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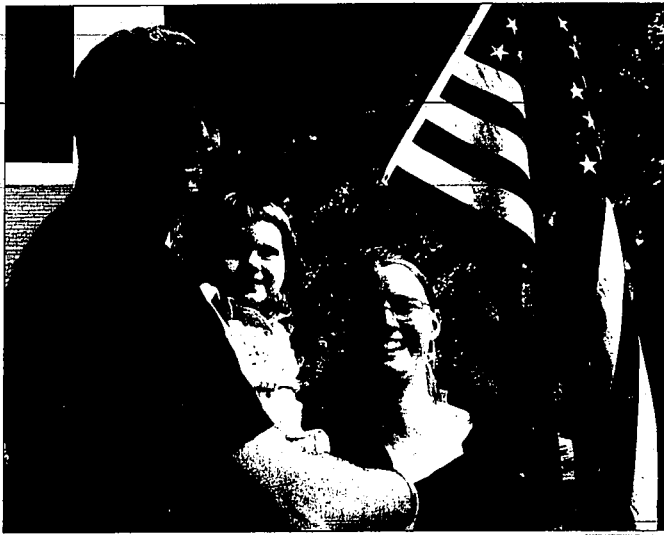
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Honor thy flag



Jud Harmon with wife Tamara and daughter Abigail Friday in front of their home in Twin Falls.

WREATHS SET ADRIFT



President Bush and his wife Laura Bush lay a memorial wreath in a pool of water at ground zero on Sunday. Bush was in New York to help commemorate the fifth anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Bush honors 9/11 victims

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — President Bush and his wife Laura stood in somber silence on Sunday after laying wreaths at the ground zero site where the twin towers of the World Trade Center once soared. They honored the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks on a tour that will take them to all three sites of devastation on the fifth anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

The Bushes set floral wreaths adrift in reflecting pools that mark the former location of the north and south towers.

They uttered no words, and walked hand-in-hand on the floor of the cavernous pit, after a slow procession down the long, flag-lined ramp from the street level four to

five stories above.

The Bushes then attended a service of prayer and remembrance at nearby St. Paul's Chapel.

The 240-year-old Episcopal church, across the street from the site, escaped damage and became a center of refuge for swamy rescue workers.

They wore the first steps of nearly 24 hours of observations at the three sites where terrorists wrought death and destruction and transformed his presidency. Nearly 3,000 Americans were killed in the attacks.

Today, the anniversary, he was to visit with firefighters and other emergency workers at a firehouse in lower Manhattan, attend a ceremony at the field in Shanksville, Pa.

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Two patriots, two ways of respecting flag

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Two military men living on opposite sides of Eighth Avenue N. were raised to cherish the American flag. They both own flags that remind them of a rich patriotic heritage rooted in family history.

With the exception of the 18 months he spent patrolling in Iraq, Jud Harmon takes out his flag every evening at sunset from the left side of his front entrance and leaves hanging a St. Francis 49ers flag to his right. If the American flag touches the ground, frays, gets sprinkled by water or shows any signs of deterioration he immediately retires it. Failing once to meet a criterion, his

wife unwittingly touched a nerve.

"He had to teach me flag etiquette," Tamara, his wife said. "He's always sensitive about that."

Across the street a Vietnam veteran runs a less-than-cold flag. Until a neighbor wrote a letter to the *Times-News* criticizing his treatment of the flag, he displayed his grandfather's tattered 4-by-5 stiched-cotton bedroll from World War II.

"These new ones, they'll bleach-out in a heartbeat," said Brian Bradshaw. "But I didn't like it out there tattered either."

He took it to the Veteran's Administration where it was burned according to code.

Both patriots adore their flag. One through strict adherence to governing rules; the

other through raw sentimentality. For Harmon and Bradshaw the flag is loaded with connotations of tradition, heritage and cultural pride. Outside of how they ritually use the flag, their thoughts and opinions sound strikingly congruent. To both the flag means a sense of home and national identity.

The flag form and treatment issue arises in the national media whenever someone — knowingly or unknowingly — violates the rules. Most recently in April, protesters in Costa Mesa, Calif. waved an upside-down flag — a violation of U.S. Code, which states: "The flag should never be displayed with the union down, except as a signal of distress in instances of extreme danger to

life or property."

Even President George W. Bush violated the rules after autographing a small American flag handed to him while in a public venue. The Flag Code states: "The flag should never have placed upon it, nor on any part of it, nor attached to it in any mark, insignia, letter, word, figure, design, picture, or drawing of any nature."

Claiming the infraction was an attempt at desecration would seem overstated. But it is a mistake that Harmon would never make.

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Robbery, gun violence rises in U.S.

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Americans were robbed and victimized by gun violence at greater rates last year than the year before, even though overall violent and property crime reached a 32-year low, the Justice Department said Sunday.

Experts said these increases buttress reports from the FBI and many mayors and police chiefs that violent crime is beginning to rise after a long

decline. Bush administration officials expressed concern, but stressed that it was too soon to tell if a new upward trend in violence had begun.

Last year, there were two violent gun crimes for every 1,000 individuals, compared with 1.4 in 2004, according to the department's Bureau of Justice Statistics. There were 2.6 robberies for every 1,000 persons, compared with 2.1 the year before.

"This report tells us more

the serious events — robbery and gun crimes — increased and the FBI already told us homicides increased," said criminal justice professor James Alan Fox of Northeastern University.

"So while the report shows the more numerous but less serious violence — simple assaults, which is pushing and shoving — went down, the mix got worse in terms of severity. That wasn't a very good trade-off," Fox said.

Crime rates down, gun violence up

Violent and property crime rates dropped across the nation from 2004 to 2005, while robbery and gun violence rates rose.

Criminal victimization rate, per 1,000 people age 12 and older

2004	2005
Violent crimes	2.1
Property crimes	161
Robbery	2.6
Gun violence	1.4
	154
	120

SOURCE: Bureau of Justice Statistics — AP

New al-Qaida video shows bin Laden planning attacks

The Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt — A videotape posted on the Internet late Sunday, purportedly by al-Qaida, showed previously unseen footage of a sniffling Osama bin Laden and other commanders in a mountain camp apparently planning the Sept. 11 attacks on New York and Washington.

The 55-minute documentary-like retrospective of the five years since the attacks was unusually long and sophisticated in its production quality compared to previous al-

Qaida videos. The footage — with English subtitles — surfaced on the eve of the fifth anniversary of the attacks on a Web site that frequently airs messages from bin Laden's terror network.

"Planning for Sept. 11 did not take place behind computer monitors or radar screens, nor inside military command and control centers, but was surrounded with divine protection in an atmosphere brimming with brotherliness... and love for sacrificed — an unidentified narrator said.

EPA begins cleaning mine sites in Idaho's Silver Valley

By Nicholas Geranias
Associated Press writer

PINEHURST — Steel bars block the arched opening to the Constitution Mine in Idaho's Silver Valley, a reminder that people for decades would hold bar parties in the cavernous elevator room.

The former lead and zinc mine has been inactive since 1968, but the U.S. Environmental Protection

Agency this summer began the task of cleaning up the remote site to make it safe for recreational use.

It's part of a massive decades-long cleanup of the Silver Valley, the second-largest Superfund site in the nation after Butte and Anaconda, Mont.

"There were over 100 producing mines and 50 mill sites in this basin," said Bill Adams, manager of the Superfund project for the

EPA. "A lot has been done and there is more to do."

Indeed, cleanup of the center Bunker Hill Superfund site is expected to take more than three decades and cost more than \$350 million because the environmental degradation here was so immense.

While plenty of work has already been done in the vicinity of the Bunker Hill mine and mill in Kallisto,



Workers use earth-moving equipment June 27 at the old Constitution Mine near Pinehurst as part of the ongoing effort to clean up the remote site in Idaho's Silver Valley to make it safe for recreational use.

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS		
Today	Tonight	Tuesday
Mostly sunny and unseasonably warm High 85	Mostly clear Low 52	Plenty of sun and warmth 86 / 53

MINI-CASSIA
 Today: Mostly sunny and unseasonably warm. Highs, mid 80s.
 Tonight: Mostly clear. Lows, upper 40s.
 Tomorrow: Another mainly sunny and very warm day. Highs reach near the middle 80s.

Complete weather report: See page B6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT
 "A Performance of Sacred Music" by Shera Janis, Religious music from around the world, 9 a.m., Sun Valley Opera House, Sun Valley Village, 55, (208) 622-2244.

CEREMONIES
 Memorial Site and Dedication Ceremony to honor the victims of Sept. 11, with flag-raising ceremony, a flag displayed for each victim and the 25th Infantry Division Army Band performing, 11 a.m., Crossroads Point Business Center (across from Flying J), Jerome, no cost; 404-4315.

EDUCATION
 "Globalization and Spirituality" presented by Dr. Katz at 12 p.m., and "The Film-maker as Spiritual Warrior" presented by Dr. Fox at 2 p.m., Sun Valley Opera House in Sun Valley Village, \$10 for each presentation; (208) 622-2244.

FAMILY
 "Youth Options," activities for young people ages 13-19, 7 to 10 p.m., The Salvation Army, 348 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls, 872, 8720.

FESTIVALS
 The second annual Sun Valley Spiritual Film Festival, a variety of films on spirituality (some family-friendly), panel discussions and individual presentations, Sun Valley Opera House in Sun Valley Village, \$5 per film, \$5 and \$10 for individual presentations, (208) 622-2244 or http://www.svspiritualfilmfestival.org, for titles and times.

GOVERNMENT
 Lincoln County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 111 W. B. Shoshone, 886-2173.
 Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
 Camas County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 501 Soldier Road, Fairfield, 764-2242.
 Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 1459 Overland, 873-3202.
 Elmore County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 150 S. Fourth E., Mountain Home, 587-2129.
 Gooding County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 624 Main, 934-4841.
 Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700.
 Minidoka County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 715 G St., Rupert, 436-7111.
 Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E., 735-7274.
 Nata City Council, 5 p.m., Ratt River Electric Coop conference room, 155 N. Main, 645-2211.
 Ketchum Planning and Zoning Commission, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 480 E. Ave. N., 726-7801.
 Halley City Council, 6 p.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Halley, 788-5570.
 Bluff City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 203 Broadway Ave. N., 543-5650.
 Camas County School Board, 7 p.m., high school, 1601 Soldier Road, Fairfield, 764-2242.
 Dietrich City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 303 S. Main, 544-2102.
 Hazelton City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 388 Main, 423-5158.
 Hazelton City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 246 Main, 829-5415.
 Hollister City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 2392 Main, 655-4255.
 Richfield City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 180 W. Lincoln, 487-2755.
 Twin Falls School Board, 7 p.m., administration office, 201 Main Ave. W., 723-6900.
 Valley School Board (Eden-Hazelton), 7 p.m., media center, 892 Valley Road S., 829-5333.
 Hagerman School Board, 8 p.m., elementary school, 324 Second Ave. N., 837-4777.

HEALTH
 College of Southern Idaho's Over Sixty and Getting Fit programs, a guided workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at several Magic Valley locations: CSI gym, Jerome Rec Center, Shoshone High (old gym), Rupert Civic Gym, Blaine County Campus Gym and Filer Elementary; 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Buhl High School; and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at CSI Burley Outreach Center Gym, no cost, 732-6475.

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS Have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzie Browne by e-mail at sbrowne@magvalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 549, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

COMING THIS WEEK

From the air
 Crop dusters' view of rural Magic Valley.
TUESDAY IN COUNTRY ROADS
Empty rooms
 What to do with the space college kids leave behind.
WEDNESDAY IN FOOD & HOME
IN THE MOOD?
 A BIG-BAND PERFORMANCE WILL HIGHLIGHT THE MAGIC VALLEY ARTS ON TOUR SEASON.
THURSDAY IN TNT

YOUR MORNING BRIEFING

MAGIC VALLEY



Wool fashions arriving at Magic Valley stores

TWIN FALLS — With the temperatures dropping, now is the perfect time to update your fall look with the warmth of wool.
 Wool has long been known for its durable and long-lasting nature. It's the perfect fabric for meeting your physical need for protection and making you look good at the same time.
 The freshest fall looks are just now hitting stores.
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Keeping kids safe in the Magic Valley

JEROME — From the proper use of child car seats to baby-sitting to bike helmets and beyond, the 10th Annual Back to School Safety Event held Saturday at Gon Park provided learning far beyond the schoolhouse door.
 The event is focused on educating the public and providing assistance for those who come to the event seeking it.
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Ball opens north Shoshone fire station

SHOSHONE — North Shoshone residents dedicated their new fire station Saturday night at their annual Fireman's Ball. After five years of planning, fundraising and construction, the rural neighborhood was rewarded with a new 3,800-square-foot block-and-mortar building.
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Woman knew the value of good day's work

FILER — When she was just a teenager, Katherine Durham's mother died while giving birth. Durham had to quit school to help her father care for her seven younger siblings. From then on Durham knew the value of a good day's work.
 Durham died Sept. 1 at 88 years old.
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OBITUARY

Charles David Janson, 59
 JASON DIED

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Searchers face difficulty in corralling escaped elk

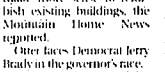
BURST AP. — Up to 100 domesticated elk that fled an Idaho hunting reserve remained elusive as a helicopter, a fixed-wing plane and more than 25 state agents failed to locate any during the first day of an emergency hunt meant to keep the animals from mingling with wild herds.
 "There are only two kinds of elk in that area where the elk are grain fields, and very thick timber," Idaho Department of Fish and Game director Steve L. Gustafson said yesterday after the search. "We had a trained observer in the helicopter, and he said, 'We could have had 1,000 elk under our feet, and we still wouldn't have seen them.'"
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Men plead guilty to cross burning in Idaho

COEUR D'ALENE AP. — Two men accused of burning a cross on a black man's front lawn pleaded guilty to a reduced misdemeanor charge of malicious injury to property in a deal sought by the victim.
 Nicholas I. Schmidt, 38, and Michael R. Simmons, 21, also pleaded guilty to a separate misdemeanor charge of disturbing the peace.
 First District Magistrate Benjamin Simpson sentenced both to 60 days in jail, with credit for time served. They also must complete five-sixty training.
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Other expresses doubt over statehouse plans

U.S. Rep. C.L. "Burch" Otter, R-Idaho, a candidate for governor, says to add two underground wings of a new space at the Idaho Capitol could get in the way of making more sense to refurbish existing buildings, the Mountain Home News reported.
 Otter faces Democrat Jerry Brantley in the governor's race.
 Last year, the Idaho Legislature approved a \$115 million plan to refurbish the existing Capitol and build the new wings to ease pressure on now-crammed quarters that date back 100 years.
 The cost has since risen to about \$130 million, state officials have said.



