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No. 25 Broncos still the only undefeated team in the WAC.

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Minico coach balances football, family



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Thousands attend first day of the Thousand Springs Festival of Arts.

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Mini-Cassia residents walk to overcome world poverty.

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## Snoops

By Dawn C. Chmielewski and Alana Semels  
Los Angeles Times

The corporate spying scandal at Hewlett-Packard Co. has piqued the ire of prosecutors and politicians, but not of Mark Pawlick.

The New Hampshire dad figures the outrageous allegations of HP prying into private phone records, tailing board members and sending computer spyware. "We all know we're being watched, but we assume no one who's watching us cares." — Paul Saffo, technology futurist

At a time when your bank tracks how and where you spend every dime, the federal government might be listening to your phone calls and your boss almost surely knows how many minutes you spend on eBay, the notion of personal privacy is changing fast.

HP's scandal highlights how conflicted those nations can be. In the same way people thumping through the supermarket tabloids tsik-tek at the invasive tactics of paparazzi.

"The public has a double standard," said technology futurist Paul Saffo, adding that it's difficult for one's privacy is under attack, particularly if it makes for interesting reading.

At the same time, though, "we take it for granted we're being watched," Saffo said. "We all know we're being watched, but we assume no one who's watching us cares."

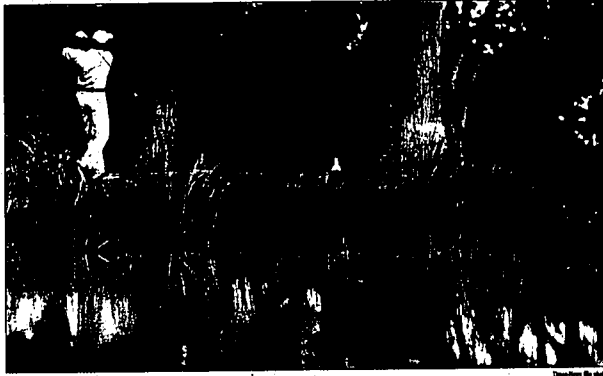
There's a legal and ethical chasm between a parent electronically monitoring a child's behavior and a corporation like HP hiring detectives to follow people or gain access to their private phone records. That practice is known as "pretexting."

The lengths to which HP went may have crossed ethical and legal lines — California Attorney General Bill Lockyer is weighing criminal indictments and the FBI is investigating — but spying has become part of modern life. And it's not just the big guys playing James Bond.

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MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE FINANCES

## In the rough



A golfer tees off at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course this past summer.

## The Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course lost \$391,531 in 10 years

By Jane S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course has lost hundreds of thousands of dollars in the past 10 years while its least professional continues to work under an incentive-laden contract that last year paid him at least \$181,122.

Since 1997 — the last time the course made a profit — its overall deficit has expanded each year, including last year when it lost \$48,887. Its total deficit now is \$391,531, according to the city of Twin Falls Finance Department.

On Monday night, the City Council will consider a \$21,000 commission payment for the lead pro, Mike Hamblin, who is an independent contractor hired by the city to run the golf course.

Hamblin's contract pays him as follows:

- \$42,960 annual salary
- 90 percent of golf cart fees and



Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course PGA Pro Mike Hamblin plays at the course this past summer.

driving range sales. Last year, Hamblin's share totaled \$125,910 and has averaged \$118,335 per year since 1998.

• 100 percent of pro shop, snack bar and restaurant revenue

• \$2 per full-priced round after 13,000 rounds a year. Last year, he received \$12,452 for 6,226 extra rounds.

The last clause — or "bonus" as Hamblin calls it — was agreed upon by him and the city in 1998

as an incentive for Hamblin to attract more golfers.

However, the number of daily-fee rounds played is about the same as it was at the start of the incentive — 16,043 rounds in 1999 versus 16,064 rounds in 2005 despite raising and lowering the green fees.

"That's just part of the contract that we negotiated, and how we negotiated that was if we get a number of players to get out here, it's beneficial to me and beneficial to the city," Hamblin said.

The lead pro since 1986, he said he is "coming out on the losing end" because he is responsible for his own health care, his employees' salaries, as well as the pro shop's utilities and rent. The city covers course maintenance and groundskeeper costs.

"The best I can do is to try to break even and that's what we're trying to do," he said.

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## Dead on no dead

World leaders doubt report of bin Laden's typhoid death

By Elaine Gray  
Associated Press writer

PARIS — A leaked French intelligence document raises the possibility Osama bin Laden died of typhoid, but Saturday the report was "in no way whatsoever confirmed" and officials from Kabul to Washington expressed skepticism about its accuracy.

"This information is in no way whatsoever confirmed."

