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Study: Third of U.S. ADHD tied to lead, prenatal smoking

By Lindsey Tanner
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — About one-third of attention deficit cases among U.S. children may be linked with tobacco smoke before birth or to lead exposure afterward, according to provocative new research.

Even levels of lead the government considers acceptable appeared to increase a child's risk of having attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, the study found.

It builds on previous research linking attention problems, including ADHD, with childhood lead exposure and smoking during pregnancy, and offers one of the first

estimates for how much those environmental factors might contribute.

"It's a landmark paper that quantifies the number of cases of ADHD that can be attributed to very important environmental exposures," said Dr. Leo Trasande, assistant director of the Center for Children's Health and the Environment at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York. More importantly, the study bolsters suspicions that low-level lead exposure previously linked to behavior problems "is in fact associated with ADHD," said Trasande, who was not involved in the research.

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Firms vie to shape the future of border security

By Griff Witte
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — If Northrop Grumman Corp. secures the multibillion-dollar contract to secure America's borders, the sky above the Rio Grande would be thick with drones.

Celphone maker Ericsson Inc. thinks drones are largely a waste and would focus instead on giving Border Patrol agents wireless devices capable of receiving live video.

Bosch Co. would like the borders with 1,800 high-tech towers.

For Lockheed Martin Corp., blimps are a big part of the solution. And for Raytheon Co., the key is letting agents

watch incidents unfold on Google Earth.

Those are the plans, anyway. The questions now are which company will win the rights to put its technology into play, and how well any of it will actually work in helping the United States gain control of its notoriously porous borders.

The Department of Homeland Security is expected within days to name a winner in a competition that could permanently change the way the United States conducts surveillance, apprehension and detention operations along its northern and southern boundaries. The choice promises to lead significant

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MAGIC VALLEY PEOPLE



a slice from local life



Musician Dillon Mayes, a member of The Maze Band, poses for a portrait Monday afternoon in Twin Falls.

Dillon Mayes promotes Twin Falls live music scene

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — If the Twin Falls live music scene has a master of ceremonies, it's Dillon Mayes.

The 26-year-old has been ubiquitous in the past year, playing most of the area's venues — sometimes for free — as a solo artist and with his band, The Maze Band.

He is a pivotal force in a renaissance of live Magic Valley music.

"I give all the credit to the guys I play with," he said Monday at Java coffeehouse, where he is a barista. "They're the ones who are really helping to connect the whole music scene. I just make calls and get everyone together."

Despite his modest claims, Mayes is responsible for bringing a face to local music.

And it's a mug you're not likely to forget. Wearing a T-shirt, nose ring, sandals and a brown bandanna that covers dozens of 18-inch dreadlocks, Mayes looks less like a Twin Falls native son and more like a protégé of his musical hero, Ben Harper.

The bohemian image is congruent with his libertarian music. "I wrote a song called 'No More War,'" he said. "I write songs about herb, being free, that kind of thing."

Feedback wasn't always positive when Mayes began his music career about six years ago, but his fan's handmaiden's persistence and ambition have paved the

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Student upsurge prompts new levy

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — More students means higher costs for the Twin Falls School District. The Twin Falls School Board approved an emergency levy for more than \$122,000 Monday afternoon during a special board meeting.

According to state statute, the school district qualifies for an emergency levy because of increased student enrollment in the first week of school.

"... this will help us pay for three additional teachers that we added this year."

— Wiley Dobbs, Twin Falls school superintendent

"Comparing our first six days of attendance, we know that we qualify for a total of \$122,719, so the district recommends that you approve to seek the levy," said Wiley Dobbs, superintendent of the Twin Falls School District, in board members. "I might add that this will help us pay for three additional teachers that we added this year."

The levy's impact on the average homeowner's property tax will be negligible — \$100,000 taxable value will increase about \$5.88 per year. This year, the school district hired two teachers at Oregon Trail Elementary, which enrolled about 80 students more than last year. The district also hired one teacher for Morningstar Elementary School after it transferred a teacher to Oregon Trail.

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Two levies for two reasons

EMERGENCY LEVY: An emergency levy does not require a vote from the public. School districts can choose to seek an emergency levy if student enrollment during the first six days of the school year exceed the previous year. The amount of money the district can receive is based on the number of additional students.

SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY: This levy requires a simple majority approval (50 percent plus one more vote) from the public. Generally, school districts use supplemental levies when they seek larger sums for big-ticket items. If school districts are able to pass supplemental levies for seven consecutive years, the district can choose to make the levy automatic.



The U.S. Border Patrol uses a portable surveillance tower known as a remote video surveillance site, along the border with Mexico near Yuma, Ariz. The Department of Homeland Security will soon award a multibillion-dollar contract to secure America's borders.

"It's a little bit scary when the government throws up its hands and says, 'We have no idea how to do this. Please tell us.' It just seems like the government is putting policy in the hands of the contractors."

— Deborah Meyers, senior policy analyst at the Migration Policy Institute

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Records raise more questions about tissue taken from body of Alistair Cooke

NEW YORK (AP) — The medical records that documented the body of "Masterpiece Theatre" host Alistair Cooke were wrong in just about every possible way. His name was misspelled. His birthdate was off by 10 years. His Social Security number wasn't even close. Also wrong were the name of his doctor and the time and cause of his death.

There was even a bogus

name and phone number for a family member who supposedly agreed to donate the 95-year-old celebrity's body parts for tissue transplants.

The records, obtained by The Associated Press, provide the most in-

depth look so far into the case of the fabled TV personality, and raise more questions about the safety of the cadaver tissue industry: Why didn't the tissue processor that acquired Cooke's body parts catch any of the bogus entries?

"It's deeply disturbing," said Susan Cooke, Kitteridge, Cooke's daughter. "It throws out any kind of faith I had in the system. It's so broken, it's horrible to me that

this wasn't caught." Donated cadaver tissue is used in more than a million procedures a year in the United States to repair bad backs, fix ailing knees and replace heart valves. Most of these operations are safe and do tremendous good, but tissue that has not been treated properly or is taken from unscrupulous donors can infect a patient with hepatitis, HIV and other potentially

deadly infections.

Tissue processor Regeneration Technologies Inc. of Alachua, Fla., declined to discuss Cooke's medical records but has said the company did nothing wrong.

The company says it relies on the suppliers of cadaver tissue to "perform a risk assessment on every potential donor, interview family members and evaluate the donor's medical records."

TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS

Today Tonight Wednesday
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Tonight: Windy with a slight chance of rain emerging. Lows 40s.
Tomorrow: Considerably cooler with clouds, wind and a few rain showers. Highs near 60.

Complete weather report: See page B4

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

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EXHIBITS

Albert Weaver Art Show, Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for the Arts and Science, campus of College of Southern Idaho...

FAMILY

"Baby and Me" class, learning about reading baby cues, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., St. Benedict's Family Medical Center's Health Education Center...

HEALTH

College of Southern Idaho's Over Sixty and Getting Fit programs, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training... Twin Falls Arthritis Foundation exercise program for senior citizens...

MUSEUMS

"Mingle in the Jungle" free reptile review, 6 p.m., Herrett Center rain forest, Herrett Center for Arts and Science...

To have an event (including on-going ones) listed in the October monthly calendar, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number...

WEB READER REACTION



On 'New Twin Falls High School will stand out with its look and capabilities' ...

KEVIN HOWARD: "We actually care deeply about reading, writing and arithmetic, but a school is also composed of many other things..."

CHARLES BRUMBACH: "Oh! And we'll have a couple of classrooms too. A gymnasium, common area, auditorium, media center, indoor running track, practice gym, football and track stadium..."

CHARLIE TUMA: "After reading the story, Like Charles Brumbach, I am also a little concerned. 1,200 students divided by 20 classrooms is 60 students per class unless, of course, 800 of them are running around the indoor track..."

THIS DEBATE IS SPECIAL: "I don't know...looks just like another modernistic brick box to me. When I saw the picture, and before I read the headline, I thought (she) we might be getting a new jail."



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Rural grid address system has quirks

JEROME — There's a story told by emergency services dispatchers about a 911 call in a small county in Texas...

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So you've got borers in your birch; now what?

BUHL — It's been a hot, dry summer — and your big, beautiful birch tree looks scalded and sick. The crown has lost its green luster and looks rather parched...

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School board seeks help with changes

The Twin Falls School Board discussed Monday at a special board meeting hiring legal counsel to update district policies each year.

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Witness in toddler murder trial found dead

ELKO — Almost a year after 3-year-old Ricky Ortega was beaten to death, the toddler's mother, Sara Faulkner, 25, of Elko is dead. The cause of death is still under investigation...

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Doll collection brings happiness to others

TWIN FALLS — Over the years, Lillian Nielsen has made hundreds of porcelain dolls and clothes to go with them. Even though Nielsen began her project to occupy her time and give a gift to a loved one she has found that the pleasure the dolls have brought to others has been more than rewarding.

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Devon Harold Osterhout, 78
Iretta Jane Theymayne Croft, 86

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Idaho potato farmers face labor shortage

MURTAUGH — Idaho farmers have traditionally relied on Hispanic immigrants for seasonal chores. But this year, according to the Idaho Department of Commerce and Labor, the number of farm workers in Idaho has fallen by 18 percent in some areas...

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Officials: Escaped elk may never be found

BOISE — An emergency public hunt opening Tuesday in eastern Idaho probably won't destroy all the farm-raised elk that escaped from a private hunting reserve last month, state officials acknowledge...

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BLM asks Jarbidge residents for input

TWIN FALLS — The Bureau of Land Management, Jarbidge Field Office is seeking input from local residents, communities and stakeholders regarding potential economic issues to be considered during the Jarbidge Resource Management Planning effort.

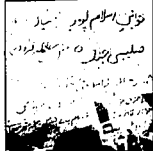
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West Coast states to work for ocean health

PORTLAND — The governors of Oregon, Washington and California announced an agreement Monday to work together to improve Pacific ocean health. "Polluted waters, declining populations of fish and other marine life, degraded nearshore habitats, risks of severe storms and tsunamis and impacts related to climate change were among the concerns cited by the governors of the three ocean-dependent states."

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NATION/WORLD



Pope sends diplomats to ease Muslim anger

ROME — The Vatican deployed diplomats to capitals of Muslim states Monday in an effort to contain anger over Pope Benedict XVI's comments on Islam, as shadowy threats against the pontiff and Christianity multiplied.

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Space station crew fine after emergency

HOUSTON — An oxygen generator on the international space station over-ventilated and spilled a toxic liquid Monday, forcing the three-man crew to don masks and gloves in the first emergency ever declared aboard the 8-year-old orbiting outpost.

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Japanese line up to gobble American beef

TOKYO — The U.S. ambassador is among customers threatening a major Japanese fast-food chain Monday to savor the return of a popular rice dish topped with American beef that was off the menu for more than two years due to mad cow disease fears.

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Armed man arrested after Capitol crash

WASHINGTON — An armed man ran through the hallways of the U.S. Capitol after crashing his vehicle on the Capitol grounds Monday in the worst breach of security since a gunman killed two police officers eight years ago.

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Kidnapped baby's mom helps prepare sketch

UNION, Mo. — Police released a sketch Monday of a woman they believe stole a baby after slashing the mother's throat, hoping to generate new clues in the four-day-old case.

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Eagles' star defender kearse out for season

PHILADELPHIA — Jason Kearsse's season is over because of a severe knee injury the star defensive end sustained by Philadelphia's overtime loss to the Giants on Sunday. Kearsse, who had 25 sacks in the game, badly sprained multiple ligaments in his left knee when his leg knocked against Mike Patterson while the two brought down Eli Manning on New York's first possession of the extra period. Kearsse reached for his knee after the play and was helped off the field.

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SPORTS



Clarett pleads guilty, sentenced to prison

COLUMBUS, Ohio — When the day comes that Maurice Clarett can be released from prison 3½ years from now, the former Ohio State football star's life story will hardly have been told in full. If his lockup ends on the earliest possible date, Clarett, administrator of an unexpected plea deal Monday for robbery and concealed weapons charges, will not yet have turned 4. It's in a range that will allow him to get his life back together after his release.

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Broncos, back in Top 25, prep for WAC play

BOISE — Boise State coach Chris Peterson was just happy to escape Wyoming with a victory. Finding his Broncos back in the Associated Press Top 25 Monday, "It's made me with a little more enjoyable. It's great that people are paying attention to our team, but I don't go much further with it than that," Peterson said Monday. "It's Week 11 or 12 and we've got a good ranking then it means something. But it's so early in the season."

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Levy

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 Dobbs said the district could have pursued an emergency levy last year, but decided against it because voters had passed a \$1.2 million supplemental levy that same year. According to Dobbs, the district was eligible to request more than \$400,000.
 "Obviously, the levy has to be large enough so that you would want to pursue it," said Robert Seaman, business manager for the school district. "In the past, it was used to fund the purchase of portables (temporary buildings). This year, it will be used for additional teachers."
 He said the district would use money from its carry-over funds to pay for the three additional teachers if the school board did not approve the emergency levy.
 "Carry-over—funds, which are made up of money that

school districts did not use after paying annual expenses, is carried over to following years."
 Dobbs said the district tries to have enough money in carry-over funds to pay for three months' operating expenses. The district has enough for one month.
 The district will now take the levy proposal to Twin Falls County commissioners for certification.

Border

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 insight into how the government sees the future of border security, with firms offering rival visions of how that future looks.

All year, the nation's largest military contractors have been locked in intense competition to team with the government on a program that gives the private sector unusually wide sway over a critical national security issue. Michael Jackson, deputy director of the Homeland Security Department, told the competing firms earlier this year he wanted them to "come back and tell us how to do our business."

The resulting proposals are the latest incarnation of decades' worth of attempts to use technology to create a virtual fence. So far, none have succeeded. Recent initiatives have ended with cameras that failed to work in extreme temperatures and millions of dollars wasted.

But with immigration legislation stalled in Congress, Homeland Security officials are gambling that this new effort — known as the Secure Border Initiative — will be their best hope of cutting the flow of illegal immigrants.

Officials say they expect the solution to be in place within four years; companies say they can do it sooner. The cost has been pegged at \$2 billion but is likely to be higher. No one is downplaying the stakes.
 "I don't think the Department of Homeland Security can afford to fall here," said Wayne Esser, who has led Boeing's efforts to capture the contract, which is called SBInet. "This thing is so politically charged. It's very visible."

The program has already garnered heavy criticism from detractors who worry that the government does not know enough about what it is buying and that the program could amount to a costly giveaway to the private sector.

"It's a little bit scary when the government throws up its hands and says, 'We have no idea how to do this. Please tell us,'" said Deborah Meyers, senior policy analyst at the Migration Policy Institute. "It just seems like the government is putting policy in the hands of the contractors."

Homeland Security officials say they decided to contract out the job because they did not have the capacity to do it in-house. But they maintain that they will ultimately call the shots. "I don't want any mistake about who is working for who," Gregory Gladders, director of the Secure Border Initiative, told Congress on

Wednesday. The contractor "is working for the United States government."

The decision of which contractor to choose is due by the end of the month and is expected as soon as this week. While the competing proposals are similar in their basic outlines, they differ markedly in the details.

All companies, for instance, offer an array of sensors, including infrared, motion and seismic. But they are divided over where to place them: whether to bury them, mount them on towers, or send them airborne attached to planes, helicopters or unmanned aerial vehicles.

Overall, the proposals lean heavily on technology developed for the battlefield. "We're transferring things that are military today into a civil implementation," said Bruce Walker, a Northrop Grumman vice president who has led the California company's efforts.

Walker touted the firm's fleet of UAVs, which includes both the Global Hawk — a plane that soars high to cover large areas — and the Killdeer, a small, low-altitude vehicle that can be used for more-focused missions.

Both vehicles, he said, have both with intelligence capabilities that allow them to differentiate false alarms from genuine threats. "It may be a herd of antelope moving across the border, and you certainly don't want to send a plane after that," Walker said.
 Swedlish cellphone maker Ericsson is positioning itself as the nonmilitary solution. Walker Smith, vice president for government solutions, said border security comes down to "a big, broadband wireless problem" and that the most important challenge is to ensure agents have access to communications and timely information.

Ericsson's plan involves giving every border Patrol agent a personal digital assistant similar to those on the commercial market. Tall towers lining the border would fend off dead zones and provide much of the surveillance data.

The role of UAVs is minimal. "UAVs aren't reliable enough. They can't fly in bad weather," Smith said. "We don't need a Star Wars-type solution here. We need something that will work."
 Boeing's Esser said his team came to a similar conclusion. "UAVs are incredibly expensive to operate," said Esser, citing the size of the vehicles' ground-based crews. "Everybody's real hot on UAVs. But you just can't afford it. It doesn't make sense."