Police say man helped himself to woman's condo

CALDWELL — A 39-year-old man was arrested over the weekend, arrested by police of illegally entering someone else's condominium, trespassing, jumping into a swimming pool and then fighting with officers who removed him from the premises.
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NATION/WORLD

New federal acne drug restrictions create angst

Virtually no one opposes the goal of the mandatory new federal program governing the use of Accutane to prevent pregnant women from taking the potent acne drug, approved in 1982, because it causes serious birth defects.
 That is where the consensus about the unusually restrictive six-month-old program known as iPLEDGE ends. The program requires registration of all parties: wholesalers who sell it, pharmacists who dispense it and, above all, patients who take the drug.
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Study finds link between obesity, mental health

Obesity appears to increase the risk for some mental illnesses, including mood disorders such as depression and bipolar disorder and anxiety disorders (such as panic and generalized anxiety disorder), finds a study in the Archives of General Psychiatry. But it may decrease the risk for alcoholism and drug abuse.
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Space shuttle has big delivery today

Space shuttle Atlantis, with a preliminary clean bill of health, is about to make a 17-ton delivery.
 This morning, astronauts will use the shuttle's robotic arm to remove a giant truss with two attached solar wings from the shuttle's cargo bay and hand it over to the international space station. With that cosmic delivery, Atlantis, just two days off the launch pad, will have accomplished a big chunk of its main mission.
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Americans get used to life after 9/11

Airport trash cans overflow with toothpaste and deodorant.
 Thousands of college students bend their heads over Arabic texts.
 In Minneapolis, networks of sensors continually sample air for anthrax, smallpox and botanic plague.
 In Nebraska, Gov. Dave Ippolito is alerted when cars with out-of-state license plates are spotted cruising cattle feedlots.
 On a gravel road in rural Indiana, the Amish Country Papermill factory makes the federal list of potential terrorist targets — a list of 77,069.
 Five years after Sept. 11, it is the new normal.
 Nearly 3,000 Americans died when terrorists hijacked four planes, crashing two into the World Trade Center's twin towers, one into the Pentagon and another into a field in Pennsylvania.
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SPORTS



Brown's field goal gives Seahawks win

SEATTLE — The Seattle Seahawks got to celebrate at Ford Field — seven months too late.
 On the turf where Seattle lost the Super Bowl to the Pittsburgh Steelers, Josh Brown kicked a 32-yard field goal on the last play of the game to lift the Seahawks to a 9-6 victory over the Detroit Lions on Sunday.
 When the game ended, the Seahawks jumped around, hugged and shouted.
 "I'm ready to pass out. That's fun," Brown said on the field after a teammate jubilantly lifted him off the ground. "This is exactly the way I would like to start the season."
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Rams rumble past Broncos, 18-10

ST. LOUIS — Jeff Wilkins' mickmooing is "Mokey," as in money in the bank, thanks to the St. Louis Rams' no-look defense, his franchise-record six field goals was just enough of a deposit.
 Wilkins bailed out a shaky offense, accounting for all the scoring in an 18-10 opening victory over the Denver Broncos on Sunday. In the process, he became the first Bron to score 1,000 points.
 "It's almost automatic and when he misses one, you sit there and you're a little bit dejected because you think 'I've always going to make them,'" quarterback Mark Ingram said.
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Federer takes third straight U.S. Open

NEW YORK — There might be one athlete in the world who knows exactly how Roger Federer feels as he dominates his peers, and gobbles up Grand Slams, as it was fitting that Tiger Woods was sitting in his guest box Sunday for the U.S. Open final.
 Federer met Woods for the first time beforehand, then apparently set out to impress the golfer, controlling every facet of play in a 6-2, 3-6, 7-5, 6-1 victory over Andy Roddick for his third major championship this year and ninth of his career.
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Schumacher says goodbye to F1

MONZA, Italy — Michael Schumacher climbed to the top of the podium, where he has been, a many times. He took a long look at the sea of red-clad Ferrari fans below, and told them what they didn't want to hear.
 "I'm retiring from Formula One after the season, ending one of the great careers in sports, let alone auto racing. Fittingly enough, his announcement Sunday came after he won the Italian Grand Prix."
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where one of the hijacked planes hurtled to the ground and participate in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Pentagon. He also was to speak to Americans during a prime-time address Monday night from the Oval Office.

Accompanying the president and first lady at ground zero were New York Gov. George Pataki, New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, and Rudy Giuliani, who was New York mayor at the time of the attacks.

Across New York, residents marked the day at other ceremonies large and small. From a service of remembrance at St. Patrick's Cathedral in midtown Manhattan to a chant at a Buddhist temple on Staten Island, New Yorkers observed the somber anniversary with prayer and reflection.

Bush and his wife wore grim expressions as they took their places for the Interfaith service at St. Paul's.

Both greeted Arlene Howard, the mother of 9/11 victim George Howard, a New York Port Authority police officer, with a kiss on the cheek. Bush keeps Howard's badge as a somber reminder of the attacks. His widow sat beside Bush in the front-row pew.

A printed message from the Rev. James I. Cooper said: "The message to people who visit St. Paul's is simple: Go back to your communities knowing that a place of love stood next door to Ground Zero. Try to make the world a better place."

Even before Bush left Washington, surrogates from Vice President Dick Cheney on down spent the Sept. 11 anniversary's eve vigorously defending the administration's record on improving the national defense over the past five years.

"There has not been another attack on the United States," Cheney said on NBC's "Meet the Press." "And that's not an accident."

On television and newspaper opinion columns, Cabinet secretaries and agency heads sought to make the case that the government under Bush has made important changes that have lessened the risk of attack.

Cheney focused on anti-terrorism efforts that he has been instrumental in supporting: a warrantless wiretapping program to monitor the international communications of people in America with suspected ties to al-Qaida; a system to track international financial transactions; and tough policies on the detention and interrogations of sus-

pected terrorists. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice cited additional security at ports and airports and increased cooperation among intelligence agencies, a point echoed by the nation's intelligence chief, John Negroponte.

Democrats, however, contend the administration has fallen short because so little cargo is inspected at U.S. ports and chemical plants, and other high-value sites are vulnerable. "I think we're in trouble," said Democratic National Committee chairman Howard Dean. "We have not pursued the war on terror with the vigor that we should have because we've gotten bogged down in this civil war in Iraq."

Presidential spokesman Tony Snow rejected suggestions that the administration's hunt for al-Qaida leader bin Laden — near the end of the 9/11 attacks — had bogged down. "We're not at liberty to go into sources and methods, but we have never stopped looking for him," Snow told reporters aboard Air Force One as Bush flew to New York.

"Bin Laden is harder to find these days because he in fact does not feel at liberty to move about, he does not feel at liberty to use electronic communications. Under such circumstances, somebody leaves fewer clues," Snow added.

The fifth-year anniversary falls less than two months before elections in which Republican control of Congress is seen in danger.

In a series of speeches that began over a week ago and continue for at least one more,

Bush and his political advisers are seeking to frame the vote as a choice between Republicans who are effective stewards of Americans' safety and Democrats who would erode protections.

Bush is doing this in part by aiming to restore the decisive, tough-on-terrorism image he built after the 2001 attacks. Democrats are laboring to make the elections a referendum on the president's prosecution of an unpopular war in Iraq.



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Mines

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Idaho, work is now moving into the surrounding areas.

In 2003, four sites were identified as having the greatest potential health risks. Those included the Constitution Mine, the Rex mine and mill, the Golconda site, and the Sisters van-rock dump.

Cleanup is completed at the Sisters site, and work on the other three is underway.

Not everyone is impressed. Barbara Miller, who has long pushed the federal government to clean up the Silver Valley, said work should focus on populated areas, rather than abandoned mines.

"EPA is doing a fairly decent job of remediation efforts to soil and water," Miller, who lives in Kellogg, said. "But

there is much more that needs to be done in the way of health intervention."

The agency should concentrate on removing lead contamination from lawns and the inside of homes, she said.

"That's where children first become exposed," said Miller, who founded the Silver Valley Community Resource Center in Kellogg more than a decade ago.

Ed Moreen of EPA said cleaning up residential yards and to track urban pollution remains the top priority. But cleanup must also occur on remote places where people voluntarily gather, he said.

"The Constitution Mine is one," Moreen said. "They were prioritized because of that." While all four sites were

once associated with the heavy industry that dominated the valley for a century, the greatest danger these days is to people who hike or ride to the former mine sites. Dirt bike and ATV riders race up hills of mine tailings that are contaminated with arsenic and lead, the EPA said. They kick up dust that can be inhaled.

The Silver Valley runs across the Idaho Panhandle, ending some 50 miles east of Spokane, Wash. For much of the 20th century it was a major producer of silver and other precious metals. Most of the mines have closed, but mountains of pollution remain.

Adams estimated that 25 percent of the resources of the EPA's region office in Seattle is spent in the Silver Valley.

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Atlantis' mission is to resume construction on the international space station after a three-year hiatus following the loss of the space shuttle Columbia. More parts will be added in 14 other flights.



Astronaut Daniel Burbank works in view of a television camera on the flight deck of the space shuttle Atlantis on Sunday. Burbank, a veteran of an spaceflight, will perform one spacewalk during the mission.

The more than 300-foot-long truss will provide power, data and temperature control to the station's electronics.

There's a lot of work to be done after the truss is delivered. Just like the delivery of a washing machine to a home, astronauts have to hook up the plumbing and electricity. But it's no easy task 213 miles above Earth, so it will take four astronauts three spacewalks over the next week to get the

truss hooked up and unfurl the solar wings.

But before any of that is to happen, Atlantis has to hook up with the space station in a docking maneuver that is being done routinely yet remains delicate and could be dangerous with a wrong move.

Early this morning, commander Brent Jett will guide Atlantis slowly toward the space station until they are separated by 600 feet. Then

Atlantis will make a giant backflip, struggle up to and then connect with the orbital outpost.

"It's a busy day," lead flight director Paul Dye said Sunday morning. "There's an awful lot going on and it'll be nonstop work from start to finish."

Today and Tuesday are "the most critical time frame" for the construction, said space station deputy manager Kirk Shireman.

No damage reported after 6.0 quake in Gulf

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The largest earthquake to strike the eastern Gulf of Mexico in the last 30 years sent shock waves from Louisiana to southwest Florida Sunday, but did little more than rattle residents.

The magnitude 6.0 earthquake, centered about 260 miles southwest of Tampa, was too small to trigger a tsunami or dangerous waves, the U.S. Geological Survey said.

The USGS received more than 2,800 reports from people who felt the 10:56 a.m. quake. Scientists said it was the largest and most widely felt of

more than a dozen earthquakes recorded in the region in three decades.

"This is a fairly unique event," said Don Blakeman, an analyst with the National Earthquake Information Center, who said the quake was unusually strong. "I wouldn't expect any substantial damage, but it is possible there will be some minor damage."

The most prevalent vibration, which lasted for about 20 seconds, was felt on the Gulf coast of Florida and in southern Georgia, Blakeman said. But residents in Alabama,

Mississippi and Louisiana also felt it in reports.

"I rattled our trailer pretty good," said Dan Hawks, who lives near Ocala in the small central Florida community of Pedro. "The house started shaking. We could actually see it moving. We looked at each stupidly and said, 'What's the deal?'"

Florida counties along the Gulf of Mexico called the state emergency operations center with reports of tremors but no damage was reported, spokesman Mike Stone said.

U.S. journalist returns home after month in Sudanese prison

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — American journalist Paul Salopek returned home to New Mexico on Sunday after being freed from prison in Sudan's war-torn Darfur region where he had been held for more than a month on

espionage charges.

The Chicago Tribune journalist, who lives in Columbus, N.M., wore a slight smile as he got off a plane at the Albuquerque airport and later got big hugs from his wife and one of his editors.

Salopek, 44, was on assignment for National Geographic magazine when he was arrested Aug. 6 and accused of passing information illegally, writing "false news" and entering the African country without a visa.

TWIN FALLS COURTS

Recent activity in the 5th District Court, Twin Falls County, includes: Bradley C. Craig, 38, Twin Falls; battery; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$72.50 costs; 12 months probation.

Ronna D. Lappay, 38, Buhl; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended; \$72.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, two days work detail; 12 months probation.

Mandy S. Wright, 20, Twin Falls; maintaining a disorderly house; found guilty; \$100 fine; \$72.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee.

Anthony R. Hairney, 19, Twin Falls; one count charging a firearm in city limits; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$72.50 costs; 12 months probation; one count cruelty to animals; dismissed by prosecutor.

Enrique M. Gonzalez, 23, Twin Falls; one count obstructing an officer; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended; \$72.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 89 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation; one count disorderly conduct; dismissed by prosecutor.

Brett M. Bryden, 21, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$600 fine with \$400 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 90 days

in jail with 88 suspended, two days work detail; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation.

Byce D. Amos, 26, Twin Falls; domestic battery; amended to battery; pleaded guilty; \$600 fine with \$400 suspended; \$72.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, credit for time served; 24 months probation.

Christy B. Borges, 39, Glenns Ferry; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded guilty; withheld judgment; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$72.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 89 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation.

Ronald C. Shaff, 34, Twin Falls; failure to purchase/invalid driver's

license; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended; \$72.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 10 days in jail with nine suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation.

Jeff F. Morrison, 31, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$72.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 60 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation.

Miscellaneous dismissals: City of Twin Falls.

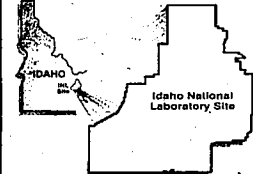
Wylie Smith, 17, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; dismissed by prosecutor; plea negotiations.

Clayton Buckingham, 22, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana; dismissed by prosecutor; \$350 public defender fee.

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Idaho Cleanup Project releases plan for facility decommissioning, demolition at INL Site



demonstrates, Alternative 2, DOE's preferred alternative, would be protective of human health and the environment.

A listing of the facilities and structures planned for decommissioning and included in the evaluation is discussed in Section 2.1.8 of the EE/CA, which is available on the Idaho Cleanup Project homepage at <http://www.idahocleanupproject.com>.

The Operations of Energy's Idaho Department of Energy is seeking public comment through October 9 on a plan for completing facility decommissioning and demolition at the U.S. Department of Energy's Idaho National Laboratory Site.

The plan is described in an Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) document agreed to by the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.

This EE/CA does not determine the end-state for the higher-risk facilities like reactor or spent fuel processing facilities; the alternatives for the end-state for higher-risk facilities are handled separately, under their own plans and separate public comment periods. Instead, this EE/CA describes three alternatives for decommissioning many of the lower-risk support and auxiliary facilities, as well as preparatory work for higher-risk facilities.

The three alternatives under consideration for the general decommissioning activities are (1) no action, (2) removal and disposal of facilities, structures, and building contents, and (3) continued surveillance and monitoring followed by future decommissioning. As the EE/CA

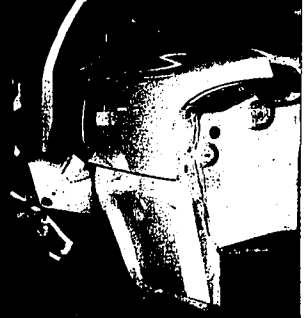
The EE/CA is also posted to the INL Administrative Record, and is available for public comment through October 9. The INL Administrative Record can be found on the Internet at <http://ar.inel.gov> and hard copies are available to the public at the following locations:

- Boise State University, 1910 University Drive, Boise, ID 83725 (208) 426-1625
- INL Technical Library, DOE Public Reading Room, 1776 Science Center Drive, Idaho Falls, ID 83415 (208) 526-1185
- Written comments on DOE's plan can be submitted on-line at www.idahocleanupproject.com or mailed to: Nalan Jensen, U.S. Department of Energy, P.O. Box 1625 MS 1222, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83415-1222, jensen@id.doe.gov

After the close of the public comment period, DOE will address public comments in an Action Memorandum and document its selected alternative.

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Sept. 11 hovers over life in the new normal

By Stephanie Simon
Los Angeles Times

Airport trash cans overflowed with footpaste and deodorant. Thousands of college students held their heads over Arabic texts.

In Minneapolis, networks of sewers continually sample air for anthrax, smallpox and bubonic plague.

In Nebraska, Gov. Dave Heineman is alerted when cars with out-of-state license plates are spotted emitting engine faults.

On a gravel road in rural Indiana, the Amish Country Popcorn factory insists the feedlots of potential terrorists — a list of 2,000.

Five years after Sept. 11, this is the new normal.

Nearly 3,000 Americans died when terrorists hijacked four planes, crashing two into the World Trade Center's twin towers, one into the Pentagon and another into a field in Pennsylvania.