— Jacques Chirac, president of France

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## Falwell: Hillary would fire up more voters than Lucifer

By Peter Wallsten  
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Nothing will motivate conservative evangelical Christians to vote Republican in the 2008 presidential election more than a Democratic nominee named Hillary Clinton — not even a

run by the devil himself. That was the sentiment expressed by the Rev. Jerry Falwell, the longtime evangelical lion and founder of the once-powerful Moral Majority, during private remarks Friday to church pastors and activists as part of the "Values Voter Summit" hosted this weekend

by the country's leading Christian conservatives. A recording of Falwell's comments was obtained by the Los Angeles Times, and his remarks were confirmed by witnesses. "I certainly hope that Hillary is the candidate," Falwell said.

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Falwell

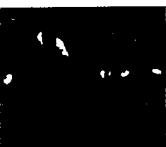
"... nothing will energize my (constituency) like Hillary Clinton."

— The Rev. Jerry Falwell

### Coming MONDAY

#### In Image

Sports don't have to be physical to have benefits.



#### Trouble with a law

Law could get the Twin Falls School District into debt.

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS

Today Tonight Monday



Mostly sunny and a little warmer

High 68



A clear and quiet night

Low 44



A pleasant start to the week

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MINI-CASSIA

Today: Mostly sunny skies and dry. Highs in the upper 60s. Tonight: Mostly clear skies. Lows in the upper 30s. Tomorrow: Plenty of sunshine to start the new week. Highs in the lower 70s.

Complete weather report: See page C8

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzie Browne by e-mail at sbrowne@magvalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

"Get Ready for Hunting," Jerome Optimist Club Annual Shoot with rifle rally, chili feed, door prizes and more for a scholarship fund and projects for children, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Jerome Rod & Gun Club on Hwy 93, five miles north of the blinking light, \$5 for rifle ticket (\$20 for five tickets), 539-6526 or 324-2354.

FESTIVALS

14th Annual Thousand Springs Festival of the Arts, with arts and crafts booths, live entertainment, canoe and wagon rides, kids art activities, raffles, food, beverages and more, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Nature Conservancy's Thousand Springs Preserve, located 7 miles southeast of Hagerman, \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors, \$3 for youth 12 and under and \$20 for a family, 308-6482.

Hagerman Swap Meet and Rod Run, sponsored by the Hagerman Valley Rodders with breakfast at 7:30 at the Hagerman Senior Center and raffle drawings and awards at 11 a.m., Coltharp Park in Hagerman, 837-4647.

To have an event (including on-going events and support groups) listed in the October monthly calendar, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number by noon Sept. 25 to Suzie Browne by e-mail to sbrowne@magvalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548.

COMING THIS WEEK

TUESDAY IN COUNTRY ROADS

A CANYON AND A COWBOY



A few of our readers' best rural photos.

THURSDAY IN TNT

HIS OWN PRIVATE IDAHO

The first Hemingway festival is coming to Blaine County.



SATURDAY IN RELIGION

LDS CONFERENCE



Read all about next weekend's semi-annual conference in Salt Lake City.

WEB READER REACTION

On 'Should students have school uniforms?'

WHY NOT UNIFORMS FOR EVERYBODY? The jallhouse mentality of the students quoted in this article is truly frightening — "We can't help but dress like hoolies, the guards (teachers) are the ones who have to stop us! As if teachers didn't have enough to do already. But, apparently, they're now the only ones responsible for holding the line in our increasingly decadent community. There was no mention of parents in the article. Why? Are all these kids orphans? How do they get out of the house dressed this way?"

On 'Weaver can stay close to home to protect kids' editorial...

JANICE: Thank you Sheriff Weaver for waking me up... I had no idea what kids do on the computer. I have since been checking in on my own daughter and guess what? I found her chatting with someone she didn't even know. Now she has some knowledge too. Thank you, I think you may have saved one more MV resident.

MAGIC VALLEY



Minico football coach balances work, family

RUPERT — Tim Perrigo decided to leave the teaching ranks and become Minico High Schools athletic director six years ago with relative ease. The hard part was telling his wife. "She hated me for about three years," Perrigo said with a chuckle. "It was hard. Especially when you see your kids get sick and you want to be with them, but you have to be at school or an athletic event or a meeting." At the time, Perrigo was the father of two children under age 4. His wife had her own demanding job. Perrigo took the reins of one of the area's largest high school athletic programs, knowing full well that his new job would demand time from his waking moments until deep into the night.

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Hagerman hosts Festival of the Arts

HAGERMAN — Ise Hyllon didn't get rich Saturday, but didn't seem to mind. "When it breaks down to how much money I might make, let's say 5 cents an hour," she said in her booth at the 14th-annual Thousand Springs Festival of the Arts. "I would do it anyway."

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Report: Squatters a problem in Bellevue

BELLEVEUE — Squatters — people who illegally occupy property that doesn't belong to them — were a problem in pioneer days and they are a problem now in Bellevue. Marshal Tim Green says people are illegally moving into vacant homes within the city. Green said the homes are empty because they are for rent or sale, and that the owners aren't regularly visiting their properties.