ADHD

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 The study's estimate is in line with a National Academy of Sciences report in 2000 that said about 3 percent of all developmental and neurological disorders in U.S. children are caused by toxic chemicals and other environmental factors and 25 percent are due to a combination of environmental factors and genetics.

"The findings of this study underscore the profound behavioral and cognitive impact of these prevalent exposures, and highlight the need to strengthen public health efforts to reduce prenatal tobacco smoke exposure and childhood lead exposure," said the authors, led by researcher Joe Braun of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

The study was to be published online today in the journal Environmental Health Perspectives.

ADHD is a brain disorder affecting 11.7 million 4 percent and 12 percent of school-age children — or 10 to 12 million youngsters. Affected children often have trouble sitting still and paying attention and act impulsively at home and at school. Researchers are certain about its causes but believe genetics and environmental factors including prenatal exposure to alcohol, tobacco or illicit drugs may play a role.

Dr. Helen Blinn, a researcher at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago, said the study is a thoughtful analysis but doesn't prove lead exposure is among the causes. It's possible, for example, that young children with ADHD are more likely than others to eat old leaded paint chips or inhale leaded paint dust because of their hyperactivity.

The researchers analyzed

Mayes

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 way for other Magie Valley artists to take risks with their music.

"He certainly is a factor," said Dave Woodhead, owner of Twin Falls' premier live music venue, Woody's Sports Bar. "Politically, he is probably out of sync with the majority of Twin Falls," Woodhead said, but his charisma and talent have a way of luring people in. It wasn't always that way.

Woodhead recalled, "he was playing all by himself and he was tentative — not like he is now."

A former choirboy, Mayes didn't get into music seriously until after high school. A fledgling writer, he studied English and literature at the College of Southern Idaho before dropping out. "I thought I'd experience some good things, some bad

things, before I'd try to write about it," Mayes said. "And music just felt like the comfortable thing to do."

A half-decade later, it still feels right.
 "It's my dream to do something I love — something that's my passion. And I am."

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"The findings ... highlight the need to strengthen public health efforts to reduce prenatal tobacco smoke exposure and childhood lead exposure."

— the authors, led by researcher Joe Braun of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

data on nearly 4,000 U.S. children aged 4 to 15 who were part of a 1999-2002 government health survey. Included were 135 children treated for ADHD.

They asked whether mothers had smoked during pregnancy but used blood tests to determine lead exposure, said co-author Dr. Bruce Lanphear, a researcher at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

Children whose mothers smoked during pregnancy were 2½ times more likely to

have ADHD than children who weren't prenatally exposed to tobacco.

Children with blood lead levels of more than 2 micrograms per deciliter were four times more likely to have ADHD than children with levels below 0.8 microgram per deciliter. The government's "acceptable" blood lead level is 10 micrograms per deciliter, and an estimated 10,000-45,000 children ages 1 to 5 have levels exceeding that.

Based on study estimates, more than 5 million 4-to-15-

year-olds nationwide have levels higher than 2 micrograms per deciliter. Lanphear said, "Tansade said the study adds further proof that the government should lower its threshold for safe lead exposure. Exposure to tobacco smoke after birth was not associated with increased ADHD risks, even though childhood exposure to lead was."
 "Saying there are different periods of vulnerability to different toxins is perfectly plausible," said Dr. Robert Geller, a pediatric toxicologist at Emory University.

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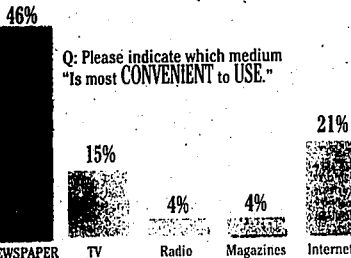
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Fired CSI volleyball coach to fire back

TWIN FALLS — The former volleyball coach at the College of Southern Idaho will hold a press conference at 11 a.m. today at the Turf Club, 730 Falls Ave.

Ben Stroud "will respond to allegations he violated rules of the National Junior College Athletic Association and to challenge his firing by CSI," according to a written statement from his attorney, William L. Mauk of Mauk & Burgoyne in Boise.

Stroud and Mauk will read a prepared statement, provide witness statements and documents and respond to questions.

The media are invited, as well as friends, volleyball players and supporters of Stroud.

Stanley backs away from CIEDRA

STANLEY — The Stanley City Council has backed away from its previous support of a wilderness designation for the Boulder-White lands area, passing a resolution Sunday that only supports land parcel transfers to Stanley, but not the overall 300,000-acre wilderness area.

The new resolution cited changes in the CIEDRA proposal, which emerged from the U.S. House of Representatives and is scheduled for a Senate subcommittee hearing on Sept. 27.

Burley couple sentenced in tax case

BURLEY — A Burley couple has been sentenced for obstructing federal tax laws.

John Thurman Horejs will serve six months in jail and one year of supervised release, according to a press release from the Department of Justice. His wife, Elaine Sheryl Horejs, will serve five years' probation, of which six months will be spent in home detention with electronic monitoring. She must do 100 hours of community service.

John Horejs is an artist who sells his paintings in galleries across the United States. He and Elaine are part-time residents of Phoenix.

The couple admitted to causing a loss of federal tax revenue of \$170,118.

Governor visiting Magic Valley today

BOISE — Gov. Jim Risch will be in the Magic Valley today. Here is his schedule.

1:30 a.m.: Risch will be at the Dutchman Plant location, 300 West 10 North, to present to the city of Burley more than \$1 million from Community Block Grant and County Development Training funds. A grant of \$750,000 will finance the purchase of an industrial water system needed by Dutchman Manufacturing for the new RV plant. An award of \$800,000 will train 200 workers.

2 p.m.: He will deliver the keynote speech to the Association of Idaho Counties, meeting at the Best Western Inn and Convention Center, 800 N Overland in Burley.

3:15 p.m.: Risch will be at the Elko County Courthouse, 300 N Lincoln, to present a \$350,000 Community Block Grant to the city for a new industrial park and \$100,000 grant to the Jerome County for renovation of the Eden senior center.

Republican Party hosting fundraiser

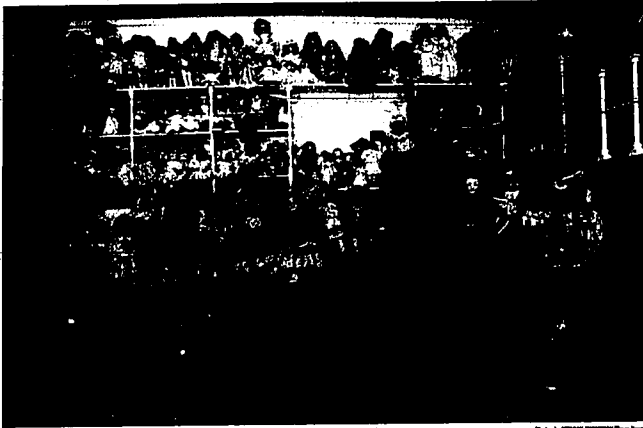
JEROME — Everyone is invited to the Republican Party fundraiser from 6 to 10 p.m. today at 150 W. 22 S. in Jerome.

The event will be free music and food, and silent auction.

Meet local candidates before the upcoming election. All proceeds not used for campaign purposes will be donated to the Jerome County Senior Center.

— Compiled from staff reports

The Joy of dolls



Lillian Nielsen sits in front of her vast collection of dolls at her Twin Falls home.

Twin Falls woman shares doll collection with schools and libraries, among others

By Jami Whited
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Nearly 30 years ago, Lillian Nielsen's youngest child left home. "I need to have something to do," she recalled telling her sister. Thanks to that sister, and her kin, Nielsen discovered a talent she didn't know she had.

Over the years, Nielsen has made hundreds of porcelain dolls and clothes to go with them. If she didn't make them, she bought them from second-hand stores, repaired them and made clothes for them.

For example, a Shirley Temple doll she picked up had a cracked head and missing thumb. She repaired it, then did some research and made clothes from pictures she found of the real Shirley Temple. She used rabbit fur to make a coat and matching muff, a sailor's dress, mascot outfit and party dress. She even made shoes to match.

"I always make outfits as close as I can to the original," Nielsen said.

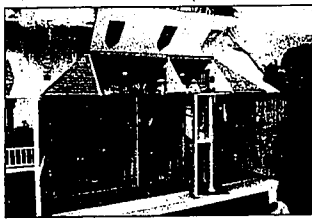
She hardly ever uses a pattern and buys her fabric at thrift stores.

Among her vast collection, she created a bride and groom set, turn-of-the-century dolls and 40 miniature dolls in handmade christening gowns to decorate a white Christmas tree.

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To see a video of Lillian Nielsen's doll collection, visit www.magicvalley.com

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door, she gave Nielsen a tight, warm hug and simply said thank you.

The woman's son had committed suicide a year ago that night and Nielsen had unknowingly helped the woman cope throughout the night.

Another friend of Nielsen's was dying of heart disease. She'd simply call Nielsen and say, "Bad day, I'm coming over."

It was too painful for the woman to talk about what was happening to her, let alone deal with end-of-life issues, but Nielsen said, she felt comfortable in the doll room. She told Nielsen that as long as she could sit in that room, she could talk about things without being overwhelmed.

Even though Nielsen began her project to occupy her time and give a gift to a loved one, she has found that the pleasure the dolls have brought to others has been more than rewarding.

"If you share with others what you're blessed with, you'll never know how many hundreds of people you can help," Nielsen said. "And you may never know who you really do help."

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School board wants policies current

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Schools are struggling to keep up with changes that lawmakers are introducing after each legislative session.

The Idaho Legislature passed 459 bills this year, with about 10 of them affecting education policies and procedures. So each year, educators try to follow attempts to introduce, amend or omit legislative bills that change everything from what students eat to what students will learn.

The Twin Falls School Board discussed Monday at a special board meeting hiring legal counsel to audit district policies each year.

An audit by the Idaho School Boards Association Inc. showed that the district's policy manual did not address issues such as public conduct of school property and student wellness programs.

The school district has been working on updating its policymaking process for almost five months.

The board has yet to decide on a legal consultant to keep policies up-to-date, but according to Wiley Dobbs, superintendent of the Twin Falls School District, it is becoming imperative the district make the updates.

"We've had this as an information item for quite a while," he said to the school board. "And I think it's going to become more and more difficult in this society where we live. I think that in terms of money, it will be money well spent."

School policies and procedures not only protect districts from possible legal problems, but also keep curriculums in line with state education policy.

But finding the right counsel can be difficult.

"I can tell you right now that I'm done with the ISBA," said Brian Matsuoaka, chairman of the board. "I just don't trust the organization."

The ISBA has lost the confidence of some local school boards because it has not represented their views and because the executive director has supported political candidates.

But if the school district decides to use another legal counsel, it may have to pay significantly more for the same services.

Otherwise, district policy will have to wait even longer to stay up on state legislation.

BLM wants to talk to you about Jarbidge resource management

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TWIN FALLS — The Bureau of Land Management Jarbidge Field Office is seeking input from local residents, communities and stakeholders regarding potential economic issues to be considered during the Jarbidge Resource Management Planning effort.

To help gather this information, the BLM has partnered with Dick Gardner, the principal consultant at Bootstrap Solutions, to host an all-day interactive workshop.

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Witness in toddler murder trial found dead at motel

By John Sears
For the Times-News

ELKO — Almost a year after a 3-year-old Ricky Ortega was beaten to death, the toddler's mother, Sara Faulkner, 25, of Elko, is dead.

Elko police Capt. Aron Hughes said Faulkner had inhaled vomit in her lungs, but the cause of death is still under investigation. Faulkner was staying at the Key Motel with her mother, Pam Wansley, who said she awoke to find her daughter breathing in vomit, Hughes said.

Faulkner, 25, was pronounced dead at Northeastern Nevada Regional Hospital. An autopsy has been ordered.

Faulkner was to be a witness in the Oct. 3 jury trial for Ortega's death.

Melissa Eidson, 21, the daughter of Ortega's baby sitter, is facing a first-degree murder charge in the case.

"It is very tragic," Faulkner's aunt, Stacy Faulkner, said of her niece's death. "She had just been released from jail and was hoping to get a new start on life. That is what we were all praying for."

Elko County District Attorney Gary Woodbury said losing Faulkner as a witness will not hurt his case against Eidson.

Elko County Public Defender Frederick B. Lee said he is sorry for Faulkner and her family and is looking into how the death will affect his case.

Ricky Ortega died on Sept. 27, 2005, at Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City. The cause was severe blunt-force trauma to the head.

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Deven H. Osterhout

DECLIO — Deven Harold Osterhout, a 76-year-old resident of Declio, peacefully passed from this life on Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006. He was born at home in Declio on July 5, 1930, the eighth son of Leon Carl and Katie LeNell Winn Osterhout. He attended school in Declio, where he was active in sports. He married Betty Ruth Okeberry on Jan. 1, 1948, in Oakley, Idaho. They were sealed as a family in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple on Dec. 17, 1957. He farmed and worked all his life in the Declio-Burley area. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, horses and being with his family. Deven is survived by his wife, Betty of Declio; five sons, John (Cathy) of Declio, Tim (Nina) of Rupert, Kerry (Loretta) of Malta, Chuck



(Maria) of Declio, and Brent (Haye) of Raft River; three daughters, Connie (Tony) Myrdahl of Idaho Falls, Jill (Clay) Melroe of Declio, and Stautan (Mike) Butters of Boise; brothers, Carl, Seymour and Kenneth; his sisters-in-law, Lillian, Edith, and Melba; 41 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers, Milton, Ray, Winn, Owen and Melton; five sisters-in-law, Sarah, Vera, Dorothy, Leona and Dawn; and four grandchildren. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, 2006, at the Declio Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 213 W. Main St., with Bishop Tim Darrington officiating. Burial will be in the Declo Cemetery. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Basumussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Ireta Jane Tremayne Croft

SHOSHONE — Ireta Jane Tremayne Croft, 86, a resident of Shoshone, died Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Center following a short illness. Jane was born Jan. 26, 1920, in Albion, Idaho, the fourth of 12 children of Mathew and Margaret Tremayne. She was raised and attended school in Albion and graduated from Eldorado County High School in Placerville, Calif., while living with an aunt and uncle. She returned to Idaho and obtained a teaching certificate from Albion State Normal School. She began a teaching career that lasted for 24 years, working in Sterling, Murtaugh, Gooding, Payette, Twin Falls and Shoshone. She completed her B.A. in education from Idaho State University in 1958.



She married Glen Croft on April 17, 1942, in Burley, Idaho. She lived in Payette and taught there after their wedding while Glen served in the army during World War II. During that time, their daughter, Janet, was born. After the war, they moved to Heyburn to a 40-acre farm where their sons, Gordon and Ronald, were born. In 1955, the family moved to Shoshone and Glen ranched near Magic Reservoir. Their third son, Thomas, was born after they moved to Shoshone. She has resided in Shoshone since that time. She was a member of the LDS Church and served in the Genealogy Extraction Program for more than 20 years. She loved music and enjoyed attending summer band concerts at the Twin Falls City Park and music events at CSI. She took advantage of the many activities offered at the Golden Years Senior Center in Shoshone. She is survived by her four children, Janet (Ed) Sandy of Shoshone, Idaho, Gordon (Ann) Croft of Meridian, Idaho, Ronald (Penny) Croft of Chandler, Ariz., and Thomas (Roberta) Croft of Fort Collins, Colo.; four grandchildren; 12 granddaughters; eight great-granddaughters; and 11 great-grandsons; two sisters, Velma (Felix) and Thomas (Roberta) of Mission Viejo, Calif.; two brothers, Alton Lee (Donna) Tremayne of Burley, Idaho, and Glenn Tremayne of Orem, Utah. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Glen; her brothers, Arnold, Raymond, Roy, Marvin, Lester and Lindy; and sister, Kathleen. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19, at the Shoshone LDS Church, with Bishop Larry Sturgeon officiating. Interment will follow at the Shoshone Cemetery. A visitation for family members and friends will be held from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Tuesday in the Relief Society room at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Golden Years Senior Center or in Shoshone of the Shoshone Education Foundation. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Demaray Funeral Service in Shoshone.

Joey Carl Gortinge of Wendell, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Wendell LDS Church (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Lee R. Lowry of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Rupert LDS Stake Center, 26 S. 100 W. in Rupert; friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Faye Mortuary in Burley).

Wanona Hodges Tolman of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Jerome 3rd Ward LDS Chapel, 825 E. Ave. B; friends and family may call from 9 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Morie O'Harrow of Twin Falls, memorial service at 3 p.m. today at the Love-Toberson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Robert Lee Grubbs of Bliss, memorial service at 3 p.m. today at the Nazarene Church in Bluff; friends may call one hour before the service at the church (Wood River Chapel in Hailey).

