline.
 "We are filing over 100 percent more bankruptcies than at this time last year," said Rachael Hunsaker, the bankruptcy paralegal at Williams Law Office in Twin Falls. "Everyone is trying to get it done now."
Blair Koch lives in Buhl. She can be reached by e-mail at blair_20@hotmail.com or 316-2807.

New rules

- Key changes in the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005 include:**
- **Mandatory Credit and Financial Management Counseling:** Before filing for bankruptcy applicants will need to take a credit counseling program approved by the government.
 - **Means Testing:** Those applying for Chapter 7 must have income less than the median household income in the state. In Idaho, a four-person family's yearly median income is estimated at \$55,914, according to www.census.gov. If your current monthly income is higher than that and you can afford to pay \$100 per month in repaying debt you would be forced to file under Chapter 13. You would then enter into a five-year repayment plan with the monthly payment amount based on a strict expenses-income formula.
 - **Eliminating Automatic Stay protections:** In the current system, filers are protected from being evicted, having their driver's license suspended, divorce proceeding and more. These and more protections will no longer be in effect under the new law.
 - **New Creditor Priority:** Those owed child support and alimony will take priority over other creditors.
 - **Documentation changes:** Those filing will have to prove income and disclose tax returns; pay stubs and more. Filers must have paid taxes for the previous year or do so before procedures can continue.

Choicepoint

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 applications — but it is a high-profile segment, often touted by the company as proof that society benefits from its amassing of so much data on individuals.
 The FBI alone queried Choicepoint files 1.2 million times last year.
 Private investigators also are being subjected to new scrutiny.
 Choicepoint stumbled early in the crackdown when representatives called many private eyes and asked them to fax over personal and professional information about themselves, according to Brian McGuinness, a Miami investigator who heads the National Council of Investigation and Security Services.
 "That was kind of all-consuming," he said. "You're asking the investigators who are very aware of wants to send this sensitive information to some number," without first sending a letter or other confirmation the call was legitimate.
 Some filed private eyes called for a Choicepoint boycott. But Choicepoint responded by clarifying the process, McGuinness said. He now fully supports the company's efforts.
 Still, other investigators see the aggressive audits as an overreaction or a public-relations ploy.
 Cynthia Hetherington, a private investigator in New Jersey, had to send Choicepoint a copy of her investigator's license twice. The company agent also wanted bank account information "and stuff that has nothing to do with my credentials or the nature of my business."
 "It's absolutely intrusive," she said.
 Hetherington remains a Choicepoint customer because she finds its vehicle records useful. But she and many other investigators are quick to reel off a long list of real data providers with fewer hassles.

But the photo request was no mere rumor.
 Dilattiste acknowledged to the AP that Choicepoint's checks for site inspectors did include internet photos.
 But she said she ordered that it not apply to customers in government and law enforcement because such photos could endanger the officers' security.
 Apparently, she said, the Corona police got their call before the policy had been rescinded. She said she did not believe any police agencies actually had the inside of their offices photographed, though she added: "I can't guarantee that 100 percent."
 Choicepoint had inspected some customers who got personal data in the past, but stepped up the system after February's identity-theft disclosures. One of many high-profile data breaches to surface this year. That found — which resulted in at least 750 identity-theft cases — sent Choicepoint's stock tumbling 24 percent in the ensuing weeks.
 About two-thirds of that lost value has been regained.
 Thousands of Choicepoint customers may get inspections when they open a new account or re-sign a contract for sensitive data, Dilattiste said.
 Making the visits, even to private, is necessary because "an identity thief could make believe he's the local sheriff in a town of 2,000 people," she said.
 The inspector does not access customers' computer databases, she said. The auditor spends less than an hour confirming that the customer is legitimate and appears to have reasonable security practices.
 Dilattiste would give specifics. But one thing the Corona police were told was that the inspector would need to ensure that workstations where Choicepoint databases were accessed were not left unmonitored.
 Dilattiste said some customers have failed the new credentialing requirements and have been cut off.
 The company maintains that few, if any, clients have defected rather than submit to inspections.

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Indeed, when Choicepoint stopped selling detailed background reports to debt collectors, there were plenty of other options, said Ramona Featherby, who runs a San Diego collection firm and is president of the California Association of Judgment Professionals.
 She cited such names as Merlin Information Service, LexisNexis® Accurint, LocatePlus and Westlaw.
 "They have taken a sledgehammer to the ant ... (by) cutting off databases from one industry entirely, no matter how long they've been in business, no matter how pristine their record," Featherby said of Choicepoint.
 After Choicepoint called for the pictures of the Corona police department, discussion ensued in an online forum frequented by law enforcement personnel.
 Carol Dilattiste, Choicepoint's new privacy and compliance officer, responded to the group in a message that dismissed the story.
 "While the requirement for site visits is true, contrary to rumors, Choicepoint is not performing site visits that require photographs or access to sensitive facilities," she wrote.

For one, Choicepoint now lets customers apply for a waiver, which Dilattiste must approve, if they have a long-standing relationship with Choicepoint or if they already have been contacted recently by someone from the company.
 Also, while internal photos aren't being demanded of government and law-enforcement customers anymore, the rule still applies for private-sector customers.
 But Dilattiste says Choicepoint is revisiting that, too.
 As senior counsel with the Electronic Privacy Information Center, Chris Hoofnagle has been a frequent Choicepoint critic. He says the company deserves credit for its inspections and that he wants them to go even further.
 "I think Choicepoint should randomly audit users of the database," he said, "and make them show us why they pulled a file of an individual."

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BOOM OR BUST?

Real estate frenzy in the wake of Katrina threatens to bust blue collar neighborhoods

The Associated Press

BILOXI, Miss. — Rubble piles bear "For Sale" signs. Homes without roofs are being sold as is. Placards announcing "We Buy Houses, Cash!" are posted on corners throughout middle-class neighborhoods.

The Mississippi coast, wracked by Hurricane Katrina, is caught up in a real estate rash, as speculators and those looking to replace their own wrecked homes pinpoint broken and battered waterfront neighborhoods. In the weeks since the hurricane, piles of many homes — even damaged properties — have jumped 10 to 20 percent.

But what Katrina spared, the real estate rush now imperils. The arrival of speculators threatens what's left of bungalow neighborhoods that are among the Gulf's oldest communities, close-knit places of modest means, where cash workers, fishermen and their families could still afford to live near the water.

Many underinsured and with few alternatives, see no choice but to sell.

"It's the oldest part of Biloxi, full of old families. This was a place they could still afford to come to an area," said Bill Stallworth, a city council member in Berwyn who represents much of the area. "Now that's being taken away."

It doesn't take much for a property investor in these neighborhoods to attract prospective buyers. A call to a real estate agent fetches bidders the same day. A for-sale sign in the yard is almost enough. In some neighborhoods, owners can wait for unsolicited offers from people who show up at their doorstep.

Kin Weatherly, a 50-year-old insurance broker who lives in Biloxi's Point Cadet community, is watching it all with a heavy heart. The neighborhood is potentially the city's most valuable piece of property, sitting on a peninsula that juts into the Gulf of Mexico that's a center for casino gambling.

Many of the tiny bungalows in the casino shadows have died for generations. The neighborhood was snug, with the houses close to each other and to the streets. Many had views of the coastal skies from their front steps and water-front porches with short walkways.

"People with young kids, they're going to get out of town and let their kids grow up somewhere," said Weatherly, who has seen his own food bank between shifts cleaning up casino wreckage. "Old folks, they're going to retire, forget



A sign is posted on a home Tuesday in Biloxi, Miss., Mississippi in the midst of a post-Katrina housing boom, with real estate agents recording 10 and 20 percent increases in sale prices since the storm. Slicking, homes and lots in blue-collar neighborhoods are drawing the attention of wealthy residents looking for replacement homes and investors looking for payoffs.

about rebuilding. That's it. I'm retiring. Give me my money."

Those without flood insurance may have even fewer options and buyer Dan Triplett expects many will sell quickly. Triplett, owner of Gulf Coast Home Buyers, buys and sells property and has been particularly busy since the storm.

"He'll buy storm damaged property or nearly vacant lots for next to nothing. While real estate brokers find two-dollar buyers, Triplett makes cash deals or pays off mortgages in exchange for land.

"I deal with the other part of the spectrum of the market: people who don't necessarily care to get full price but they need to sell quickly," said Triplett, who said most of his post-Katrina business has come from retirees and those who lost their jobs.

In the coming months, as severance pay runs out for casino workers, Triplett expects a "mass exodus" of people looking to sell quickly and cheaply.

Stallworth, the city council member, hopes that people won't sell and that they will rebuild similar homes on their small lots. If they sell to developers, the properties will fall under more recent zoning that requires consolidation of lots, leading to the construction of larger houses and businesses.

But there's money to be made. An upscale Biloxi house listed before the storm for \$245,000 has been relisted at

\$268,000, real estate agent Judy Atherton said. Another residential seller who expected to sell at a profit with a list price of \$109,000 recently relisted to \$119,000, and Atherton expects the house will sell.

People don't talk much about it yet. There are insurance payments to be discussed, federal aid to be applied for, mortgages to be haggled over. But the priest at the local Vietnamese church said a few families have already confided that they're preparing to leave.

For many around the region, it likely will be a matter of price. Those homeowners who had flood insurance said they want to stay may find that their insurance money won't rebuild the same home.

Because of the boom, the cost of building a new home has increased from \$80 a square foot a month ago to about \$99, said real estate agent Nancy Stone, Bourgoin.

Biloxi officials are already talking about rezoning the city. Mayor A.J. Holloway said the city needs to decide what they want neighborhoods like Point Cadet to become because they almost certainly will not be identically rebuilt.

Casino employee Gene Gancheau, whose home on the east side of Biloxi was hurled from its foundation and pulverized into little more than scrap lumber and metal, is banking on that. Gancheau, 53, collected what he could, found a "For

Sale" sign he once used to sell his car, posted it in the front yard and began taking phone calls.

Gancheau hasn't sold yet. He thinks Mississippi will allow casinos to rebuild inland and he expects the blue-collar neighborhood to become one of luxury condominiums and casino property.

"Someone's going to buy us up, that and everyone else in the neighborhood," he said. "There's precedent for such a transformation. A year after Hurricane Charley ravaged much of Charlotte County, Fla., real estate agents say housing prices jumped as much as 30 percent as investors and new buyers gobbled up beachfront property."

Bourgoin, an agent in Biloxi, has been besieged by callers looking to buy. Some missed the Biloxi boom and have instructed her to make an offer on anything that opens up on the beach. Her phone rings incessantly with potential buyers, mostly investors and people who can afford to buy second homes while repairing their first.

In the meantime, Weatherly expects most of his neighbors to depart.

"This is a very tight-knit, everybody-knows-everybody community," Weatherly said. "I hate to see them go, but they have to do what it takes."