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Couple raising money for miners

ELKO — Brotherhood and a co-worker's illness have inspired a local couple to begin an organization to help miners and their families. Kim and Jim Bean are raising money to help George "Zombie" Carlson, who was diagnosed this year with stomach cancer.

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OBITUARIES

Edith May (Moore) Tinker, 96
MLee Marie DeVaughel, 2 months
Terry Ann (Christensen) Funk, 57
Glenn Grant Andersen, 81
Pearl Lavonne Holler, 64

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IDAHO/WEST



Humane group in Utah rescues horses

SALT LAKE CITY — Cheryl Smith, director of Wasatch Humane, said there is a problem with horse population in the state, and many times people don't know where to take their horses, so they are shipped off to slaughterhouses or feedlots. Recognizing the issue, three years ago Smith and a few others created a program through Wasatch Humane that would rescue and adopt out the unwanted and homeless horses. Smith said the horses they rescue come from feedlots and slaughterhouses in Texas.

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Carbon monoxide sickens store workers

ASHTON — Fremont County officials say carbon monoxide poisoning likely sickened seven workers at a small grocery store, with one complaining of heart fluctuations and the others reporting headaches. The workers were at Dave's Lubric & Grocery store in U.S. Highway 20.

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Two European deer found in Chubbuck

CHUBBUCK — The Idaho Department of Fish and Game has captured two domesticated European deer that apparently escaped from private property and wandered into a downtown trailer park.

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Woman saves Spirit Lake's water tower

SPIRIT LAKE — When the town of Spirit Lake couldn't afford to transform its old water tower into a teapot, Dollie put the kettle on. She said here is a handle, and here is a spout.

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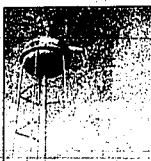
Dollie Massender paid for construction of a handle and a spout, and a paint job to turn the town's 1921 water tower into a 28-foot teapot.

High court: North Idaho beach is private

COEUR D'ALENE — Sanders Beach, the long-time public bathing area and sandy waterfront of Lake Coeur d'Alene, will be closed to the public between 12th and 15th streets, the Idaho Supreme Court has ruled.

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NATION/WORLD



Midwest, South pruned by storms

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — High winds, heavy rain and tornadoes pounded parts of the Midwest and the South, leaving six people dead and stranding others in trees and shelters while forecasters warned Saturday that the stormy weather was expected to continue.

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Mental disorders plague more new vets

WASHINGTON — More than one-third of Iraq and Afghanistan veterans seeking medical treatment from the Veterans Health Administration report symptoms of stress or other mental disorders, a tenfold increase in the last 10 months, according to an agency study.

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Probe of FAA program finds a lot of waste

WASHINGTON — A Federal Aviation Administration committee found a way to make the agency more efficient, was poorly managed that it cost the government millions of dollars in overruns, according to a government investigating report and legislators who reviewed its conclusions. The FAA has disbanded the program.

The program was designed to allow the FAA to obtain services faster and cheaper by using 112 approved vendors.

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Sextuplets mother: nine years later

WASHINGTON — Life always seems to be a balancing act for Jacqueline Thompson, who gained celebrity when she gave birth to sextuplets in 1997. One infant, Allison, was stillborn.

Thompson is now a single mother raising the five surviving 8-year-olds and their two younger siblings in Northeast Washington house. Joy is rarely without stress. Calm is usually close to chaos.

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SPORTS



Broncos outlast Hawaii, go 4-0

HOISE — Boise State got its toughest test of the season, but remained unbeaten with a 41-34 win over Hawaii Saturday at Bronco Stadium.

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CSI spikers win at Snow

EPHRAIM, Utah — The Snow College Badgers hold two wins over the College of Southern Idaho volleyball team. Saturday, however, CSI beat Snow when it really counted.

The 20-10 Golden Eagles moved to 2-0 in Scenic West Athletic Conference play with Saturday's five-game set: 30-19, 25-30, 30-24, 25-30, 15-12 win over the host Badgers in Ephraim, Utah; Ivana Branborova paced CSI with 20 kills, while red-shirt freshman middle blocker Jordana Price added 12.

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Burley girls soccer bests Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — Burley's Jenna Williams scored four goals Saturday as the Bobcats beat Twin Falls 5-4 in girls soccer action. "She had some junk food this morning," coach Tom Schmitt said. "That's our new secret."

Williams' last goal broke a 4-4 tie midway through the second half. Jamie Thurston also scored for Burley, which led 4-3 at intermission.

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Bengals fall to Northern Arizona

POCATELLO — After he finished a radio interview Saturday, wide receiver Alshin Lacey just looked at his hands and shook his head. Lacey, one of the best pass catchers in the Big Sky Conference, dropped a sure touchdown pass, which could have given Idaho State a win. Instead, the Bengals couldn't overcome three turnovers and lost to Northern Arizona 33-27.

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# bin Laden

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The document, dated Thursday, was sent to Chirac and other top French officials, the newspaper said.