DeLila Olive (Goley) Whitmore of Twin Falls, funeral at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2355 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Earl W. Seecley of Pocatello

and formerly of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Downward Hansen Funeral Home, 241 N. Garfield Ave. in Pocatello; burial at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Rupert Cemetery with a brief service by family members. Friends may call from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. today at the home of Dol and Jeanette Seecley, 4865 Mohawk in Pocatello and from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at the mortuary.

"Mary" Marian Magdalena Miller Meets of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel.

Andrew Paul Florence Jr. of Twin Falls, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, 161 Sixth Ave. E. in Twin Falls; rosary prayer service at 7 p.m. Friday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Else Crane of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Burley LDS Stake Center, 207 N. Normal Ave.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Basumussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Richard William Pamphrey of Gooding, memorial service at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Salem Methodist Church in Shanesville, W.Va. (Demaray Funeral Service in Gooding).

home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Basumussen Funeral Home in Burley.

DEATH NOTICES

Benjamin McDonald

BURLEY — Benjamin McDonald, 82, of Burley, died Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006, at his



state spending on social programs and undertook a variety of efforts to encourage business and agriculture.

King also took a tough stance on crime, introducing mandatory minimum sentences and getting voters to back a constitutional amendment to restore capital punishment to the state's highest court after a part of the law unconstitutional.

But King's term was also troubled, as his administration faced charges of corruption, misuse and incompetence. High-level appointees resigned for falsifying academic credentials and for being tied to organized crime.

Patricia Lawford, sister of President Kennedy, dies at 82



for her great style, for her love and support of the arts, her wit and generosity — and for the singular sense of wonder and joy she brought to our lives." In his 2005 "best-seller," "Symptoms of Withdrawal," her actor son, Christopher Lawford, wrote of his mother that "her high brightness and vibrant smile made her my grandfather's favorite."

She met the handsome British-born actor Peter Lawford through her brother, the future president, in 1949. They were married in 1954 and had four children.

Former Massachusetts Gov. Edward King dies at 81

BOSTON (AP) — Former Gov. Edward King, a conservative Democrat who defeated then-Gov. Michael Dukakis in a primary election in 1978, then lost a rematch four years later, died Monday after a fall. King had three brain surgeries this year. He twice had emergency surgery in March to relieve pressure from blood pooling near his brain after a fall from a Miami-area home in April that required 24 days in the hospital.

He fell again this month at his family's home in Middleton, and failed to recover from the subsequent surgery. He died at the Lahey Clinic in Burlington with his family at his side, the clinic said.

"We were competitors, we were rivals, but he was someone who worked at his job very hard," Dukakis said.

Behind the slogan "Make It in Massachusetts," King mounted a successful pro-business, tax-cutting challenge

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18 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers, Milton, Ray, Winn, Owen and Melton; five sisters-in-law, Sarah, Vera, Dorothy, Leona and Dawn; and four grandchildren. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, 2006, at the Declio Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 213 W. Main St., with Bishop Tim Darrington officiating. Burial will be in the Declo Cemetery. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Basumussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Students play the market

SHOSHONE — Shoshone High School students David Allen, Jennie Wadsworth and Rachel Pantone placed first in the State Stock Market Game played in Landa Prescott's economics class. One of 252 teams, they had the winning portfolio and were \$11,000 ahead of the second place team. Two of their top money making stocks were El Paso Co., an energy company that provides natural gas and related energy products and Libbey Inc., a supplier of tableware products. The State Stock Game is a national educational program based on a real-life simulation of the stock markets. The program, which is nonprofit and non-commercial, teaches about the U.S. economic system while conveying basic concepts in math, business, economics, language arts, social studies and more, the school reported. It is also correlated to the national education standard's in economics, business and math and is the only stock market game endorsed by the Securities Industry Association. Shoshone students play the Internet version for 10 weeks, one day per week. Each team is given \$100,000 to invest. David, Jennie and Rachel made \$38,192.92 during that time.

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BURLEY — Buzz and Betty McCustion are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, Sept. 20. Arthur Lloyd McCustion and Betty Kay Hamblin were married Sept. 20, 1956, in the Logan LDS Temple in Logan, Utah. They have spent their married life in Idaho around the Burley area. He farmed and worked at Rambo's Firestone Service Station and Salvage's and hauled milk for 54 years. He is working for Milky Way in Jerome. She worked at Union Seed, was a stay-at-home mom and was the secretary of their business. They are active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She is working with the Extension Program of the Pella 1st Ward and is a visiting teacher. They are both home teachers. Their family celebrated the occasion with a family reunion in August in Jackson Hole, Wyo. They will have a family dinner hosted by Debbie (Steve) Straubhaar of Twin Falls, Craig (Cindy) McCustion of Rexburg, Lou (Chap) of Burley, Lisa (Jerry) Cook of Lehi, Utah, and Mackelle McCustion of Filer. They have

Program offers support for loss of a loved one

JEROME — Beginning Experience, a program for those experiencing loss of a loved one, will be held Oct. 13-14 at the Manor of the Ascension near Jerome. Lodging and meals are provided. Pre-registration is required. Deadline for registration is Oct. 8. There is a \$120 fee and partial scholarships are available. For more information or registration forms, call Anita at 436-4767, Cathy at 426-8545 or Margaret at 524-1988. The program is for those who have been married and are now single, either because of death, divorce or separation. Beginning Experience began in Idaho in 1984 and is a nonprofit international organization that creates a place where separated, widowed, or divorced persons can come together in a caring, supportive atmosphere to grieve and live their lives, and move on to the future with renewed hope, organizers say. The program is presented by a team of people who have suffered the loss of a spouse and are willing to share their own experience to help others.

Mountain View Elementary School holds carnival

BURLEY — Mountain View Elementary School will hold an outdoor carnival and raffle from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday. The event will include raffles, games, prizes, activities, pony rides, train rides, dunk tank, jump rooms, snacks and treats.

AARP driver safety courses take place in Hailey

HAILEY — The American Association of Retired Persons will present a driver safety course from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Sept. 21 and 29 at the Blaine County Senior Center. Driver safety classes are geared for anyone age 50 and above, and younger people are welcome. Participants will be able to see members of AARP and go driving is involved. Idaho law requires insurance companies to give discounts to those ages 55 and above. Pre-registration is required. The fee

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is \$10. Attendance at both sessions is required to receive a certificate of completion. For more information, call Charlie at 733-8680.

Bereavement Support takes place at hospital

BURLEY — A bereavement support group sponsored by Cassia County Health Care of Intermountain Health Care will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 3 through Nov. 7 at Cassia Home Care/Hospice, 1501 Hilland Ave., Suite D. The group will offer emotional support and education about grieving, as well as an opportunity to become acquainted with other adults who have suffered a loss of a loved one through death. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call Marilee Belkic at 678-0844. Service providers hear about Red Cross

pm today at Jade Restaurant, 607 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. There will be a no-host lunch. The guest speaker will be Whitney Egan of the Red Cross. All area business service agencies are encouraged to attend.

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Escaped farm-raised elk may never be found, officials say

By Christopher Smith Associated Press writer

BOISE — An emergency public hunt opening Tuesday in eastern Idaho probably will destroy all of the farm-raised elk that escaped from a private hunting reserve last month, state officials acknowledge.

"I'm not expecting we will recover all the animals," Steve Schmidt, Idaho Department of Fish and Game regional supervisor in Idaho Falls, told The Associated Press Monday. "It's likely a number of these animals will never be recovered."

Up to 160 domesticated elk broke through a hole in the wire fencing at a private hunting reserve near Rexburg in the mid-August.

Concerned the farm-raised elk could spread disease and pollute the genetic pool of wild herds, Idaho Gov. Jim Risch issued an emergency order Sept. 7 authorizing state officers to search out and destroy as many of Rammell's loose elk as possible.

But after state agency shooters killed only 15 domestic elk between Sept. 9 and 15, Risch and the Idaho Fish and Game Commission decided to open a special depredation hunt for local private landowners and licensed hunters with valid elk tags. The first of three such hunts starts Tuesday and ends Sept. 24, and there is no limit on the number of domesticated elk — identified by U.S. Department of Agriculture livestock ear tags — that hunters can kill.

Rammell has vowed to take legal action against Risch and



Rex Rammell talks about his 160 farm-raised elk with Abigale Lynn Woods, Idaho, in March. Rammell charges \$55,395 to shoot one of the trophy-sized domesticated elk.

anyone who shoots his elk, although state officials maintain that Risch's executive order exempts eligible hunters from any liability if they kill Rammell's elk.

But Rammell said few if any of his elk are still on the loose. By Monday afternoon, he claimed he had located or recovered all of his escaped elk. He said he was working to chase a group of 40 escaped cow elk from a section of public land to private property. Additionally, he said 10 escaped bulls were corralled on a friend's property and he had recaptured another 45 head. Idaho Fish and Game officials said they had no immediate way of verifying his claim and the emergency hunt would proceed as planned.

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— Rex Rammell, owner of the Chief Joseph private hunting reserve

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Fifty hunters who had drawn elk tags for the public land hunting area known as the Teton Zone were selected in a random drawing for first of the three depredation hunts. The other two hunts are scheduled for Sept. 25 through Oct. 2 and Oct. 3 through Oct. 14.

Schmidt said the state hopes private hunters will kill several escaped elk, but because their escape came at the start of the fall breeding season — known as the rut for males and estrus for females — the likelihood the domesticated elk already

have mated with wild elk is high.

"The rut is in full swing now," said Schmidt. As a contingency plan, the state is considering additional depredation hunts and winter trapping to cull the farmed elk from wild herds.

A coalition of 28 Idaho hunting and sportsman's group said the prospect that Idaho's wild elk bloodlines have already been mated with farm-raised elk should force the Legislature to outlaw private elk hunting reserves. Sometimes called "shooter-bull operations," clients of the businesses pay thousands of dollars to kill domesticated elk inside a fenced compound.

"We are going to relentlessly pursue the elimination of shooter-bull operations in Idaho," said Mark Bell, president of the Idaho Sportsman's Caucus, whose group will testify Wednesday at a hearing in Blingham County on an application by former NFL star Rulon Jones to launch another shooter-bull operation in eastern Idaho. "These businesses are not allowed in Wyoming, Montana, Oregon and Washington, so Idaho has become a last bastion, and that has allowed this disaster to happen."

Rammell said his domesticated elk herd is disease-free and "purebred Tooty Mountain elk" descended from Yellowstone stock that pose no threat to wild herds.

Schmidt said Fish and Game officers will be monitoring the special hunt to enforce the regulations and determine the number of farm-raised elk taken.

Parents tried to force daughter to get an abortion, police say

SALEM, N.H. (AP) — A Maine couple upset that their 17-year-old daughter was pregnant tried her up, loaded her in their car and began driving to New York to force her to get an abortion, police said.

The daughter, Katelyn Kumpf, escaped Friday at a shopping center and called police, who arrested her parents, Nicholas Kumpf, 54, and Leta, 53, of North Yarmouth, Maine.

The parents were arraigned Monday on kidnapping charges. The judge set bail at \$100,000 each and ordered the Kumpfs to have no contact with their daughter.

Prosecutors had argued for a higher bail amount, saying the parents repeatedly threatened to kill the victim, the unborn child, the father and his family. Defense attorney Mark Sisti objected, saying there was no evidence of any threats.

"What we're dealing with here is a terrible family tragedy with some unfortunate misunderstandings and some overreaction, perhaps on all sides — but we don't attempt to terrorize anybody," he said.

The Kumpfs were upset

that their daughter was pregnant by a man who is now in jail, police said... and before leaving Maine on Friday they had an argument at the parents' home.

Katelyn Kumpf started to tell that upon her parents finding out that she was pregnant, she said they told her she had no choice but to get an abortion. Salem Police Officer Sean Marino wrote in his court affidavit...

"Her parents chased her out into the yard, grabbed and feet tied hands and feet together," Marino wrote. "Katelyn states that her father then carried her to their car and they headed toward New Hampshire."

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Police release sketch of Missouri baby kidnapper

UNION, Mo. (AP) — Police released a sketch Monday of a woman they believe stole a baby after slipping the child's throat, hoping to generate new clues in the four-day case.



Suspect

Stephanie Ochsenshine, 21, helped police artists with the composite drawing of the woman she said attacked her at her home

on Friday and snatched her baby, Abigale Lynn Woods, now 10 days old.

The drawing shows a woman with dark hair wearing a baseball cap. Franklin County Sheriff Gary Toeke said the suspect is believed to be between 4-foot-4 and 5-0 and weighs about 200 pounds.

"I think the leads are over 250, and we anticipate getting more calls with the release of the composite," Toeke said at a news conference releasing the sketch.

Toeke said Ochsenshine "isn't completely happy" with the sketch "but it's the best we could come up with."

Ochsenshine was released from St. John's Mercy Medical Center in suburban St. Louis on Sunday.

Three states aim to improve ocean health

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The governors of Oregon, Washington and California announced an agreement Monday to work together to improve Pacific Ocean health, saying "oceans should be maintained on an ecosystem level."

"Polluted waters, declining populations of fish and other marine life, degraded near-shore habitats, risks of severe storms and tsunamis and impacts related to climate change" were among the threats cited by the governors of the three states.

The announcement at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry said the governors would, among other things, send a joint message to Congress and the federal government oil and gas leasing, development or exploration

off the coasts. Among the state's goals are ensuring clean coastal waters and beaches, protecting healthy ocean and coastal habitats, expanding scientific research, monitoring and testing sustainable economic development throughout our diverse coastal communities, and expanding ocean and coastal research.

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NATION

Armed man arrested after Capitol crash

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An armed man "rattled" the U.S. Capitol after crashing his vehicle on the Capitol grounds Monday in the worst breach of security since a gunman killed two people in 1998.

Acting Capitol Police Chief Christopher McGaffin identified the intruder as Carlos Greene, 20, of Silver Spring, Md. He said Greene, tackled

after a foot chase through the Capitol, was armed with a loaded handgun and had crack cocaine in his possession.

Greene appeared to be under the influence of a controlled substance and "exhibited signs of seizure," McGaffin said. He was taken to Greater Southeast Community Hospital.

Police planned to charge Greene with federal felony possession and assault of a

police officer, McGaffin said.

This was unacceptable by my expectations for Capitol Police," McGaffin said. "It was an unfortunate breach of our security."

He said Greene, driving an SUV stolen earlier in the day, slammed into a police vehicle blocking an entrance to a major construction site on Capitol's east side, across from the Supreme Court.

Greene drove into the site,

stopping at a skylight for the new Capitol Visitors Center, which opens next year, McGaffin said, adding that Green then bolted up the Capitol steps, entering the building through a third-floor construction door. He then made his way to the basement on the opposite side of the building before being subdued by police outside an office for distribution of flags that lawmakers present to constituents.

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E. COLI OUTBREAK

California farmers were warned last year about food safety

By Andrew Bridges
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Federal health officials told California farmers to improve produce safety in a pointed warning letter last November, nearly a year before the multistate E. coli outbreak linked to spinach.

In fact, the current food-poisoning episode is the 20th since 1995 linked to spinach or lettuce, the Food and Drug Administration said.

Though state and federal officials have traced the current outbreak to a California company's fresh spinach, they haven't pinpointed the source of the bacteria that have killed one person and sickened at least 113 others. A second death was being investigated in the outbreak, which involves 21 states.

The FDA is still warning consumers not to eat fresh spinach.

The regulatory agency does not consider the contamination deliberate.

"There is always a question in the back of our mind whether it may have been a deliberate attack on the food supply. Currently, there is nothing in the epidemiology to consider this deliberate," said Dr. David Acheson of the FDA's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.

That leaves a broad range of other possible sources, including contaminated irrigation water that's been a problem in California's Salinas Valley. The area on California's central coast produces much of the U.S. spinach crop.

There have been 19 other food-poisoning outbreaks since 1995 linked to lettuce and spinach, according to the FDA. At least eight were traced to the Salinas Valley. The outbreaks involved more than 400 cases of sickness and two deaths.

In 2004 and again in 2005, the FDA's top food safety official warned California farmers they needed to do more to increase the safety of their fresh leafy greens.

"In light of continuing outbreaks, it is clear that more needs to be done," the FDA's Robert Brackett wrote in a Nov. 4, 2005, letter.

Suggested actions included discarding produce that comes into contact with floodwaters. Rivers and creeks in the Salinas watershed are known to be periodically contaminated with E. coli, Brackett said.

Various produce growers' associations worked with the FDA to publish new guidelines for the safe handling of spinach and other leafy greens in April after the agency reiterated its concerns.

But the spokesman for a group representing 3,000 growers and shippers in California and Arizona said the new guidelines were not directly in response to any particular incident.

"The basic standard for the industry is zero tolerance," said Tim Channing, of Western Growers.

A food safety analyst said the Salinas Valley was developing a reputation for food safety problems connected to leafy greens.