Official stirs uproar with comments on hurricane clean-up

Housing secretary says some predominantly black housing areas shouldn't be rebuilt

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — President Bush's housing secretary has ruffled a tempest by saying that a revived New Orleans may no longer be a majority-black city and that some of the low-lying and predominantly black neighborhoods "probably should not be rebuilt."

Housing and Urban Development Secretary Alphonso Jackson said he expected New Orleans, a city of about 475,000 that was two-thirds black before Hurricane Katrina struck in late August, to emerge only 35 percent to 40 percent black and with possibly 350,000 residents.

"Whether we like it or not, New Orleans is not going to be the 500,000 people for a long time," Jackson told the Houston Chronicle, which published his remarks Oct. 1. "New Orleans is not going to be as black as it was for a long time, if ever again."

Jackson's remarks drew howls from some black leaders, who said they would seek ways to alienate Katrina's black victims. Some housing experts said they reflected the absence of an administration policy to deal with providing affordable housing for tens of thousands of displaced families.

Jackson, who is black, in turn took to task the black activists who have been critical of the administration. "I wish that the so-called black leadership would stop running around this country like Jesus and the rest of them making this a racial issue," he said.

Jesse Jackson, speaking by telephone from Detroit, where he was meeting with families that had lost their homes in New Orleans, said the housing secretary's comments would make the evacuees feel they would get a hostile reception when they returned to New Orleans, which they want to do.

"The displaced persons have a right to return home," Jackson said. He accused the housing secretary of promoting the gentrification of one of America's historic cities.

He also found a political overton in the housing secretary's prediction of a permanent decline in New Orleans' black community. Weatherly has elected one of their own, Rep. William J. Jefferson, D-La., to Congress.

and Jackson said black votes accounted for the margins of victory for Democratic Sen. Mary Landrieu and Gov. Kathleen Blanco.

Alphonso Jackson said in his interview with the Chronicle that he told New Orleans Mayor C. Ray Nagin that "I think it would be a mistake to rebuild the 9th Ward," the largely black area that lies mostly below sea level and was inundated after the storm. Any new buildings, Jackson said, should perhaps be on stilts, with parking places at ground level.

He conceded that Nagin did not respond warmly. "He wants to rebuild a like-for-like," Jackson said, "and I don't think I can give the president that kind of advice."

Bush has said that one way to bring low-income residents back to New Orleans is through "urban homesteading." Evacuees could get federal land for free in return for a pledge to build homes on it.

"We want evacuees to come home, for the best reasons — because they have a real chance at a better life in a place they love," Bush said in a speech from New Orleans on Sept. 15. "Urban homesteading." Evacuees could get federal land for free in return for a pledge to build homes on it.

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In the same time, Katz said, "The worst thing we can do is re-create New Orleans exactly as it was. It was a failure across the board," he said — particularly in its concentration of federally subsidized housing near downtown.

He offered his own suggestion: that the displaced people of New Orleans be involved in the planning and be guaranteed the right to return if they choose.

Michael Franke, vice president for government relations of the conservative Heritage Foundation, agreed with Katz on the need to avoid replicating the old New Orleans. But he called the administration's homesteading idea "an enormous step in the right direction."

He said it was wrong for Alphonso Jackson or anyone else to make the reconstruction of New Orleans a racial issue. "It ought to be about people, not race," he said.

Fuel prices force some flight cancellations

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — American Airlines said Friday it will stop flying from Chicago to Nagasaki, Japan, next month, cutting the service less than seven months after it was launched.

The service is being discontinued because of soaring fuel prices, said spokeswoman Mary Frances Fagan.

At a time when record fuel prices continue to plague the

industry, it was a route American could no longer afford to offer, she said.

Instead, American will concede the Nagoya market to rival United Airlines, which also flies there from O'Hare International Airport.

American also announced it was scaling back domestic service from O'Hare and Dallas-Fort Worth International. Fuel prices, which have doubled in the past year, are to blame, Fagan said.

Brokerage is fined \$175,000 for misleading ads

Newspay

David Lerner Associates Inc., two of its top executives, and an affiliate of the brokerage will pay a total of \$175,000 in fines to settle charges by regulators last September that the company made misleading statements in its radio advertisements and other sales pitches.

In a settlement announced Friday by the NASD, a broker self-regulatory organization, the

Long Beach-based brokerage also agreed not to conduct any business with the public for 30 days, and to submit sales materials for six months to the NASD before use.

In a statement, Barry Goldstein, the NASD's head of enforcement, said that "to protect investors and to help them make the best and most appropriate investment decisions, NASD rules require companies to use accurate, fair and balanced communications" when marketing their products. Lerner

marketing their products. Lerner said, "violated those rules by making statements that investors would naturally be expected to rely upon, that were widely disseminated through the media and which were exaggerated, misleading and unsupported by the facts."

In settling the charges, Lerner Associates neither admitted nor denied wrongdoing. The com-

pany said in a statement on Friday that it reached the settlement because it "deemed such a resolution to be in the best interests of all parties," but would not comment further.

The fine, totaling \$175,000, will be paid by David Lerner, the brokerage's president and founder. Another \$25,000 will be paid by John Dempsey, the company's head of sales, who is suspended from serving for 30 days. S&H Securities Inc. will pay \$10,000.

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Here are some points to keep in mind:

• Comprehensive coverage? Financial planners recommend that a policy covers not only nursing home care but also assisted living, home health care and adult day care.

• Daily benefits? It should be enough to make up the difference between your income and the cost of your care, Crooms said.

• A good rule of thumb is \$100 per day, Crooms said.

• Don't forget to look at the cost of care in the city where you plan to retire, if it's not where you're living today. Financial planners at Coast vary widely across the country.

• Benefit period? Some policies will pay for your long-term care for the rest of your life, though few offer a premium.

• Since the average stay in a nursing home is 2.5 years, most financial planners suggest coverage that pays benefits for at least three years.

• But you may want a longer benefit period if your main concern is protecting against Alzheimer's disease.

• Waiting period? That's the number of days you must receive care before you can draw benefits.

• The longer you wait, the lower your premium will be — although the higher your out-of-pocket expenses will be. Laker recommends 30 days.

• What other features? Financial planners agree that inflation protection is essential, especially if you're younger than 70.

• If you won't need long-term care for a decade or more, you'll want to take inflation into account when planning what your daily benefit should be," Rudnick said.

Financial planners say a policy should allow for at least 5 percent inflation, compounded annually.

• A \$100 daily benefit that increases 5 percent a year will provide \$208 in 15 years.

• Also, buy a policy that's "pre-qualified," Smith-Daley said. Your benefits won't be taxed, and you'll be able to take a tax deduction for part of your premium, assuming your medical expenses are large enough.

What's the cost? Long-term care insurance is a long-term care insurance that you don't pay for until you're already in need, but has been beset with steep premium increases as some insurers realized they hadn't charged enough for their care policies.

• But the industry's pricing has stabilized over the last couple of years," Smith-Daley said.

• Your premium will depend on your age and your health.

• The Texas Department of Insurance's sample rate guide shows that a 50-year-old would pay \$512 a year for a policy that provides \$100 a day for up to five years in a nursing home and \$50 a day for home health care, after a 30- to 60-day waiting period. A 65-year-old would pay \$1,244 for the same coverage.

• If your premium increases over the life of your policy, it may be for a whole class of policyholders — a company can't single you out for an increase because your health has slipped.

• Be sure you can afford your premium and still have a cushion for unexpected expenses,

Crooms said.

• "The last thing you want is to discover in several years that you can't pay for your coverage and must live behind it."

How do you buy it? More than 5,000 employers offer long-term care insurance, according to the American Association of Health Plans. The group coverage probably will have a lower premium than an individual policy.

• But even if your employer provides it as an option, look at other plans and compare, Laker said.

• Seek out a trusted agent, especially one who specializes in long-term care insurance, to guide you through the maze of choices," she said.


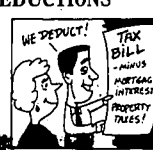
• A long-term care insurance policy is only as good as the company standing behind it.

• If you do buy a policy, insurance companies must give you at least 30 days to look over it.

• Be sure it reflects what you think you bought," Smith-Daley said. "If you decide to return the policy during this 'free look' period, your premium will be refunded."

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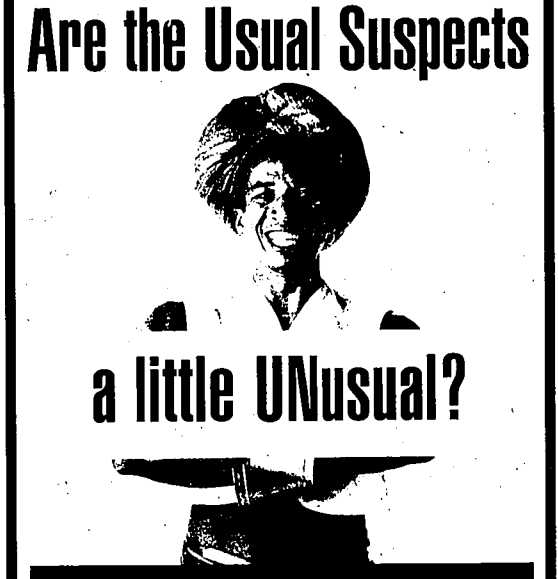
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ANSWER: Thanks for your letter, which conceals a subtle misconception. If you had bid three clubs at your second turn, it would merely have shown what a two-club bid would have suggested over one spade - namely, a second suit without extras. So, with your actual hand, introduce the clubs and don't feel that you have promised anything but a second suit.

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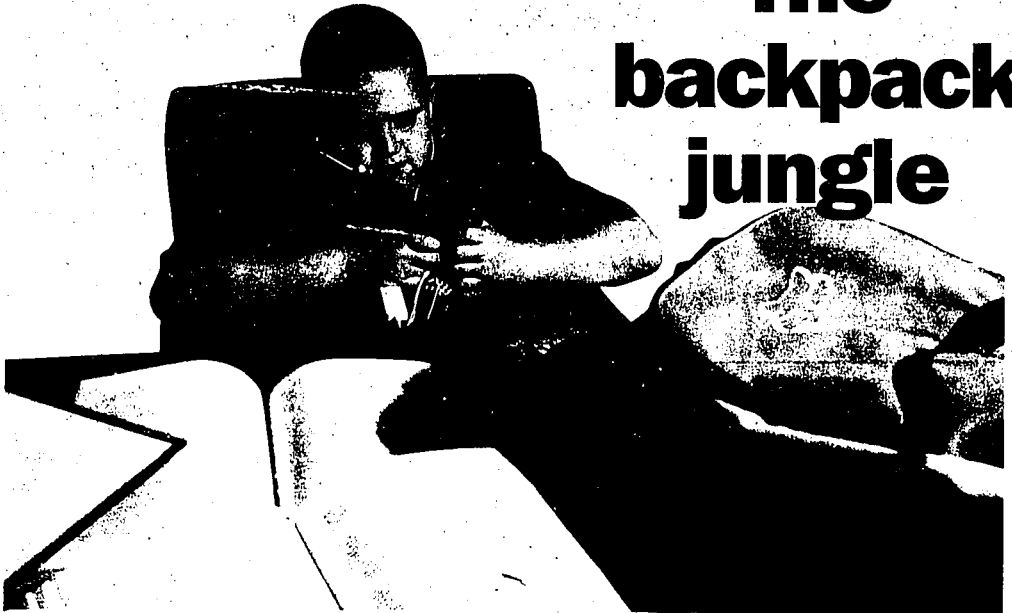


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How to get a handle on your child's homework

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — What's 10 inches wide, 30 inches long, and contains more secrets than the Manhattan Project?