"This information is in no way whatsoever confirmed," Chirac said when asked about the document. "I have no comment."

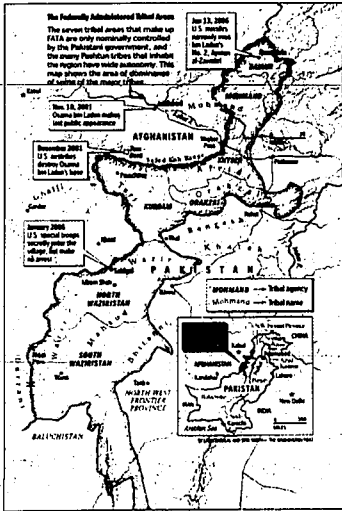
Saudi Arabia's Interior Ministry offered no details. "I've heard the reports, but I have no information at all. I have no idea," spokesman Mansour al-Turki told The Associated Press.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said she had "no comment and no knowledge" about the report, while presidential spokesman Scott McClellan said the White House could not confirm the report's accuracy. But two U.S. intelligence officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue, said U.S. agencies had no information to suggest bin Laden was dead or dying.

A senior official in Afghanistan's Foreign Ministry said he was very skeptical of the document, noting past false reports of the death of bin Laden. He declined to let his name be used because he was not authorized to discuss the issue publicly.

Pakistan's Foreign Ministry spokesman, Tasnim Aslam, called the information "speculative," saying his government has no information on bin Laden.

Many people suspect bin Laden and other al-Qaida leaders are hiding in the Pakistani mountains along the



border with Afghanistan.

Among previous reports, Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf said during the U.S.-led offensive that toppled Afghanistan's Taliban regime in late 2001 that he was "reasonably sure" bin Laden had been killed by U.S. bombing raids on the Tora Bora caves. Bin Laden also was rumored

to have kidney problems, but a physician detained by Pakistan on suspicion he was treating top Taliban and al-Qaida militants told AP in December 2002 that the al-Qaida leader was in excellent health when the physician saw him a year earlier. The Washington-based IntelCenter, which monitors

terrorism communications, said it was not aware of reports on the Internet speculating about bin Laden and a life-threatening illness. "We've seen nothing from any al-Qaida messaging or other indicators that would point to the death of Osama bin Laden," IntelCenter director Ben N. Venke told AP. Al-Qaida would likely release information of bin Laden's death fairly quickly if it were true, said Venke, whose organization also provides counterterrorism intelligence services for the U.S. government.

"They would want to release that to sort of control the way that it unfolds. If they wait too long, they could lose the initiative on it," he said.

IntelCenter said the last time it could be sure bin Laden was alive was June 29, when al-Qaida released an audiotape eulogy for al-Qaida in Iraq leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, who was killed by a U.S. air strike in Iraq earlier that month.

Chirac spoke at a news conference with Russian President Vladimir Putin and German Chancellor Angela Merkel in Compiègne, France, where the leaders were meeting. Putin suggested leaks can be ways to manipulate. "When there are leaks... one can say that they were done especially," he said.

Chirac said he was "a bit surprised" at the leak and had asked Defense Minister Michele Alliot-Marie to investigate how the document was published.

The document from DGSE, or Direction Générale de la Sécurité Extérieure, indicated the information came from a single source.

"The chief of al-Qaida was a victim of a severe typhoid crisis while in Pakistan on August 23, 2006," the document said. His geographic isolation meant medical assistance was impossible, the French report said, adding that his lower

limbs were allegedly paralyzed.

According to the document, Saudi security services were pursuing further details, notably the place of bin Laden's burial.

When asked about the report during an appearance in Montreal, Afghan President Hamid Karzai said that if proven true, it would be "good news" for the entire world.

# Spying

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Women and men will Google prospective dates. Neighbors check what the house next door sold for on Zillow.com. People use online satellite imagery to sneak a peek into the backyards of the rich and famous. Hidden nanny cams record baby sitters. More than 75 percent of workers monitor what their employers do on the job — and more than a third record every computer keystroke.

"You really have, in a good and bad sense, a democratization of surveillance technology," said Lee Tien, senior staff attorney for the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a non-profit technology advocacy group.

For \$155, for instance, nervous new parents can buy a hidden camera system to hide in a smoke detector to keep tabs on the nanny. It even has night vision. For \$60, DisneyMobile sells a kid's cellular phone with satellite tracking technology developed for the military.

Both Givens of the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse in San Diego knows one man who is such a privacy zealot that he considers any piece of junk mail a violation of personal space. But he would willingly do a background check if he felt something was amiss about his neighbor or his friend. He even went dumpster diving to investigate the dealings of a corporation in which he had invested.

"People are conflicted, but they are all over it," Givens said. "They have one set of standards for themselves and another for others, including large corporations."