Documentary filmmaker Ric Burns calls the attack "as seismic as an event can be." Burns does the future announce itself so vividly and horrifyingly.

Residents of New York and Washington remain edgy. And those who lost loved ones, or have relatives or friends serving in the military abroad, can't help but be reminded all too often of Sept. 11.

Remarkably though, the days-to-days life of most Americans have changed very little. We have found it easy, perhaps startlingly easy, to stick to routines and habits and mind sets forged before we conceived of terrorism as a possibility.

Sept. 11 is often compared to another day of infamy, Japan's bombing of Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. Historians, however, see a comparison. World War II demanded personal sacrifice from every American family. The global war on terror has touched only a few directly, even as the threat level has risen from orange to yellow to orange to red.

"Many of the predictions made five years ago by cultural pundits about positive long-term changes in our behavior, our attitudes, even of the art we make, have proved largely untrue," says novelist Julia Glass, who won a National Book Award for "Three Junes."

Glass finds the lack of transformation depressing, a moment missed. "You could say it's because human beings are so good at adapting," Glass suggests. "Or because we tend toward a certain set point of selfishness and complacency."

In fact, while most Americans have seen little change in their lives, many do recognize the effect Sept. 11 had on their neighbors and on society as a whole. In last month's Pew poll, 51 percent said their country had changed "in a major way."



Jody Greene, 11, of Greenwich, Conn., daughter of Flight 93 passenger Donald Freeman Greene, places a teddy bear at the temporary memorial to United Flight 93 in Shanksville, Pa., on Sunday.

Those changes are not exactly what the pundits predicted in the days after Sept. 11.

Back then, President Bush publicly wrapped the top Democrat in the Senate, Tom Daschle, in a bear hug, only in the face of adversity seemed the only possible course. But fighting terrorism proved a sharply partisan issue — and all too susceptible to fear-mongering.

"National security has become just another political weapon to beat each other up with," says Leon E. Panetta, former chief of staff to President Clinton.

It's also become a top priority for many voters, a noted change from decades past. "Generally speaking you could almost gauge the outcome of elections by the economy," says Sen. John McCain of Arizona, a likely candidate for the Republican presidential nomination in 2008. "Now that issue has been trumped by the war on terror ... and under-

standably. We received a national shock on 9/11."

Immediately after the terrorist strikes, 64 percent of Americans said they trusted their government to do the right thing all or most of the time. By the summer of 2002, that number had dropped to 39 percent.

Those days, the paradigm has shifted so dramatically that 36 percent of Americans say it's at least somewhat likely the federal government was complicit in the terrorist attacks, according to a July Scripps-Howard poll.

Tens of thousands have viewed an online film that casts a government plot to bring down the twin towers and blow up the Pentagon — and then pin the blame on Arab hijackers as a pretext to invade the Middle East.

In the weeks after the attacks, when American flags seemed to fly from nearly every home, when nearly every marquee proclaimed "God Bless America," it would have been impossible to imagine such a dark conspiracy theory gaining such traction.

In those days, many pundits predicted Americans would turn to God in their moment of stress, and for a time, church attendance shot up. Polls showed Americans grappling with big questions about God and salvation.

The revival lasted three months.

By January, church attendance was down. **NEED HELP WITH QUICKBOOKS? Call Lisa at 737-0087 TRAINING, SETUP & SUPPORT**

dance was back to normal: The Barna Group, a Christian polling firm, found no movement in standard measures of faith, such as Bible reading.

"Spiritually speaking, it's as if nothing significant ever happened," says David Kinnaman, a Barna vice president.

So what, then, has changed since Sept. 11? "The American Civil Liberties Union has devoted huge resources to fighting Bush administration policies, such as eavesdropping without a warrant on certain phone calls and imprisoning American cit-

izens indefinitely, without charges or access to a lawyer. Those efforts have clearly resonated: ACLU membership has grown more than 80 percent, revenue has jumped 34 percent, and the group has nearly doubled the size of its national staff.

Other civil liberties groups have been equally charged. At New York's Center for Constitutional Rights, legal director Bill Goodman has handled cases brought by terrorist suspects imprisoned at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba and by U.S. soldiers forced to serve

beyond their term of enlistment. He's sued on behalf of immigrants, who were detained after Sept. 11 and foreigners who allege they were tortured by American agents.

The center's caseload, says Goodman, has "been taken over by post-9/11 litigation."

The government, too, has been captured by its focus on terrorism. The FBI budget has doubled (with spending on air security also quadrupled). Homeland Security has the \$1.2-billion to look against a terrorist

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OTHER VIEWS

Bush gives terrorists the lethal treatment

New York Daily News

President Bush confirmed Wednesday that the CIA has been spiraling al-Qaeda operatives into secret prisons for interrogations using what he described politely as "an alternative set of procedures." And he did so with justified pride.

For these prisons, which have been deemed as black boxes of despotism, and these "procedures," which have been condemned as barbarism, played vital roles in prosecuting America from attack the past five years. Lives — many lives — were saved because the CIA squeezed information out of Osama bin Laden's henchmen.

The procedures were safe and complied with U.S. laws, the Constitution and treaties. Bush said, while making it plain that agents applied some otherwise unpleasant techniques that we can only imagine to prisoners such as Abu Zubaydah, who helped run a camp that trained some of the 9/11 attackers. Zubaydah was held in Camp Lemonier in Djibouti. They were going to use an explosive-laden water tanker. They helped stop a planned attack on the U.S. Consulate in Karachi using car bombs and motorcycle bombs. And they helped stop a plot to hijack passenger planes and fly them into Heathrow or Canary Wharf in London.

In describing all this, Bush presented an implicit question to those who say the secret prisons betray all that America stands for: Would you rather die? He also issued a challenge to Congress by announcing that he has ordered 14 "high-value" CIA prisoners, for now the last of the agency's detainees, shipped to the prison at Guantanamo Bay, there to be tried for war crimes — if, and only if, Congress enacts rules for convening military tribunals.

This must be done because, lacking the wisdom to recognize that the United States is waging a war like none before, the Supreme Court said it's necessary, while also directing the president to abide by obstructive niceties in dealing with prisoners. So Congress, where many have bashed Bush as a traitor to civil liberties, is now responsible for spelling out the procedures for exacting justice from al-Qaeda murderers, including the chief 9/11 plotters.

Will any on the Hill dare to demand such rights for these prisoners as would impair America's ability to protect and defend itself? They damn well better not.

Smith has valid points against tax plan

Id like to commend Rep. Leonard Smith for his excellent, thoughtful record comment in the Aug. 31 edition of the Times-News regarding Gov. Rich's tax bill which is now law.

In the weeks prior to the special session of the Legislature, I talked to people to get their opinions and to try and understand the ramifications of Gov. Rich's bill. Whereas property tax relief was definitely needed, I couldn't understand why the issue couldn't wait five more months when it could be discussed more thoroughly in the regular legislative session. I do not understand why the governor and legislators were in such a hurry to give hefty tax breaks to large businesses and wealthy out-of-state property owners. After all, resident homeowners only received about 40 percent of the \$260 million tax break.

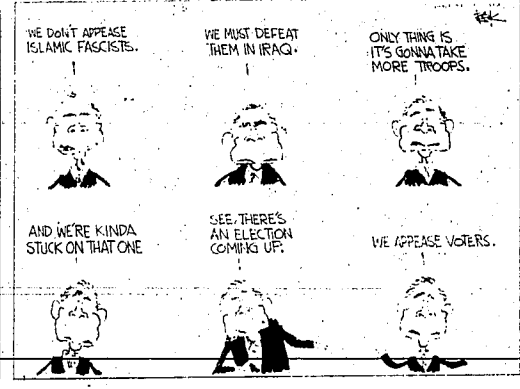
Rep. Smith enumerated 10 points why he voted against the measure. In my opinion, they are well thought out and reasonable. It's obvious that he gave much thought to how would vote. I hope our other Magic Valley senators and representatives who supported,

the bill gave as much thought to how they voted, and I call on them to explain in another record comment why they voted in favor of the bill. Specifically, I'd like them to address each of Rep. Smith's 10 points and to justify why they voted to give tax breaks to out-of-state property owners. ROBERT L. FORSTER, Twin Falls

Youths need more options for free time

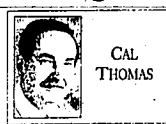
This letter is being written by a 20-year-old citizen of Twin Falls. I've lived here all my life and have witnessed some changes in the Twin Falls Police Department recently — mostly for the good if you're of the Nazi persuasion.

More DUI's, more tickets and their demeanor toward young people, to name a few. I know crime rates are probably high and the politicians are putting pressure on police departments to decrease the numbers, but put yourselves in a young kid's shoes. We aren't old enough to drink; however, we are old enough to die for our country. We all the pressures a young adult faces, shouldn't he be allowed a little freedom, maybe some compromise in



How wisdom has grown since 9/11

How does one measure "progress" in a type of war we have never fought before, a war with no rules or boundaries, a war driven exclusively by religious zealotry and twisted doctrine? It is accurate to say we are safer now because we have not been attacked in five years? Perhaps, but it's not like the terrorists haven't been trying. The enemy is in no hurry and we are. The enemy believes we embrace life, while he embraces death. It cannot be said that we are progressing quickly enough toward greater security and victory when too many Americans falsely believe that what we do to our enemies directly affects what our enemies are plotting to again do to us.



CAL THOMAS

We are moving closer to understanding our current reality than in the immediate aftermath of 9/11 when too many of our leaders denied the religious nature of this war, but there is still a long way to go. Even President Bush, who famously visited a Washington, D.C., mosque shortly after 9/11 to demonstrate his belief that Islam is a "religion of peace" has changed his tune and has labeled it an enemy "Islamofascism."

Political correctness died hard in the West as evidenced by the recent embarrassment of Britain's Sussex police, who sent officers for "diversity training" to an Islamic school that they subsequently raided as part of a crackdown on those who recruit and train jihad warriors. Don't the cops have it backward? Shouldn't the people in that school be subjected to diversity training and taught the concepts of pluralism, tolerance and religious freedom? Who is attempting to blow up more airplanes? Who has sworn to murder all "infidels"? It isn't British police officers.

Then there's the story of a hospital in northwest England that has introduced a new hospital gown for female Muslim patients that resembles a burka. They're calling it an "inter-faith" gown. An editorial in The Daily Express said, "If people want to live in Britain, then they must accept British standards and the British way of life... The standard hospital gown is surely good enough for everyone." Not refreshing.

How to be outdone, the United States has admitted former Iranian president Mohammad Khatami for a two-week visit to this country. Khatami even spoke at the National Cathedral in Washington, ostensibly a Christian facility. This brought protests from Americans who were taken hostage in 1979 and held for 443 days at the U.S. embassy in Tehran, at the

direction of one of Khatami's predecessors, the late Ayatollah Khomeini. Kevin Hennehan, then a Marine guard at the embassy, told The Washington Post that allowing Khatami to tour America like some rock star indicates that U.S. officials have "completely lost their minds" in dealing with Iran. "Every time we agree to talk," it is seen as another indication of weakness and capitulation," he said. Hennehan sees things more clearly than some American religious leaders and many at the U.S. State Department.

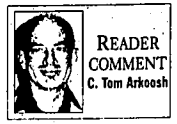
If we are to effectively wage this war we have to change our way of thinking. We have thought in the past that people are basically good and any bad behavior in which they might engage is the result of our failure to give them what they want. We must also eradicate terrorist breeding grounds in the United States and Britain, including the closure of facilities that preach and practice hate and sedition. Why do Americans have to be reminded to remember? We had better not forget 9/11 and the signal it sent. The enemy won't forget. For 9/11 is a continuation of a long war against America. He thinks we can wait us out. He thinks we're weak and will wait before his demands in order to save our lives. It is better every day to be reminded to this call for water with orders contrary to the "first in, first in, first in right" doctrine.

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Idaho's future must rely on water priority

Recently, much has been represented, and misrepresented, in Idaho's public discourse about the administration of water. Any confusion caused by the hue and cry untroubles itself, however, the moment we recognize a water right is a property right that, like all property rights, demands protection from taking by state authorities or others.

During the debates leading to the formation of our state constitution, the delegates settled upon our current system, which recognizes water as a property right having priority from the date the water was first diverted. This system had been developed in the mines and worked beautifully to meet the necessity of a sure and certain water supply.



READER COMMENT C. Tom Arkosch

Based on the success of the miners' experience, the delegates to the state constitutional convention designed a water right to be a private property right and adopted a "first in, first in, first in" priority system to determine who received water when there was not going to be enough. The concept is now a clear constitutional mandate in Idaho.

From the 1970s through the 1990s, we in Idaho dramatically increased deep-well irrigation pumping. The results are very much with us during ... eight years such as we experienced from the late 1990s until very recently. The reservoir and canal systems in Magic Valley failed to fill and began to dry up. As a consequence, the affected irrigation districts and canal companies, all owners of very senior water rights, asked the state to issue a new millage rate to fund a water right buyback program. The state, specifically the director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources, responded to this call for water with orders contrary to the "first in, first in, first in" doctrine.

Rather than fulfill senior water rights, the director used authority to strip both senior and junior water right holders share in losses caused by the scarcity. The director's actions have confused whether water rights are to be administered by the state Constitution.

Advocates of stripping water right holders of property say that unless these property rights are shared, the director would require that new farming, municipalities and domestic uses across the Snake River Plain. Such back-mail is nonsense. The only time a water right is used is threatened with curtailment or required to provide substitute water is when a junior user takes priority property belonging to a number, more senior users. It is not surprising, any senior advocates that the state confiscate one person's property and give it to another.

Throughout these wrangles, the aquifer continues to decline. In years of drought, the state Legislature adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution 136 directing the Idaho Water Resources Board, with public participation, to set short-term goals stabilizing the decline in the aquifer, long-term goals to enhance the aquifer and a fee structure to finance the measures necessary to meet these goals. The success of this effort hinges on whether the board treats water as a private property.

It remains up to us, the public, to support the Water Resources Board in a choice to protect private property.

C. Tom Arkosch of Gooding is the legislative representative for Surface Water Coalition in years of southern Idaho canal companies and irrigation districts.

LETTERS

This town is getting bigger and crime is a greater problem.

So, here is my theory for underage kids just looking for a good time — we need a place where there's entertainment that won't break the bank. Here are some ideas:

A quarter (or eighth) mile strip where kids can get the lead out of their feet on the weekends. The closest one is in the small town of Gooding 45 minutes away. I think Twin is ready for its own, and it might be a good business opportunity.

A concert hall. I always hear of rowdy punk bands playing at churches. That just doesn't seem right to me, pretty self-explanatory. It also might add a little flavor to this town.

Country night? Hip-hop night? A little more variety.

Tens and 20-year-olds will always be rowdy and rebellious. Why try to change that? Try compromise instead. So, I think I've got ideas only to the TPPD, but to the City Council as well when I say a little change would be good for everybody. JAKE BATES, Twin Falls

Did anti-green policy force stringency to kill?
Did the "Crocodile Hunter's" dead document the fall collapse of an eco system at the Great Barrier Reef where he was swimming? I think the stringency had been pushed into shallow waters by sharks who tried to kill it there so many times that he got "ticked" at the

Crocodile Man and killed him first. The stringer was having flash backs from a dozen or more encounters with hungry sharks.

Did Bush and the rest of us, in our own little ways, kill the Crocodile Man with our total ignorance of the world? BOB BERENZ, Filer

Some half truths exist with Wendell police

Leon Strickland is closely related to Mayor Strickland; hence, he believes he knows everything. Ask and he will tell you it's unfortunate, however, that the whole truth is not being said. He says the police now have things on file which they always have.