Your child's backpack, of course. "Our 13-year-old is probably the least communicative of the three children we still have in school, so I need to ask her from time to time, 'What happened to that book report you did?'" said Shelly Miller, mother of four and a member of the Twin Falls School District PTA Advisory Board. "She'll look kind of sheepish, reach into her backpack and come up with an inch-thick stack of paper."

The backpack may be the greatest tool ever devised to keep parents from knowing exactly what's going on with their children at school. His mess, it's proprietary and best of all, can be hard to find when parents

are asking uncomfortable questions.

"It's something that a parent needs to stay on top of," said Angela Heide, a sixth-grade teacher at Twin Falls Oregon Trail Elementary School. "We send a letter out to all the parents at the beginning of the year, and we try to keep in touch by e-mail."

"The conventional wisdom among public school teachers is that students whose parents are involved in their education are the students who do their homework. That — more or less — is one-third of the total."

But what about the other two-thirds? "I think it's very difficult to know what's going on if you don't establish a relationship with your child's teacher," said Karen Buxton, a mother of two who's active in the Hickel Elementary School PTA.

"It's the value of being able to put a face with a name," Miller said. "If you know your children's teacher, you're much more likely to be in touch with her."

Public schools have developed all manner of tactics for getting

parents into the loop about homework. At Vera C. O'Flaherty Junior High School, every student has an Agenda book that contains each day's homework assignments and which each student is supposed to take home every evening.

"In my particular (three-teacher) team, if a student doesn't turn in his assignment they have to stay after school and finish it," said Jill Whitesell, an eighth-grade language arts teacher. "And the student has to call the parent and tell them why they have to stay after school."

Twin Falls High School is developing an online system in which parents will have direct access to their children's homework assignments. But the kids who do homework tend to be those willing to assume responsibility, according to Jeannine Berrochoa, Spanish teacher at the school.

"If a student sees the relevance of homework, he or she is much more likely to do it," she said. "If he or she doesn't, it's much less likely to get done."

Keep students motivated

- **First grade** — Typically, children should learn how to work with parents for about 10 minutes.
- **Second grade** — A child should begin the work with a parent, but start to do some work independently, asking for help when needed. The parent checks the assignment and helps put it in a safe place, ready for school. This should take 10 to 30 minutes.
- **Third grade** — By this time, a regular study routine should be developed. The child has a place and started and then returns to check the assigned work. The child becomes responsible for staying homework safely, such as in a backpack, and knowing where the backpack is in the morning.

- **Fourth grade** — Children should be expected to know what the homework is, using an assignment book or daily planner, and have a regular study routine. Parents offer a certain amount of help, but help, such as having parents get them started and check the finished homework. Some children must determine what's realistic for the child.
- **Fifth grade** — Using a regular study time and routine, children are expected to work independently. Parents help only as requested, not necessarily every day.
- **Sixth grade** — A child should work even more in to study, then it's time for parents to intervene and go back to the fourth grade pattern. The mission is to develop children who learn to persist and try hard, who feel capable of success.

Sources: ECU School Psychology, Michigan schools, Detroit News

Homework tips

For parents

- **Be a stage manager.** Make sure the needed materials — pen, crisper, calculator — are available, and your child has a favorite, well-lit place to do homework.
- **Be a motivator.** Be positive about homework and reinforce the importance of school. Your child does homework, don't sit and watch TV. Read when he or she reads. Balance your checklist when he or she does math.
- **Be a monitor.** Watch your child for signs of failure and frustration and suggest short breaks. Provide guidance, not answers.
- **Be a mentor.** Homework that is meant to be done alone should be left to the child. It can help develop independent, lifelong learning skills.

For students

- **Pick a good time** to do homework. Try to do it at the same time every day, and do not leave it until just before bedtime.
- **Remember to make time** for long-term projects.
- **Speed now, time later.** If you know what is easy and hard, do the hard work first. Take a short break if you are having trouble keeping your mind on the assignment.
- **If homework gets too hard, ask for help.** Remember that makes studying easy.

Source: Harris Cooper, University of Missouri, Detroit Area

It's hard to learn a second language without being willing to invest some time outside class, Berrochoa says.

"Homework can't just be busy work," Berrochoa said. "Students need to understand that it means something."

And it means more all the time. Miller points out. The federal No Child Left Behind Act, by emphasizing performance on objective tests of achievement, has broadened the definition of learning beyond the classroom.

"Kids have more homework than they used to," she said. "And it's more important than it used to be."

Robin Gumball, who's active in the PTA at Harrison Elementary School, believes that the key to getting kids to do their homework is making it an unconditional priority.

"That's what's my children have done since they started school," she said. "They do their homework first thing after school, and they don't do anything else until it's done."

Good advice, Miller says, but sometimes hard to enforce.

"Kids are so busy these days with school and all kinds of extracurricular activities," she said. "We love to have our children involved in those things, but at the end of the day it's more important that they be a good student than a good soccer player."

Parents have to call the shots about homework, she says, even if it means filling through a child's backpack.

"If you as a parent are not making sure it gets done, then nobody is."

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FAMILY LIFE

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Center.

301 Shoshone St. W.
 Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$4 for seniors, costs \$5 for people under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.
 Food bank open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Lounge area available for television, puzzles and reading. Ragamuffin open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.
Menus:
 Monday: Barbeque pork with a bun, cream peas, colelaw, dessert.
 Tuesday: Chicken fried steak, potatoes and gravy, shredded carrots, baked bread.
 Wednesday: Burnitos, Mexican rice, Mexican corn, green salad, Mexican appetizers.
 Thursday: Sausage and onion fried potatoes, baked carrot salad, lemon sauce.
 Friday: Fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, California vegetables and bread, fondue, fruit pudding, fondue.
West End Senior Citizens Inc.
 1019 Main St., Butte
Menus:
 Monday: Swiss steak dinner.
 Tuesday: Soup and sandwich.
 Wednesday: Baked fish, potatoes, vegetables, fruit roll, dessert.
 Thursday: Pancake breakfast, vegetables, fruit, roll, dessert.
 Friday: Chicken pot pie.
Activities:
 Monday: Butler.
 Tuesday: Evening cards, 6 to 8 p.m.
 Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
 Thursday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
 Friday: Crafts, 1:30 to 3 p.m.
 Saturday: Bingo, 7 to 9 p.m.
 Sunday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
 Monday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Filer Senior Haven
 222 Main St.
 Dinners served at noon Tuesdays and Sundays. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors. Home-delivered meals available each mealtime.
Menus:
 Monday: Swedish meatballs, pea salad, potatoes, stewed mushrooms, shredded bread, tossed salad, fruit, coffee.
 Tuesday: Miltrestrone soup, cornbread, cottage cheese, orange salad, cherry cobbler, dessert.
 Wednesday: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, carrots and peas, Waldorf salad, roll, ice cream.
Activities:
 Monday: Mary Kay meetings, 1 p.m.
 Wednesday: Tupperware, 1 p.m.
 Thursday: Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.
 Friday: Breakfast, 8:30 to 11 a.m., potatoes, sausage, hash browns, eggs. Cost is \$3 each for 50 for a family.
Jerome Senior Center
 2121 1st Ave. E.
 All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.50.

Monday: Chili, relish, tray, fruit, cookies, biscuits.

Tuesday: Meat loaf, potatoes and gravy, broccoli, pickled beets, fruit, pineapple upside-down cake.
 Wednesday: Chicken patty, art grain potatoes, cauliflower, bell O with fruit, brownies.
 Thursday: Roast beef, potatoes, gravy, corn, green salad, fruit, blueberry shortcake.
 Friday: Hot turkey sandwich, potatoes and gravy, sweet potatoes, fruit salad, cherry pie.
Activities:
 Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Snook bar, 6 p.m.
 Wednesday: Bingo, 6:45 p.m.
 Thursday: Pinochle, 7 p.m. Friday: Pinochle, 10 p.m. Fiddlers, 12:30 p.m.
Agelless Senior Citizens Inc.
 101 Main St. N., Kimberly
 Milk, coffee, juice and tea served.
Menus:
 Monday: Turkey sandwich, potato soup, lettuce with fruit, cake.
 Tuesday: Potato bar, apple crisp.
 Wednesday: Kansas meatballs, hash browns, layered pea salad, macaroni cookies, fruit.
Activities:
 Sunday: Roast beef dinner, \$6 for adults, \$3 for children under age 12. Served from noon to 2 p.m.
 Monday: AA meeting, 7 p.m. Tuesday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m. Bingo, 7 p.m.
 Thursday: AA meeting, 7 p.m. Friday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m. Bingo, 11:50 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Note new hours 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday.

Roasting, 12:30 p.m.

Bingo, 6 p.m.
 Saturday: Winter tip to the millennium.
Hagerman Senior Center.
 1041 Lake
 Open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, lunch is served at noon. Suggested donation is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children under 12.
Menus:
 Monday: Cook's choice.
 Tuesday: Meat loaf, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, salad, fruit, bread, bigdada cake.
 Wednesday: Soup and sandwiches, vegetables, fruit, salad, dessert.
Silver and Gold Senior Center
 Eden
 Suggested donation for seniors is \$4. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Fridays are cookie and bread bake days, and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days.
Menus:
 Tuesday: Taco, rice, beans, cottage cheese, peas, cookie.
 Thursday: Chicken noodle, mashed potatoes, colelaw, fruit, pumpkin dessert.
Activities:
 Wednesday: Bake Day, Bingo, 7 p.m.
 Saturday: Pancake breakfast, 7:30 to 11 a.m.
Golden Years Senior Citizen Inc.
 218 N. 1st St. W., Shoshone
 Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.
Menus:
 Tuesday: Meat loaf, macaroni and cheese, buttered carrots, green salad, strawberry angel food delight.
 Wednesday: Chicken noodle soup, carrot sticks, egg salad sandwich, coconut cream pie.
 Friday: Bob's Dutch oven roast, pork, baked beans, colelaw, dinner rolls, pineapple cake.
Activities:
 Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m. Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
 Quilting, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
 Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Wednesday: Snook bar, 6 p.m.
 Bingo, 7 p.m.
 Thursday: Exercise, 9 a.m. Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
 Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Richfield Senior Center
 Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.
Menus:
 Monday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green salad, garlic sticks, frosted cake.
 Thursday: Ham salad sandwich, vegetable soup, coconut cream pie.