Pawlick, for instance, used global positioning technology to monitor where his stepdaughter drove — and how fast. The tracker e-mailed him when she exceeded the speed limit or drove to parts of town he had designated as off-limits.

"I was out there basically doing this to protect her from herself," Pawlick said.

That sentiment writ large has fueled a significant increase in the amount of personal data collected by the U.S. government in recent years — and a certain resignation by the public. A Gallup poll found in May that 4 in 10 people supported the National Security Agency's collection of phone records of average Americans.

"In a post-9/11 world, the whole attitude toward privacy and surveillance has had a tendency to trip in favor of surveillance," the EFF's Tien said.

The 2001 attacks and ensu-

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ing war on terrorists opened the door to heightened surveillance by law enforcement and intelligence agencies, as well.

Their increased tapping of Americans' phone calls and voice mails and clandestinely accessed bank and credit card transactions. Authorities are even using supercomputers to crunch enormous amounts of personal data to predict who might become a terrorist. Companies do the same, often starting with background checks on prospective workers. And people make it easier than ever, by posting personal information to social networking Web sites such as MySpace or pictures to sites such as Flickr.

An electronic monitoring and surveillance survey conducted by the American Management Association found that 76 percent of companies watch employees' Web surfing and half store and review e-mail messages and computer files. More than half the 526 companies participating said they track the phone numbers employees call and how much time they spend on the phone, and an equal number use video surveillance to counter theft, violence and sabotage.

The National Workrights Institute in Princeton, N.J., said electronic monitoring practices are even more pervasive — occurring in 92 percent of all workplaces.

"It is today considered to be regular business practice to be monitoring employees," said Jeremy Gruber, the advocacy group's legal director. "And often times, that monitoring is of middle-level and rank-and-file employees. And it is almost

always with the direct order or acquiescence of the executives of the corporation."

Fair enough, said Chicago law student Emily Ito, but "I think it's all a balancing act. You have to weigh security concerns with that of civil liberties."

Besides, Ho said, she routinely uses online search tools to look up people she meets — including a man who asked her out. She canceled after typing his name into Google and discovering that he had been kicked out of college following allegations of date rape.

"If you look at where we've come in the last few years, especially since 9/11 and all the fear that's been trotted out to the American public, they're being softened for more and more invasive tech," said Liz McIntyre, co-author of the upcoming book, "SPYCHIPS: How Major Corporations and Government Plan to Track Your Every Move."

"If we don't stop and think about what we're doing right now, we're in serious trouble. It's already bordering on '1984.'"

Gadgets are part of the arsenal. As more records move online, public documents that used to be a hassle to search become a mouse click away.

Ruth Houston thinks spying is sometimes not only appropriate, but necessary. The 51-year-old author caught her husband cheating on her when she inadvertently recorded his phone calls and found him having suggestive conversations with three other women.

She became an infidelity expert, founding an advice Web site and writing a book

called "Is He Cheating on You? — 429 Red Flag Signs."

"In this day and age, you can't afford to be the last one to know," she said. "Snapping or spying, might be the only way to find out."

One Silicon Valley executive who recently came to Saflo house for dinner matter-of-factly said he reads all of his children's e-mails.

"I'm sure, that's the price of your freedom. I get to look at everything," said Saflo, recounting the exchange.

"In that sense, privacy has ceased to be a right. It's a commodity. You buy it through your actions — like avoiding doing certain things or paying extra to have your phone unlisted."

— Researcher Scott Wilson contributed to this report.

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NATION

# Mental disorders plague more Iraq, Afghanistan vets

By Lolla C. Baker  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — More than one-third of Iraq and Afghanistan veterans seeking medical treatment from the Veterans Health Administration report symptoms of stress or other mental disorders — a tenfold increase in the last 16 months, according to an agency study.

The dramatic jump in cases — coming as more troops face multiple tours in Iraq and Afghanistan — has triggered concern among some veterans groups that the agency may not be able to meet the demand. They say veterans have had to deal with long waits for doctor appointments, staffing shortages and lack of equipment at medical centers run by the Veterans Affairs Department.

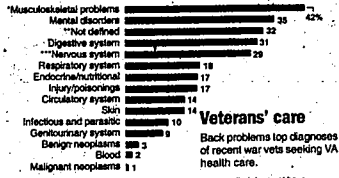
Contributing to the higher levels of stress are the long and often repeated tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. In Iraq, troops also face unpredictable daily attacks and roadside bombings as they battle the stubborn insurgency. Veterans and Defense Department officials said the increase in soldiers complaining of stress or mental disorder symptoms also may suggest that efforts to reduce the signs of such problems are working and that commanders and medical personnel are more adept at recognizing symptoms.

"It's definitely better than it was in past generations," said Paul Rieckhoff, executive director of the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America.

Veterans Affairs officials say they have increased funding for mental health services, have hired at least 100 more counselors and are not overwhelmed by the rising demands.