"Even the biggest companies have become vulnerable," said Thyron Salloway, a microbial epidemiologist at the University of California, Davis.



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Princeton joins Harvard in dropping early admissions

By Justin Pope
Associated Press writer

Princeton University on Monday became the second elite university to drop its early admissions program, following Harvard in a move the Ivy League schools say will benefit disadvantaged students and reduce anxiety.

"We agree that early admission 'advantages the advantaged,'" Princeton President Shirley Tilghman said, echoing Harvard's words last week. Harvard's announcement last week that it would evaluate all applicants in a single pool prompted speculation about whether other universities would follow suit — a

change that could transform the admissions process for high-achieving students. Princeton had an "early decision" program, meaning applicants get word by Dec. 15 of their senior year, but must attend if accepted. Harvard's early program was non-binding "early action," meaning students could still weigh

offers from other schools in the spring. Such programs — particularly early decision — have been criticized for increasing the anxiety of the application process and informally discriminating against less sophisticated applicants. "We believe that elimination of early admission programs

can reduce some of the frenzy, complexity and inequity in a process that even under the best of circumstances is inevitably stressful for students and their families," Tilghman said. Princeton was considered the most likely of the prominent private universities to follow Harvard.

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EDITORIAL

Stroke of genius aids Art Council project

If the Magic Valley Arts Council is to inspire community support for a new arts center, it must have a location that sells not just art but the entire valley.

Members of the council's Arts Center Committee and board members have done just that by choosing the canyon rim for its future home base.

Board members have approved a proposal from Federation Pointe LLC to house the new center, which will include exhibit space, a theater and classroom space for local courses.

Located at the north end of Washington Boulevard, Federation Pointe has yet gained full approval from the City Council. But its initial plans include two 75-foot tall buildings for professional offices, condos, retail stores, restaurants and a fine arts theater.

The council examined at least 10 sites, including prominent spots in the downtown area, according to executive director Stacy Madsen. But the canyon rim spot was the best fit with the various needs from local arts organizations.

Selecting Federation Pointe may sour some advocates for the downtown region, but the council has a large task to accomplish in building its new center. The committee must raise \$1 million to \$1.25 million for the project, in cooperation with the two local Rotary Clubs which have already raised \$100,000.

Members of the committee gave the downtown area full consideration with a number of properties. In no way should the council's decision nullify efforts of Historic Downtown and the Business Improvement Districts to attract events and traffic to the downtown area. Good businesses continue to thrive that success and will continue to do so in the future.

But the council's ability to raise funds and attract support for an ambitious venture, all while continuing to operate on a modest budget, requires a certain flair for the future. For artistic events and classes to take place on Twin Falls' front doorstep seems both artistically and professionally appropriate.

We have noted before that Twin Falls still needs to capture a modern essence of style that will attract community and out-of-town attention. An Arts Council building that is utilized by locals and lure visitors to one attractive and accessible spot, would be a grand slam in that regard. Council members have reason to be thrilled for the future of this new project.

Members of the editorial board and writers of editorials are Brad Hurd, Chris Steinbach, Steve Crump, Traci Ellis, Bill Eitzinger and David Cooper.

LETTERS

Reckless driver violated lane safety rules
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Column had right tone; Start utilizing your library
I would like to express my appreciation of the "Woman To Woman" column in the Sept. 15 issue.

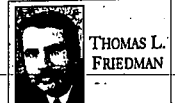
Too often in our current political climate, the opportunity for diverse viewpoints to be debated in a calm and well-spoken manner is being replaced with shrill and angry rhetoric. It was refreshing to be able to read well-thought and well-written articles on both sides of the issue.

On a related note, September is National Library Card Sign-up Month. If your readers would like to learn more about this or other current and/or controversial issues, the local public libraries are full of books, magazines, newspapers and computers with access to high-quality Internet resources that are available for their use.

I hope to see more of these point-counterpoint articles in your paper in the future.
DAVID COLE
Albion
(Editor's note: David Cole is the librarian at Declo High School.)

The ethanol energy harvest

SAO PAULO, Brazil — Any time that OPEC got a little too overzealous in the 1970s, the legendary Saudi oil minister Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani was fond of telling his colleagues: Remember, the Saudis didn't end because we ran out of stones.



THOMAS L. FRIEDMAN

What he meant was that the Stone Age ended because people invented alternative tools. The oil age is also not going to end because we run out of oil. It will end because the price of oil goes so high that people invent alternatives. Yamani was warning his colleagues not to get too greedy and stimulate those alternatives.

Too late. Oil at \$70 a barrel has done just that. One of the most promising of those alternatives is ethanol, an alcohol fuel made from corn, sugar cane, or any biomass. I came to Brazil to try to better grasp what is real and what is not in the ethanol story, because no country has done more to pioneer sugar ethanol than Brazil.

My impression, after talking to a range of Brazilian experts, is that not only is ethanol for real, but we have not even begun to tap its full potential. With just a few technological breakthroughs, Brazil really could be the Saudi Arabia of sugar and we could actually achieve that energy dream of getting "barns from bushels." Since the 1970s oil shocks, Brazil, with lots of trial and error, made ethanol part of its daily life. It hits you the minute you drive into a gas station in Sao Paulo, where you need two things: a credit card and a calculator. In rough numbers, sugar ethanol now sells here at little over \$2 a gallon and gasoline at a little more than \$4 a gallon. Because sugar ethanol gets only about 70 percent of the



mileage of gasoline, drivers here do the math each day and figure out if ethanol is at least 30 percent less than the price of gasoline. If it is, many will fill up with sugar cane. Brazilians have that luxury because there are 34,000 gas stations here that offer both gasoline and ethanol (compared with around 700 in the U.S.) and because 70 percent of new cars sold here can run on either gasoline or sugar ethanol. As a result, Brazil has replaced about 40 percent of its gasoline consumption with sugar ethanol.

I visited the Cosan sugar mill northwest of Sao Paulo, Brazil's largest, where you fly in over an ocean of green sugar cane. The cane is harvested onto big lorries and trucked to the Cosan distillery. There, the juice is extracted and converted to either crystal sugar or ethanol. The remaining cane waste—called bagasse—is used to fuel huge steam boilers that produce enough electricity to both power the refining process and leave a surplus to be sold back to the grid.

It's important to understand this process to appreciate just

how "much more energy we could get from sugar cane" with just a few more breakthroughs, explained Plinio Mario Nasser, one of Brazil's top ethanol consultants. Think of each stalk of sugar cane as containing three sources of energy. First, the juice extracted from the cane is already giving us ethanol and sugar. Second, the bagasse is already heating very low-technology, low-pressure boilers, giving us electricity. But if Brazil's refineries converted to new high-pressure boilers, you could get three times as much electricity.

Finally, when the cane is harvested the tops and leaves are often just left in the field. But this biomass is rich in cellulose, the carbohydrate that makes up the walls of plant cells. If the sugar leaked away in cellulose also could be unlocked—cheaply and easily by a chemical process—this biomass could also produce tons of sugar ethanol. There is now a race on to find that process.

A breakthrough is expected within five years, and when that happens it will be possi-

ble to extract "more than double" the amount of ethanol from each sugar stalk, said Jose Luiz Oliveira VP at Dedioli, the Brazilian industrial giant, which has a pilot ethanol project.

I asked Brazilian experts what they'd do if they were the U.S. president. The consensus answer: Require U.S. oil companies to provide ethanol fuel pumps at all their gas stations, require U.S. auto companies to make all their new cars flexible and improve mileage standards, and get rid of the crazy 54-cent tariff we've imposed on imported sugar ethanol (to protect our farmers). And then let the market work.

Demand for ethanol would soar. This would push us faster down the innovation curve, so we'd solve the cellulose ethanol problem quicker, and that would strengthen the democrats in our hemisphere and weaken the petrocrats in the Middle East. If only we were as smart as Brazil.

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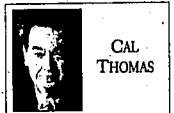
Wisdom and judgment deficiency

And now for the definition-impaired, the meaning of the word "wisdom" is deficient in worldly wisdom or informed judgment.

There was plenty of that on display last week in Pittsburgh and in Washington.

At the annual National Conference of Editorial Writers Convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania governor and former general chair of the Democratic National Committee, Ed Rendell, addressed a group of pundits on the subject, "Will the Real Democratic Party Please Stand Up?" After running through standard Democratic boilerplate issues — increase the minimum wage, raise taxes (except property taxes), spend more on education (as if too much is not already being spent with little to show for it) and, curiously, "The Bible has nothing to say about abortion and gay marriage" (but it has plenty to say about sexual relationships and life after death issues). Later, Rendell invoked biblical mandates to justify his view that God meant government, not individuals or the church, should help the poor and "disadvantaged."

Rendell was asked what he would do about Iraq if he were president. He said he is not running, but if he were and the world should fail to support democracy in Iraq for which millions of Iraqis have voted. Does he seriously believe such a retreat would not be seen as surrender and weakness, playing into the hands of jihadists, who would



CAL THOMAS

be emboldened to keep on fighting until they dominated Europe and then come after America? This is why liberal Democrats cannot be trusted to run the foreign policy of the United States. Democrats are not alone in suffering from the naive view. Several Republicans last week exhibited a similar deficiency in wisdom. John McCain, Arizona Republican senator, may have severely hurt his chances for the 2008 Republican presidential nomination by suggesting the United States should be bound by the Geneva Conventions in dealing with stateless terrorists determined to murder civilians. Murdering civilians is condemned by those same Conventions, but the jihadists are not persuaded to conform to these treaties. McCain (who was joined by fellow Republican senators Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, Susan Collins and Olympia Snowe of Maine and former Secretary of State Colin Powell) suggested that "torturing" terrorists to extract information that might save American lives could put U.S. soldiers at risk and that other nations would be more likely to abuse U.S. captives if Americans appeared to sanction such conduct.

The North Vietnamese imprisoned and tortured McCain for five and a half years in the infamous Hanoi

Hillon. The communists were not influenced by America's adherence to the Geneva Conventions. Neither are the terrorists, who kidnap — and force their captives to convert to Islam or, in many cases, behind them — influenced by America's behavior toward enemy combatants.

The jihadists know nothing but intimidation and domination. They believe us to be weak. They believe religions practiced freely within our borders are inferior to theirs. If they have their way, all of those who practice any religion but theirs will be killed or severely discriminated against. They also believe their god has told them to take over the world. That's what they say in their sermons and media. That is what they demonstrate by their actions. Why do so many believe otherwise?

It's easy for the elites to talk warm and fuzzy, as if being nice to killers can persuade them to be nice to us. That's because most of the elites have escape routes or bunkers in which they can hide during a future attack. The rest of us are on our own. We should not have to pay for their naivete.

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Medicare: The growing monster in our future

Unless you're a news junkie, you probably missed Clark McClellan's announcement that he'll resign in early October, after two grueling years as head of CMS. What's CMS? Well, it's the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which spent \$515 billion in 2005 — 21 percent of the federal budget and about \$21 billion more than all defense spending. Leaving government presents McClellan with a golden opportunity: he can tell us what to do about Medicare. It's the monster in our future — and no one knows it better than



ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services spent 21 percent of the federal budget in 2005.

richer, they prefer more health spending — longer and better lives — to a "third car" yet another TV." I'm not in this camp. Yes, much health spending has been beneficial and cost-effective. In the future, biotechnology or stem cells may produce large gains against Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's, and cancer at reasonable costs. But the present health-spending explosion is increasingly wasteful and socially corrosive. It may ultimately lower economic growth — a side effect of the high taxes needed to pay for Medicare and Medicaid — and already depresses take-home pay, squeezes other public services and redistributes income from the young to the old. Meanwhile, the extra health benefits are dwindling.

Today's waste transcends excess paperwork (an easy rhetorical target) and mainly involves unnecessary or harmful care. Using Medicare records, Dr. John Wennberg, assistant professor at Dartmouth Medical School, has documented huge variations in care — with few, if any, benefits. One study examined 4.7 million Medicare patients with any of 12 chronic illnesses who died from 2000 to 2003. In New York, some hospitalization rates were twice as high as in the Mayo Clinic.

One should overhaul Medicare, but just how is unclear. To know, we need to answer three questions: (1) How much health spending can the economy absorb without having higher taxes or depressed wages reduce economic growth? (2) Who should pay for Medicare — that is, should older people pay more, lessening the burden on the young? (3) How can we pay physicians and hospitals for better out-patient care and not just for more tests, hospitalizations and visits? These questions apply to any system we might adopt — from a government — run "single payer" system to more "consumer driven" health care.

Carrying out President Bush's agenda — including the new drug benefit — McClellan could pose these basic questions. Now he says he plans to settle at a think tank or university, where he can. Most studies of Medicare have had a narrow and technical focus, evading the truly central issues. "What's good for Medicare beneficiaries?" rather, it's, "What's good for America?"

Robert Samuelson is a columnist for Newsweek.

Awaiting the Bush 'awakening'

I wish W. would let me help crystallize him. But, alas, I'm not one of his chosen crystallizers, because he is loath to be exposed to anyone who doesn't agree with him. He roams the country but never strays from Bushworld, going from military bases to conservative pollwits to Republican Hill allies to sworn Bush supporters to sympathetic columnists.



MAUREEN DOWD

"It helps crystallize my thought to answer your question," he told conservative columnists called to the Oval Office this week. But he made it clear that his thoughts were contentedly calcified: "Let me just first tell you that I've never been more convinced that the decisions I made are the right decisions. I'm often-times asked about, well, you're stubborn and all this. If you believe in a strategy, in Washington, D.C., you've got to stick to that strategy, see." Aside from Dick Cheney and Rummy, who don't have all their buttons, we all long for W. to find better strategies on Iraq, Afghanistan, Iran, North Korea, pretty much the rest of the world and national security.

He's facing a rebellion from big shots in his party who don't want him to rip up the Geneva Conventions. Lindsey Graham calls it a fight over "who America is in 2006." John McCain, who has been trying to defend our nation with W. for the sake of his political future, said the president's plan risks "our moral standing and the lives of those Americans who risk everything to defend our country."

Calvin Powell, his conscience about Iraq clearly stinging, agreed that "the world is beginning to doubt the moral basis of our fight against terrorism" and that undermining the Geneva Conventions "would add to those doubts" and "put our own troops at risk." (Tony Snow deemed Powell confident, which is how the Bushies dismiss those who



don't grasp their invisible genius.)

Whenever W. does something legally sketchy and morally ambiguous — from preemptive war to spying to torturing — he claims he's doing it to protect Americans from terrorists. But there's a more visceral agenda: Vice and Rummy have persuaded W. he will not carry a big stick if bound by Lilliputian legalities, tireless checks and balances and Kumbya International conventions. Rather than being alarmed at their banties, the president naively admires what he sees as bravado.

Just as Vice lurked at Langley before the Iraq war, he's pushing reluctant CIA analysts to come up with a Saddam-Osama link, now the White House has maneuvered reluctant IAG lawyers into supporting its dream of undermining justice.

Catching terrorists and protecting Americans is the noblest of American ideals. This is about throwing off laws to prove that W. is "the Man," as Vice likes to say, not some wobbly, swaying, multilateral metrosexual.

His counselors have dulled W.'s sense of urgency by persuading him to take the long view and read about Wash'ton and Lincoln.

when it would be far better to focus on the Middle East and revise his backfiring policy.

"Ideological struggles take time," he said, and the world expects "instant success." "Maybe it's because there's too many TV channels, I don't know," he told the columnist, noting that's why a president must have patience. Despite his history reading, Bush seems to have forgotten Vietnam. "It's impossible for someone to have grown up in the '50s and '60s to envision a conflict with people that just kill mercilessly, using techniques that are kind of foreign to our — to modern warfare," he said. "But it's real."

Besides saying he's in "a struggle between good and evil" — which inflames many Muslims — AV told the columnist he thought America might be experiencing "a third awakening," a religious fervor, because people he meets in rope lines tell him they're praying for him. That could also be because W.'s policies have led to so much global chaos and hatred for America, his supporters know he needs more prayers.

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LETTER

Recyclers use more than city program

With regard to the Sunday article about the curbside recycling program in Twin Falls, PSI and city officials should not conclude that residents are not recycling just because the volume of materials deposited in their containers is lower than they anticipated. They need to keep in mind that there were a good many organizations (including the local United Methodist Church) with the leadership of Alex Koehnoff) that have had a recycling program in place for quite awhile before the city and PSI got on the bandwagon. I suspect a lot of folks (including those in our household) have continued supporting those organizations' efforts to keep recyclable items out of the landfill.

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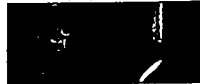
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Clarett pleads guilty, sentenced to prison in two criminal cases

By Rusty Miller
Associated Press writer

COLUMBUS, Ohio — When the day comes that Maurice Clarett can be released from prison 3½ years from now, the former Ohio State football star's life story will hardly have been told in full.