Monday: Pork chops, chow, peas and carrots, apple sauce, tossed salad, bread.

Tuesday: Beef tips and noodles, herbs, Brussels sprouts.
 Wednesday: Cheeseburger, potato salad, baked beans, tossed salad, fresh fruit, bun.
Activities:
 Tuesday: SHIBA on Medicare bus, my early.
 Blood pressure, 11:40 a.m.
 Friday: 10:30, 9 a.m.
Camas Center Senior Center
 127 E. Willow, Fairfield
 Soon meals are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, the center is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on meal days. Cost of the meal is \$3.50; children under 10 pay \$2. The suggested donation for those 60 years and older is \$2.50.
Menus:
 Tuesday: Barbecue beef, sandwiches, salad, fruit with jelly O, ice cream.
 Wednesday: Chicken, pretzels, vegetables, salad, potatoes, dessert.
 Friday: Baked ham, art grain potatoes, cottage cheese, bread, dessert.
 Saturday: Waffles, ham, fruit, pie.
Activities:
 Monday: Exercise, 7:30 a.m. Tuesday: Exercise, 7:30 a.m. Pool.
 Quilting, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Bingo, 6 p.m.
 Wednesday: Exercise, 7:30 a.m. Pool.
 Quilting, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Bingo, 6 p.m.
 Thursday: Exercise, 7:30 a.m. Art class, 9 a.m.
 Friday: Exercise, 7:30 a.m. Pool.
 Quilting, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Bingo, 6 p.m.
 Saturday: Exercise, 7:30 a.m. Pool.
 Quilting, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Bingo, 6 p.m.
 Sunday: Exercise, 7:30 a.m. Pool.
 Quilting, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Bingo, 6 p.m.

What value does volunteering have?

By Jane Glenn Haas
 The Orange County Register

Sometimes volunteering around talking about productivity. It's trying to define what makes a person feel productive and the discussion, naturally, came down to money.
 There were nine of us. All a few women, two retired. And the question became: Do we equate our productivity to our paycheck?
 Are we like generations of men, coupling our jobs and our identity?
 Is this the legacy of the woman's movement? Not to measure your worth in money; you equate your power to position, your value external opinion rather than internal assessment of yourself?
 In other words, do we know what we're doing with our lives after 50?
 None of us did, really. We had thought. We talked about what made us comfortable and uncomfortable, such as volunteering and being personally creative.
 Some women who volunteered felt valued. Others felt exploited. It agreed it had to do with a minute that we should receive a paycheck for services.
 No one expects a paycheck for volunteering, but if you're not paid, is your work "valued"? Do managers depending on volunteers treat them with enough dignity and respect?
 And, as one retiree said, if I spend my free time painting and being creative or am I taking advantage of retirement? Maybe the only way to know is if I sell a painting, she said. How my paintings are worthwhile, she said.
 The fact that we can discuss the values of productivity is a real plus for our generation, and one woman. Our mothers never did. They just kept cooking and cleaning.
 Soothing is really new about this discussion, says Brent Green, Denver-based speaker and author of "Marketing to Leading Edge Baby Boomers."

"We Baby Boomers are going to look at retirement as a new chapter in their lives," he says. "This expert to make a difference have an impact on the world. Have a more meaningful life in retirement."
 And more women than men feel this way, he says.
 "They feel called upon to give back. They believe that what you do for society will appear. They are the generation that contributed to every social need to further causes of social justice. They are ready to stand up and be counted."
 Green's assessment echoes the findings of a Merrill Lynch study on boomers and retirement, particularly the transformation of the six generation to the "age" generation. Boomers are more likely to put their children and grandchildren first, the study says. And boomers women are doing more of the household work.
 According to the study, boomers women view the dual liberations of empty nest and retirement as providing new opportunities for career development, community involvement and personal growth.
 Boomers men are looking forward to working less, relaxing more and spending time with their spouses.
 "Boomers women are more active," Green says. "They are taking charge and have more self-esteem."
 He expects boomers women will provide a lot of the leadership about how to have a productive retirement career.
 "They will embrace a different view of themselves," Green says.

The question still remains: What will make us feel productive? The dilemma is to get over our own egos in marketplace terms, such as paychecks and titles, and start thinking about the contribution we can make by being good human beings.

Some kids with allergies really can have pets

By Suzanne Perez Tobias
 Knight Ridder News Service

Having a pet and an allergy or asthma illness in the same house is not impossible, but it requires a commitment from the entire family. Some tips from Jay Perry, director of allergy at Children's Mercy Hospital and Clinics:
 • Bath pets frequently, preferably once a week.
 • Keep pets out of the rooms most often used by the allergic family member, especially the bedroom.
 • Vacuum often and use a HEPA filter.
 • Dust regularly.
 • Keep fish tanks clean.
 • Use a quality filter on your air conditioning unit, burn and change it monthly.
 • For small pets, assign cage-cleaning responsibilities to a nonallergic family member.
 • Consider purchasing quality air cleaners with HEPA filters and keeping them running continuously.

Consider a few Twin Falls restaurant lunch options under \$7. Wednesday in Food & Home

Meatloaf
 Tuesday: Meatloaf, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, salad, fruit, bread, bigdada cake.
 Wednesday: Chicken patty, art grain potatoes, cauliflower, bell O with fruit, brownies.
 Thursday: Roast beef, potatoes, gravy, corn, green salad, fruit, blueberry shortcake.
 Friday: Hot turkey sandwich, potatoes and gravy, sweet potatoes, fruit salad, cherry pie.
Activities:
 Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Snook bar, 6 p.m.
 Wednesday: Bingo, 6:45 p.m.
 Thursday: Pinochle, 7 p.m. Friday: Pinochle, 10 p.m. Fiddlers, 12:30 p.m.
Agelless Senior Citizens Inc.
 101 Main St. N., Kimberly
 Milk, coffee, juice and tea served.
Menus:
 Monday: Turkey sandwich, potato soup, lettuce with fruit, cake.
 Tuesday: Potato bar, apple crisp.
 Wednesday: Kansas meatballs, hash browns, layered pea salad, macaroni cookies, fruit.
Activities:
 Sunday: Roast beef dinner, \$6 for adults, \$3 for children under age 12. Served from noon to 2 p.m.
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 Tuesday: Barbecue beef, sandwiches, salad, fruit with jelly O, ice cream.
 Wednesday: Chicken, pretzels, vegetables, salad, potatoes, dessert.
 Friday: Baked ham, art grain potatoes, cottage cheese, bread, dessert.
 Saturday: Waffles, ham, fruit, pie.
Activities:
 Monday: Exercise, 7:30 a.m. Tuesday: Exercise, 7:30 a.m. Pool.
 Quilting, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Bingo, 6 p.m.
 Wednesday: Exercise, 7:30 a.m. Pool.
 Quilting, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Bingo, 6 p.m.
 Thursday: Exercise, 7:30 a.m. Art class, 9 a.m.
 Friday: Exercise, 7:30 a.m. Pool.
 Quilting, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Bingo, 6 p.m.
 Saturday: Exercise, 7:30 a.m. Pool.
 Quilting, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Bingo, 6 p.m.

Monday: Spaghetti, green beans, french bread, fruit, rice pudding.

Tuesday: Pigs' in a blanket, macaroni and cheese, peas and carrots, fruit, cookies.
 Wednesday: Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, rolls, broccoli, pumpkin custard.
 Thursday: Sweet and sour chicken, fried rice, carrots, fruit, cold cake.
 Friday: Meat loaf, baked potatoes, seasonal vegetables, colelaw, bread, miniparrot.
Activities:
 Monday: All play pool.
 Wednesday: Working class, 10:40 a.m. Bingo, 7 p.m.
 Wednesday: All play pool.
 Bingo, 7 p.m.
 Wednesday: representative, 10 a.m. to noon.
 Thursday: Pool.
 Pinochle, 5 p.m.
 Sunday: 7 p.m.
 Friday: Pool.
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Bingo, 1 p.m.
 Community concert

Campbell's is looking for 'Souper' parents

Do you know a parent who goes above and beyond for their child's school? Campbell's Labels for Education program is looking to recognize extraordinary efforts and dedication as part of a Souper Parents' contest.
 To enter, write an essay of 200 words or less on the topic: "Tell us about your all-time SOUPER Parent." The person submitting the essay must be 13 or older; nominees must have school-aged children, 3 to 18.
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Dispute proof of larger problem

DEAR ABBY: I recently divorced with my fiancé, Eric. We plan on being together for the rest of our lives. All the small things, like his little white ego, and his checking account is still in his ex-wife's name. Eric had promised he would open a new account and close this one when we first got together.

Now he contends that since he is remarried with another fiancée, there is no such person — she no longer exists. Wouldn't his ex-wife still be a co-owner of the account since it's a joint account? Obviously, you have to have a Social Security number to open an account, and that doesn't change after marriage.

This has become a giant bone of contention, and it hurts every time I pick up "their mail." Eric says I am being "stupid" and I "don't understand." I say, open up a new account and start over with me. He becomes angry every time I mention it and says I make him more determined to keep the account!

Frankly, Eric is starting to make me feel like I'm crazy for caring. Am I being unreasonable?



DEAR ABBY
Jeane Phillips

able? Or is the writing on the wall telling me he still enjoys seeing their names together?

— HURT

IN BLOOMINGTON, IND.
DEAR HURT: The checking account is the least of your worries. What the writing on the wall says to me is that your ex-wife's promises are all smoke and no substance, and your feelings are not important to him. That's a pretty strong message. Please pay attention. It's a case of what your life will be like if you marry him.

DEAR ABBY: I was married to "Richard," the father of my child, 12 years ago. I was pregnant and having severe mood swings when I left him, and eventually we divorced. We had no further contact until a cou-

ple of months ago. Our son told him some things about the way we now live, and the way my current husband has treated us. Richard was not pleased, to say the least. He offered his second home in another state to us, because he got the impression that he still has feelings for me.

Our son, like any child, wants his parents to be back together. I have explained to him that neither his father nor I is even considering it at this point. Would it give him false hope if we were to move into his father's home?

— NEEDS TO GO

DEAR NEEDS TO GO: If the circumstances in which you and your son are now living are so unpleasant that his birth father is offering shelter and you "need to go" — then go. Your son will cope better with his disappointment that his parents don't renege than he will with living with an abusive stepparent. My advice to you is to move forward, but take one step at a time and don't second-guess yourself.

DEAR ABBY: In a few weeks we will celebrate my little girl's second birthday. My very excited aunt is planning a party. Because my parents are both deceased, I have been inviting co-workers who have children my daughter's age and a few friends.