"We're not aware that people are having trouble getting services from us in any consistent way or pattern around the country," said Dr. Michael Kussman, acting undersecretary for health and top doctor at the VA.

Nearly 64,000 of the more than 184,000 Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans who have sought VA health care were diagnosed with potential symptoms of post-traumatic stress, drug abuse or other mental disorders as of the end of June, according to the latest



SOURCE: Department of Veterans Affairs

report by the Veterans Health Administration. Of those, close to 30,000 had possible post-traumatic stress disorder, said the report.

The Government Accountability Office reported in February 2005 that just 6,400 Iraq and Afghanistan veterans had been treated for stress disorders. The office is an investigative agency of Congress.

Kussman said the numbers of people reporting symptoms of stress probably represent a "gross overestimation" of those actually suffering from a mental health disorder. Most of the troops who return from Iraq have "normal reactions to abnormal situations," such as flashbacks or trouble sleeping, Kussman said.

He said the returning Iraq and Afghanistan veterans represent just 2.5 percent of the more than 5 million people

seen by the VA each year. The VA, he said, has targeted \$300 million for post-traumatic stress disorders for 2005-06; and is seeking another \$300 million for 2007.

VA facilities largely serve veterans who have ended their military service, but some National Guard and Reserve members returning from the war are using VA facilities because they are closer to their homes.

While veterans groups don't have data on the number of veterans encountering problems with the VA, they said veterans are reporting long delays for appointments at the agency's medical centers.

"If they're going to keep recruiting anywhere near where they need to be, they'd better take care of the young vets, because everyone is watching," Rieckhoff said.

One soldier in Virginia Beach, Va., said he was having a hard time sleeping after he returned from Iraq, and was

told he'd have to wait two-and-a-half months for an appointment at the VA facility, said Rieckhoff.

Rieckhoff said the Buffalo, N.Y., veterans medical center gave his organization a "wish list" of needed supplies and other expenses, including wheelchairs, rehabilitation equipment and medical monitors.

"If the VA is going to see 30 percent of the 1.5 million U.S. service members who have deployed to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the VA may expect a total of 450,000 veteran patients from these two wars," said Paul Sullivan, director of programs for the Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation. "This is a very ominous trend, indicating a tidal wave of new patients coming in, and the numbers could go up."

The Defense Department has made mental health assessments and education programs mandatory for active-duty service members returning from the war. There are several dozen combat stress teams working with military units to prevent and identify stress or other mental health issues.

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NATION

# Midwest, South pounded by storms, rain, tornadoes

By Will Graves  
Associated Press writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — High winds, heavy rain and tornadoes pounded parts of the Midwest and the South, leaving six people dead and stranding others in trees and shelters while forecasters warned Saturday that the stormy weather was expected to continue. Officials were trying to find

and rescue anyone else who might have missed throughout the night. Barbara Roberts of the Sharp County, Ark., Sheriff's Office told Little Rock television station KATV. Stormy weather buffeted the region Friday. Areas in northeast Arkansas and southwest Missouri received more than 10 inches of rain within 24 hours, said David Blanchard, a National Weather Service fore-

caster in Paducah, Ky. More storms and possibly tornadoes were forecast for Saturday. "There's so much moisture in the atmosphere, you could get a lot of rain in no time flat," said Brian Smith, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service. Two tornadoes swept through south-central Missouri on Friday afternoon, damaging

more than 100 homes and tearing off part of a roof at a middle school moments after a tornado drill. A firefighter videotaped two twisters moving through St. James, said Phelps County emergency management director Bruce Southard. "It's devastating," he said. "We've got nice houses that are just tore to pieces." Officials in Sharp County,

Ark., worked Saturday to rescue people who were stranded after heavy rains flooded much of the county, including one person stuck in a tree, sheriff's officials said. Five people were killed in Kentucky, including two women who died trying to cross a flooded roadway early Saturday. Witnesses told rescue officials the women were swept away in a flooded creek.



A damaged truck rests on its side in St. James, Mo., following a storm Friday. Two tornadoes swept through south-central Missouri Friday afternoon, damaging more than 100 homes and tearing off part of a roof at a middle school moments after a tornado drill. No deaths had been reported.

## Probe of FAA contracting finds waste

By Del Quentin Younger  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A Federal Aviation Administration contracting program, initially hailed as a way to make the agency more efficient, was so poorly managed that it cost the government millions of dollars in overruns, according to a government investigative report and legislators who reviewed its conclusions. The FAA has disbanded the program.

The program was designed to allow the FAA to obtain services faster and cheaper by using 142 approved vendors.

But the FAA ran into major problems shortly after the program's inception in 2002 because contracts were supervised poorly, many were not put out for competitive bids and officials did not set proper labor rates, according to a report to be released Monday by the Transportation Department inspector general's office.

The report does not say precisely how much the FAA was overcharged by contractors but describes a variety of problems, including the hiring of former FAA employees by contractors. Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, who requested the investigation, said the program's problems cost the government tens of millions of dollars.