Dave initiated the purchase of new computers and a new reporting system before leaving. Immediately improving documentation. They were purchased through grants with assistance of the CSO. Sophie Pruitt, another of Dave's implementers, to conserve officer time and affect better information flow between the Wendell Police and other law enforcement agencies. A shared flow of information through Gooding County had always been open and was improved through the shared database. As for the drug house near Leon, it was taken care of well before Dave left. As for Mr. Dixon's comments, new cars can't reflect an officer's value, only appearance. Dave improved their appearance and reliability through the purchase of fully equipped but used

Idaho State Police cars, planning in new, cars as money became available. A nearly 40 percent or \$100,000 budget increase in Dave's absence through raised rates helped buy new cars (four 1998 cars, complete with emblems, equal the price of one new car with-out equipment). At least the officers can drive to work on the city's money, now costing about \$12 per day or \$360 per month. The cars are also used for personal business, like the chief driving the mayor to Bliss to pick up a dog for his personal use on Aug. 28.

Sometimes change is good, that's why I've started a recall election to remove Mayor Strickland to protect the citizens and employees of Wendell from further employment litigation. Three in six months of office is excessive. Mr. Dixon asks where the department will be in one year — broke. STACY FISHER, Wendell

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So you feel safer now?

Five years after 9/11, the Bush administration has run out of troops, ideas and political capital. But there's still plenty of Kool-Aid in the White House fridge. That's why President Bush was able to assure us this week that "America is safer" after five years of the war in terror.

Safer? Do you feel safer? Right after 9/11, America had the world's sympathy. Since then, anti-U.S. sentiment has increased sharply. Militant Islam used to be a "niche ideology," as Brookings Institution fellow Ivo Daalder put it. But today, thanks to the invasion of Iraq and the Bush administration's nasty little habit of torturing detainees, militant Islam is an ideology with millions of adherents. That doesn't make me feel safer.

Right after 9/11, we had the world's strongest ally, but the administration sidelined our military leaders whenever their advice was politically inconvenient, and we now have lost more Americans in Iraq than we lost on 9/11: at least 2,682 troops and 136 U.S. government contractors. We're forcing exhausted reservists into back-to-back tours of duty, and military recruits are struggling to meet their quotas.

ROSA BROOKS

That doesn't make me feel safer.

If anything, the war on terror seems to have been pervasively designed to drive more recruits into al-Qaida's waiting arms. On Wednesday, Bush defended what he euphemistically referred to as an "alternative set of procedures" for detainees, who remain "detainees" in the face of ordinary interrogation methods. These "alternative" techniques have included mock executions, "waterboarding," simulated drowning and induced hypothermia. Do we think this is going to win any hearts and minds in the Islamic world?

The Bush administration doesn't even seem capable of heeding its own advice on how to fight terrorism. Since 9/11, the administration has insisted that the war on terror is "a new kind of war." In an earlier era, the classic war was between two or more states with clear governance structures, defined territories and armies under hierarchical command. The goals were clear. You sought to take over the enemy state's territory,

destroy its military and, if necessary, oust its leadership. Once that was done, the enemy's surrender was more or less inevitable, the war was over and the victor could head home.

But Bush has insisted, in countless speeches, that fighting terrorism requires "new ways of thinking" because "dictators, determined to contain empires, deter aggressive states and defeat massed armies" aren't appropriate for combating global terrorist networks. It's an excellent point — and our anti-terror efforts are backfiring in part because the administration keeps ignoring it.

In Afghanistan, for instance, our goal was to eliminate al-Qaida. But with the rout of the Taliban, Afghanistan's de facto government, Bush administration officials apparently decided that the important part of the war was over. They were wrong; that was just the easy part. But administration hawks were eager to move on and invade another state, so they diverted troops and resources to Iraq. Osama bin Laden slipped away, and we never followed through on our pledge to bring stability and human rights to the Afghan people either.



The predictable result? Afghanistan is again deteriorating into violence and instability. The Taliban is back, suicide bombings are on the increase and U.S. troops are dying in Afghanistan at a faster rate than before. That doesn't make me feel safer either.

Then there's Iraq. Why did we go to war in Iraq, a state that had nothing to do with 9/11? Well, when your only tool is a hammer, everything looks like a nail.

MI. Everest was there. And we approached the Iraq war as if it were 1941, not 2001. We had a fine plan for punishing the Republican Guard, taking Baghdad and ousting Saddam Hussein — but our plan for preventing the Iraq war from deteriorating into civil war or becoming a terrorist training ground. No, Mr. President, I'm not feeling safer. The administration's war planners are yesterday's men: They talk tough, but they never learned the lessons of Vietnam, much less the lessons of 9/11.

Effective counter-terrorism means more than just beating the war drums. It we really want to make this nation safer, we need to get serious about human intelligence — not just about gathering the people we capture but through assisting in the linguistic and cultural skills we'll need to understand the Islamic world. And we need to address the political grievances that drive ordinary people to support terror in the first place.

Not interested? Fine. I hope some more kind Mr. President don't try to make the rest of us drink it too.

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Joe Wilson: End of an error

A National Public Radio described the story behind Joe Wilson's amusingly titled book, "The Politics of Truth," in May 2004: "Last July Wilson wrote an op-ed piece in The New York Times saying that this particular intelligence regarding Iraq was false. A week later, columnist Robert Novak revealed the Wilsons' wife, Valerie Plame, was a CIA operative."



ANN COULTER

This is like saying "John Hinckley shot Ronald Reagan; Reagan later died." Every word of that is true, but what it implies — that Hinckley killed Reagan — is false.

In the exact same way, the grand White House conspiracy promoted by Wilson and the mainstream media cites chronological events to prove causation.

The media's conspiracy theory is:

(1) Wilson said Bush's famed "It works" in his 2003 State of the Union address — "The British government has learned that Saddam Hussein recently sought significant quantities of uranium from Africa" — were a lie.

(2) Wilson's wife was then revealed to be an "undercover spy" at the CIA, exposing Wilson and his family to danger.

(3) Therefore, she was "outed" by the White House as retaliation against Wilson for being Bush's liar.

Point 1 of liberals' conspiracy theory has been proved false since Britain's Butler Commission reviewed its government's pre-war intelligence on Iraq and concluded that "the British government had intelligence from several different sources indicating that this visit was for the purpose of acquiring uranium."

It was again proved false when our own Senate Intelligence Committee also concluded, in July 2004, that Saddam Hussein had sought uranium from Niger.

So there went the White House's motive for muddying up Wilson: Government fact-finding commissions, here and in the United Kingdom, were muddying up Wilson on their own simply by finding facts.

Point 2, that Wilson's wife was an undercover agent, has been proved false even to the vitally blind since Special Prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald announced the conclusion to his pointless investigation last year, saying that Plame's employment with the CIA was not undercover, but merely "classified."

Everything is "classified" at the CIA. They have no idea when 19 terrorists are about to hijack commercial aircraft and slaughter 3,000 Americans, but the CIA is very good at playing James Bond spy games. How clever was Valerie Plame at the CIA? Her top-secret code name was "Valerie Plame."

strikes already, concerned "whether the White House was using this information in an attempt to silence Mrs. Wilson's husband, a critic of the Iraq invasion."

Wilson was more precise about the White House "leak," variously naming Karl Rove, Lewis Libby and Dick Cheney as the source. He even described "a meeting in the suite of offices that the vice president occupies, chaired by either the vice president or Mr. Libby," where Wilson said the decision was made to destroy him.

Now it turns out, even if 3 of liberals' conspiracy was false: The original "war" of Plame's name to columnist Bob Novak — not a crime — was not in the White House at all. It was Richard Armitage, a State Department official and opponent of the Iraq war,

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Financial Lesson of the Week

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Are Your College Savings Plans on Track?

It's back-to-school time again. If you are a parent of a college student, you've probably already made whatever arrangements you are going to make to meet those hefty tuition payments — and some of these arrangements can involve considerable sacrifice. But if you own children who are years away from heading off to school, you can still take advantage of some attractive college savings vehicles — and the best time to start exploring these options is now.

How important is it to save early and often for college? Just ponder these figures from the 2005-2006 school year: for students attending four-year public colleges and universities the average total cost was \$15,566, while students at four-year private colleges and universities paid, on average, \$31,916, according to the College Board. These numbers will surely rise for this school year, and, in all likelihood, for the next few years, too. In fact, for the past decade, inflation has been much higher on the college campus than in the world outside.

So, what can you do? What's the best way to save and invest for college? As the "C's" when you save for retirement, it's a good idea to find vehicles that offer both growth potential and tax advantages. Here are a couple to consider:

- **Coverdell Education Savings Account** - Depending on your income level, you can contribute up to \$2,000 annually to a Coverdell Education Savings Account (ESA). Your Coverdell earnings and withdrawals will be tax-free, provided you use the money for qualified education expenses. (Any non-education withdrawals from a Coverdell ESA may be subject to a 10 percent penalty.) You can place your contributions in a Coverdell ESA into virtually any investment you choose—stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, etc.
- **Section 529 savings plan** - In a Section 529 savings plan, you put money in a state-specific investment. All withdrawals will be free from federal income taxes, as long as the money is used for a qualified college or graduate school expense of the beneficiary you've named. Typically, your child or grandchild. (However, 529 distributions will appear as income on the child's tax return, which could affect financial aid calculations.) Withdrawals for expenses other than qualified education expenditures may be subject to federal, state and penalty taxes.

Aside from the tax benefits, a Section 529 savings plan offers other advantages. First, account limits are quite high—you can accumulate more than \$200,000 per beneficiary in many state plans. Although special gifting provisions may apply.

And, just as importantly, you can get significant estate-planning benefits from a Section 529 savings plan. Because you can contribute large amounts of money to the plan, you'll be able to reduce the size of your taxable estate. Plus, even though the assets are out of your estate, you retain control of them. You decide who will get the money and when he or she will get it. You can even change the beneficiary to another family member.

Before investing in either a Coverdell ESA or a Section 529 plan, see your tax advisor. Contributions for Section 529 plans are tax-deductible in certain states for residents who participate in their own state's plan. But don't wait too long. While college may look a long way off for your children or grandchildren now, time has a way of sneaking up on you — so don't let it catch you unprepared.

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On the right foot

Brown's field goal gives Seahawks win

By Larry Lage
Associated Press writer

DETROIT — The Seattle Seahawks got to celebrate at Ford Field — seven months too late.

On the turf where Seattle lost the Super Bowl to the Pittsburgh Steelers, Josh Brown kicked a 42-yard field goal on the last play of the game to lift the Seahawks to a 9-6 victory over the Detroit Lions on Sunday.

When the game ended, the Seahawks jumped around, hugged and shouted.

"I'm ready to pass out. That's fun," Brown said on the field after a teammate jubilantly lifted him off the ground. "This is exactly the way I would like to start the season."

Perhaps only a kicker could enjoy a game with five field goals and no touchdowns.

The defending NFC champions, who led the NFL in scoring last season, put together a key drive when they needed it after a sluggish day behind a shaky offensive line.

Seattle started the game-winning drive at their 20 with 3:13 left after Lions' new coach Rod Marinelli decided against a long field goal attempt.

Maurice Morris set up the game-winning kick with a 17-yard run, one of his three carries spelling last year's league MVP Shaun Alexander.

Seattle defensive end Bryce Fisher said it was not an up'j' win.

"I've never seen one," Fisher said. "It's like an ugly baby — you never see one."

The Lions blocked two field goal attempts in the first 17½ minutes of the game, trying to give them a chance to pick up a surprising victory in the season opener.

Marinelli, a head coach for the first time at any level, said he didn't regret the game decision that many will second-guess.

The Lions drove to Seattle's



Seattle Seahawks kicker Josh Brown (3) celebrates his game-winning field goal with three seconds on the clock to defeat the Detroit Lions 9-6 in Sunday's game at Ford Field in Detroit.

37, but Marinelli chose to punt instead of allowing Jason Hanson to attempt a 31-yard field goal. Nick Harris then sailed the punt beyond the end zone.

"We were playing dominating defense at that point and I was hoping to back them up again and get another shot," Marinelli said.

Hanson acknowledged that it's a tough call for a coach to make.

"I'd like to think I can step out there and make a 55-yarder, and if I do, we have a good chance to win," Hanson said. "But if I don't, they only need one first down to get into field-goal range."

On Detroit's previous two possessions, Hanson made it 6-11 with a 37-yard field goal with 7:05 left after being short on a 52-yard kick, that he said was tipped at the line.

Marinelli spent the previous 10 seasons coaching Tampa Bay's defensive line and coached the unit in place of Joe Cullen, who was arrested twice recently on suspicion of drunk driving and because police say he was driving nude. Cullen will be back to coach in the next game at Chicago, Marinelli said.

Detroit's defensive front gave the Seattle's offensive line problems, perhaps because it missed Steve Hutchinson, who signed with Minnesota as a free

agent.

The Lions sacked Matt Hasselbeck five times, hurt him a few more times and knocked him around on several other attempts. Detroit also limited Alexander to 51 yards on 19 carries. Hasselbeck was 25-0 for 210 yards.

"It's not good enough," Marinelli said. "I'm not interested in just playing hard and well."

Detroit's Jon Kitna, who replaced Joey Harrington, was 21-of-37 for 229 yards and was hauled at times for making poor throws.

"We will be fine on offense," Kitna said. "We'll score and hold up our end."

Schumacher says goodbye to F1

By Andrew Dampf
Associated Press writer

MONZA, Italy — Michael Schumacher climbed to the top of the podium, where he has been so many times. He took a long look at the sea of red-clad Ferrari fans below, and told them what they didn't want to hear.

He was retiring from Formula One after the season, ending one of the great careers in sports, but alone auto racing. Fittingly enough, his announcement Sunday came after he won the Italian Grand Prix.

"The day has come, and I felt this was the moment," the 37-year-old German said. "After the checkered flag I came on the radio and told all my friends in the team what I was about to announce, and it was really difficult to keep my emotions under control."

The same could be said for the fans of the seven-time world champion. After his 30th career victory and fifth at Monza — in which he drew within two points of leader Fernando Alonso with three races left — they pleaded for a change of heart.

"Michael, please don't leave," one banner read. Another said: "Schumi — Ferrari — eternal love."

"You could feel the love they have for Ferrari," Schumacher said. "If I had to talk about that decision at that moment, I would not have managed to get the words out of my mouth."

He will leave the sport following the season-ending Brazilian Grand Prix on Oct. 22.

"It's the end of an era," said Red Bull driver David Coulthard, one of the drivers who has competed against Schumacher the longest.

Ferrari plans to announce a "new role" for Schumacher at the end of the season.

"I always said that the day I will retire I will just do nothing for a while," Schumacher said. "Then I will see what my mind will be. I will always be part of the Ferrari family."

Schumacher said he wanted to make the decision now so teammate Felipe Massa could work on his future with the team. Ferrari also said Massa will continue next season alongside Kimi Raikkonen, who moves over from McLaren. Mercedes Raikkonen, who was on the pole, finished second Sunday while Robert Kubica was third.

"There was no reason for me to make my decision any later than I should have," Schumacher said.

Ferrari president Luca Badoer of Montezemolo followed the race from pit lane.

"It's been eight years since I did that. I only did it for Michael," Montezemolo said. "Sincerely, I hoped he would go on for one more year."

Franz Beckenbauer, the soccer great and Germany's most popular sports figure, called Schumacher's retirement a "pity."

"It's always too bad when such a great personality steps down," he said.

Thomas Bach, Germany's top sports official and an IOC vice president, said Schumacher's achievements "go beyond Formula One and sport itself."

Schumacher's seven titles are two more than Juan Manuel Fangio's five. Schumacher won his first two titles with the Benetton team in 1994 and '95, then restored Ferrari to prominence with five consecutive championships from 2000-04.