One of my neighbors, a woman I'll call "Alice," gets depressed sometimes — and when she does, she drinks way too much. Would it be all right to put on the invitation, "Please, No Alcohol? Or should I just exclude her from the party? Please do not reveal my name, city or state."

— ANONYMOUS

IN THE SOUTHWEST
DEAR ANONYMOUS: If you are hosting the birthday party, you should not have to mention alcohol on the invitation. Simply provide non-alcoholic beverages for your guests. However, if you would like "Alice" to attend, and you are afraid she might bring her own bottle, then tell her in advance that you prefer this party to be "dry" — and that goes for all of the guests.

Dogs fetch dates for single people



THE BOND
Marty Becker

From 5 to 7 p.m., I was on an upscale restaurant patio observing singles swirling around in an odd mating ritual. Women who were being liked and having their crumbs sniffed not only didn't mind, they loved it. In fact, they'd rub their prospective partner's belly as a thank you.

What was witnessing was created, actually, P. rated, as it was "Yappy Hour," a weekly meet-and-greet (between singles and their dogs). It seems dogs, acting as conversation catalysts or social lubricants, have an amazing ability to fetch a date.

While women such as my 19-year-old daughter, Mikkel, know lots of men who love dogs, it's great to meet a guy who loves dogs... and who matches up to the positive social attributes we automatically assign to pet lovers.

Who loves an warm, caring and responsible, all good qualities to find in people whether you're looking for a friend, a date or a long-term relationship. Dan Cohen, director of AnimalAction.com, an online dating and community Web site where thousands of pet lovers from all over the United States go to meet, imag-

ined a connection through their shared passion for pets.

A different approach is taken by datemate.com where you can go online with the goal of dating a person or a pet.

"It's nice to say hello to a dog — and a person with a dog. The dog allows us humans to forget our self-doubts and relax," says Deborah Vawter, author of "The Dog Lover's Guide to Dating" (Using Cold Noses to Find Warm Hearts).

Wood also adds with a laugh, "If you don't find the two-legged love of your life, the nice thing is that you have your dogging dog to go home with. That's sometimes the smartest choice."

Former Twin Falls veterinarian Marty Becker is the author of two new books, "Chicken Soup for the Dog Lover's Soul" and "Chicken Soup for the Cat Lover's Soul."

Cancer: Sense of romance may linger

IF OCT. 2 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Becoming more self-sufficient by exploring new options may be your mission in the year ahead. Remember that you have to intuitively take baby steps and train your muscles before you can take a mile — so start small. Beginning in the month of January, you will have myriad chances to exercise your desire for transformation and make important changes. Once-in-a-lifetime opportunities may appear in March, so don't ignore helping hands that appear. However, you may be pressed to take on extra responsibilities or have a question of ethics to deal with in order to succeed.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take a breather from the grind and spend time with loved ones. Intimacy issues can make you feel as though you are riding on a seesaw. Learn when to bluff and when to show your hand.

HOROSCOPE

Jeralaine Saunders

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Be prepared. You may need to flash some credentials in front of your friends to maintain your street cred. News of upcoming changes may require preparation, so be sure to do the homework.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Merely reacting to others may spark romance. Convoluted schemes might backfire, so don't let your imagination run away with you. Avoid signing agreements and remember to read the fine print.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): People always desire what they can't have. While it is rumored that opposites attract, it is more likely to be a case of waving a red flag in front of a bull to deliberately create a chase.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Singles should mingle. Hilarity creates a rough-and-ready atmosphere where politeness is sacrificed on an altar of high spirits. Play hard to get and you may be amazed at the results.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Attention spans may flutter under these stars, so seek amusements that tax the body rather than the mind. If there is a job to do around the house, enlist the services of helpful friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Men may be in the driver's seat. Those closest to you may be filled with charm and attentive to your every need. If you are at loose ends, participate in sports or other leisurely games.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Make the best of whatever comes your way. If you have to attend business-oriented events or the equivalent, it could feel like all work and no play — but at least you aren't in front of the TV.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Avoid whiners. If you are in danger of being a participant in a party, you should keep repeating this mantra: "This too will pass, this too will pass, this too will pass..."

In any case, you absolutely must stop repeating will-happen when he starts his meltdown, by which I mean you must stop threatening, promising, pre-empting and so on. The three keys to success of this venture are that you (1) inform him in advance of the new rule, (2) make no attempt to stop him if once it starts, and (3) follow through manfully. As I said, keep me require that you sacrifice the younger ones nap for a few days, but the price will be worth paying in the long run. (This same formula works quite well across a broad range of discipline problems, by the way.)

Parents should not negotiate naptime

Question: My sons are 4 and 2. One day I put the 2-year-old to bed for a nap, and then he woke up, and then I put the oldest down for one as well. The problem is that when I take the 4-year-old to bed, he begins by throwing a full-blown fit. I am fine with letting him work through the fit on his own, but that wakes his brother, and around we go. I usually end up promising that we'll do something special after his nap, and that generally calms him down. Have you any ideas on what I could do to get off this merry-go-round?

Answer: To get off a merry-go-round of the sort you describe requires that you... get off. That may sound extreme, but your mistake is thinking that you can throw a fit if you



PARENTING
John Rosemond

that you must solve the problem in order to get off the merry-go-round. I'm saying you have to get off the merry-go-round in order to solve the problem. In so doing, you will probably have to sacrifice your younger child's nap for up to a week before the merry-go-round stops turning, but I see no other way to accomplish what you want to accomplish.

Sit Mr. Disruptive down before his next nap, after his younger brother has gone to sleep, and say something along these lines: "It's time for your nap. I've decided that you can throw a fit if you

like. You're not going to try and stop you, so I'm not giving you my permission to throw my tantrum whenever you ever throw down. Scream and yell like someone is hurting you if you'd like. If you wake your younger brother, however, you must stay in your room for the rest of the day and go to bed right after dinner. Do you have any questions? No? Then let's go.

Without further ado, take him upstairs, put him down, give him a kiss, tell him you love him, and walk out of his room without a look back. He begins to scream, and he'll probably still keep waking up, tend to him in whatever way seems appropriate, but do not pay the least bit of attention to the dramatics coming from the other room. When Mr. Disruptive's nap time is over, and whether he has gone to sleep or not, simply tell him to love with his brother and remind him of

his punishment. That will undoubtedly begin another fit, in which case you should keep repeating this mantra: "This too will pass, this too will pass, this too will pass..."

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John Rosemond is a family psychologist.

Men and women in the shower they're different

By Jeff Eider
Knight Rider News Service

If you happen to be heading into the shower next, ask yourself: Am I in here for a luxurious escape from it all, or a brisk cleanse from the day?

Are men and women different in the shower?

Let's pull back the flimsy curtain and take a peek into one of life's most intimate moments.

The shower can be a refreshing splash in summer, and a luxurious warm-up in winter.

The goofiness of "Porky's," or the tony of "Psycho." But there is one thing the shower is not, according to Dr. Debbie Magids, a New York-based psychologist: "It's not what people talk about."

Because the shower is a very private, very vulnerable place. And as a result, we just don't know much about its rituals, psychologists say. In many of us are there, every day.

So Magids and bathroom products company Olay oversaw a national telephone survey

conducted July 29-31 by Roper Public Affairs & Media, in which 1,000 adults 18 and older were asked about their shower habits. (To learn more about the survey, visit shower.com.)

The key finding? Men and women are very different in the shower. (And we ain't talking plumbing.)

Women take longer, for one thing. They ring out for 16.8 minutes, the survey found. Many women find this to be a nurturing place of escape. "Taking a shower is a legitimate excuse for

women to be alone, to check out and not be held accountable," said Magids. And yet, women can't seem to escape completely. Even while under the relaxing spray, women said they often think about their lives, flaws and chores they have to do.

Men are more businesslike. They get wet, get clean, get out, get dry and get dressed. What do they think about in the shower? "Sex and work," Magids said. "Men shower when they need to and stay only as long as necessary."

Looking for the crossword?

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Sunday's puzzle will now run in the Classifieds

"Real Estate Corner"
WHY HOMEOWNERS ARE VIP'S
by Laura Fitzgerald
RE/MAX American Dream Realty

Why do applications for credit ask whether you own or rent your home? The reason is clear. The ownership of real estate is widely recognized sign of financial stability, since one must usually demonstrate that stability in order to buy real estate. It demonstrates a person's determination, willingness to accept responsibility,

and to set, and achieve long-term goals.

Usually, home ownership also indicates geographic stability, since most owners plan to stay put for at least a few years. Home ownership is an important step to financial independence, one that will influence both your quality of life and your credit-worthiness.

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Members attending the Class of 1955 reunion included, from left, back row: Cecil Barton, Delwyn Jensen, Marlene (Kerbs) Whittaker, Robert Lyle Mettler, Dallas Dempsey, Clarence Hauck, DeWayne Maler, Jerry Ennis, Clarence Joe Isaak, Don Nordmeyer, Kenneth Kaiser and Roy McCann, second row: Delwyn Poulton, Thad Orchard, Jerry Staker, Robert Dalry Darla (Ferin) Rust, Verlin Messenger, Eugene Fuller, Joann (Stover) McNeil, Shelby Zimmerman, Duain Hess, Michael Weeks and Lyon Plocher; third row: Beverly (Kowitz) Irigoyen, Joyce (Cox) Hirsch, Sharon (Anderson) Smith, Ila Jane (Acock) Lloyd, Joan (Sheen) Allen, Betty (Shoen) Jamison, Nina (Courtright) Stephenson, Renae (Robbins) Pickers, Ardeth (Buel) Stark, Barbara (Coleman) Morrison, Lee Cannon and Don Wilfong; fourth row: Betty (Attiesey) Larsen, Carolyn (Bell) Meline, Pat (Quane) Ringe, Emma Jane (Miller) Deno, Yvonne (Jensen) Judd, Margaret (Knight) Carlson, Mercy (Casalas) Madsen, Erma (Carter) Rucker, Betty (Fleek) Gallegos, Betty (Kling) Bulis, Colleen (Nutting) McClellan, Shirley (Preston) Newert, Dorothy (Sparks) Wilke, Ludean (Placher) Reichert, Bill Rucker and JoAnn (MacKenzie) Kelly; fifth row: Sandra (Blair) Larcher, Cecelia (Sullivan) McCann, Annette (Henscheld) Malone, Gertrude (Rausch) Stuart, Jerry Neely (Faculty) Kenneth Gentry, Carol (Smith) Dockstader and Ellis Lloyd, Gary Masoner; and front row: John Johnson, Dwayne Harrison, Jerry Barksdale, David Asson, Jay Rasmussen, Lyle Majors, Galen Rochford, Nels Moller and Jack Merrill.



The Rupert High School class of 1955 stands in front of the school for a photo at graduation. This was the last class to have graduated from the school.