"It's just outrageous how the FAA was not looking out for the taxpayers' dollars," Grassley said in an interview. "Three words would sum this up: absolutely no accountability."

FAA officials said they disbanded the program months ago and did what was necessary to resolve leftover problems.

The inspector general's report says the FAA never set standard labor rates for the program's contractors, forcing officials to negotiate them with each new contract. That caused officials to take twice as long as usual to award contracts.

The FAA also did not set labor qualifications for contractors, the report says. One contractor charged the FAA \$35 an hour for the work of an administrative assistant. Four weeks later, it called the worker an analyst and raised her hourly rate to \$71 without providing proof of her qualifications, the report says. The inspector general estimated that labor costs alone could have created overruns of \$24 million to \$44 million.

More than half the contracts were not put up for bids; the report says. The FAA is allowed to award sole-source contracts, but of eight such contracts reviewed by investigators, only one was found to have had "adequate justification."

FAA officials said they took steps more than a year ago to address issues raised by the inspector general. They began requiring the deputy administrator to review all no-bid contracts worth more than \$1 million, and the chief financial officer began approving all contracts of more than \$10 million.

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NATION

# Legal aid program directors discussed firing watchdog who investigated them

By Larry Margolis  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Directors of the government's legal aid program for the "routinely" debilitated how to fire the auditor who exposed their expensive meals, use of limousine services and headquarters move to a ritzy neighborhood.

Meeting transcripts obtained by The Associated Press show that Legal Services Corp. board members in 2005 and 2006 disparaged Inspector General Kirt West, whose job is to find fraud, waste and abuse.

In private, the board derided West as abusive, a character assassin, a shoddy investigator with a delusional staff and someone with a "fetish" for independence — even though independence is an inspector general's hallmark.

Board members warned themselves to be careful in their actions toward the internal watchdog, fearful that retaliation would anger Congress and jeopardize their federal dollars.

While board members complained among themselves about how much time they spent discussing their watchdog, the corporation said in a public report that the program for free legal help turned away half the applicants for lack of resources.

Some board members expressed their fears of angering Congress, the source of their funding, by leaving the perception, they were retaliating against the inspector general who investigated their actions.

Those fears proved accurate when the board was ready to discuss West's status at a meeting in St. Louis last April. Two senators and a House member, who learned the directors had secretly debated firing West in secret meetings, were convinced that the board would take action in the April session.

Just as the directors were ready to convene after lunch, a congressional aide hand-delivered a letter to the board chairman, Atlanta lawyer Frank Strickland.

Sens. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, and Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and Rep. Christopher Cannon, R-Utah, warned Strickland that the program for any attempt to fire West "would be an egregious action in light of the fact that Mr. West is investigating you, the LSC board, as well as your president."

West still has his job. He conducted an expansive review of spending by board members, who are part-time, and top full-time program executives.

According to an Associated Press account in August, some of the questionable spending that West brought to light included: \$1.1 million "death-by-chocolate" desserts.

\$400 for a car and driver to take Strickland and other officials to attend meetings and functions within cab distances of the Legal Services headquarters.

\$200 taxi rides in Ireland by the Legal Services president, Helaine Barnett, who was attending a conference.

West also reported the corporation was overpaying by as much as \$1.8 million on its 10-year lease in its new headquarters in the upscale Georgetown section of Washington. He also found that the corporation could be overpaying by \$7 million for unneeded space.

The board's vice chairman, University of Virginia law professor Lillian Ber, headed the committee that was evaluating the inspector general. According to a transcript of the board's January 2006 meeting,

BeVier surmised up comments by a board colleague, Baltimore attorney Herbert Garten:

"I mean I understood Herb to say we should basically say 'You're fired,'" said BeVier.

"Yes, that's my opinion," replied Garten, a Baltimore lawyer. But Garten said he

agreed with the board chairman on the need for a formal review to establish a record of the watchdog's performance.

West declined comment on the board discussions, as did Strickland, the board chairman. Both are scheduled to testify Tuesday before a House

judiciary subcommittee led by Rep. Cannon.

Garten declined comment. Messages left with Mettes were not returned. BeVier said in an interview the board had not decided whether to fire West and would not have done so at the April meeting.

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# Golf

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Hamblin's 2005 compensation of \$181,122 does not include revenue from lessons, the pro shop, snack bar and restaurant. He declined to share those numbers with the *Times-News* and is not required to report them to the city.

Some city officials said Hamblin, whose father was the previous head pro, should have his five-year contract re-evaluated when it expires in 2008.

"I don't think he's being underpaid by any stretch of the imagination," City Councilman Trip Craig said. "That's pretty darn good for living in Twin Falls and ... Some people say it's fine, some people have complained."

Hamblin and city officials blame the golf course's deficit on inconsistent weather, a drop in the economy that began after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks and an increase. A city study nearly a decade ago found that the Magic Valley has more golf holes per capita than any other region in Idaho.