Schumacher said he "loved every single moment" of his career but made up his mind to retire after winning the U.S. Grand Prix in July.

"It's not as if I'm lacking anything," he said. "Might as well leave while I'm still at the top level."

Alonso ended Schumacher's title run last year, with Schumacher and Ferrari struggling to adapt to rule changes, intended to strip the teams' dominance.

On Sunday, Schumacher won in 1 hour, 14 minutes, 51.975 seconds. Raikkonen was 8.046 seconds behind and Kubica of BMW-Sauber was 26:14 back.

Rams rumble past Broncos

By R.B. Falstrom
Associated Press writer

ST. LOUIS — Jeff Wilkins' nickname is "The Big Red," as many know by now. Thanks to the St. Louis Rams' new-look defense, his franchise-record six field goals was just enough of a deposit.

Wilkins bailed out a shaky offense, accounting for all the scoring in an 18-10 opening victory over the Denver Broncos on Sunday. In the process, he became the first Ram to score 1,000 points.

"He's almost automatic and when he misses one, you sit there and you're a little bit dejected because you think he's always going to make them," quarterback Marc Bulger said. "We know when the game's on the line or it's really, really important, he's going to make it. It has for years now."

The Rams' aggressive schemes on defense forced five turnovers. Fake Plummer's third interception — by Corey Chavous with 2:26 to go, was the clincher.

"They made a couple of big plays, but we didn't let it shake us up and say: 'Oh wow, here it goes,'" middle linebacker Will Witherspoon said. "We dug back in and stuck our feet in the ground and went back to it."

Plummer, who was 13-for-26 for 138 yards, expects Broncos fans will be clamoring for first-round pick Jay Cutler. The Broncos committed 15 turnovers all last season, and only seven interceptions.

"I'm sure they will," Plummer said. "They're being calling for him since he got drafted."

Scott Linehan's NFL coaching debut was a success, but much of it was owed to Jim Haslett, the new St. Louis defensive coordinator who was Saints head coach the previous six seasons.



St. Louis Rams defensive coordinator Scott Linehan (32) and Denver Broncos offensive coordinator Steve Watson (5) on the field during the second quarter of Sunday's game in St. Louis. The Rams won 18-10.

"I couldn't be more proud of our team," Linehan said. "I think there's no such thing as style points in winning."

Defense ruled for both sides in a game that bore no resemblance to the last time the Rams and Broncos opened the season, a 41-36 shootout won by St. Louis in 2000. The only touchdown was a 1-yard run by Denver's Mike Bell in the second quarter.

Linehan was hired by the Rams after his success reviving the Dolphins' offense last season, and he helped the Vikings rank at the top of the league three straight seasons before that. His attack mostly splintered in the opener, though, with Bulger looking shaky at times and the Rams mostly settling for short gains.

Linehan scoffed at criticism when the Rams' first-string offense scored no touchdowns in 11 possession possessions. In the opener the regulars were 0-for-11 again, including the end of the

game when they killed the clock at the Denver 6.

Wilkins, who tied his career best of six field goals with the 49ers in 1996, hit two long field goals, from 51 and 49 yards, and also connected from 26, 30, 29 and 21 yards.

"I always try to predict for myself to try and get ready, but six wasn't anywhere near the prediction this week," Wilkins said. "But I'll take it. I love the opportunity."

In the fourth quarter, Witherspoon tipped Plummer's pass for Rod Smith into the arms of Fakhr Brown, and Brown's 20-yard return gave the Rams possession at their 40 with 2:26 left.

Bookie Iye Hill, the Rams' first-round pick, and Chavous also had interceptions. Leonard Little had two of St. Louis' four sacks, forcing a Plummer fumble that ended up giving the Rams the ball at the Denver 3.

Federer wins U.S.

By Howard Frensch
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — There might be one athlete in the world who knows exactly how Roger Federer feels as he dominates his peers and gobbles up Grand Slams, so it was fitting that Tiger Woods was sitting in his guest box Sunday for the U.S. Open final.

Federer met Woods for the first time beforehand, then apparently set out to impress the golfer, controlling every facet of play in a 6-2, 4-6, 7-5, 6-1 victory over Andy Roddick for his third major championship this year and ninth of his career.

The Swiss superstar is the 1985-87 to win three consecutive U.S. Open titles, and is the only man in tennis history to win Wimbledon and the U.S. Open back-to-back three years in a row.

And he did it in such impressive fashion, outacing the big-serving Roddick 17-7, compiling a 69-33 edge in winners, and making only 19 unforced errors. Federer won eight of the last 10 games against Roddick, who won the 2003 U.S. Open but now is 1-11 against the man he once was supposed to rival for supremacy in this sport.

Federer went 27-1 at this year's Grand Slam tournaments, the only setback coming against Rafael Nadal in the French Open final. Federer has moved alone into sixth place



Roger Federer reacts during his match against Andy Roddick during the men's singles final at the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York, Sunday.

for total major titles behind Pete Sampras' record 14.

"It was a fitting conclusion to a U.S. Open that's been all about the greats of the game, beginning with the opening night ceremony to rename the tournament's site in honor of Billie Jean King. Weckl was the Andre Agassi Farewell Show, as he played in his final tournament. And Martina Navratilova swears she's retiring for good, too; her final pro match came Saturday night in the mixed doubles final, which she and Bob Bryan won for Navratilova's 59th career major championship.

"The way Roger plays the game is phenomenal," Navratilova said Sunday, when she was inducted into the U.S. Open's Court of Champions.

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Atlanta Falcons back Warrick Dunn (28) runs through the grasp of Carolina Panthers defensive end Julius Peppers (90) during the first quarter of Sunday's game in Charlotte, N.C.

A Dunn deal

Quarter safety for the win. The Patriots trailed by 10 points at halftime in their first season opener...

Colts 26, Giants 21. EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — A little bit older, a little more experienced...

Ravens 27, Bucs 0. TAMPA, Fla. — Steve McNair started his first game for the Ravens but...

Bengals 23, Chiefs 10. KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Eight months after doctors rebuilt his mangled left knee...

Bears 26, Packers 0. GREEN BAY, Wis. — Chicago barely let Brett Favre touch the ball...

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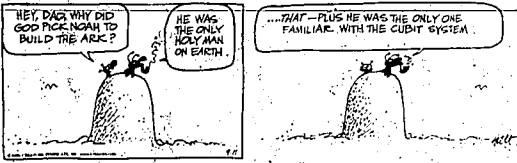
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Patriots 19, Bills 17. FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — New England came back from an ugly start...

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Baldo

By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos



Bravity

By Guy & Rood



Dilbert

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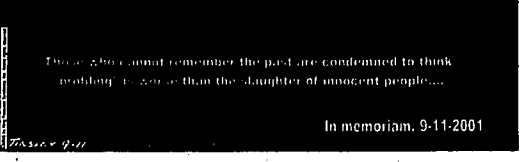
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By Greg Evans



Mallard Fillmore

By Bruce Tinsley



Pearls Before Swine

By Stephan Pastis



Pickles

By Brian Crane



Rose is Rose

By Pat Brady



Zits

By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



Non Sequitur

By Wiley



Strange Brew

By John Deering



Enthusiasm is contagious, Libra

IF SEPT. 11 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Romance might be your middle name for many of the upcoming months of this year. You could be more compassionate toward the unfortunate and willing to help the underdog, especially in the fall and then again in January. Taurus (April 20-May 20): Wait out the big decisions handed from on high. Cancer or business efforts will pay off soon. Meaning, don't make career or business moves that could be misinterpreted. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The tempo speeds up and more can be accomplished. Use the next few days to tackle projects that need hand-eye coordination. You can make executive decisions in a creative way. CANCER (June 21-July 22): Only give advice when it is asked for. You could have a few hours when you are full of yourself. There's a tendency to bend backward to attempt to heal the ills of the world. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Small misunderstandings, especially about money, could cause some anxiety. Remain strictly on the up and up where business matters or transactions are concerned. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It is time to receive your just rewards. Something you have slaved over with painstaking dedication may finally pay off. Keep pennies in the piggy bank until the right opportunity shows up. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The enthusiasm of companions could be contagious. Others who take the initiative could let you come along for an especially smooth ride. Don't tinker with investments. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Good intentions are not quite enough. You might be wearing blinders where a certain business deal or family matter is concerned. Hold off on making final decisions until next week. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Conditions improve. Maybe you take criticism to heart and fix a problem or make sure the last payment is made on the credit card bill. Enjoy smelling the roses for a few days. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't let extra money burn a hole in your pocket. Extra doses of optimism may give you a nudge, urging you to spend money this week. Wait to see what others think first. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Not all things are black and white. When dealing with the gray areas, it isn't always possible to stay within the proper boundaries. Small misunderstandings could cause some small worries. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): It isn't Halloween, but you might be spooked, anyway. Fears and apprehensions can keep you from performing at top speed. This isn't the time to ask others for favors or treats.

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Beetle Bailey

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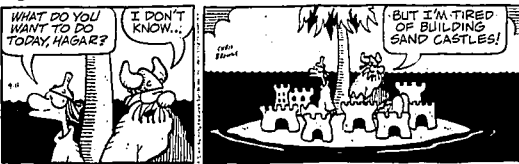
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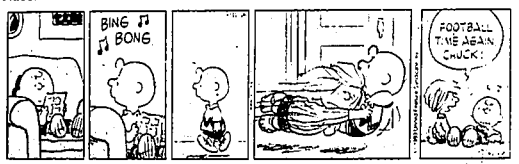
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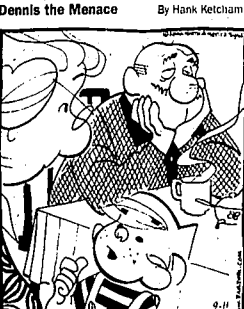
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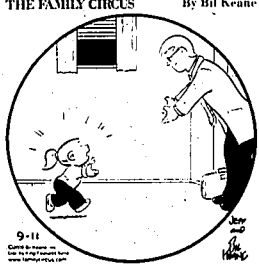
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Krane



Boy's sexual comments are more than just a potty mouth

DEAR ABBY: I am a 28-year-old divorced man dating a wonderful 24-year-old woman. She lights up my life and is very kind to my daughter and me. I love her very much. However, there is a problem — her 7-year-old son.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

Everything seemed fine at first. He got along pretty well with my 5-year-old daughter, playing and having a good time. As time went on, though, my daughter told me about strange sexual comments he made to her. As far as I thought he was a dirty mouth, as his mother lacks somewhat in the discipline department. But this is turning into a problem.

My daughter recently reported that he told her he was going "to have sex with her." He has been investigated by Child Protective Services on two occasions for similar behavior around other children.

So now the children are no longer allowed to be together at all because I refuse to have my daughter talked to like that by anyone. I have her one week on, one week off.

I cannot imagine combining families at this point when her child has so many problems. It's not that I don't want to help him; it's that I need to protect my daughter. I love his mother very much, though, and feel

terrible about what she's going through. Is this relationship worth working for or is this little family "damaged goods"?

—WONDERING IN WASHINGTON

DEAR WONDERING: Because you say you love this woman, the answer to both of your questions is "yes." You have described a boy who appears not to understand what boundaries are, and who very likely has either been sexualized (molested) or exposed in some other way to adult sexual activity. The child needs professional help, and I hope he is receiving it.

I am not sure that the children should be entirely separated. However, they should not be together unless they are supervised by an adult at all times.

Does this mean you should not marry this woman? My advice is to take a wait-and-see attitude. It's not like you are racing down the home-stretch toward a finish line. The moth-

er needs parenting classes and the boy needs therapy. If both are successful, you might have a happy life together.

DEAR ABBY: I am 14, and my best friend's brother died recently. The football season will be starting soon, and one of our favorite things to do is hang out at football games. My friend mentioned that it's going to be hard for her, since her brother used to play. Her brother was 17. He was smart and funny and a great football player.

I was wondering if you have any suggestions on how I can make this year her best one ever, and what to do when we are at football games and she's feeling sad.

—CARING FRIEND IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR CARING FRIEND: The kindest thing you could do for your friend is let her know that if she wants to talk about her brother, you will be there to listen to what she needs to say. Often times, people are afraid to listen and try to change the subject because it makes them uncomfortable.

You can also make a point of including your friend in any activities you can share, but if she doesn't feel up to joining you, tell her you understand and will ask her again.

Military events on this day in history

This day in history: "There was never a good war or a bad peace," wrote Benjamin Franklin on Sept. 11, 1783, in a letter to a friend about the newly signed Treaty of Paris.

On Sept. 11, 1973, concert plus by Richard Nixon and the CIA to overthrow Chile's democratically elected government came to fruition when its new president Salvador Allende was killed in a military coup.

Average credit card debt for adults age 24-34 has increased 98 percent since 1992.

You can't always trust those "legitimate, businessmen." Al Capone's business card identified him as a secondhand furniture dealer.

Afrail of blushing? That's a sign, in fact, it's the only symptom of erotophobia.

A female lobster can fertilize her eggs up to two years after



RANDOM KINDS OF FACTNESS
Erin Barrett & Jack Mingo

heavy drinking (\$130). "Cannibalistic" or "man-eating" are emotion-laden terms much nicer, don't you agree?

During baseball, where does your bat meet the ball? For the best hit, it should strike above the trademark label in an area called the "meat" of the bat. What vegetarian ballplayers call it, we don't know.

Charlton Heston played Moses in the Ten Commandments. His infant son Fraser got a plum role playing Moses as a baby.

The first known paperback book was a special edition of Faust by Johann Wolfgang Goethe printed in 1867.

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Korean elephant learns new vocabulary

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A 16-year-old Asian elephant can make sounds imitating up to eight Korean words, including "sit," "no," "yes," and "the down," amusement park officials say.

The pachyderm produces humanlike sounds by putting his trunk in his mouth and shaking it while exhaling — similar to the way people whistle with their fingers.

Park workers said it's unclear if Kosik knows the meaning of the sounds he makes.

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*ALL I DID WAS TELL HIM THAT MY SCHOOL STARTS TOMORROW.

"Daddy! My hugger's empty!"

WEATHER/WORLD

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly sunny and unseasonably warm. Highs in the 80s.
Tonight: Mostly clear. Lows in the 50s.
Tomorrow: Another partly sunny and very warm day. Highs reaching the middle 80s.

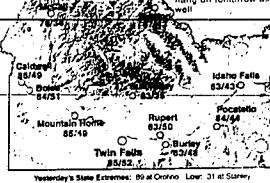
BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly sunny and unseasonably warm. Highs in the 80s.
Tonight: Mostly clear. Lows in the 50s.
Tomorrow: Another partly sunny and very warm day. Highs reaching the middle 80s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Plenty of sun and warmth for the next couple of days. High pressure ash and clouds. Unseasonably warm air across the region. Changes come later in the week as a storm system pushes through to our west.

BOISE
Today: High 80s to 70s. Tonight: Lows 50 to 40. Tomorrow: High 80s to 70s. Tonight: Lows 50 to 40. Tomorrow: High 80s to 70s. Tonight: Lows 50 to 40.