Rupert class of '55 returns for reunion

By Trena Tegan
For The Times-News

REUNION — The Rupert High School class of '55 returned after 50 years to make new memories.

The class held its 50-year reunion the second of July.

It was the last class to graduate from Rupert High School before students shifted to the new Minidoka County High School campus. The old school stood where the Minidoka County School bus garage is now and was closed due to a fire and safety regulations.

As part of the reunion, classmates were invited to a tour of the historic Wilson Lodge. There, they also had an open house.

During dinner at the Rupert Elks Lodge, the class was presented with a "Class Reunion and Fund Salute" containing a bottle of Idaho Merlot wine to be housed at the Minidoka County Historical Society Museum in Rupert. The bottle is to be opened by the last two surviving members of their classmate. They will then return the empty bottle to the case and the case to the museum where it will remain as part of the Rupert High School Memorial. In order to do that, all class members were requested to do a simple addendum to their wills. This addendum should simply request that their survivor or executor notify the Minidoka Historical Society of their passing.

A book was composed for the alumni of old and new photos and histories of many of the classmates, including obituaries for those who were deceased. There were also pages of trivia from the 1950s and memories of high school happenings.

Many ideas for the book came from Rupert High School's class of '54 book, said Shelby Zimmerman, one of the event organizers. "I had friends who had been in charge of the project for their reunion and they were very helpful with ideas and instructions for our book."

A copy of the book was donated to the DeMary Memorial Library and the Minidoka County Historical Society Museum.

Additional copies are also available by calling Zimmerman at 436-3703.

Trena Tegan is a writer for the South Idaho Press.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Elks Lodge selects Legacy finalists

Kalyani Pereira and Karle Davidson have been selected by the Gooding Elks Lodge for the organizers Legacy scholarships.

Pereira is the daughter of Shirley and Tim Pereira of



Karle Davidson

Gooding and will receive \$200 and an honorarium from Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash. David son of Bosses and the grand daughter of Carmo and Ralph Davidson of Gooding. She will receive \$100 and attend Boise State University.

Elko student crowned Miss Elko County

Kaci Pulsipher of Spring Creek has been crowned Miss Elko County 2005.

She will represent north eastern Nevada in the 2006 Miss Nevada pageant.

Kaci, 17, is in her senior year at Spring Creek High School, won a \$2,500 scholarship and was named Miss Photogenic.

She is the granddaughter of Eugene Seefe, deceased, and



Kaci Pulsipher

Manne Seefe of Iwin Falls and Jean and Don in a Malibu, Calif., both deceased.

She was born and began her school years in Iwin Falls. Her brother and sister-in-law, Shane and Joyce Pulsipher, live in Jerome.

STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Laudyn Rex Nielsen, son of Mandy Fynn Nielsen and Jeddiah Joseph Nielsen of Buhl, was born Friday, Sept. 9, 2005.

Gabriel Shane Fisher, son of Heather Ann and Michael Nielsen Fisher of Gooding, was born Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2005.

Christopher Islas-Gil, son of Ishtar Sanchez of Iwin Falls, was born Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2005.

Lily Annalise Torvanc, daughter of Denise Ann and Justice Paul Forsvan of Halley, was born Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2005.

Nathan Tyler Jordan, son of Melissa Sue Adams and Gregory Altou Schroeder of Iwin Falls, was born Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2005.

Ava Lee Schneider, daughter of Lisha Lee and Gregory Altou Schroeder of Iwin Falls, was born Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2005.

Brady Reed Adams, son of Melissa Sue Adams of Iwin Falls, was born Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2005.

Brian Gutierrez, son of Banda Ann and Robert C. Gutierrez of Iler, was born Thursday, Sept. 15, 2005.

Hannah Elizabeth Simpson, daughter of Amanda Lin and Kim Eugene Simpson of Gooding, Thursday, Sept. 15, 2005.

Samuel Blake Smith, son of Angelica Ann and Blake Jonas Smith of Burley, was born Friday, Sept. 16, 2005.

Elizabeth Lois Klimes, daughter of Breky Renae and John Thomas Klimes of Iwin Falls, was born Friday, Sept. 16, 2005.

Cole Taylor Charters, son of Jeanette Marie and Scott Anthony Charters of Iler, was born Saturday, Sept. 17, 2005.

Naomi Lynne Bean, daughter of Brenda Lynne and Benjamin Michael Bean of Hansen, was born Saturday, Sept. 17, 2005.

Isayson Joseph Schretter, son of Darlene and Joseph Arthur Schretter of Iwin Falls, was born Monday, Sept. 19, 2005.

Levi Michael Frazier, son of Sara Dawn and Jason Michael Frazier of Iwin Falls, was born Monday, Sept. 19, 2005.

Nathaniel Francisco Martinez, son of Jennifer Elizabeth and Gerardo Francisco Martinez Jr. of Iwin Falls, was born Monday, Sept. 19, 2005.

Tana Lee Torgrimson, daughter of Tori Dawn and Jason Dean Torgrimson of Iwin Falls, was born Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2005.

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Send a copy of the birth certificate to:
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More information?
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Jesse Joe Hood Jr., son of Elyssa Evernald and Jesse E. Hood of Iwin Falls, was born Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2005.

Jerrica Taylor Weedop, daughter of Lyndsey Marie and Mary Bevel Verdery of Burley, Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2005.

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Krushell Louise Schultz, daughter of Christopher and Misty Schultz of Burley, was born Thursday, Sept. 15, 2005.

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

Bryndi Drake Powers, son of Debra and Dody Powers of Iwin Falls, was born Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2005.

Joshua Aaron Warner, son of John and Stephanie Warner of Jerome, was born Thursday, Sept. 15, 2005.

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Mackenzie Elizabeth Howard, daughter of John Michael and Patricia Howard of Iwin Falls, was born Monday, Aug. 29, 2005.

Sara Frances Duke, daughter of Ramona Darlan Duke and William Duke of Halley, was born Thursday, Sept. 8, 2005.

Ilan Jackson Inman, son of John and John Inman of Ketchum, was born Sunday, Sept. 11, 2005.

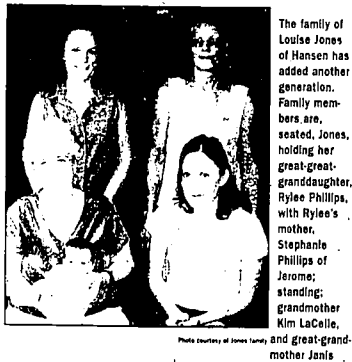
Kaydenne Michelle Stewart, daughter of Kaydenne Stewart and Shaun Doman of Shoshone, was born Sunday, Sept. 11, 2005.

Charlbee Larue Reeves, daughter of Heidi and Robert Reeves of Halley, was born Monday, Sept. 12, 2005.

Allison Suzanne Marie Vega Grimes, daughter of Katherine Grimes and Francisco Vega of Halley, was born Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2005.

Tucker Chase Traylor, son of Linda and Lannie Traylor of Halley, was born Thursday, Sept. 15, 2005.

FIFTH GENERATION



Hancock, both of Jerome.

The family of Louise Jones of Hansen has added another generation. Family members are, seated, Jones, holding her great-granddaughter, Rylee Phillips, with Rylee's mother, Stephanie Phillips of Jerome; standing: grandmother Kim LaCelle, Hancock, both of Jerome.

Filer City Library adds books to shelves

ELIHR — The Filer City Library, 219 Main, has added several new books to its shelves.

Adult: "One Shot" by Lee Child, "Murder in Havana" by Margaret Truman, "Sentenced to the United Prison Galaxy" and "Long Time Gone" by L.A. Jager, "A Soldier's Cross" by James Lee Burke, "Untogether" by Kristen Heinman, "A Bush of Wings" by Kristen Heinman, "The Bridge Across Forever" by Richard Bach, "16 (Sixteen)" by Debbie Macomber, "Raspberries' Revenge" by John Lescaort, "Who Invented

the Dead Man?" "Who let that Killer in the House?" and "When will the Dead Lady Sing?" by Patricia Sprinkle, "Killing Time" by Linda Howard, "The Cat who went Bananas" by Lilian Kalish, "Blue Adely" and "Phase Double" by Piers Anthony, "Extreme Denial" by David Morell, "Track of the Cat" by Nevada Barr, "Killing Time" by Caleb Carr, "When the Storm Breaks" by Heather Lowell, "The Wire in the Blood" by Val McDermid, "Close to Home" by Peter Robinson, "Famous With" by Robert K. Turnerbaum, "Match Me If You Can" by Susan Elizabeth Phillips, "Sweetwater Creek" by Anne Rivers Siddons,

"Fire Sale" by Sara Paretsky, "The Mermaid Clan" by Sue Monk Kilde, and "Halos" by Kristen Heinman.

Children: "I'm Already Jacked Up" by Jill Keene, "Layna But" by Russell Hibban, "Hill and Moe" by Jidj Gattrell, "Somblike" by Giny and Linda Osborn Odenbach, "The Great All Time Excuse" by Maureen Kishner, "P is for Potato: An Idaho Alphabet" by Stan and Joy Steiner, "Crow and Weasel" by Barry Lopez, "My Bedtime Book of Favorite Nursery Rhymes" by Louise Brown, "Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince" by J.K. Rowling and "Katy the Kitten" and "Lucy the Lamb" by

Grandreams.

For more information, call the library at 326-4143.

T.F. woman celebrates 95th birthday this week

IVIN FALLS — Maurine Barnhill of Iwin Falls will celebrate her 95th birthday at her sons home.

Maurine Westfall was born Oct. 5, 1910, in Weldon, Iowa. She married Paul Barnhill (now deceased) on May 1 in Pomona, Calif. They had lived in the Magic Valley for 34 years.

Her children are Fred (Irene) Barnhill of Kimberly and Jeanette

Jones of Davis, Calif. She has four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Her children are hosting the event. Cards and well-wishes may be sent to 3539 Addison Ave. E., Kimberly, ID 83341.

Program teaches arthritis pain relief

KETCHUM — The Arthritis Foundation Self-Help Program will be held on 6 to 8 p.m. starting Oct. 18 through Nov. 22 at the Wood River Medical Center, 100 Hospital Drive.

The classes teach how to reduce pain and stress, create better nutrition and exercise

habits, use medication wisely and evaluate alternative treatments, said Victoria Saley, health education coordinator of the Arthritis Foundation Idaho Idaho Chapter.

A materials fee for the course of \$30 includes a textbook and additional resource materials. Participants may bring a friend to split the fee. Pre-registration is required as seats are limited.

The six-week program is taught by certified Arthritis Foundation leaders and hosted by St. Luke's Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Services located

To register, call 800-443-4993 or sign up online at www.arthritis.org.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

FAMILY LIFE

E-mail etiquette: Flirting with electrons

By Elizabeth Large
The Baltimore Sun

When Dinah Larson was single, she and a friend used to read e-mails from guys and decide whether they were potential dates based on their e-mailing ability.