If his lockup ends on the earliest possible date, Clarett, who struck an unexpected plea deal Monday for robbery and concealed weapons charges, will be all of 26 years old. His 8-week-old daughter, who was present for his sentencing, will not yet have turned 4.

"It's in a range that will allow him to get his life back together after his release," Prosecutor Ron O'Brien said. Judge David Fales announced the agreement on the day Clarett's aggravated robbery trial was to begin. He was sentenced to 7½ years with release possible after 3½ years, and five years of probation.



Former Ohio State football star Maurice Clarett, center, apologizes after pleading guilty Monday in Columbus, Ohio to aggravated robbery and carrying a concealed weapon.

A bearded Clarett, wearing handcuffs and jail-issue clothing, remained expressionless throughout Monday's hearing.

"I'd like to apologize for my behavior, and I accept the time that was given to me," Clarett said when asked if he wished to address the court.

After the judge accepted the deal, Clarett looked over at his mother in the first row of the gallery. She was sobbing and holding his infant daughter while sitting next to his girlfriend.

Minutes later, one of his attorneys summoned up Clarett's saga — from the time he was one of college football's brightest stars to the day he began life as an inmate.

"He was up here," Michael Hoague said, raising his arm up to eye level. "He got down here." And he's going to be back up here again.

The 22-year-old Clarett has almost nowhere to go but up after Monday's appearance in Franklin County Common Pleas Court, where jury selection was set to begin in a case in which he was accused of holding up

two people outside a bar.

The concealed-weapon charge was from Clarett's Aug. 9 arrest after a highway chase with police, who found four loaded guns in Clarett's sport utility vehicle. They stopped him by spiking his tires, then used pepper spray to subdue and handcuff Clarett, who was wearing a bullet-proof vest.

Had Clarett been convicted on all charges, he would have faced three to 34 years in prison. Assistant Prosecutor Tim Mitchell said he expects Clarett will serve just over four years, with his last six months spent at a community-based facility.

As a freshman tailback, Clarett led Ohio State to the 2002 national championship, scoring the winning touchdown in the second overtime in the title game against Miami. That was the last time he played for the Buckeyes, and his life has spiraled out of control ever since.

He was suspended for lying to

NCAA investigators before the 2003 season and dropped out of school. He lost a U.S. Supreme Court case challenging the NFL's requirement that players wait three years after high school before turning pro. The Denver Broncos made Clarett a surprise third-round pick in the NFL's 2005 draft, only to cut him during the preseason.

"It's really a shame that someone puts themselves in that position," Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said Monday. "I'm just hoping when he does get out that he's learned his lesson and comes back with a mindset that he's going to be productive (in society)."

Authorities said Clarett flashed a gun and robbed two people of a cell phone early Jan. 1. He turned himself in around the time that many of his former Buckeyes teammates were putting on their helmets for a Fiesta Bowl victory over Notre Dame.

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Jags stop Steelers cold

By Mark Low
Associated Press writer

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Big Ben was back. He wasn't back to form.

Wearing protective padding around his midsection, Ben Roethlisberger returned to Pittsburgh's lineup against the Jacksonville Jaguars on Monday night, barely two weeks after having an emergency appendectomy. He was far from effective, though, and Jacksonville's defense had a lot to watch.

The Jaguars harassed Roethlisberger, held Willie Parker to 20 yards on 11 carries and ended the defending Super Bowl champions' nine-game winning streak with a 9-0 victory — the lowest-scoring game in Monday Night Football history.

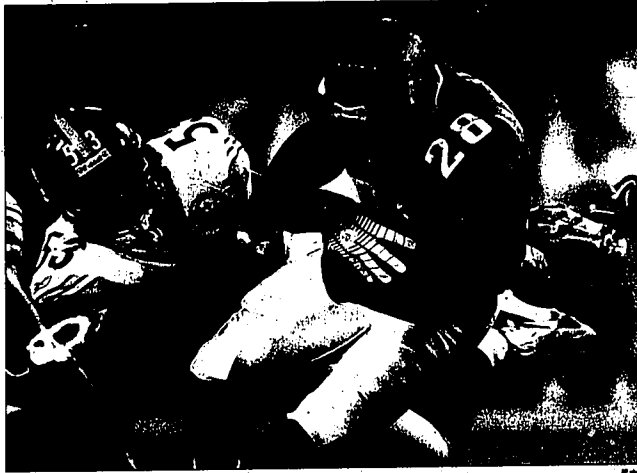
Josh Scobee kicked three field goals for the Jaguars (2-0), who improved to 4-0 against the Steelers in September and 3-0 against them on Monday night.

The Steelers (1-1) kept it close all game and had the ball with about five minutes to Roethlisberger's last pass and returned it into field goal range. Scobee kicked his third field goal, a 42-yarder with 4:26 to play. He had a 31-yarder late in the third and a 32-yarder earlier in the fourth.

Mathis picked off another one with 1:44 remaining, sending Roethlisberger walking slowly to the bench. Mathis also sealed last year's victory at Pittsburgh, intercepting a pass in overtime and returning it 41 yards for the decisive score.

The shutout was Jacksonville's first since December 2003 against Houston. It also was the fifth time the defending Super Bowl champions have been shut out. The 1990 Steelers were blanked once, and the 1981 Raiders were shut out three times.

Roethlisberger threw his hands up in frustration after his first interception, then walked off the field with



Jacksonville Jaguars running back Fred Taylor, right, drags along Pittsburgh Steelers defender Clark Haggans, left, during the third quarter of Monday's game in Jacksonville, Fla.

his hands on side following his next possession, when he took a jolting shot in his midsection after throwing a pass.

The Jaguars, meanwhile, spent the closing minutes celebrating their first Monday night win since 2001, improving to 7-2 in the league's most coveted time slot. It marked a new low for scoring on a Monday night, however, dipping below the San Francisco 49ers' 7-3 win over the New York Giants in 1990.

The Jaguars had plenty of bright

spots anyway. Byron Letwich completed 26 of 39 passes for 260 yards. Fred Taylor, whose best game came against the Steelers in 2000, ran 22 times for 92 yards and caught three passes for 29 yards.

Reggie Williams and Matt Jones were even more impressive.

Williams caught eight passes for 95 yards, including a 48-yarder on a short crossing pass on third down. He beat Desha Townsend, then jukeed Tyrone Carter and nearly out-

ran everyone else. Despite getting tackled, he put Jacksonville in position for Scobee's second field goal with about six minutes remaining.

Jones finished with six catches for 73 yards — and each of the first receptions resulted in first downs.

Roethlisberger, the youngest starting quarterback to win a Super Bowl, completed 17 of 32 passes for 141 yards. It was Roethlisberger's first regular-season action since the scary off-season motorcycle accident that nearly cost him his life.

Hopes are dying quickly

I was very much unlike John Fox, normally a steady and conservative coach: a trick play that cost the Carolina Panthers a seemingly safe one-touchdown lead and, eventually, a game in Minnesota.



DAVID GOLDBERG

Suddenly one of the favorites to represent the NFC in the Super Bowl is 0-2. Next week, the Panthers go to Tampa for another supposedly strong team that's 0-3 and has scored just three points in two games. So the loser will be 0-3 and three games out in the NFC South because Atlanta and New Orleans, both 2-0, play each other.

Yes, it's early. But the Panthers, Bucs, Redskins and Dolphins, all considered contenders and with highly regarded coaches, already are 0-2 and in a deep hole.

"I think we need a fix," Redskins coach Joe Gibbs said after his offense got only 245 yards, much of it in garbage time, in a 27-10 loss in Dallas. That left Washington last in the very competitive NFC East, just a game behind the offense at home in the opener, but looking a lot worse.

A closer look:

Carolina

The Panthers got to the NFC title game last year and were a popular preseason Super Bowl pick. But Steve Smith, the league's best receiver last season, missed the first two games (hamstring); the offensive line was reshuffled and left tackle Travelle Wharton is gone for the season; and oft-injured middle linebacker Dana Morgan also was out in Minnesota with a concussion.

Still, after getting run-over for 252 yards by Atlanta's college-style Michael Vick-led offense at home in the opener, the defense revived in Minnesota, with Julius Peppers playing like a Julius Peppers.

But leading 13-6 and dominating on defense with 10 minutes left, someone called for a throwback on a punt — usually saved for desperation time, a la Buffalo's Music City Miracle in the 1999 playoff game. Chris Gamble caught the kick and threw it across the field to Richard Marshall, who fumbled it on one hop, then fumbled when hit. The Vikings recovered at the Panthers' 2 and ended up tying the game on a trick play of their own — a pass Please see **GOLDBERG**, Page B2

Boise State enters WAC play back in the Top 25

By Tim Booth
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Boise State coach Chris Petersen was just happy to escape Wyoming with a victory.

Finding his Broncos' back in The Associated Press Top 25 — at No. 25 — made the win a little more enjoyable.

"It's great that people are paying attention to our team, but I don't go much further with it than that," Petersen said Monday. "If it's Week 11 or 12 and we've got a good ranking then it means something. But it's so early in the season."

Petersen is right. It's early. But making an appearance in the rankings after just three weeks increases the possibility that the Broncos could potentially find themselves in a Bowl Championship Series game come January.

While the AP poll is no longer used in calculations for the BCS, the coaches' poll still is, and the Broncos' were voted 25th by the coaches as well.

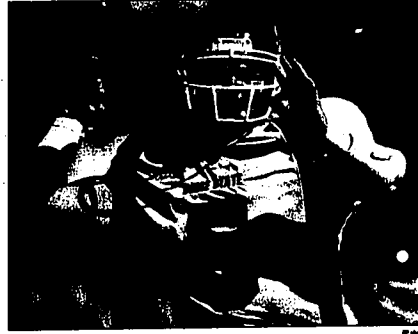
The ranking comes after Boise State (3-0) slipped past Wyoming 17-10 at Laramie on Saturday. Running back Ian Johnson followed up his 240 yards rushing performance against Oregon State with 119 against the Cowboys. But the rest of Boise State's offense sputtered, and Quinton Jones' 61-yard interception return in the second quarter proved to be the difference.

"We didn't play how we like to play. We knew if it was close in fourth quarter that wouldn't be good for us," Petersen said. "We had to eek it out. But it's one of those games you look at and say, 'Boy, we can improve on both sides of the ball.'"

It's the fifth straight season Boise State has been ranked at one point. Last year, the Broncos were ranked 18th in the preseason poll, only to fall out and never re-enter after being routed 48-13 at Georgia in the season opener.

From 2002-2004, the Broncos were ranked 15th, 16th, and 12th in the final AP poll.

Now the Broncos' enter Western Athletic Conference play, hosting an improved Hawaii squad that routed UNLV 42-13 on Saturday, leading 42-0 midway through the third quarter



Boise State University quarterback Jared Zabransky looks to pass against the University of Wyoming Saturday, Sept. 17 at War Memorial Stadium in Laramie, Wyo.

before the Rebels scored. The Warriors opened the season with a 25-17 loss at Alabama. Last time Hawaii visited Boise in

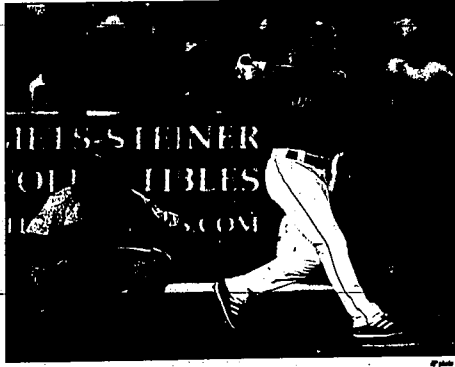
2004, the Broncos won 69-3.

Those guys are playing as good as I've ever seen them play," Petersen said.

SPORTS

N.Y. Mets clinch NL East title

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Mets ended nearly two decades of disappointment in their division and days of delay...



New York Mets batter Jose Valentin watches his third inning two-run home run off Florida Marlins pitcher Brian Mooney at Shea Stadium in New York...

Astros 5, Reds 3

HOUSTON — Roy Oswalt pitched 6-2-3 innings to continue his mastery of Cincinnati...

New York Mets batter Jose Valentin watches his third inning two-run home run off Florida Marlins pitcher Brian Mooney...

Albert Pujols hit a three-run drive for his 46th homer for the Cardinals...

Cubs 11, Phillies 6

PHILADELPHIA — Aramis Ramirez homered twice and drove in a career-best seven runs and the Cubs held off the Phillies...

Young went 2-for-4 with his 49th double to increase his major league-leading total to 205 hits...

Braves 6, Nationals 1

WASHINGTON — Andrew Jones hit a tiebreaking, two-run homer in the sixth inning...

Orioles 4, Devil Rays 1

PETERSBURG, Fla. — Corey Patterson hit a three-run homer and Erik Bedard won his third consecutive start...

Brewers 4, Cardinals 3

MILWAUKEE — Tony Grafano singled...

Yankees 7, Blue Jays 6

TORONTO — Derek Jeter and Alex Rodriguez hit two-run homers and the Yankees held on for a 7-6 victory...

Goldberg

Continued from page B1 by kicker Ryan Longwell to Richard Owens on a fake field goal...

Rangers 8, Mariners 1

ARLINGTON, Texas — Kevin Millwood allowed one run over seven innings...

Tampa Bay

Why did people think the Bucs were competitive? "I'd address the quarterback position in the future as we move forward..."

Clarett

Continued from page B1 from his mother's house. They said he had the guns because he was trying to give them to acquaintances to hold for him...

Cutthroats soccer keeps rolling

WENDELL — The Community School Cutthroats picked up another Class 3A District IV win as they defeated Wendell 4-0 on Monday...

Buhl 3, Filer 2

BLUJIL — The Buhl Indians pulled out a close Class 3A District IV win over the Filer Wildcats 3-2 on Monday...

Gooding 4, Declo 2

DECLO — The Gooding Senators jumped out to a three-goal lead and didn't let up as they defeated the Declo Hornets 4-2 on Monday...

Hagerman 3, Magic Valley Christian 0

HAGERMAN — The Hagerman Pirates defeated the Magic Valley Christian Bulldogs 3-0 on Monday...

Amateur golf Canyon Classic results announced

TWIN FALLS — Michael Ericson and Marc Owens took first gross in the men's championship flight while Ken Bort and Zach DeKruyff took first net...

Community School 11, Wendell 1

WENDELL — The Community School Cutthroats laid the law down in Wendell, downing the Trojans 11-1 to stay undefeated in Class 3A District IV on Monday...

Clarett

Continued from page B1 from his mother's house. They said he had the guns because he was trying to give them to acquaintances to hold for him...