Weather Service forecasts for Idaho. Highs and lows in degrees Fahrenheit.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mostly sunny and unseasonably warm	Mostly clear	Plenty of sun and warmth	Increasing clouds, a touch cooler	Cooler, slight chance of a thunderstorm	Slight chance for thunderstorms
High 85	Low 52	86 / 63	82 / 61	74 / 44	71 / 41

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset	Pollen Count
Yesterday's High: 80 Yesterday's Low: 50	0.00" Month to Date	0.00" Yesterday's Maximum: 85%	Yesterday's Maximum: 30.01" Yesterday's Minimum: 29.98"	Sunrise: 7:14 AM Sunset: 7:33 PM	High: 100 Low: 100

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Wednesday
Boise	71-85	68-82	65-79
Idaho Falls	62-76	59-73	56-70
Rupert	62-76	59-73	56-70

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Wednesday
Atlanta	71-85	68-82	65-79
Chicago	62-76	59-73	56-70
Denver	62-76	59-73	56-70
Los Angeles	62-76	59-73	56-70
New York	62-76	59-73	56-70
San Francisco	62-76	59-73	56-70

CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Wednesday
Calgary	62-76	59-73	56-70
Edmonton	62-76	59-73	56-70
Montreal	62-76	59-73	56-70
Ottawa	62-76	59-73	56-70
Toronto	62-76	59-73	56-70

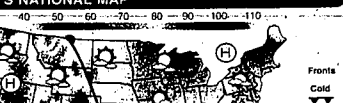
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Chicago	77	49	0.01"
Denver	77	49	0.00"
Los Angeles	77	49	0.00"
New York	77	49	0.00"
San Francisco	77	49	0.00"

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Wednesday
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Paris	62-76	59-73	56-70
Tokyo	62-76	59-73	56-70
Sydney	62-76	59-73	56-70
Wellington	62-76	59-73	56-70

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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Iran might suspend uranium enrichment

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Iran is ready to consider complying — at least temporarily — with a U.N. Security Council demand that it freeze uranium enrichment, which can be used in developing atomic weapons, diplomats told The Associated Press on Sunday.

Such a concession would be a major departure by Tehran as it faces possible U.N. sanctions for its nuclear defiance and would be a huge step toward defusing a confrontation over the program, which is only aimed at generating electricity.

The compromise was mentioned by senior Iranian nuclear negotiator Ali Akbar Salehi during two-day talks that ended Sunday with European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana, the diplomats said.

The diplomats, who spoke on condition of anonymity in exchange for sharing confidential information, were familiar with the substance of the discussions.

One of them said Salehi floated the possibility of Iran stopping its enrichment activities "voluntarily for one or two months. If it does not... in such a way that it is without any pressure." The diplomat did not say when such a move

Iran says its nuclear program is intended solely to produce fuel for nuclear reactors to generate electricity. But there are growing concerns Tehran seeks the technology to enrich uranium for use in atomic weapons.

The compromise, which would defuse a confrontation that all sides do not want, would likely be welcomed by three of the five U.N. permanent members of the Security Council who are reluctant to support a quick move to sanctions.

It might fall short of U.S. and British demands that Iran freeze enrichment before broader negotiations on its nuclear program. But Washington and London — the chief backers of a quick move to sanctions — might be freed to accept a later freeze for the interests of maintaining council unity.

Russia and China have resisted U.S. pressure for fast action on sanctions even though they agree to them as a lever. And French — Foreign Minister Philippe Douste-Blazy last week appeared to suggest that the demand to stop enrichment before any talks on Iran's nuclear program began was negotiable.

BERMUDA

Florence, now a hurricane, heads for Bermuda

HAMILTON, Bermuda — Florence intensified into the second hurricane of the Atlantic season Sunday as it neared Bermuda, where residents stocked up on provisions and farmed long lines at gas stations in the lashing rain.

Florence was expected to pass "very near" the tiny British territory Monday, according to the National Hurricane Center in Miami. But it was too early to tell whether it will make a direct hit.

Preparations to protect life and property "should be rushed to completion," the hurricane center said.

Shopkeepers and homeowners boarded up windows and doors, with one ceded flower shop heaving the sign: "We've gone away to chase away Florence. Back Tuesday."

The Category 1 hurricane, which had had maximum sustained winds near 80 mph Sunday afternoon, was expected to become a Category 2 hurricane as it passes Bermuda, according to the

hurricane center.

With hurricane-force winds that extend up to 60 miles from the storm's eye, even a near-miss could cause substantial damage, forecasters said.

The storm was expected to veer from the U.S. coast as it turns north toward Bermuda, 640 miles east of the U.S. But forecasters said it could create high surf and dangerous rip currents along parts of America's eastern seaboard.

"Those waves will affect a good portion of the U.S. East Coast from basically Florida all the way up to the Cape Cod area" starting Sunday through the early part of next week, hurricane specialist Stacy Stewart said.

In Bermuda, skies turned gray and waves began to billow Sunday morning as gusty winds blew in splits of rain and usually tranquil pools turned into white-capped barrels. With the storm thundering toward the archipelago of tiny islands, residents had hauled their yachts onto beaches or secured their moorings.

Authorities urged residents to stock up on hurricane supplies, secure their homes, lawn furniture and any other loose items and stay home to keep

the roads clear for emergency vehicles.

Bermuda issued a hurricane warning for the island chain of 65,000 residents. The hurricane center said tropical storm force winds were already affecting the mid-Atlantic territory on Sunday afternoon.

GERMANY

Pope to West: Don't shut out Christian message

MUNICH, Germany — Pope Benedict XVI reduced his fellow Germans and other Western societies Sunday, saying they often shut their ears to the Christian message and insisting that the modern world's science and technology alone cannot combat AIDS and other social ills.

Addressing 250,000 pilgrims at an open air Mass, Benedict said modern people suffer from "hardness of hearing" when it comes to God and complained that "mockery of the sacred" is viewed as an exercise in freedom.

It was the second day of a pilgrimage to his Bavarian homeland, a six-day trip filled with nostalgic meaning for Benedict as well as for his liberal flock in Germany.

He said faith must come first if social problems like the AIDS epidemic in Africa are to be solved.

Iraqi parliament against delays debate on divisive federalism bill

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A boycott by several political groups Sunday caused parliament to again put off a rambling debate on a federalism bill that Sunni Arabs fear will split Iraq apart and fuel sectarian bloodshed.

Authorities reported finding 11 more bodies that appeared to be victims of the religious reprisal killings that have surged in recent months, while 18 Iraqis died in bombings and shootings across the country.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, meanwhile, postponed his first official visit to Iran, officials said. He was supposed to be in Tehran on Monday to affirm friendly relations but also discuss mutual respect for each nation's internal affairs, officials have accused Iran of not doing enough to stop militants infiltrating into Iraq.

The federalism bill, submitted by the "larger" Shiite bloc, the United Iraqi Alliance, calls for a three-part

federation that would create a separate autonomous state in the predominantly Shiite south much like the zone run by Kurds in the north.

Many Sunni Arabs, whose minority, dominated during Saddam Hussein's regime, are horrified by the idea. Both the north and south are rich in oil, and Sunnis fear they will end up squeezed into Baghdad and Iraq's western provinces, which have no natural resources.

Vehement objections from Sunni Arabs and an apparent split among Shiites led leaders to delay debate until Sept. 19. A previous attempt to discuss the bill Thursday set off acrimonious squabbling that led parliament speaker Mahmoud al-Mashhadani to recess that session.

The Iraq Accord Front, the largest Sunni bloc, and another Sunni party, the National Dialogue Front of the "smaller" Shiite bloc, the United Iraqi Alliance, calls for a three-part

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ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE
To Whom It May Concern:
Snake River Storage will sell the personal property of Rebecca Scott. This sale will take place at a public sale...

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LEGAL NOTICE
TWIN FALLS STORAGE under the provisions of Idaho Code, § 12-110 will sell or dispose of stored items ASAP.

101 Lost and Found

LOST cat on 100 North
Medford, Rupert 1 year old spayed female named Kapina
LOST cat with striped with black and white patches
LOST cat black brown yellow striped
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LOST Choclate Lab, older, East of Gooding
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LOST Jogger Stroller, blue and red, corner of Addison & Harrison

112 Child Care Services

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Actions planned and taken by your government are contained in public notices. They are part of your right to know and to be informed of what your government is doing. As self-government, we are committed to charges all citizens to be informed, this newspaper urges every citizen to read and study these public notices. We advise you to seek further information to exercise their right to access public records and public meetings.

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LOST miniature Poodle on Oriental Ave. in Burley on Sun. Sept. 3
LOST dog, black and white, wearing red collar with tags. Named Sweetie. Call 208-677-3123

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TWIN FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT #411
201 Main Avenue West Twin Falls, Idaho, 83301
Student Information Release Form (Only fill out if you want directory information withheld)
Please check applicable boxes related to the release of student information.

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FEDERAL GRANT PLAN FOR PUBLIC REVIEW
SUBJECT: Proposed use of one federally funded Availability Plan for public review.

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NOTE: Directory information is categorized as: student name and photograph; address; telephone listing; date and place of birth; photographic images of the student participating in regular classroom or school authorized activities; participation in officially recognized activities and sports; weight and height of members of athletic teams; dates of attendance; debts and awards received; and the most recent educational agency or institution attended by the student.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE
A public hearing will be held on Wednesday, September 20th, 2006, at 9:30 a.m., Mountain Daylight Savings Time, at 5400 West Franklin Road, Suite G, Boise, Idaho, 83705.

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Form must be received within 30 days of enrollment. If not returned with preference noted, passive permission will be assumed and student information will be included as directory information.

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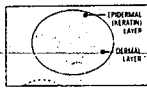
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Wearable Wool

Fall trends blend classic looks and rich earth tones

From left, brothers McCall, 6, and Rowdy Hopkins, 3, of Kimberly model their 100 percent wool cowboy-style shirts at the Twin Falls County Fair's Ewe Lead Fashion Show. Wool is perfect for these boys' trips ice fishing with their parents.



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By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — With the temperatures dropping, now is the perfect time to update your fall look with the warmth of wool.

Wool has long been known for its durable and long-lasting nature. It is the perfect fabric for meeting your physical need for protection and making you look good at the same time.

The freshest fall looks are just now

hitting stores.

DeMarcos in the Magic Valley Mall is moving out the burgundies, plums and deep greens and stocking the racks with rich and vibrant reds, burnt oranges and neutral browns in their women's lines.

Native prints fit well onto wool's fresh, smooth and resilient finish, said Patrice Ives, a DeMarcos associate.

"We have already been selling quite a few items in the Indian print. It seems to be pretty popular," she said.

"Last year's colors were a mix of deep-hued greens and we saw lots of burgundy. The look this year is all about earth tones."

Socks, sport coats or a jacket-fitted look are in and come in pleated and complementary cuts for many body types.

Vests are also big this season, said DeMarcos Manager Dennis Blevins.

He explained that shawl-collar and traditional-style vests made of wool look great.

"It is so easy to pair a wool jacket or vest with a pair of jeans for a casual look or dressed up with some slacks," Blevins said.

"Wool is extremely versatile."

He said that men's fashions don't change much and he is expecting that traditional button and snap-up long-sleeved shirts will again be the best-sellers.

For kids, wool is a fabric of choice because of its durability, said Jani Slaughter of Buhl. Her daughter, Faith, 5, recently modeled a wool jumper at the Ewe Lead Fashion show at the Twin Falls County Fair.

"She can wear this for years if it still fits," she said.

The classic-cut, navy blue school-girl jumper sported a pleated bodice and gathered skirt. The new kindergarten was pleased that it didn't itch and was tough enough to play in.

"I really like it," she said twirling her skirt.

Dustie McCabe of Kimberly said that she chose wool shirts for her sons, Rowdy, 3, and McCall, 6, because they are warm and long-lasting.

"My sister made them," McCabe said of the cowboy cut, long-sleeved tops. "Wool is great in the winter and we go ice-fishing a lot, so paired with a t-shirt underneath and they are good to go."

The shirts looked good too.

"Wool is a great fabric to use because it stays looking nice even if you wear it a lot," McCabe said.

Blair Koch lives in Buhl and can be reached by e-mail at blairkuch@gmail.com or by calling 316-2607.



Faith Slaughter, 5, is ready for kindergarten and cooler weather in this 100 percent wool jumper. This classic look combines durability and fashion with box pleats sewn into the bodice and skirt. The Buhl girl is excited to have something made by her grandma that is comfortable and cute.

New acne drug program has side effects

Many complain it drives people away from potentially life-transforming treatment

By Sandra G. Boodman
The Washington Post

Virtually no one opposes the goal of the mandatory new federal program governing the use of Accutane to prevent pregnant women from taking the potent acne drug, approved in 1982, because it causes serious birth defects.

That is where the consensus about

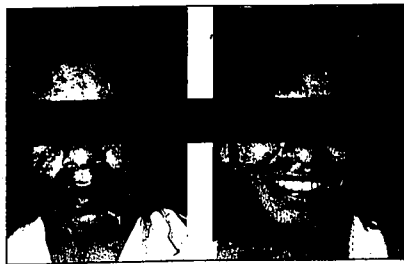
the unusually restrictive six-month-old program known as iPledge ends. The program requires registration of all parties: wholesalers who sell it, pharmacists who dispense it, doctors who prescribe it and, above all, patients who take the drug.

Public health officials say such strict regulation is necessary because years of progressively stronger voluntary programs failed to prevent pregnancy in users of the medicine, a

treatment of last resort for severe scarring acne. Most of the estimated 200,000 Americans who take the drug — generically known as isotretinoin — each year are under 30; half are female.

Others — including Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Mich., whose teen-age son shot himself to death in 2000 while taking Accutane and who has addressed a congressional hearing on the drug's safety — have long advocated tight controls, or a ban, on the drug because of its possible link to psychiatric problems.

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Before, left, and after pictures show Accutane's effect on one patient.

Courtesy of Dr. Roger Lupton/MDA

IMAGE

Obesity's link to mental health

By January W. Payne
The Washington Post

The finding — Obesity appears to increase the risk for some mental illnesses, including mood disorders (such as depression and bipolar disorder) and anxiety disorders (such as panic and generalized anxiety disorder), finds a study in the Archives of General Psychiatry. But it may decrease the risk for alcoholism and drug abuse.

A national survey of more than 9,000 men and women. More than 2,300 had a body mass index — a measure of weight relative to height — of 30 or higher, which is considered obese. The obesity-psychiatric illness "link" was strongest among whites and those with the highest education levels.

The background — Earlier studies have suggested obesity may be linked with mood disorders. And several surveys have found associations between obesity and depressive symptoms, history of depression, and measures of psychological "distress," according to a study.

The responses — Lead study author Gregory Simon, a psychiatrist with Group Health Cooperative (an HMO based in Washington state), said "It's likely that the relationship goes in both directions," meaning obesity may up the risk for psychiatric illness and vice versa. He said there could be both social and biological reasons for the link, noting that some drugs used to treat mental illness can cause weight gain.

Study links sleep, ability to remember information

The Washington Post

New evidence shows that sleep can improve the brain's ability to remember information, according to Harvard researchers whose work appears in Current Biology.

The investigators looked at the effect of sleep on declarative memory (the type that deals with facts) in college-age adults and found that participants who slept between learning and testing were able to recall more of what they had learned than their sleep-deprived counterparts.

Acne

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But patients and their dermatologists complain that the rules of iPledge are onerous and unwelcome and that the program is rife with problems that have disrupted — and delayed treatment for thousands who have no other viable options.

Acne medication rules

Everyone who takes Accutane or its generic equivalents must comply with the unusually strict requirements of the iPledge program, which federal regulators say are designed to tightly control use of the drug and prevent pill-sharing.

gram-approved contraception 30 days before the first dose, or state in writing that they will be continuously abstinent during the course of treatment and for 30 days after.

Other acne treatments

Acne, the most common skin disorder, is nearly universal among adolescents. Doctors believe it results from a poorly understood combination of hormones and heredity. Severe recalcitrant nodular acne, also known as cystic acne, is the hardest to treat and can leave permanent scars. Accutane and its generic equivalents are the only effective treatment.

Some factors say they have spent hours on hold trying to reach the iPledge call center to straighten out problems with a patient's prescription. And some patients and their parents say they were given misinformation by program staff that prevented them from registering for the program, or encountered days of delay obtaining a password necessary to access its Web site.