"If he wrote like he talked, and was funny? He-WOX," said Larson, a 30-year-old marketing director who lives in Los Angeles. "Judgmental, yes, but it was a solid correlation every single time. Of course, this all predated the whole IM-speak phenomenon, but I can't imagine either of us even flirting with a guy who was too lazy to spell out entire words."

Larson and her future husband, who met at a conference, had lived in different cities, fell in love over the Internet by exchanging five or six e-mails a day.

"He used to write me amazing e-mails. None of course, they're more like, 'I'm off to stop by the store on the way home, we need trash.'"

These days, e-mail is an essential lifeline tool for a whole generation of Americans. So while instant messaging, news, blogging and message-board posts, but with those, people give you a little more leeway. Form there isn't as important as content, there's a reason to use all those letters as possible and punctuation. And what you write disappears in the blink of an eye.

E-mail is different, it sticks around to be read and re-read,

even printed out.

Did she use too many emoticons? Did he really have to write "LOL" (LOL) to show he was laughing? E-mail talks somewhere between a phone call and a letter, but it has rules and pitfalls all its own.

"Instant messaging is better because the intention is an oral tone," says Phil Magdon, who writes about Internet dating under the name of plume Sebastian Chance and humil fitsville, a source of hilarity in an Internet chat room. "People read their e-mails and use words they wouldn't use normally."

"If someone doesn't spell you out in an e-mail," says Alexandra Robbins, author of "Conquering Your Quartered Crust" (Perigee Books, 2004), "I don't read it. I write it in a middle school 11th grader's form of a postal letter."

"It's scary though. How good you are at cyberspace communication could determine your future, at least as far as your love life is concerned."

Great e-mailing can be taught. It's a gift, Kristen Lohmeyer, a 25-year-old who lives at Mount Washington, Md., and travels a lot, still remembers the first e-mail she got from a friend in Honduras after he had written her a letter in the United States. "The e-mail was all about the many buses he had to take to get back home. She loved it, which is saying something about his writing ability."

There are potential hazards

with e-mail as a way to get to know someone before you even strike the first key. Like a look at your user name, suggests Lesley Collins, a writer and etiquette columnist for the news millennium. (See the Web site etiquette@rrr.com.) "It reflects who you want to be. If someone's address is starvanstover@aol.com, be wary."

Still, for anyone who's a little shy, e-mail is safer than picking up the phone and making that first call. "It's easier than tumbling through a voicemail message they can't erase," points out Kermit Blauzy, a 29-year-old who lives in Canton, Md. "The initial contact of e-mail alleviates all that."

If nothing else, it can be proofread and reworked when checking the guy's profile, which seemed interesting, and then sending a two paragraph, friendly, chatty e-mail with questions. She got this response:

"It been pretty uneventful as of late. Nothing good or bad happening. Well hope you had a good weekend or on your trip. So what is it you do for a living by creating their own Web sites."

How to write well

Here are some suggestions:

- **Conquering Your Quartered Crust:** To attract a desirable boyfriend and other professionals.
- **Write the way you talk:** Be afraid to use anything that sounds like you're not confident.
- **Be never but not over the top:** If you're not sure, don't say it.
- **Be plain spoken:** but not stiff.
- **If it's early in the relationship:** keep e-mails short.
- **Punctuation and grammar:** don't mess it up.
- **Remember that tone doesn't always translate:** Use emoticons and IM acronyms (LOL) sparingly.
- **Don't say anything that would embarrass you:** if you're read by other people.
- **Unless the other person really shows them or herself as a person:** give them at least a chance to know "How well I feel in the e-mail, that's terrible."

All spelling and grammar errors aside, even if you struggle with typing, just simply say, "Hey, I can't type so well. Can I give you a call?" The Parkville, Md., resident says, "But this e-mail is an entirely acceptable and inappropriate response. I just don't have time to get to know someone two sentences at a time. Sorry."

WEDDINGS

DOMAN-BURKE

DINAH LARSON and **Lee H. Burke** were married Sept. 17 in the Logan Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The bride is the daughter of Clark Barlow and the late Louise Barlow. She has been a real estate agent at Gem State Realty in Twin Falls.

The bridegroom is the son of the late Vera L. and H. H. Burke. He is assistant to the president of Utah State University.



Dinah Doman and Lee Burke

ZIEGLER-

HACKMEISTER

IWIN FALLS Kristal Ziegler and Jeff Hackmeister were married Sept. 22 at Treasure and Blessing in Las Vegas.

The bride is the daughter of Dave and Karen Ziegler of Phoenix. She is a student at Arizona State University and is employed at First Regional Animal Hospital.

The bridegroom is the son of Toy and Rhonda Hackmeister of Phoenix. The grandson of Dennis and Linda Grant of Twin Falls, and the great-grandson of Florence Shank of Latah. He is a recent



Jeff Hackmeister and Kristal Ziegler graduate of Arizona State University, and is employed at Radio Shack.

The couple resides in Collier, Ariz.

VENZON-HEYSER

IWIN FALLS Arianna Venzon and Joshua Heyser were married July 23 in Waterpark, Calif., at Calumaine Point at the YAC at the Rockies.

The bride is the daughter of Pagan Venzon of Twin Falls and Dan Venzon of San Diego. She graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1994 and Willamette University in 1998 and attended Arapahoe Community College. She is employed at Black Diamond Kitchen in Fraser, Colo.

The bridegroom is the son of Suzanne Kelly of Bluebell, Pa., and Doug Heyser of Oakland, Pa. He graduated from Plymouth



Arianna Venzon and Joshua Heyser at Whittier High School and attended Potomac State University in West Virginia. He is partner of Bill Cade Construction.

The couple resides in Waterpark.

VANDEN BOSCH-

OSTERHOUT

IWIN FALLS Christy Vandenberg and Daniel Osterhout were married July 30 at the Iwin Falls Reformed Church in Iwin Falls.

The bride is the daughter of Gary and Agnes Vandenberg of Iwin Falls.

The bridegroom is the son of Mike and Jill Osterhout of Iwin Falls.

Former Brian Vismann officiated. Becca Stonemetts, cousin of the groom, was the pianist, and Kim Vismann, lead luthier and Lori Ann Lee sang.

Debbie Vandenberg, sister of the bride, was the bride's maid of honor. Robyn Maxwell, sister of the bride, and Karissa Major, friend of the bride, were bridesmaids.

Whitley Maxwell, niece of the bride, was the flower girl.

Tyler Corn, friend of the groom, was best man. Tim Lawrence, cousin of the groom, and Nick Ingram, friend of the groom, were groomsmen.

Jeremy Vandenberg, brother of the bride, and Jake McHenry, friend of the groom, were ushers. Eli Stonemetts, cousin of the groom, was the ringbearer.

Special guests included grandparents of the bride, John



Christy Vandenberg and Daniel Osterhout

and Alice DeLoach of Lodi, Calif., and Marvin and Jeanette Vandenberg of Jerome, and grandparents of the groom, Blair and Lynn Osterhout of Saratoga and Bill and Letha Stonemetts of Iwin Falls.

A reception was held at the Iwin Falls Reformed Church.

Cassie Lawrence, cousin of the groom, and Ben Watland, friend, attended the guest book. Krista Osterhout, sister of the groom, and Abby Stonemetts, cousin of the groom, led the candle.

The bride is a graduate of the College of Southern Idaho and is attending Idaho State University. She is employed at Caves.

The bridegroom is a graduate of CSI and is employed at Wells Fargo.

The couple resides in Pocatello.

WHERE SINGLES CLICK

Niche dating sites can help refine search for love

By Neilsa Paolo
Knight Ridder News Service

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Wendell Loyd has gone on plenty of bad dates. The westerner, meeting the right woman through niche dating or using major mainstream dating Web sites like Match.com or American Singles.

So the former software developer turned his love life challenges into a niche online dating site, www.realitydate.com, which helps singles meet through volunteer activities, benefiting San Francisco Bay area charities.

"I wanted my focus to be making a positive difference in the world," says Loyd, 33, of San Francisco, who launched the site this month. "I figured what better way for people to

meet than through good projects that raise money for charity?"

Millions of people continue to search for love online. And while popular, mainstream sites like Match.com and eHarmony still draw the most singles on the market, those who have grown tired of generic dating sites are flocking to smaller niche start-ups that focus on specific interests, lifestyle or religion. While niche dating sites aren't new, experts say most of the new entries in the online dating category are specialized as the industry evolves and demand grows for more precise ways of finding romance online.

"A lot of people don't tell the truth," says Wendy Pokes, 50, of Cupertino, Calif., who used mainstream sites before meet-

ing her boyfriend through www.dateinput.com, a site for pet owners. "With the big sites, you're getting a demographic that's just, well, everybody. There's no pre-screening for people who might have the same interests or what you're looking for."

Some, like Lyone Samler, say they are trying to improve the industry while finding their own soul mate by creating their own Web sites.

Sandler, 39, of San Francisco, is working on launching www.s.o.m.d.m.a.t.c.h.com, which matches music-loving singles based on a 12-question survey about music interests. A former music industry executive, Sandler also became frustrated with her experience using the big dating sites like eHarmony, which require sing-

les to invest a lot of time in their 300-plus question survey, producing

"zero-chemistry dates and random matches."

"If people can share an interest with someone off the bat," says Sandler, who plans to have her site up and running by November. "Then they are that far ahead in finding someone that they are compatible with."

Mainstream sites contend that bigger is still better.

"The main reason you go online is to expand your possibilities, so having a really large range of people is important," says Kristin Kelly, senior director of public relations for Match.com, who says the site gets up to 60,000 new members daily. "From there, you can be as broad or as narrow as you want to be. You define the pool."

ENGAGEMENTS

KNIGHT-MABE

HAGERMAN — Frank J. and Tonia Knight of Hagerman announce the engagement of their daughter, Jelinda Knight, to Brian Ray Mabe, son of Michael R. and Joan Mabe of Chesterfield, Va.

Knight is a graduate of Hagerman High School and of Brigham Young University, Idaho. She is asset manager at Apple REIT.

Mabe is a graduate of Cumberland Valley High School in Mechanicsburg, Pa., and attended a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Kaoshung Taiwan Mission. He is attending Virginia Commonwealth University.

"The couple will reside in



Jelinda Knight and Brian Mabe

Richmond, Va.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, Oct. 8, at the Boise LDS Temple. A reception will follow from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Hagerman LDS Chapel.

ENGAGEMENT

DANE-KAUFFMAN

IWIN FALLS — Jaime and Deenie Dane of Iwin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Katie Dane, to Andy Kauffman, son of Clark and Debbie Kauffman of Filer.

Dane is a graduate of Boise State University and is employed at Robert Stuart Junior High School in Iwin Falls.

Kauffman is employed at Williams Construction in Iwin Falls.



Andy Kauffman and Katie Dane

with a reception immediately following.