SCOREBOARD

AUTO RACING

NASCAR Next Cup Leaders

Through Race 17

Driver	Points
1. Kevin Harvick	3226
2. Tony Stewart	3198
3. Jimmie Johnson	3197
4. Jeff Burton	3196
5. Matt Kenseth	3195
6. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	3194
7. Ryan Newman	3193
8. Clint Bowyer	3192
9. Mark Martin	3191
10. Greg Biffle	3190
11. David Reardon	3189
12. Scott Speed	3188
13. Casey Mears	3187
14. Travis Kvapil	3186
15. Mike Wallace	3185
16. Jeff Green	3184
17. Brian Vickers	3183
18. Mike Bliss	3182
19. David Ragan	3181
20. Kyle Busch	3180

GAME PLAN

LOCAL

High school
 Minico at Wood River, 4:30 p.m.
 Burley at Canyon, 4:30 p.m.
 Twin Falls at Aberdeen, 4:30 p.m.
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Division III A-1 Pool

Team	W	L	Pct
1. New Hampshire (2)	20	7	.743
2. Cal State Fullerton (2)	17	10	.630
3. New York State	16	11	.593
4. Pennsylvania State	15	12	.556
5. North Carolina	14	13	.519
6. Virginia Tech	13	14	.481
7. Michigan State	12	15	.444
8. Wake Forest	11	16	.407
9. Wake Forest	10	17	.370
10. Wake Forest	9	18	.333
11. Wake Forest	8	19	.296
12. Wake Forest	7	20	.259

Champions Tour Money Leaders

Player	Points
1. Tiger Woods	1,145.17
2. Phil Mickel	1,145.17
3. Fred Couples	1,145.17
4. Tom Lehman	1,145.17
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BASEBALL

American League

Team	W	L	Pct
1. New York Yankees	59	57	.509
2. Boston Red Sox	57	57	.500
3. Tampa Bay Rays	57	57	.500
4. Detroit Tigers	56	60	.483
5. Cleveland Indians	55	61	.475
6. Minnesota Twins	54	62	.467
7. Chicago White Sox	53	63	.450
8. Kansas City Royals	52	64	.444
9. Texas Rangers	51	65	.438
10. Oakland Athletics	50	66	.431
11. Seattle Mariners	49	67	.424
12. Los Angeles Angels	48	68	.417
13. Houston Astros	47	69	.410
14. Texas Rangers	46	70	.403
15. Tampa Bay Rays	45	71	.396
16. Detroit Tigers	44	72	.389
17. Cleveland Indians	43	73	.382
18. Minnesota Twins	42	74	.375
19. Chicago White Sox	41	75	.368
20. Kansas City Royals	40	76	.361

FOOTBALL

NFL

Team	W	L	T	Pct
1. Pittsburgh Steelers	10	2	0	.833
2. New England Patriots	9	3	0	.750
3. Baltimore Ravens	8	4	0	.667
4. Cincinnati Bengals	7	5	0	.583
5. Cleveland Browns	6	6	0	.500
6. Houston Texans	5	7	0	.417
7. Denver Broncos	4	8	0	.333
8. Kansas City Chiefs	3	9	0	.250
9. Oakland Raiders	2	10	0	.167
10. Tampa Bay Buccaneers	1	11	0	.083
11. Dallas Cowboys	0	12	0	.000
12. New York Jets	0	13	0	.000
13. San Diego Chargers	0	14	0	.000
14. Minnesota Vikings	0	15	0	.000
15. Carolina Panthers	0	16	0	.000
16. Atlanta Falcons	0	17	0	.000
17. New Orleans Saints	0	18	0	.000
18. Washington Redskins	0	19	0	.000
19. Arizona Cardinals	0	20	0	.000
20. San Francisco 49ers	0	21	0	.000

FOOTBALL

College Football

Team	W	L	T	Pct
1. Oklahoma	10	2	0	.833
2. Texas Tech	9	3	0	.750
3. Baylor	8	4	0	.667
4. Oklahoma State	7	5	0	.583
5. Texas A&M	6	6	0	.500
6. Missouri	5	7	0	.417
7. Arkansas	4	8	0	.333
8. Louisiana State	3	9	0	.250
9. Auburn	2	10	0	.167
10. Alabama	1	11	0	.083
11. Georgia	0	12	0	.000
12. Florida	0	13	0	.000
13. South Carolina	0	14	0	.000
14. Tennessee	0	15	0	.000
15. Mississippi State	0	16	0	.000
16. Kentucky	0	17	0	.000
17. West Virginia	0	18	0	.000
18. North Carolina	0	19	0	.000
19. Virginia Tech	0	20	0	.000
20. Wake Forest	0	21	0	.000

FOOTBALL

High School Football

Team	W	L	T	Pct
1. Tulsa	10	2	0	.833
2. Broken Arrow	9	3	0	.750
3. Edmond	8	4	0	.667
4. Broken Arrow	7	5	0	.583
5. Broken Arrow	6	6	0	.500
6. Broken Arrow	5	7	0	.417
7. Broken Arrow	4	8	0	.333
8. Broken Arrow	3	9	0	.250
9. Broken Arrow	2	10	0	.167
10. Broken Arrow	1	11	0	.083
11. Broken Arrow	0	12	0	.000
12. Broken Arrow	0	13	0	.000
13. Broken Arrow	0	14	0	.000
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18. Broken Arrow	0	19	0	.000
19. Broken Arrow	0	20	0	.000
20. Broken Arrow	0	21	0	.000

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College Football

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5. Texas A&M	6	6	0	.500
6. Missouri	5	7	0	.417
7. Arkansas	4	8	0	.333
8. Louisiana State	3	9	0	.250
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4. Cincinnati Reds	55	62	.470
5. Pittsburgh Pirates	54	63	.461
6. Milwaukee Brewers	53	64	.452
7. Chicago Cubs	52	65	.443
8. San Diego Padres	51	66	.434
9. Los Angeles Dodgers	50	67	.425
10. San Francisco Giants	49	68	.416
11. Houston Astros	48	69	.407
12. New York Mets	47	70	.398
13. Arizona Diamondbacks	46	71	.389
14. Colorado Rockies	45	72	.380
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GM, Ford discussed possibility of merger, report says

The Associated Press

DETROIT — Executives of General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co. have discussed a possible merger or alliance, the trade journal Automotive News reported Monday. Both companies declined comment on the report.

Automotive News quoted what it said were several people familiar with the talks as saying that discussions involving senior executives began in July and are not taking place now.

The report comes as GM and Ford have been slashing their work forces and closing plants in efforts to reverse multibillion dollar losses. Their sales have been hurt by competition from more fuel-efficient models from Asian automakers.

As the two biggest U.S. automakers, any deal would presumably face scrutiny by U.S. antitrust regulators.

In July, GM, Renault SA of France and Nissan Motor Co. of Japan announced a 90-day review of an alliance among them.

"As we've often said, GM officials routinely discuss issues of mutual interest with other automakers," GM spokesman Brian Alke said before business hours Monday. "As a policy, we do not confirm or comment publicly on those private discussions, which in many cases do not lead anywhere."

Ford spokesman Oscar Suris, also speaking before business hours, said: "We're not commenting on speculation."

Talk of alliances involving GM came after GM shareholder Kirk Kerkorian, who owns a 9.9 percent stake in the company, called for GM, Renault and Nissan to pursue an alliance.

Carlos Ghosn, the chief executive of Renault and Nissan, has said the benefits from an alliance would be similar to the gains from the Renault-Nissan alliance, which has included cost savings from joint purchases of auto parts.

Ford earlier declined to comment on an August Wall Street Journal report that then-Chief Executive Bill Ford approached Ghosn about a Ford alliance with Renault and Nissan. In pre-market trading, GM shares rose 4 cents to \$31.70 while Ford shares rose 2 cents to \$8.04.

Market Watch

Sept. 18, 2006

Dow Jones Industrials	-6.77
Nasdaq composite	+0.18
Standard & Poor's 500	+1.81
Russell 2000	-0.61

Stocks of local interest

Dell Inc.	21.46	▲ 0.11
United Motors	24.05	▲ 0.18
SuperValu	30.18	▲ 0.24

Commodities

Oct. Oil	63.80	▲ 0.43
Light sweet crude (per barrel)	60.00	▲ 0.37
Sept. gold	588.20	▲ 9.80

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As harvest nears, farmers face labor shortage

By Julie Pearce
Times-News correspondent

MURTAUGH — During his 48 years of farming in Idaho, Doug Grant said he has never known a time when it was as hard to find farm laborers as it has been this year.

Mulling the situation from some ceilings near Murtaugh, the Rupert farmer said, "I can't predict if I'll have enough workers to get through potato harvest. I know right now we don't have enough folks to throw loads."

Grant's observations are right in line with what most Idaho farmers are experiencing. Idaho farmers have traditionally relied on Hispanic immigrants for seasonal chores. But this year, according to the Idaho Department of Commerce and Labor, the number of farm workers in Idaho has fallen by 18 percent in some areas.

"Many growers are wondering where they will find the manpower they need this year," said Keith Eglin, executive director of Potato Growers of Idaho.

Idaho has seen record non-farm job growth over the past few years. In the last 12 months, 31,100 new non-farm jobs have been created in Idaho, and some job sectors, like construction, have seen increases as high as 16 percent. The unemployment rate in Idaho was 3.3 percent in August, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. This is only a tenth of a percent higher than the record low set in March of this year. It is the 16th straight month of unemployment rates below 4 percent, which is considered by most economists to be full employment.

"A low availability of workers in general can really hurt growers," Eglin said. "Most growers can't afford to pay the higher wages offered in other sectors."

Grant's son as well as full business partner, Duane Grant, explained further.

"It's not a secret that about 75 percent to 80 percent of the folks who do the work in agriculture in Idaho have a kind of 'creative documentation,'" Duane Grant said. "And with the increased security at the



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Doug Grant, a Rupert potato producer, ponders a laborer shortage at potato ceilings near Murtaugh. With digging about to start, the Grants — already a bit short on the workers needed to get them through the harvest — are wondering how they will cope.

border, there's just been less of these folks coming across."

Other farmers concur that increased National Guard security plus the privately organized Minutemen who have taken it upon themselves to guard the border have spooked seasonal workers who for decades had

relied on U.S. agricultural jobs. "They have to risk their lives to come across the border," said Boyd Foster of Rigby.

The increased danger plus lack of competition for work encourages those who do cross the border to look for the highest paying jobs available. Those

most often are not in the ag sector, Foster said. "It's so tough, you can't blame them for looking around for a better-paying job," he said.

But also, the increased security and increased criticism from the non-farm U.S. citizenry of illegal immigration are the reasons for a changed profile over the past five-or-so years of workers coming over the border, Duane Grant said.

"In the past, when it was easy to get across the border and then to get back home, it was married men with families looking to provide a stable base for their families back in Mexico," he said. "But the folks we are getting now are what I call 'adventure seekers.' They are not afraid to run fast, jump high and not leave any tracks."

He classifies the adventure seekers as young men between the ages of 16 and 20.

"They're not as stable," said Wilder farmer Ray Gross. "As a result, it's not unusual for farmers to find those laborers gone without notice some morning — off to a higher paying job. Foster said.

The beef bowl is back



U.S. Ambassador to Japan Thomas Schieffer, right, is as smiling as he tries out a beef bowl with his wife Susanna, left, at Yoshinoya in Tokyo, Monday. Japanese grew up at a downtown Tokyo fast-food chain on Monday as the restaurant began offering the first servings in more than two years of a popular rice dish topped with American beef.

After 2-year ban, Japanese line up for popular dish topped with U.S. beef

By Yari Kagiyama
Associated Press writer

TOKYO — U.S. Ambassador to Japan Thomas Schieffer was among the eager diners thronging a major Japanese fast-food chain Monday to savor the first servings in more than two years of a popular rice dish topped with American beef.

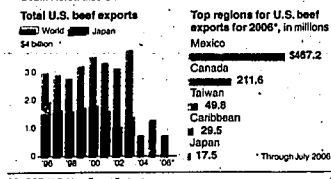
"It was great. It was well worth the wait," Schieffer said after eating Yoshinoya D&C Co.'s "beef bowl" with chopsticks. "It's a day of celebration. Beef has returned to Japan."

Japan and nearby South Korea banned American beef in December 2003 because of fears about mad cow disease. Japan eased the ban in July, and South Korea earlier this month.

But in both nations, the reception to American beef has been mixed, with the com-

American beef's slow return to Asia

Fear of mad cow disease prompted Japan and South Korea to ban American beef in 2003. This year, Japan eased the ban in July, and South Korea also did earlier this month.



back being welcomed only by serious meat-lovers, like those who lined up before Yoshinoya restaurants for hours before they opened.

"It was delicious because I hadn't had it in a while," said

32-year-old construction worker Hiroaki Kaneko, who was among the first to eat a beef bowl, and took out four more for his co-workers. "I'm not a bit worried," he added about the mad cow fears.

Yoshinoya, which runs 1,000 restaurants nationwide, couldn't bring the beef bowl back before the day billed as "Resurrection Festival for the Beef Bowl" because of difficulties in getting a sufficient beef supply. Tokyo is now allowing only cattle 20 months or younger, although the U.S. has said that beef up to 30 months old is safe.

The company expected to serve a million beef bowls Monday. It will offer beef bowls again for the first five days in October, and similarly for Nov. 1-5.

Schieffer said the differences between the nations about the restrictions on the age of cattle will be discussed another day. "It's great to have American beef back in Japan. It's a safe, healthy product," he said after eating beef bowls with his wife Susanna.

Dell to build notebook computer factory in Poland

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Dell Inc., which has a call center in Twin Falls, signed a letter of intent with Poland's government on Monday to construct a \$253 million plant that will produce computers to satisfy surging demand in Central and Eastern Europe.

The factory in the central city of Lodz, which will make Dell's Latitude and Inspiron notebooks, is expected to open in fall 2007. It will create some

1,000 jobs in Poland, which has the European Union's highest unemployment rate at 15.6 percent.

Prime Minister Jaroslaw Kaczynski, who attended the signing ceremony in Lodz, praised the deal for bringing high-skilled work to the country.

"In Poland modern technology industry is beginning to gear up," the PAP news agency quoted Kaczynski as saying.

"Poland is going to have offers for people with the highest qualifications. This is an answer to the question of how to keep the best-educated people in the country."

Since Poland joined the European Union in 2004, hundreds of thousands of mainly young, educated Poles have left for Western Europe to look for higher-paying jobs.

Round Rock, Texas-based Dell cited Poland's educated

labor force and the close proximity to a large, growing customer base as reasons to build the factory in Poland.

The company estimates demand in the Central and Eastern European computer market will rise at a 13.9 percent annual clip over the next five years. It also said the Lodz plant would cut delivery time of its computers to consumers in Scandinavia and Central Europe by two days.

Governor to speak at Dutchmen opening

By Renee Wells
Special to the Times-News

BURLEY — Industry near Burley took on a new look last week, as the Max Herboldt signs came down and the Dutchmen Manufacturing signs went up at that company's new plant west of town.

The public is invited to an open house at 11:30 a.m. today to see what is taking place at the plant. Dutchmen is expected to start manufacturing travel trailers at the site soon.

The expansion of the Indiana-based company to Mini-Cassia Economic Development was announced in April. The company purchased the former Max Herboldt fresh-pack food processing plant on Highway 30, three miles west of Burley. As many as 200 jobs are expected to be created when the plant is up and running.

The opening event today will include Gov. Jim Ritchy, who will be on hand to present the state's portion of \$700,000 grant to Burley city officials to help with the \$1.2 million purchase of a water tower, water rights and well located on the property.

"The city's portion of the total cost came out at about \$201,000," City Administrator Mark Mitton said.

"Business Plus 3 put up \$150,000 and the USDA contributed \$100,000, which was presented to the city a short time ago. Just to get (Dutchmen) here because (economic) developers across the state think the company will be a long-term addition to the state's economy."

Ritchy will be at the plant at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, said Mini-Cassia Economic Development Director Bob Shepard.

"The public is welcome to attend this event," Shepard said. "This will be kind of an open house prior to their beginning their manufacturing business here."

Ritchy will then attend a conference of the Idaho Association of Counties convention being held at the Best-Western-Burley Inn this week. He will speak to county officials at 2 p.m. during one of the general sessions of the convention.

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Vatican deploys diplomats to contain Muslim anger

By Tracy Wilkinson
Los Angeles Times

ROME — The Vatican deployed diplomats to capitals of Muslim states Monday in an effort to contain anger over Pope Benedict XVI's comments on Islam, as shadowy threats against the pontiff and Christianity multiplied.

Despite a personal and public apology from the pope on Sunday, protests continued Monday in the Muslim world. One Internet posting from a group identifying itself as Islamists told the pope: "You and the West are doomed," it said.

In some places, conciliatory voices were emerging. But many Muslims said they remained dissatisfied with Benedict's statement Sunday because he said he was "deeply sorry" for the outrage his speech last week provoked but did not apologize for the remarks themselves. Since the furor began, Benedict has not

acknowledged doing anything wrong or making a mistake.

In the speech before a gathering of academics at Germany's University of Regensburg, where Benedict was a theology professor in the 1970s, the pope quoted a 14th-century Byzantine emperor who regarded some of the Prophet Muhammad's teachings as "evil and inhuman." Web sites that have in the past been tied to Muslim extremists such as al-Qaida in Iraq on Monday posted a batch of threats against the pope and Rome, center of the Roman Catholic Church.

"We will conquer Rome like we conquered Constantinople," one message

said, referring to the fabled city that was capital of eastern Christendom until it fell to Muslim Ottomans in the 15th century. Today the city is known as Istanbul, Turkey.

It was difficult to determine how seriously to take the threats. But Italian security forces have called for extra vigilance, with police surveillance reportedly stepped up at mosques, Arab-owned restaurants and call centers frequently used by Muslim immigrants.

Iran's supreme leader, the Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, charged that the pope's speech was part of a "crusade against Islam" launched by President Bush.



Pakistani Kashmiri protesters on Monday in Muzaffarabad, capital of Pakistan's Kashmir, burn an effigy of Pope Benedict XVI for his remarks about Islam.

Nun asked for forgiveness for her killers, colleagues say

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Sister Leonella, a nun who devoted her life to helping the sick in Africa, used to joke there was a bullet with her name engraved on it in Somalia. When the bullet came, she used her last breaths to "forgive those responsible. I forgive. I forgive," she whispered in her native Italian just before she died Sunday in the Somali capital, the Rev. Maloba Wesonga told The Associated Press at the nun's memorial Mass in Nairobi on Monday.

Sister Leonella's slaying raised concerns that she and other foreigners killed in Somalia recently are victims of growing Islamic radicalism in the Horn of Africa country, where a hard-line Muslim militia has been expanding its reach.

The shooting was not a random attack and could have been the Muslim anger over remarks by Pope Benedict XVI linking Islam and violence, said Willy Huber, regional head of the Austrian-financed hospital where the Roman Catholic nun worked.