Each year approximately 120,000 American babies are born with birth defects that result from genetic, environmental or, most often, unknown causes. Federal officials say the most common include cleft lip or palate (6,800) and Down syndrome (5,500), while tens of thousands of infants are born with signs of permanent damage caused by prenatal exposure to alcohol.

- Have two negative pregnancy tests, one of which must be performed in an approved lab.
- Take an iPledge quiz about contraception, birth defects and use of the drug.
- Use both forms of birth control together without fail.
- Have a pregnancy test in an approved lab.
- Take a quiz about what to do if contraception fails.
- After the last dose:
 - Use both forms of contraception for a month, because the drug remains in the bloodstream.
 - Undergo a final pregnancy test after the last dose and again 30 days later.

The most exciting rules apply to "FCBPs" — females of child-bearing potential, which include girls as young as 11. Here are some steps they must take: Before the first dose:

seeking to achieve "a critical balance of maintaining access to the drug and ensuring its safe use," in an effort to keep a "uniquely effective" drug on the market.

The FDA, she said, is "doing everything we can to maximize the efficiency of the program" by working with the sponsors. Walker declined to discuss possible modifications to iPledge.

Recently the 15,000-member American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) released a survey it commissioned bolstering those claims. The telephone poll conducted last month found that 90 percent of 378 physicians are having problems with the program, which is expected to cost the drug's four manufacturers at least \$80 million for the initial phase. Nearly 52 percent said patients' treatments had been delayed because they were unable to pick up a prescription within seven days and 39 percent said their patients encountered technical problems using the Web site.

Acne is not a life-threatening disease," said Nancy Green, medical director of the March of Dimes, who called isotretinoin "a vanity drug" that has been over-prescribed for minor cases. "The most common disease," said Nancy Green, medical director of the March of Dimes, who called isotretinoin "a vanity drug" that has been over-prescribed for minor cases.

"Anyone who says this drug is not life-saving doesn't know what they're talking about," said pediatric dermatologist Robert Silverman, who practices in Fairfax, Va., and Washington. "My treatment of at least half a dozen kids over the years who wouldn't leave their home because their acne was so bad, or who were suicidal because of how they looked."

Walker wrote, adding that Covance has "worked diligently to rectify the situation by increasing telephone staffing and making the Web site more user friendly."

In June, after a torrent of complaints from consumers led by Judd Gregg, R-N.H., and Dick Durbin, D-Ill., appealed to acting Food and Drug Administration commissioner Andrew von Eschbach to "address the production barriers plaguing the operation of the program."

It has made a big difference in the self-esteem and his age beautiful skin now," said Maureen Distad of Bowie, Md., of her 16-year-old son, who

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Between 1982 and 2005, 2,706 pregnancies involving women who used Accutane were reported to the FDA, according to Sandra Kweider, the agency's deputy director of new drugs. Most ended in abortion or miscarriage, but the birth of 194 babies with defects caused by the drug were reported to the FDA. The actual numbers are believed to be far higher, Kweider said, because pregnancies and birth defects among users are underreported.

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Even if you plan to keep working, social security retirement benefits are available to most workers as early as age 62. Two sources of income sound good, right? Not so fast. Electing to start social security early may allow you to put these monthly paychecks to work for you immediately. But it will permanently reduce your overall monthly benefits.

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Caregiver Support Group meets today Starting to exercise can help older folk, too

The Caregiver Support Group will meet from 1 to 2:30 p.m. today at the Office on Aging, Senior Annex, 908 Washington St., Twin Falls. The topic will be dementia and Alzheimer's.

The free support group is for those who provide care to a sick, disabled or elderly family member or friend.

For information, call Sherry Carr at 736-2122 or toll free at 1-800-574-8656.

'Baby and Me'

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center offers "Baby and Me" classes from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave., W., Jerome. This week's topic will be exercise.

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

The class is free. For information, call 324-2652.

Alzheimer's support

Bridgeview Estates will hold an Alzheimer's Support Group meeting from noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Great Room at Bridgeview Estates, 8029 Bridgeview Blvd., Twin Falls.

The support group is for Twin Falls County residents who have family members with Alzheimer's.

A free lunch will be provided. Reservations are required; call Bridgeview Estates at 736-8933.

For information, call Maureen Brierty at 736-3933.

About Alzheimer's

Holley Homes will hold an Alzheimer's Support Group meeting at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Philo House, 325 16th Ave.

To do for you

E. Jerome. The support group is for Jerome County residents who have family members with Alzheimer's. For information, call Carey Crist at 324-0524.

More Alzheimer's support

Rosetta Hilland will hold Alzheimer's Support Group meetings from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and from 3 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the center, 1919 Hilland Ave., Burley.

The support group is for Minidocasin residents who have family members with Alzheimer's. For information, call Lisa Junod at 677-5451.

About childbirth

The second class of the prepared childbirth class series will be offered from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday at the St. Luke's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave., Jerome.

The class will discuss the birthing process and breathing techniques. Participants are asked to bring two pillows, a blanket and one or two support people to each class.

The suggested fee is \$5-per class. To register, call 324-1122, ext. 3361.

C-sections

A cesarean childbirth class will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in the lobby at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's downtown campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

The class is offered as part of the prepared childbirth course. Topics will include

cesarean deliveries, pain management, hospital procedures and nonconforming labor.

The class is free. Pre-registration is required; call 732-3148.

First aid/CPR classes

First aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation classes are available this fall from the College of Southern Idaho.

The classes are beginning and refresher courses for health-care providers, the public and those whose jobs require them to have or update their lifesaving skills.

Certified instructors will teach five-hour classes each month in Twin Falls, Halley and Gooding. Classes will begin at 5 or 6 p.m. in each location.

The fee is \$25 per class or \$40 for both classes. For class schedules or information, contact Jill Caveston at CSI at 732-6731 or jrcaveston@csi.edu.

Learn CPR for babies

An infant safety and cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Sept. 19 in the lobby at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's downtown campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

The program is offered as part of the prepared childbirth course. Organizers invite new parents and grandparents to attend to learn about infant CPR, choking, child safety and injury prevention.

The class is free. Pre-registration is required; call 732-3148.

Prepare for childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes

will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 20 through Oct. 18, in the lobby at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's downtown campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

The class will include instruction on wellness of the mother, labor and delivery process with relaxation and breathing techniques, care of the postpartum mother and care of the newborn including breast feeding and bottle feeding; and a video tour of the Women's and Infant Center.

Cost is \$50. Pre-registration is required; call 732-3148 or go online at www.mvrmc.org.

Learn CPR/first aid

A first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 23 in the Sage Room at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Education Center, 588 Addition Ave. W., ID 83403, or delivery to our office.

The class combines first aid and CPR training under the guidelines of the American Heart Association and includes emergency procedures for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, chest compression and choking response for adults and infants. The program includes classroom instruction and hands-on practice.

Cost is \$50. Pre-registration is required; call 737-2007.

"To do for you" is a listing of health-related activities, events and services. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Image section. Mail notices to: Times-News, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83403, or deliver to our office at 132 Fairfield St. W.

The Washington Post

Starting to exercise even later in life, can cut your chances of developing heart disease, according to the journal Heart. Asking questions about physical activity at different stages of life, European researchers compared 312 adults between the ages of 40 and 68 who had confirmed

heart disease with 478 other volunteers matched for age and sex. They found that those who became physically active after age 40 were 55 percent less likely to be diagnosed with heart disease than lifetime couch-sitters.

For a healthier heart, the researchers suggest 30 minutes of moderate exercise on most days of the week.

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The answer to that question turns on a number of factors, including but not limited to the following: existence of long term care insurance, value of estate, state of your husband's physical condition, estate, the existence of separate assets as opposed to community property, the likelihood of either of you receiving an inheritance any time soon, amount of income each of you receives, marital home placement, private pensions, annuities, and other investments, whether you have disabled children, whether you have siblings living with you, and whether you have strong feelings about leaving some part of your estate to the next generation or a charitable cause.

Although sitting through these issues may seem tedious, the planning process will pay handsome dividends, and you will better ensure that your assets are positioned to help those most in need - including yourself. Too many spouses find out too late that they have unnecessary assets that impoverished themselves when the law and careful planning have allowed them to keep more of their hard-earned assets.

In a nutshell, the answer to your question is almost always - yes - the emerging prospect of a loved one's nursing home placement almost always makes it advisable to revise some part of your estate plan. That might involve a will, a trust, a post-nuptial agreement, asset titling, or change in beneficiary form for an IRA, annuity, insurance policy, pension plan, or life insurance instrument.

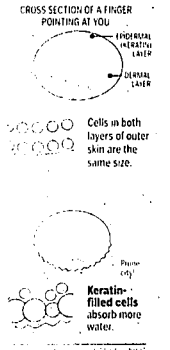
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Why do we wind up with pruned fingers at the pool?

Pucker Up

Your hands and feet absorb water.



By Margaret Webb Prosser

The Washington Post

At Valley Mill Camp in Germantown, Md., a group of 9-year-old girls hovered at the edge of the pool, examining their fingertips.

"Prunes," they said. But why? These swimmers had some of their own explanations for why their digits were shriveled like dried plums. Sophia Cordes of Washington, D.C., suggested that your fingers wrinkle up "because the water (in the pool) sort of soaks the water out of your skin."

It sure looks like that's what's going on. Another theory was floated by several other girls: "You shrink like in the washing machine," offered Durina Fanger of Rome, Md. Her friend Adina Pollack of Bethesda, Md., took it a step further. "It's like the way clothes get wrinkled in the washing machine," she said. "Let's face it, pruned fingers

(and toes) are pretty fascinating, and kids start wondering at a very young age what's happening to their hands. Sophia's mom said her daughter used to stay in the bath as long as possible just to see how shriveled her fingers would get.

The reason your paws get puckered is actually fairly simple - but for the opposite reason than you may think.

"Most people are under the impression that you're losing fluids or water - but it's actually increased absorption," said Cheryl Burgess, a Washington, D.C., dermatologist.

So your fingertips may look dried out like a prune in the sun, but they actually get creased because they are absorbing a lot of water. They do this because the skin on the palms of your hands and the soles of your feet is thicker and tougher than the skin elsewhere on the body. Those skin cells also contain more protein, called keratin, than

skin cells elsewhere. These tough, keratin-rich cells pull in more water than skin cells on, for example, your thigh or cheek.

We know your next question: If the skin on your finger pads is absorbing all that water, why aren't your fingers puffing up? Because the layers of skin under the top layer are not absorbing water. So you have a layer of skin cells that's plumped up attached to a layer of skin cells that is not - and the top layer doesn't have anywhere to expand. So it puckers.

You water lovers out there needn't worry, either. "It doesn't do damage to the skin," Burgess said. "Our skin is very protective."

But there is something you should do when you get pruned fingers. When you get out of the pool or the tub, all that water in your skin evaporates out of the cells - and that leaves your skin dry. Slather on some lotion, and you'll be as good as new.

The importance of dental health

The Washington Post


From the New England Journal of Medicine, an unusual reminder of the importance of maintaining dental health: A 77-year-old man with a history of hypertension was found on the sidewalk, face down and unresponsive. Initial chest X-rays revealed nothing, but because of recurrent seizures, the patient had to be put on a breathing tube.

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MOUNTAIN HOME — Idaho State Police and Elmore County sheriff's deputies responded Sunday afternoon for traffic control to assist a U.S. Forest Service airplane that was forced to make an emergency landing Saturday night near Interstate 84 at milepost 88.

The plane experienced mechanical problems and the pilot was forced to make an unscheduled landing. No one was injured. The aircraft was repaired and law enforcement blocked the interstate for a short time to allow the pilot to use the interstate to get the plane airborne again.

Car show and cruise
celebrates Masonic Lodge

TWIN FALLS — As part of their 100th anniversary in Twin Falls, the Twin Falls Masonic Lodge No. 45 is sponsoring a car show and cruise Saturday, Sept. 16 and Sunday, Sept. 17 at their lodge at Falls Avenue and Blue Lakes. The event will be a cruise on Saturday night and awards presented Sunday at 1 p.m. for each class. A \$25 advanced entry fee can be paid at Hart's 50s 60s Café on Blue Lakes on Sept. 15 from 8 p.m. — 9 p.m. The hours for the show are 9 a.m. — 6 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. — 2 p.m. Sunday.

For more information, please call Budd at 733-2832 or 734-3168.

Gooding Democrats
to meet in Gooding

GOODING — The Gooding County Democrats will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Gooding County Commissioners' Room at the courthouse.

The schedule for the fall picnic scheduled for Sept. 23 will be discussed and finalized.

West Nile Virus and mosquito abatement also will be discussed.

They Hund, Gooding County commissioner candidate will be available to meet the public. For more information, call Kandle Bolan at 934-5203.

DEQ seeks public
input on asphalt plant

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality has received a complete pre-application permit to construct application from Debco Construction at Hollister.

The company is seeking the permit to construct a portable hot asphalt plant.

A public comment period on the forthcoming proposed permit is submitted to the DEQ before 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 9, 2006.

The permit application is available for review at the Twin Falls Regional Office, 1363 Fillmore St.

Lecture concerning Robert's
Rules of Order issues

TWIN FALLS — Dean Gotcher will give a lecture and presentation at 10 a.m. Sept. 16 in the Great Room at quality at Bridgeview Estates, 1828 Bridgeview Blvd.

Gotcher, who is with the Institute of Authority Research, will explain how Robert's Rules of Order is being replaced by consensus through the Hegelian (Marxist-socialist) dialectic. Admission is free, and the permit is invited. For more information, call Adrian Arr at 734-2255.

Reception for art
exhibition scheduled at CSI

TWIN FALLS — An opening reception for an exhibit of artist Albert Weaver's recent paintings will be held at the Herrett Center for Arts and Sciences on Tuesday.

The show will be on display through Oct. 14.

Tuesday's reception is scheduled from 7-9 p.m.

Compiled from staff reports

Kids first



Volunteers check nine-month-old Roxana Hernandez's car seat at the car safety seat inspection area during the 10th Annual Back to School Safety Event held at Con Paulos in Jerome.

Lessons learned at safety event in Jerome

By Will Sites
Times-News writer

JEROME — From the proper use of child car seats to baby-sitting to bike helmets and beyond, the 10th Annual Back to School Safety Event held Saturday at Con Paulos provided learning far beyond the schoolhouse door.

"It started 10 years ago with Magic Valley Safe Kids wanting to do child car-seat inspections," said Kay Lynn Johnson, marketing director for the Con Paulos auto dealership on South Lincoln. "So we decided to turn it into a safety event and now it has really grown." In only 10 years, the annual event is attracting approximately 1,500 children and adults every September that arrive from a variety of reasons. But for those involved in the safety and/or rescue professions, the event is focused on educating the public and providing assistance for those who come to the event seeking it.

As the director of Safe Kids of the Magic Valley, Page Geske sees it all. On Saturday,

"The kids love to see and pet the dog and we love to come here."

— Calvin Connell of the Snake River K-9 Rescue Unit

while assisting volunteers checking child car seats, she noted a constant problem: "I've seen people come here with five little kids," Geske said. "And they only have one seat — but we make sure they leave with four more." And it's the spirit of volunteering time and donating money that makes the event such a success.

"I can say that without Thompson Motorsports donating the free seats and many others donating time and money, this event wouldn't happen," said Donna Brown of Gooding, a volunteer for Safe Kids, who also noted that the Jerome Police Department distributed 45 bike helmets to kids that arrived without one. The sentiment of volunteering was echoed Saturday afternoon by many attendees manning booths and distributing info across the large dealership lot.