JOHNSON-OSMOND

GOODING — Roger and Susan Johnson of Gooding announce the engagement of their daughter, Summer Lynn Johnson, to Kevin Osmond, son of Larry and Norma Osmond of Idaho Falls.

Johnson is a graduate of Gooding High School and the College of Southern Idaho. She is attending the University of Nevada Las Vegas. She is employed at the U.S. Forest Service in Idaho Falls.

Osmond is a graduate of Idaho State University. He is employed at Idaho Steel Products in Idaho Falls.

"The wedding is planned for 2



Kevin Osmond and Summer Johnson

p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at the Gooding First Baptist Church. A reception will be held at 3:30 p.m. Oct. 8 at the Gooding Basque Center.

ANNIVERSARY

THE PAULINS

BLISS — Charles and Adine Paulin of Bliss will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at the Meridian Senior Center, 133W Broadway, Meridian.

Paulin and Adine Brown were married Oct. 9, 1955, in Boise. They have lived in Star, Caldwell, Jerome, Wendell and Bliss.

The husband milk for Meridian Co-op Creamery for 18 years, operated a dairy for 30 years and has farmed his entire life. She worked as a homemaker, as a li-



Charles and Adine Paulin

brary aide at Jerome and Gooding libraries for 10 years and was a regular for the Gooding County Leader for three years.

They have been active in the Canyonside Club of Jerome, Magic Squares Square Dance Club and Fairfield American Legion.

The event is hosted by their children, Steve Paulin of Gooding, Scott Paulin of Bliss, Susan (Reagan) Hatch of Filer and Kevin (Cindy) Paulin of Jerome.

The couple has seven grandchildren.

ANNIVERSARY

THE BEALS



Jan and Jim Beal

JEROME — Jim and Janice "Joni" Beal of Jerome will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at their home at 118 Prairie Pines Circle (North Hill Fairways) at the Jerome Golf Course.

The couple met in the summer of 1955 in Pensacola, Fla., on the U.S. Navy base, where she was a Navy Wave and he

was a Marine Corp medic just returned from Korea. They were married Oct. 25, 1955, in a military wedding in the chapel on the base in Pensacola.

He is a semi-retired pharmacist and she is retired from the College of Southern Idaho.

They have two children, Laurie Ann (Steven) Beal Kaufman and David Charles (Corna) Beal, and six grandchildren.

The event is hosted by their family.

Looking for the crossword?



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Author Brian Murphy made 25 trips in five years to Mashhad, Herat, Badghis province, Mazare-e-Sharif and other locales in Afghanistan and Iran, where rugs are still hand-made. Here, nomads spin carpet fiber.

Red roots and carpet mysteries

Craftsmen weave family relationships into rugs

By Linda Hales
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Some of the most brilliant heads of the craft in Afghanistan and Iran were in the desert town of Herat when Brian Murphy arrived at the end of a long journey.

He had been tracking the history of Persian carpets since 1997, between assignments in Iran and Afghanistan to the Associated Press. His vivid memory of the flight of Wild Madder's Samir S. Schirazi, a craftsman of visit to bazaars, readings of the mystic poet Rumi and andious tales of village and nomad life, and the mystic and spiritual dimensions of the rugs.

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Brian Murphy, author of 'The Root of Wild Madder' traveled Iran and Afghanistan tracing the origins of carpet weaving by nomads and the mystical and spiritual dimensions of the rugs.

Afghanistan's Turkmen belt. He met a family of Sarik rugmakers in 2003, a 19th-century Sarik carpet sold at Sotheby's for \$24,000, a staggering sum in the black province of Badghis, where two sisters and a cousin worked at a loom that covered an entire room. They were making a doxy for the oldest girl, whose weaving skills enhanced her prospects for marriage. Rugs are made for income. But Murphy, who had been seeking understanding of their mystical and spiritual dimensions, asked whether the girls believed carpets had a sacred aspect.

There are times when I finish a difficult border or gul and must stop to look at it. Ash, the eldest, replied from the floor. "It is like a small world, all alone and separate, perfect and peaceful. God must be guiding our hands, I think. This is how he gets us to look beyond this world."

During a sandstorm, a man named Bahman sheltered Murphy under a carpet his grandmother had made. Bahman told of whispering into the carpet after her death, believing his grandmother could hear. To him, carpets contained lives. And yet, when the opportunity arose, minutes later to burn the rug for fuel, he tried.

"You cannot eat memories or stories," he told Murphy, "no matter how sweet."

On a trip to Iran, Murphy received the gift of a small, unremarkable carpet from a grieving mother. Her son had been killed in a minefield while trying to reach the European Union. He got as far as the border between Turkey and Greece. She was weaving the rug when he left and thinking of him constantly, she said. Murphy took it home with him to complete the son's journey.

"Maybe something of my son is still alive in his carpet," she said. "If it makes the journey, maybe he will rest peacefully."

Murphy is now the AP's international region writer. His collection of 40 carpets, kilim and other textiles reminds him daily of the anonymous artistry of hopeful girls and worried mothers in heart-rending villages.

"They're living this amazing compendium of life, spirituality," Murphy says. "I hope people will see them as more than an object. I hope they will see them as an extension of a culture, and try to recognize the humanity that goes into making them."

linked to a mitter. The author acquired a few. In a small red roots as saffron, and blood-red crosses in the palm of his hand, but no epiphany.

Only much later would Murphy encounter a young singer and weaver named Zeynep from the nomadic Qashqai tribe. She came as close as anyone to explaining the rills of knots in her hands, shapes and colors, were not random acts of wool, but memories being recorded — a bird she saw as a child in the color of a mountain she knew.

"It's an inner song," she told Murphy.

There is mystical clarity in her explanation that the rug he sees will never be the one she made.

The Root of Wild Madder gives names to the color of blood, which were pounded for centuries into a dye potent enough to color wool and bones. Synthetic dyes long ago replaced the natural, so Murphy was delighted to find a field of madder in a remote region, and a massive stone grinding wheel that crushed the roots into a purple-colored dust. Madder dye can produce a range of hues from orange to purple, all of which mellow over the years into a pumice-like palette that modern colorists covet. Synthetic dyes always seemed garish by comparison.

The struggling dyemaker had modernized his equipment, trading camel power for a tre-

Dad's morning sickness is real

By Armin Brott
Knight Rider News Service

Question: When a woman is pregnant, can the father have morning sickness? There's a lot of disagreement at my quilting class.

Answer: Absolutely — and it's a lot more common than you'd think. In fact, somewhere between 25 and 90 percent of dads-to-be in this country experience couvade syndrome (from the French, "to hatch"), or "sympathetic pregnancy." The symptoms are pretty much the same as those women can claim: mood swings, food cravings and weight gain. But some are a little stranger — especially for a guy — such as toothaches, headaches, itching, nosebleeds and sometimes even cysts.

Couvade symptoms usually start cropping up sometime

around the third month of the pregnancy, taper off for a bit, then pick up again in the month or two before the baby is born. They almost always "mysteriously" disappear as soon as the baby's born.

So are there known why men get these symptoms but there are lots of theories. The first is that as men, we're programmed (socially or biologically, take your pick) to try to protect our families and shield them from harm. Since we can't really do much to minimize the discomfort and pain our wives experience during pregnancy, our brains come up with the unique idea of trying to ease their pain by taking some of it on ourselves. This is particularly true for expectant dads who feel responsible for having "gotten her into this in the first place."

Another theory is that some expectant dads who develop

couvade are feeling jealous and left out and are subconsciously trying to get people to pay a little attention to them. It's also possible that expectant dads' physical symptoms are a kind of easy announcing to the world that they're the father.

Some recent research has shown that there may actually be some hormonal reasons for men's pregnancy symptoms. You know all about how expectant mothers' hormones change over the course of the pregnancy, right? Well, one fascinating study found that pregnant women's husbands' levels of the same hormones (which men have too, but in smaller amounts) rise and fall in parallel with their wives' levels. This may explain why most expectant dads find themselves paying more attention to children in the months before their own are born.

Teen siblings enter junior year at Berkeley

By Tom Lochner
Knight Rider News Service

BERKELEY, Calif. — Except for being junior at one of the nation's top universities, Charles and Mayumi Pierce are perfectly at home with Ma, their 10-year-old, and their parents say.

Whether they're geniuses or not is beside the point, said their dad, Winice Pierce. Where the two — a San Pablo, Calif., teenager are academically fortunate to do with hard work, Pierce said.

"I don't think I necessarily have talents that other people don't have," Mayumi said before entering UC Berkeley's Wheeler Hall for a 1 p.m. undergraduate business administration class. "Other people haven't gotten the opportunities I have."

Pierce, who owns a start-up real estate company, and his wife, Qin Ma, home-schooled the kids until they entered Contra Costa College at ages 9 and 11. The way it turned out wasn't part of a preconceived plan.

"I don't think we're enlightened," Pierce said. "We were just trying to do the best that we could."

The couple met at UC Berkeley as undergraduates and later

lived at University Village in Albany while Ma went to law school. In 1999, they moved to San Pablo, finding housing more affordable there.

The children went briefly to a Montessori School, then learned at home with Ma, the driving force behind their precocious academic prowess, Pierce said. At Contra Costa College, where Ma took a chemistry course with the children, they joined the Center for Science Excellence. Pierce doubts traditional schooling brings out children's full potential. At the university level, you have greater control of your individual curriculum," he said.

Charles takes philosophy, engineering, chemistry and biology classes at UC Berkeley. Mayumi, engineering, biology, biochemistry and business.

Ma works three jobs these days. Pierce would not say what she does professionally, explaining his wife likes to speak for herself. A native of China, Ma also taught the children Chinese, Pierce said.

Ma did not return a phone message. The university's media relations office, which alerted news organizations to the presence of the two young proteges, said Ma earned a law

degree in 2000.

To balance their academics, the children study violin and piano and martial arts. Mayumi also plays the guzheng, a traditional Chinese zither-like instrument. A black and white photo of Mayumi as an assistant instructor at the Golden Lion studio in Albany. Charles took aikido for a few years, switched to fencing, and now studies judo. Mayumi is an assistant instructor at the Golden Lion studio in Albany. Charles took aikido for a few years, switched to fencing, and now studies judo. Mayumi is an assistant instructor at the Golden Lion studio in Albany.

"I'm planning to go to law school," said Charles, who hopes to major in chemistry as an undergraduate.

"I thought she was a regular freshman," said sophomore Anthony Burgard.

"I feel like everybody else pretty much," Mayumi said earlier. "Just can't drive."

Charles and Mayumi expect to graduate in 2007, when they'll be 14 and 16, respectively. Talking about their future plans, they sounded no different than well-normal UC-Berkeley juniors.

"I'm planning to go to law school," said Charles, who hopes to major in chemistry as an undergraduate.

"I'm going to grad school and study something related to biology, and then get a job."

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