Several Somalis who witnessed Sunday's attack by two gunmen also speculated the killing was related to the pope. But Abdurhaman Mohamed Farah, deputy leader of the Islamic militia, disputed that, blaming it instead on Somali warlords who were driven out of Mogadishu in June.

The nun was the latest victim in a wave of slayings of both foreign workers and moderate Somali intellectuals that has coincided with the rise of the Islamic radicals.

Among them were Swedish journalist Martin Adler, who was killed in June during a demonstration in Mogadishu, and a prominent Somali peace activist, Abdulkadir Vahye Ali, who was murdered a month later. BBC journalist Kate Peyton was shot dead last year.

Sister Leonella, whose birth name was Rosa Spertini, had lived and worked in Kenya and Somalia for 38 years, her family said.

She was shot as she left the Austrian-run S.O.S. hospital. Her bodyguard also was slain. The two were walking the 30 feet from the hospital to the nun's home, where three other nuns were waiting to have lunch with her.

"She had no chance," Huber said. "It was like an execution."

Sister Leonella was aware of the dangers in Somalia and used to joke that there was a bullet with her name engraved on it. "But this never deterred her or discouraged her," said Wesonga, who is secretary of the Catholic archdiocese of Nairobi, capital of Kenya.

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Read Brothers needs experienced Truck Drivers for local and regional. CDL required. Excellent benefit package & 401k. Salary DOE. Please apply in person at 903 Elm, Buhl, Idaho or call 208-843-4306.

ELECTRICIAN
Journeyman or Apprentice Electricians needed for the handworking crew of Jones Electric in Holey, ID. Contact Eric 208-720-8655 if you are interested. Wage is DOE.

Bring up GUY! Advertise your clubs in Classifieds. Call 733-0931.

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Experienced Ranch/ Farm Hand wanted. CDL plus. Wage \$1000-\$2000 monthly. DOE. 775-831-0128 or email clajr@jstee.com

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Wages based on experience. If one of these schedules works for you and you are able to work some holidays and weekends stop by and pick up an application at 640 Filer Ave W. Twin Falls, Idaho 83301 or call 208-734-8645

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Full-time position for various duties on feedlot. Call 208-423-4252. 8am-5pm Mon-Sat. for details.

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Immediate hire for Beckcountry Cook for hunting parties. Call for further info and salary quotes. 208-923-4414.

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Gridlocked

Life on Magic Valley's rural address system has its quirks

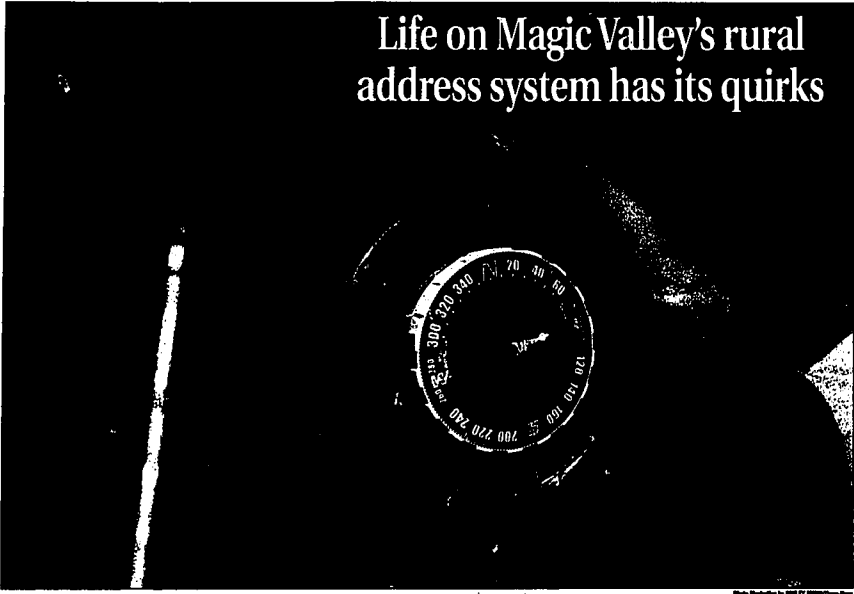


Photo courtesy of Bill D. Williams

Rural residents, by and large, have adapted themselves to life on The Grid, but visitors are often a different story.

THE GRID — There's a story told by emergency services dispatchers about a 911 call in a small county in Idaho.

"Where do you live, sir?" the dispatcher asked.

"Well, you know where the Panfays' mailbox is?" the caller replied. "You don't know that there."

Ron Vogt can relate. The manager of the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center hears similar stories from his own dispatchers.

"People have lived on the same place for years, and they've been giving the same directions for years: 'The third canal on the right' or 'The post with the tin can on it.' It makes perfect sense to them."

Such is life on The Grid.

The U.S. Postal Service adopted a mail-sorting system that didn't recognize such addresses.

"When my wife and I moved here in the late '70s, people lived 'three miles south and two miles west,'" said Jim Varley, author of "Dales of the Tract," a 2004 history of Twin Falls County.

The grid address system installed in Twin Falls County in 1988 originates at the southwestern corner of the county. The 100 North Road runs east to west and parallels Idaho's southern border. The 100 East Road runs north to south and parallels the western border of Twin Falls County.

The roads continue on the same pattern in mile intervals throughout the county. All are "North" or "East" roads.

But across the Snake River in Jerome County, the grid originates in the center of the city of Jerome and radiates outward.

So by long tradition, many Magic Valley residents learned to navigate by landmark — even in the cities, and often for good reason. For example, until 2004 when some of the

dents' rough guesses of where they lived, as well as duplicate house numbers and odd-numbered addresses on the even-address side of the road.

Pockets of similar confusion persist across the valley, according to Vogt, whose agency serves all of Jerome, Gooding and Lincoln counties; Twin Falls County except the city of Twin Falls; and part of Camas County.

"We have some of the old names in our system along with the grid addresses," he said.

The grid system itself dates from the Homestead Act of 1862, a federal law that gave one-quarter of a section of a township — 160 acres — of undeveloped land in the West to any family head or person who was at least 21, provided he lived on it for five years and built a house.

In effect, the Homestead Act overlaid a grid system on all the undeveloped land in the United States. New states were planned, organized and settled in square intervals.

Many Idaho counties developed along the same pattern adopted in Salt Lake City in the late 1840s, which marks loca-

As many as one-fourth of the households in Twin Falls, Cassia, Jerome, Minidoka, Gooding, Lincoln and Camas counties are defined by geographical coordinates — the distance, measured in mile increments, from a fixed point.

That seems straightforward enough, but there are a lot of wrinkles. Those starting points vary from county to county, and even when you find the right road, houses are sometimes not clearly marked. And to make things more confusing, folks with the same surnames often live on the same rural road.

"My wife and I lived on five acres back in 1971-'72," said Jim Gentry, history professor and chairman of the Social Sciences Department at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. "There were three families named Gentry on the same road, including John. We got John's mail and he got ours from time to time."

Back then, most rural Magic Valley residents had addresses such as "Route 3, Box 223." That changed in the 1980s when

names were changed, there were four different roads within the city of Twin Falls called "Second."

"You'd say 'You go to the old Grange,' and give directions from there," said Anthony Schroeder, a rural resident of Twin Falls County.

"But the trouble with landmarks," Gentry said, "is that they change."

Rural residents, by and large, have adapted themselves to life on The Grid, but visitors are often a different story. Julie Quinton, who lives near Hollister, says she can't get the same business services that relatives who live in Twin Falls enjoy.

"I don't know if they don't want to use the gas or if they don't know where our address is," she said.

As recently as 1994, Minidoka County had to change more than half of the addresses of rural residents because they didn't represent the county's grid map coordinates. The county found house numbers based on either resi-

tions based on distance from a fixed point — in Salt Lake's case, Temple Square. Many, but not all, even within Idaho counties, there are differences, and if you're a 911 dispatcher, adjoining counties can be as distinct as foreign countries.

"We've had discussions with the counties in our service area about standardization," Vogt said. "But I don't see counties adopting the same (grid) systems."

So no matter how sophisticated emergency services and postal delivery systems become, they'll have to accommodate the eccentricities of rural Magic Valley geography for the foreseeable future.

"Getting from one place to another has always been an issue here," Gentry said. "In the early days, there weren't even bridges over the canals. You should hear the old timers talk about trying to travel from Hansen to Twin Falls."

"People figured out ways to adapt to their circumstances," Vogt said. "Using landmarks to give directions worked out fine for years. We just have to take that into account."

Birch beetle buggers: So your tree is infected, now what?



Photo courtesy of Oregon State University
Brown birch beetle larvae, above, and adult, below.

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — It's been a hot, dry summer — like a lot of our summers — and your big, beautiful birch tree looks scalded and sick. The crown has lost its green luster and looks rather parched.

The problem, at this point, is probably worse than your birch needing a good drink. It may be infected with birch borers.

Birches around Magic Valley have already succumbed to this pest and many have died — or will. This spring, saw the pest at its best, said Gooding County Extension agent Bill Hazen.

"Usually birch trees can defend themselves, but with our extended drought and water problems they aren't getting the water they need, or the nutrients they need, leaving the tree weak," Hazen

said. "In their weakened state they can't keep the borers out."

Here's how it works. In the fall, adult beetles lay their eggs in cracks of the bark in the trunk. Larvae hatch in the spring and burrow into the bark.

"They like the nutrient-rich cambium layer of the tree," said Scott Oswald, manager of Idaho Lawns — Service — in Twin Falls.

"Problem is, they are eating the tissues that provide nutrients to the tree."

You won't see the damage right away, and at first you may shrug it off as a bad year. However, if you don't treat your birch at the first signs of infestation, it could mean death for your tree.

"The first sign is usually dying of the crown of the tree. If treatment is not done soon the rest of the tree dies in a year or two," Hazen said.

Prime treatment time, early spring, has passed for this year, but there are steps you can take in trying to save your birch.

"There isn't anything you can do right now but give it care," said Oswald. "Now and through fall make sure that you are watering your birch well. They aren't meant to thrive in arid conditions like ours. Plus, fertilize your trees."

Tree owners can do the fertilizing themselves, or call in the pros.

"We use deep root injections around the baseline of the tree, but you can buy tree spikes to fertilize. Either way will give your tree more of the nutrients it needs," Oswald said.

Tree spikes are relatively inexpensive and can be purchased in numerous retail outlets, said Oswald. The spikes are placed



Double hit of adult borers has broken the bark of this birch tree. She found tell-tale signs of borer infestation that led to the death of her favorite backyard tree, including a oozing hole that started in the crown and continued to spread until the trunk was hollowed out.

Photo courtesy of Oregon State University

COMICS

B.C. By Johnny Hart

HEY, CURIOUS, HOW'D YOUR GOLF GAME?
HARRUMPH! ... I'M LOOKING FOR A LONGER COURSE TO MATCH MY GAME.
REALLY? ... LIKE WHAT?
SOMETHING WITH MOSTLY PAR 6S AND 9S.

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

DARPA, I DROPPED FIVE DOLLARS OUT OF MY WALLET YESTERDAY MORNING, BUT I RECALLED IT LAST NIGHT WITH A TON OF NUTS!
WHAT? IF YOU'D BOWFLOWED A TENDRIL, I COULD HAVE COME OUT WITH A LUNCH FOR THE REST OF THE WEEK.

Baldo By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

WELL HELLOOOO CHICA
AND WHO IS YOUR NAME?
ANGELA
I LIKE YOUR HAIR.
IT'S SO FRESH AND SO POUNCED.

Brevity By Guy & Rodd

NERD DAY WAS ALWAYS THE LEAST POPULAR PART OF FASHION WEEK.

Dilbert By Scott Adams

WELCOME TO DOGBERT'S COMMUNICATION SEMINAR.
TODAY YOU WILL LEARN HOW TO USE YOUR BLACK-BERRY WHILE PRETENDING TO LISTEN.
NOW REPEAT AFTER ME: UH-HUH, WHAT WAS HE THINKING? WOW!

Doonesbury By Garry Trudeau

I TOLD IT THIS TIME, BUT YOUR BROTHER CLASSY CRANKED UP NO TALK, NO FEELING, NO PLOTTED, NO CUES, NO BROS!
THE YOUNG GUYS DON'T WANT TO BE LEFT BEHIND BY THE OLD GUYS WHO WERE HERE FIRST AND HAD MORE TIME TO GET USED TO IT.
HERE'S MY OTHER CONSIDERATION: I CAN ONLY DATE OUT OF MY COUNTRY.
WHICH DO YOU THINK MIGHT BE THE BEST OPTION?
DEPENDS ON HOW YOU WANT TO LIVE.
AT MY AGE, I'D PREFER TO STAY IN MY COUNTRY.

The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Toiso

Look at this, Boone! Purpose Attacks Susan Sarandon.
More conspiracy theories?
Look, Mr. Johnson... I simply don't believe scientists are programming animals to attack older people!
So! You're takin' orders from them too, eh?
NNE!! I am taking only orders for lunch!

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

WHAT THE HECK DOES THIS MEAN? I MEAN REBECCA!
NO ONE'S SURROUNDED BY THE KNIGHTS!
YOU USED TO BE BEST FRIENDS. APRIL DOES SHE EVER TALK TO YOU?
EVER SINCE YOU STARTED PLAYING HER TUBS ON THE GOLF COURSE, SHE'S BEEN TOO YOUNG TO PLAY WITH ME.
... TO LIKE TO HEIGH HER HEAD.

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

YOU SHOULDN'T TAKE IT PERSONALLY, SIRE ... ALL CATS ARE ANARCHISTS.

Luann By Greg Evans

SO TELL ME ABOUT YOUR PLAN TO BUY MRS. MORNER'S HOUSE AS A RENTAL.
IT'S NOT A PLAN, EXACTLY.
WE MAY HAVE SOME MONEY TO INVEST, THAT'S ALL.
MAN, THIS IS A PERFECT DEAL! YOU BUY THE HOUSE, MRS. MORNER'S HAPPY, IT'S A GREAT INVESTMENT, YOU'RE HAPPY, YOU WANT TO ME, I'M HAPPY!

Mallard Fillmore By Bruce Tinsley

REPORTS NOW SHOW THAT THE UNITED NATIONS THREAT OF SANCTIONS AGAINST IRAN APPEARS TO BE WORKING...
... APPARENTLY, THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT IS LAUGHING SO HARD THAT IT CAN'T CONCENTRATE ON ITS NUCLEAR PROGRAM.

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

Goodbye woman. Me off. I might have paid Zeeba.
FATHER, HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED THAT THE ZEBRA MIGHT HAVE PAID OWN FAMILY? A FAMILY THAT WOULD MAKE HIM HERE GONE?
Mebbe he using drugs.

Pickles By Brian Crane

YOU'RE RIGHT, WE SHOULD TRY TO DO MORE THINGS TOGETHER.
LET'S WATCH A TV SHOW.
OH, GOOD! IT'S OPRAH.
THIS IS NICE, ISN'T IT EARL?
EARL?

Rose is Rose By Pat Brady

HERE ARE SOME CLASS MOM GUIDELINES THAT YOU MAY FIND HELPFUL, MRS GUMBO!
HELP ORGANIZE ALL CLASS TRIPS, OUTINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS. YOU CALL PARENTS FOR DEARDED OPENINGS.
WHAT EXACTLY ARE THE CLASS MOM OUTFITS?
BE A QUIZ!
ALL THE NEW CLASS MOMS FALL FOR THAT ONE.

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

HONTS YOUR RAT, PERCIE?
BETTER, IT TURNS OUT THE NIGHT LIVING ISN'T FOR ALL.
I HAD JUST LEFT MY STREPO ON A LITTLE TOOLD.
SOMEONE DANCING?
I THINK IT WAS MORE LIKE A CONVICTION.

Non Sequitur By Wiley

THE WORLD ENDED. HAVE YOU HEARD?
THE NEW KING OF SPIN

Strange Brew By John Deering

TOO! I TOLD YOU TO BRING ME CYANIDE! THIS IS BOX-OFFICE POISON!