"The kids love to see and pet the dog and we love to come here," said Calvin Connell of Snake River K-9 Rescue Unit. "This is our favorite safety event and it seems to get bigger and better every year." Connell said that his 4-year-old wilderness rescue dog, Honey, helps kids realize that being in the wilderness can sometimes be dangerous.

For Whitney Beem, the local district director of American Red Cross of Greater Idaho, Saturday's safety event was a great public relations opportunity. "It's good for people to see what we do," said Beem, while showing-off a truck that arrived in Louisiana during Hurricane Katrina. "This is a great opportunity for us to get information to the public." For other agencies, the safety event was also a public relations windfall.

Many police and fire-rescue entities were on hand, including the always-popular Saint Alphonsus Life Flight helicopter, Jerome city, county and rural law enforcement and fire-rescue personnel, Idaho State Parks and Recreation, and a Bureau of Land Management wildfire truck. "We've given out 200 hats today and lots of brochures," said Allen Ploss of the Jerome Rural Fire Department. "We provide information all kinds of things, including tips for hazardous materials in the home, fire extinguishers and even tips for baby sitters — the whole gamut." For all of those involved, the day seemed to be an unqualified success.

"It's great to see so many people come here and learn about safety and have a great time," said Johnson. "Con wants to give back to the community and this is just one way that he can."

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New Lincoln County fire station dedicated

By Rusty Teus
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE — North Shoshone residents dedicated their new fire station Saturday night at their annual Fireman's Ball. After five years of planning, fundraising and construction, the rural neighborhood was rewarded with a new 3,800-square-foot block-and-mortar building.

"Our dedication of the new building tonight," said Ellis Gooch, fire district commissioner for Shoshone City and Rural Fire District, "couldn't get any better than this."

Gooch joined the nearly 150 partygoers enjoying a full barbeque dinner donated by The Smokin' Cowboys catering. A live auction featured a new Jeimoto-DesertStorm ATV donated by Four Brothers Dairy of north Shoshone. Along with the ATV auctioneer Ron Rogge took bids on tools, driers and plates of homemade cookies.

"This is a prime vintage," Rogge said as he extolled the virtues of a bottle of wine being offered to the crowd of bidders. "June was good month."

Rogge's auctioneering raised nearly \$9,000 for appliances and carpets for the new



Kennedy Stoddard, right, tries on fireman's protective gear Saturday night, as her uncle Bill Braun looks on at the new Shoshone fire station.

station's kitchen and meeting rooms.

The nearly \$470,000 project utilized a \$270,000 block grant awarded by Gov. Dirk Kempthorn in 2005. The fire district raised \$200,000 in contributions, donated services and district funds to complete the cost of construction.

Commissioners Ellis Gooch, Bruce Helsey and Ray Mitchell supervised construction of the project. "Dale Helliwinkel spent hundreds of hours on this," said Gooch. "He was the actual construction supervisor, along with the rest of the firemen."

The new facility will house six trucks and community meeting rooms. "We wanted a pretty nice facility," Helsey said. "We built this for the community to meet."

The Shoshone community is currently protected by a fire station in Shoshone, along with the new facility eight miles northwest of town. The district is seeking funds for a new station east of state Highway 75 to service the growing community. Additional volunteers living east of Highway 75 are needed to staff a new location.

Rusty Teus lives in the north Shoshone area. He can be contacted at teusranch2@yahoo.com.

Woman accepted all life offered

By Jani Whitel
Times-News correspondent

FILER — When she was just a teenager, Katherine Durham's mother died while giving birth. Durham had to care for her seven young siblings. From then on Durham knew the value of a good day's work.

Durham died Sept. 1 at 88 years old.

"We were self-sufficient," said her son Dale Durham. "As most farmers were back then."

Katherine M. Durham

Born: Jan. 4, 1918
Died: Sept. 1, 2006
Survivors: Children, Beatrice "Bea" (Bob) Rippe of Hammett, Idaho, Dale (Lynda) Durham of Boise, Idaho, Bob (Kathy) Durham of Dur, Ore. and Deanna. "Susie" (Byron) Peachey of Harrisonburg, Va.; and sisters, Clara Fudge of Garden Grove, Calif., and Helen Welch of Fair Oaks, Calif.

She was always a stay-at-home mother and did household duties while her husband farmed, but one thing that stands out in Dale's mind was her ability to hand-milk a cow.

"She could (do that) faster than anyone I knew," he said. "She'd get out a inches of milk bucket."

He laughed about the times he would try to compete with her, but she always won.

She valued a good education for her kids and encouraged them to be accepting of others. She raised and cared for a mentally retarded son for his entire 39 years.

"During the 1950s and 60s many families institutionalized them," said her daughter, Deanna Peachey. "She very deliberately did not want to do that."

"It was part of our family," she said. "She made that clear to us kids so we weren't embarrassed or ashamed."

Durham enjoyed tending to her gardens and canning or freezing her produce. Her other hobbies, including crocheting, cooking and embroidery, helped benefit special functions of the Magic Valley Retarded Children's Association.

While visiting his mother last Saturday, Dale said they visited the Twin Falls. He recalled telling her the story of how Twin Falls got its name and why the dam was built. He was surprised when she turned to him and said she knew that, that she'd been there when the water went over both sides.

"It was kind of like 'holy smokes!'" Dale said. "Who's giving the history lesson here?"

Perhaps one of the best things about Durham — besides her great cooking and giving nature — was her welcoming and accepting spirit.

"She knew what it was like to be excluded to some extent," Peachey said. "So I think she tried to be especially welcoming to others."

To contact Jani or suggest a Life Remembered story, she can be reached at 308-6252.

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Otter says statehouse plans could be scrapped

MOUNTAIN HOME (AP) — U.S. Rep. C. "Buddy" Otter, R-Idaho and a candidate for governor, says the plan to add two underground wings of meeting space at the Idaho Capitol could get too pricey and that it might make sense to refurbish existing buildings...



Otter

the 2607 legislative session — said they hadn't seen Otter's suggestions but were willing to consider them. "Still, they said, extensive review of the plan is needed...

Charles David Jansson



most pleasure from his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Charles was a sweet, gentle soul who will be greatly missed.

Surviving are his wife, Linda, of Kimberly; daughters, April, of Twin Falls, Idaho; Georgia (Ladelle) Keyes of Kimberly and Bonnie (Pedro) Nava of Jerome; six grandchildren, Mylee Jansson, Eddie Keyes, Emily Jansson, Sarah Holcomb, Tony Nava, and Adella Nava; his mother, Nadia Jansson of Twin Falls...

SERVICES

Verda Nelson Gold of Gooding, funeral at 10:30 a.m. today at the Gooding LDS Church...

Thomas Walter Strader of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Twin Falls LDS 1st Ward Church...

Kenneth LeRoy Scherbinske of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park...

Charles Jansson of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the 10th Ward LDS Church...

Park Ave. in Twin Falls, friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Serenity Funeral Chapel...

C.E. (Bud) Jensen of Tugartown, memorial service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Demary's Funeral Home in Gooding...

Chaire Melchelle Reeves of Houston, Texas, and formerly of Tuhl, graveside service at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the West End Cemetery in Tuhl...

John Phillip Byrneson of Wendell and formerly of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls...

Wilfred H. "Bill" Herrett of Filer, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church...

a.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church, 254 Highway 30 in Filer; friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday with family at great friends from 6 to 8 p.m. at Reynolds Funeral Chapel...

Barbara Anne Firkins of Declo, memorial graveside service at 2 p.m. Friday at the Rupert Cemetery...

Carl J. Dosset of Glendora, Calif., and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service at 10 a.m. Saturday at the First Christian Church in Glendora...

Viola Mae Heath Kinnaman of Worley and formerly of Wendell, memorial service at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Niagara Springs near Wendell...

Utahns weigh in on transit project costs

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Salt Lake County residents would prefer a sales tax increase over higher property taxes to pay for transit projects, according to a new study...

The Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce commissioned the Utah Foundation study, which concluded that people would likely choose a sales tax increase over a property tax hike...

A study concluded that people would likely choose a sales tax increase over a property tax hike because the higher sales tax would be incremental and easier to pay.

"It's been sort of common wisdom that there is less concern about sales tax," said foundation director Steve Kross, author of the study.

According to the study, Salt Lake County businesses would pay 43 percent of a proposed \$180 million bond to pay for such a quarter-cent TRAX lines. The property-tax backed bond issue is on the county's November ballot.

If the Legislature instead comes up with a sales-tax increase, businesses would contribute about 31 percent of the revenue, the study found.

"That would still leave homeowners shouldering the burden of the funding, but the capital and locked-in level is preferable to increasing property taxes."

"Property tax is more hated," chamber spokeswoman Natalie Gochnour said.

The property tax measure would be limited to paying off a bond to speed construction of four TRAX lines in Salt Lake County. But a quarter-cent sales tax increase in the county would raise more money, perhaps indefinitely.

The Chamber has estimated that if Salt Lake, Davis, Weber and Utah counties all levied the quarter-cent sales tax, about \$2.1 billion would be available for transit and transportation projects.

Issuing a state-wide tax increase could also provide money for projects outside the Wasatch Front. The Legislature has the power to impose a sales tax increase without a ballot measure.

DEATH NOTICES

Lucille Melba Woff RUPERT — Lucille Melba Woff, 71, of Rupert passed away Saturday, Sept. 3, 2006, at Country Side Care and Rehabilitation in Rupert...

Cox, 92 of Kimberly, Idaho died Sept. 10, 2006, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, Idaho. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

and Crematory in Jerome.

Dorothy McCall GOODING — Dorothy McCall, 92, of Gooding died Sunday, Sept. 10, 2006, at the Twin Falls Care Center. Services are pending and will be announced by Demary's Gooding Chapel.

Gladys Edna Griffin TWIN FALLS — Gladys Edna Griffin, 86, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Sept. 9, 2006, at Bridgewest Estates. Services are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

Kenneth Donald Young RENO — Kenneth Donald Young, 62, died Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2006, at Mountain View Care Center in Kimberly. At the family's request no funeral service will be held at this time. Friends are invited to call at the funeral home of Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Lola L. Umbaugh TWIN FALLS — Lola L. Umbaugh, 67, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2006, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center. Services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2006 at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

Rosemary Kirk HEROME — Rosemary Kirk, 78, of Jerome, died Sept. 9, 2006, in Twin Falls. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary.

Idaho in brief Foresters agree that 100, years of putting out most forest fires have over-taxed the forests with fuel and made today's fires worse. The Association for Fire Ecology released a declaration on the issue last week.

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Lantie Oliver Cox KIMBERLY — Lantie Oliver

"We're going to see more fire, not less, and these increases in wildfire occurrence and severity are going to be part of our new reality," association President Robin Wills of Oakland, Calif., said.

After police arrived, the man tried to flee. He fought with officers before being restrained with a stun gun, investigators said. He was arrested and then transported to West Valley Medical Center, where he was treated and released for minor injuries.

Rick Ochoa, National Fire Weather Program manager at the fire center, says a century of fire suppression in surrounding federal forests, coupled with a warming, moist, increasingly means future fire seasons will be similar to problems.

Police say suspect helped himself to woman's condo CALDWELL — A 39-year-old man was arrested over the weekend after being caught illegally entering someone else's condominium, undressing, jumping into a swimming pool and then fighting with officers who removed him from the premises.

Turner said she plans to start locking her condo door.

Weather forecasters predict more bad air for Idaho in coming years

BOISE — Weather forecasters at the National Intergovernmental Fire Center, as well as forest ecologists, said residents of the region will suffer through several days of some of the worst air quality in the nation last week should expect similar events in coming years.

Condo owner Sherry Turner had just left her apartment and was walking toward her husband, who was waiting in

her car, when she saw a man walking across her yard exposing and touching himself.

Ochoa said, "Our temperatures are getting warmer, and we'll continue to see longer fire seasons."

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Escaped elk elude searchers

Officials want to keep animals away from wild herds

BOISE (AP) — Up to 160 domesticated elk that fled an Idaho hunting reserve remained elusive as a helicopter, a fixed-wing plane and more than 25 state agents failed to locate any during the first day of an emergency hunt meant to keep the animals from mingling with wild herds.

"There's only two kinds of elk in that area where the one grain fields, and very thick timber," Idaho Department of Fish and Game Director Steve Huffaker said Sunday, a day after the search. "We had a trained observer in the helicopter, and he said, 'We could have had 1,000 elk underneath us, and we still wouldn't have seen them.'"

Huffaker hadn't yet been apprised of Sunday's progress by Fish and Game and the Department of Agriculture, in

eastern Idaho near Rexburg. Some of the elk were rounded up by the owner Friday, he said.

"I just want them out of the wild," Huffaker said. "See if we trap them, or we kill them, those are equally good options. We just want to make sure they're healthy, and to make sure they're really elk and not really hybrids."

The elk escaped before Aug. 14 from the Chief Joseph hunter's reserve that's owned by Rex Rammell, a veterinarian who charges guests up to \$5,995 to shoot one of the large bulls he's hired to have enormous antlers.

Rammell didn't report their flight, as is required by law, said state officials including Gov. Butch Otter, who fear the animals might spread illness and hurt the genetic purity of wild herds

— including those in nearby Yellowstone National Park, just 10 miles away.

Risch authorized the animals' "immediate destruction" Thursday.

He'd originally asked the Fish and Game Commission to open a so-called "depression hunt" allowing licensed hunters and private landowners to shoot the animals. Commissioners opted instead to monitor the situation over the weekend. Huffaker said he's not ready to make a decision yet on public deprecation hunts.

The Fish and Game biologists and conservation officers, and (hunters) from the Department of Agriculture are very good elk hunters," he said. "If they haven't been able to find them, I doubt the general public is going to do a whole lot better."

Rammell's wife, Lynda, told the Associated Press that employees at Chief Joseph and others had rounded up about a dozen loose elk Friday evening. They're being held in a pen on private property. She said the family didn't report the elk because they didn't know they'd gone missing.

The couple, who according to the Chief Joseph's Web site charge \$1 million for a membership in their hunting preserve that includes a site for a home, dispute that the animals carry diseases, and maintain their genetic quality is superior to wild elk.

Rex Rammell has tangled with the state Department of Agriculture in the past over its efforts to get him to tag his domesticated elk. His wife said he's being unfairly branded a rogue game farmer by state officials who don't like his operation.

Men plead guilty in cross burning

COBUR-D'ALENE (AP) — Two men accused of burning a cross on a black man's front lawn pleaded guilty to a reduced misdemeanor charge of malicious injury to property in a deal sought by the victim.

Nicholas J. Schmitt, 18, and Michael R. Simmons, 21, also pleaded guilty to a separate misdemeanor charge of disturbing the peace.

First District Magistrate Benjamin Simpson sentenced both to 60 days in jail, with credit for time served. They also must complete diversity

training.

Had felony hate-crime charges stuck, the men faced five years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

The two fashioned a cross out of two 1x4 torches on July 15 while drinking at a party and burned them on the lawn of Sean Robinson's home in Spirit Lake, Idaho.

Such incidents are especially sensitive in this area just miles from Hayden Lake, once the home of the Aryan Nations group run by now-dead racist leader Richard Butler.

Police cautious of new welfare law

WEST VALLEY CITY, Utah (AP) — Police plan to use the case of a malnourished 5-year-old girl who was not immediately taken from the care of her mother's boyfriend to train officers on what is and is not allowed under state child welfare law.

The girl, whose weight dwindled to 12-13 pounds, was taken to the hospital last month after her grandfather obtained a protective order. She was released Friday from Primary Children's Medical Center and the man whose care she was under has been charged with second-degree felony child abuse.

her. Four days later, the girl's grandfather received a court order and had the girl taken to the hospital.

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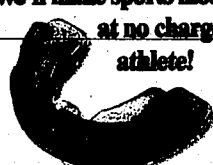
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