Taurus: Uphold tradition today

IF SEPT. 19 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Relationships play an important role in the coming year. If you are already committed, don't hold onto an exaggerated sense of the importance of "Independence." You won't sacrifice any real freedoms by learning to work together and compromise. If single, this year could bring the soul mate you've been waiting for — destiny called. Financial matters should flow smoothly and deliver great rewards.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): With your own ruler, Mars, in your relationship sector, partnerships of all kinds will be spotlighted for a while. Use this time to build bridges, not walls. Especially watch for a tendency toward petty bickering.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Again today you will benefit from a staunch upholding of tradition. Don't let yourself be gulled by some passing fancy or caprice. Using your imagination artistically would be a great way to channel today's energies.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You are highly visible today, but your idea of comedy may not jibe with the funny bones of people around you. Watch your say to avoid being thought of as an insensitive buffoon or worse.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You have a strong sense of destiny today and will not be deterred from your course. Determination is fine, but stay on the side of the angels and be careful not to crush everyone and everything in your path.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The heavens are now supporting a move ahead for Lions. You now have a chance of moving one step closer to your longest-held dreams. Stay focused but also sensitive to the needs of those in your immediate surroundings.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Today again you may find emotions making themselves somewhat unwelcome, especially later in the day. You may also notice a spike in your intuitive powers, but don't discard logic wholly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You are exceptionally beguiling to one and all. Don't let your high integrity be challenged by what you might be able to get away with now-slicking to the tried and true will yield the best long-term results.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Today you have a better chance of moving ahead with your dreams and plans. It is crucial, however, to deliberately enlist the support of those around you — and don't assume they are on the same page.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You are everyone's darling, but keep your feet on the ground, especially if your head is in the clouds. Make sure to dot all your i's and cross all your t's, and don't leave anything to chance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Do everything possible to lose track of the big picture and avoid miscommunications and misunderstandings. Your heart begins to soften in response to recent feelings. Let this happen; it will help.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Today it's easier for you to access the power of your mind than it is to get in touch with your emotions. Rely on more than just hard, cold logic to make your decisions. Overall, you are feeling more at peace than recently.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Romantic times are at hand, and your appeal is sizzling. Don't lose track of the big picture though, and make sure to stay fair. Your creativity is running strongly.

HOROSCOPE

Jerakine Saunders

Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



The Born Loser

By Art Sansom & Chip



Garfield

By Jim Davis



Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



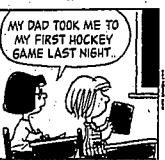
Hi and Lois

By Chance Browne



Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

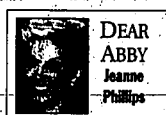
By Bill Keane



"Daddy, what does lion meat taste like?"

German birthday custom is to give more than receive

DEAR ABBY: While I agree wholeheartedly with your reply to "Hurt in Hohenz Germany" (8-11), regarding the gift of candy, I would like to add some insight to the German culture. I am married to a German man and enjoyed the opportunity to immerse myself in their customs and way of life. I learned that not only are birthdays celebrated more widely in Germany (more particularly on the birthday party to supply the cake, eats, drinks, etc. Commonly, one will take something in to work or school for the group as a way of celebrating. So I understand quite well how the family in that letter hit upon the idea of sharing the American candies with the community. There is no more heartwarming feeling than sharing. I hope "Hurt" at least learns the value of sharing -- if anything -- from her stay in Germany. Otherwise, it will have been a colossal waste of time for her to have been there. If this world is at war, it's no wonder. We are not willing to share.



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being complimentary. — FORMER EXCHANGE STUDENT TO THE USA FROM THE U.K.

DEAR ABBY: My family moved to the Netherlands when I was a child, and I attended school there from grade two to grade seven. It was customary for each "birthday" boy or girl to bring treats for the teacher and class once a year. It was something we all enjoyed very much. As adults, the "birthday" person is expected to hold an open house, so friends and family can drop by with gifts, and the host or hostess provides the coffee and chocolates. Perhaps they have similar customs in Germany. — KATHERINE A., NAPLES, FLA.

DEAR ABBY: Sharing the family's gift with others was a way for them to indeed "share the wealth." I lived in Austria for 15 years. They loved it when I'd bring candy from the U.S. that they didn't have in Europe. — JOHN N., BAXTER, MINN.

DEAR ABBY: "Hurt in Hohenz Germany" should realize that sharing the candy was an honor, not an act of ingratitude on the part of her host family. No opportunity to teach the world about our culture should be missed. — TEACHER IN MEMPHIS, TENN.

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A sheep, a rooster and a duck made aviation history on this day in 1783

This day in history: On Sept. 19, 1783, Jacques and Joseph Montgolfier sent up a balloon containing a sheep, a rooster and a duck — the very first living creatures to fly in an aircraft.



RANDOM KINDS OF FACTNESS
Erin Barrett & Jack Mingo

After decades of drastically declining numbers, there are more drive-in movie theaters in the United States today than there were in 1995. We've gone from fewer than 500 to 658. How's this for a celebrity endorsement? Pepsi XFL and Old (1878-1903) endorsed an Italian product called Mariani Wine. What was really unusual is that the fermented grape product was laced with cocaine and sold as a stimulant and health tonic. The grasshopper's ear is located about midway down its body — just above the connecting joint of its back leg, and slightly under its hind wing. Can't figure out why your weight and cholesterol levels

are sky high? Check what you're drinking during your coffee break. For example, the largest Toffee Nut Caramel Brevé at your local Starbucks comes complete with 920 calories. It also has 72 grams of fat — roughly the same as five cheeseburgers. The parts of a feather have names. You probably know the "quill" — the hard part formerly attached to the bird, that makes a good tip for a writing utensil. As this part extends upward, it becomes known as the "shaft." The light fibers extending outward are called the "vane." Paul Revere's family changed its name from

"Riviere" when his parents moved to America from France. His father explained that it was "so the British kins should pronounce it easier."

Most giant squids run from 19 to 43 feet long, measured from the top of its head to the tip of its longest arms. The biggest on record was measured at 59.5 feet and about 2,200 pounds.

When the North Dakota "bean" band approached sculptor John Gutson Borglum about creating a tourist attraction on Mount Rushmore, they wanted him to carve western heroes like Jim Bridger, John Colter, and Kit Carson. Fortunately, Borglum talked them into Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and Roosevelt instead.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

U2's lead singer offers designer T-shirt for charity

CHICAGO — The lead singer of the band U2 brought his fight against AIDS and poverty to town. Bono and his wife, Ali Hewson, visited the downtown Nordstrom store Saturday to promote a designer T-shirt that will raise money to pay for AIDS medication and medical care in Africa. The shirts are emblazoned with the logo of Bono's "One" campaign against poverty. They are made in Africa by Eden, a fair-trade clothing label started by Bono and Hewson. The company will donate \$10 for every \$40 shirt sold to a fund supporting the health care of the factory workers who make the shirts. The shirt factory is in a village in Lesotho in southern Africa. Bono said he hopes to get 5 million people signed up for his anti-poverty campaign by the next presidential election.

performed as a quartet only a handful of times since 1997, when drummer Bill Murray left the group after suffering a brain aneurysm onstage in 1995. "This is going to be loud," front man Michael Stipe said as the group launched into "Begin the Begu" from their 1986 album "Life's Rich Pageant."

Saturday's reunion performance was by far the largest and the first that was publicized in advance. Many of the roughly 1,500 people at the Georgia hall's black-tie induction ceremony clearly were there to see the group.

Guitarist Eric Clapton kicks off his North American tour

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Eric Clapton kicked off his North American tour here with a blistering set of old and new material. The 61-year-old Clapton, whose nimble playing inspired "Clapton is God" graffiti in London in the 1960s, showed fiery technique and soulful singing Saturday night with no signs of any rust after a 5-week layoff since the end of his European tour. The three-time Rock and Roll Hall of Famer tonight dipped into his vast repertoire, serving up hits from as far back as his days with Derek and the Dominos, including "Got To Get Better in a Little While," "I Am Your Man," and "Nobody

Knows You When You're Down and Out."

Clapton then moves on to Japan, New Zealand and Australia.

Hip-hop mogul advises youngsters on finances

ATLANTA — Hip-hop mogul Russell Simmons says financial planning and credit stability should be a priority for youngsters, rather than spending their money on material items. "They don't need to just pay attention to the bling," he said. "Rappers spending countless money are on television. But in real life, these artists are very responsible with their money." Russell along with other financial advisers and hip-hop figures such as J. Lo and Jay-Z, Ludacris and Paul Wall talked about financial empowerment to about 1,500 attendees at Morris Brown College on Saturday. A 182-page booklet, half in English and half in Spanish, was given out in a gift bag to everyone who attended the summit. The book included the importance of home ownership, credit repair, entrepreneurship and vehicle financing. — The Associated Press

R.E.M. gives performance as group gets into hall of fame

ATLANTA — The four original members of R.E.M. gave a rare performance as the group was inducted into the Georgia Music Hall of Fame. The group, which formed in Athens, Ga., in 1980, has won three Grammys and sold more than 70 million records. It has

COUNTRY ROADS

Flowerdew, Britain's man in the middle of the garden

By Adrian Miggins
The Washington Post

DICKLEBURGH, England — We ring the bell at a cottage called Harvey Lodge and a shadowy soon appears behind the closed door. Then there is the fellow himself, Bob Flowerdew, in the flesh. He is not quite what we expected, not exactly the image conjured by his prim and proper radio voice.

Flowerdew's face has an ageless quality to it, fleshy, with the radiance of a man at the top of his game. His eyes are hooded like a hound's, though limpid blue, and he is wearing an embroidered hippie cardigan thing. But his most striking feature is a braided ponytail that falls to his waist. A pilot, they call it here.

The braid gets him noticed, as a headline once screamed in a London tabloid: "Would You Take Gardening Advice From a Man With a Plait?"

The answer, it turns out, is a resounding yes.

Flowerdew is a widely popular gardening figure in the United Kingdom. He's the preeminent organic fruit and vegetable guru and a prolific author of books and magazine columns. But his biggest gig is as a radio pundit for the BBC's hit radio show "Gardeners' Question Time." "GQT" has aired weekly for more than 59 years, and it still attracts approximately 2 million listeners in a nation of 60 million. On a per capita basis, that would be about twice the size of the audience of "A Prairie Home Companion." Every Sunday afternoon, Britons tune in from the wireless to hear Flowerdew and his cohorts talk about pruning pears and blanching ends.

The notion that Britain is garden-obsessed is absolutely true, of course. It is unquestioned that the annual Chelsea Flower Show, held in May, is televised in prime time over several days. So into "patters on the grass" are likely to hear an argument over how to grow runner beans as the political fortunes of Prime Minister Tony Blair, last year, who produces "GQT," says Flowerdew "is a household name, he's a big star."

Beetles

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every few feet around the tree's drip line — an area where the tree's feeder roots lie underground, stretching out from the trunk under the farthest branches in the tree's canopy.

Repeat the water/fertilizer routine again in the spring, when the forsythia bloom, into "When you see the bright yellow of the forsythia — which is one of the first blooms of spring — it is the perfect time to fertilize and begin watering," he said. Springtime also means treatment time for your borers-infected tree.

Due to Environmental Protection Agency regulations, many commercial-grade insecticides are not available to the public. However, many retail outlets still sell do-it-yourself products.

When beetle larvae begin hatching, around mid-April, treat the trunk of the tree and low-lying branches. Look for products containing Carbaryl, sold as Sevin, or Imidacloprid, sold as Merit. They may be applied differently, so follow



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neighbor's sunlight-stealing Leyland cypress hedge. By urinating on it.

In the uncertainty of post-modern, multicultural and rather godless Britain, gardening is not just a shared hobby. "Gardening is one of the few things holding British society together," said Sir Roy Strong, historian and former longtime director of the Victoria and Albert Museum. "This importance can elevate gardening-personalities into public figures with a cult following, and the names seem straight out of an Edwardian farce. Alan Titchmarsh, Monty Don, Rachel de Thame, Pippa Greenwood, Bunry Guinness and, of course, the redoubtable Bob Flowerdew. Four-eyed, who produces "GQT," says Flowerdew "is a household name, he's a big star."

The BBC brought out "Ground Force" on TV in 1997. "On a recent "GQT" program, a female questioner asked the panel of experts how they would pose if they were doing a nude gardening calendar in the movie "Calendar Girls." Flowerdew said he would like to be seen emerging from a wishing well. For those in the live audience who ask (the show travels from town to town each week), Flowerdew has a stash of autographed pictures.

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ing to one magazine — to tackle garden makeovers. Not surprisingly, "Ground Force" is credited with reenergizing gardening in the United Kingdom, of passing the torch to a new generation of germinators.

As for Flowerdew: "The ladies love him, in fact they adore him," said Taylor, "but he relatively recently got married." On a recent "GQT" program, a female questioner asked the panel of experts how they would pose if they were doing a nude gardening calendar in the movie "Calendar Girls." Flowerdew said he would like to be seen emerging from a wishing well. For those in the live audience who ask (the show travels from town to town each week), Flowerdew has a stash of autographed pictures.

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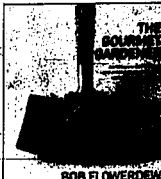
keep a close eye on when they hatch, or to risk killing only some of the hungry baby beetles. Insecticide injections are given directly into the tree trunk in five- to six-inch intervals and cost about \$10 per shot, Oswald said.

The insecticide continues to kill larvae flowerdew in after the treatment.

For insurance, the treatment should be given the following spring as well. The tree should show signs of improvement in, about two seasons, he said.

The problem with the borers is that by the time you notice damage it may already be too late, Oswald said. "Treatment can kill the borers but if they have damaged the tree too much it may not come back because it cannot repair the damage already done."

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Bob Flowerdew has been writing books for the past 15 years and now has approximately a dozen titles, including "The Gourmet Gardener" (shown) and, most recently, an encyclopaedia titled "Vegetables, Herbs and Fruit" (with Matthew Biggs and Jukka McVicar).

In the off-the-beaten-track village of Dickleburgh, Flowerdew has spent the last 23 years turning his little green three-fourths of an acre into an intensively cultivated patch of land. Hemmed in by a road and surrounding properties, it might just as easily be in a suburb of London as in a fogbound hamlet in East Anglia. But this is the village where he grew up, and there has been a flowering in the Norfolk soil since the 1400s, though some Flowerdews made it to Colonial Virginia.

The first thing that strikes you about the garden at Harvey Lodge is that it is about as far from the archetype of the flowery, bowery English garden as you can get. Yes, rambling roses are woven onto fences, but the grapevines are out of control and everywhere, it seems, there are old car tires, sheets of plastic and bits of old carpet.

Flowerdew is a thrifty recycler. In keeping with his organic gardening persona: the tires, now planters, are but one example of this. In a greenhouse, you find yourself walking on a metal path made of old radiators half buried in the mud. Flowerdew's potting bench is a former deep freeze, and he has rainwater and bath-water storage and transportation systems that would make the desert dwellers of "Dune" seem wasteful.

Flowerdew's unusual route to his garden

The Washington Post

Bob Flowerdew's personal journey is almost as bizarre as his garden. He graduated from college as a financial management accountant and worked in London's financial district for about as long as he could stand it. Thirteen months, to be exact.

He then dropped out and worked his way around Europe and North America. His jobs included nude modeling at art colleges, picking grapes in France, working as a maintenance engineer in a pinball arcade and a cook and cleaner at a brothel in the United States. We suppose in Nevada, but there are no more details, except "After two weeks, it was just like any other job," he said.

When he was 30, he decided to return to his roots in Dickleburgh, England, rented the unassuming one-story cottage named Harvey Lodge and hung out his shingle as a landscape gardener. He spent a decade living hand-to-mouth, realizing that if he was to make it gardening he would have to stop using his back and start using his brain.

By combining his boundless curiosity and passion for gardening, he taught himself horticultural theory and practice. When he isn't gardening, he's in his personal library of rare and esoteric gardening books.

The 60 raised vegetable beds at Harvey Lodge are part of the investment in his career, but they are also about practicing what he preaches. He eats well of the land. At this time of year, he says, he and his wife, Vernetta, get 90 percent of their food from the garden.

His life, he muses, is like that of an old Gallic gardener skimming the best fruit and vegetables for himself before the big wigs ever see them. "The French peasant has always lived better than the French nobleman," he says.

The finer points of good mulch

By Scott Aker
Special to The Washington Post

Question: I laid mulch in the spring, and the tulips and sedum promptly died a few days later. Even tough plants like the English ivy showed dieback on their leaves, as if a frost or something had sucked the life out of them. Was this because I was dry when I put the mulch down?

Answer: My guess is that the mulch had a high alcohol content or a high volatile acetic acid content because of improper composting conditions. When wood decays takes place in an environment that is low in oxygen, acetic acid and alcohol may be produced by anaerobic bacteria. This should be readily apparent when you spread the mulch because both are very volatile. The smell of alcohol, vinegar or sulfur, should serve as a warning not to use the mulch. Mulch should have an earthy smell and a bit of red wine fragrance from tannins that might be present. It should never stink.

Alcohol, in particular, has the ability to destroy chlorophyll in leaves. This matches your description fairly well. There's nothing you can do at this point. Fortunately, plants are often able to grow out of the damage. Next time, you ask to sniff the mulch before you buy it.

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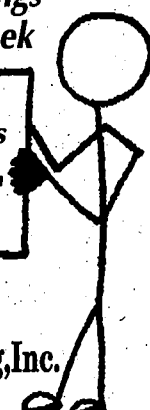
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