## THE MONEY

The city of Twin Falls contracts with golf pro Mike Hamblin to run the city golf course. The contract includes a 90/10 split of revenue from driving range sales and golf cart fees.

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2005	\$13,890	\$125,510
2006	13,518	121,662
2003	10,334	93,006
2002	13,358	118,404
2001	15,429	138,861
2000	15,772	141,948
1999	12,622	113,598
1998	10,368	93,294

Source: Gary Evans, finance director, city of Twin Falls

"The pie has got split a lot thinner and it's basically taken business away," Hamblin said. "The City Council, which

approved Hamblin's contract, is advised on golf matters by a six-person committee that is expected to recommend a greens-fee increase to help reduce the deficit. It costs \$14 without a cart to play on the weekend.

"I don't view [losing money] as a problem," said Scot McNeely, a local business owner who sits on the committee. "It's never been a money-making program for the city. Some city officials dismissed the rising debt because most services from the parks and recreation department, which also includes the pool and baseball fields, lose money. The golf course budget amounts to less than 10 percent of the total city budget."

"I'm very comfortable with the amount of money the golf course has lost," said City Councilman Gregory Lanting, who also sits on the golf advisory committee. "It isn't for the wealthy citizens of Twin Falls. If we charged juniors and seniors full price, we'd make money."

Hamblin's bonus is based on full-price greens fees. In 2003, the city excluded front senior rates; junior fees or any season passes. A \$375 adult pass gives unlimited golf year-round.

Lanting said one solution could be to raise the number of rounds required before Hamblin receives a bonus. Craig acknowledged that the golf course, as a public entity, must be conservative with its money but its operation might need to be changed.

"Get whiz, when your water rates are going up and sewerage rates are going up and your property rates are going up, why should some city institutions have a free ride than other [programs]?" Craig said.

A public hearing is scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday for discussion of Hamblin's \$21,000 bonus as part of a budget amendment. Hamblin has already received the money. The city typically sets aside such funds in the yearly budget. Hamblin, however, did not submit his bonus request for

2004 as scheduled, instead submitting it January 2005. Requests for both 2004 and 2005.

Twin Falls Finance Director Gary Evans said the \$21,000 did not affect the current year's budget and needed to be paid, regardless of when

Hamblin submitted it. "We can't take the dollars back," Evans said.

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# Candidate

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according to the recording. "She has \$500 million so far. But I hope she's the candidate. Because nothing will energize my [constituency] like Hillary Clinton."

Cheers and laughter filled the room as Falwell continued: "If Lucifer ran, he wouldn't."

At that moment in the recording, Falwell's voice is drowned out by hoists of approval. But two in the audience, including a Falwell staff member, confirmed Falwell said that even Lucifer, the fallen angel synonymous with Satan in Christian theology, would not mobilize his followers as much as the New York senator and former first lady.

One critic who has been observing the conference said Saturday that Falwell's words offered a rare glimpse into how religious conservatives and leaders are planning to inflame opposition to the Democrats with below-the-radar messages that are often more scorching than the ones showing up in public.

He was calling Hillary Clinton a demonic figure and openly arguing that God is a Republican," said the Rev. Barry Lynn, director of the advocacy group Americans United for Separation of Church and State. "It's hard to know whether people thought he was joking or serious, but once you start using religious imagery and involving a politician in this way, it's not funny. A lot of people who listen to him do think that she's a dark force of evil in America."

An aide to Falwell said Saturday said the Lucifer reference was an "off the cuff" comment and that Falwell "had no intentions of demonizing her."

In the past, Falwell has described Islam's Prophet Muhammad as a terrorist and said that abortionists, feminists, gays and lesbians were to blame for the Sept. 11 attacks.

Falwell's remarks about Clinton were just one piece of a 40-minute address at a private breakfast that included assurances that God would preserve a Republican majority in Congress and that moderates such as former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani cannot be allowed to win the GOP presidential nomination.

His estimation of Clinton's campaign war chest appeared to be hyperbolic, since she has raised about \$47 million for her Senate account this cycle,

Washington that Chavez had "attacked our president viciously."

"And there has hardly been a statement of defense out of members of Congress about

that," Dobson said. "There's been (only) a few party-waist comments."

Neither Falwell nor Dobson responded to requests for interviews.

Falwell wasn't the only public figure last week to invoke Satan in reference to a political adversary. Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez referred to President Bush as the devil before the United Nations general assembly, speaking the day after Bush had stood at the same rostrum.

Only about two hours after Falwell's speech at the Values Voter Summit, James C. Dobson, founder of the influential group Focus on the Family, spoke publicly at the same conference. Dobson denounced what he said was a limp response by both political parties to Chavez's comment. Dobson, whose group was a sponsor of the weekend gathering, told the nearly 2,000 activists crammed into a hotel ballroom near downtown

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## Mini-Cassia residents walk for a good cause

**The Times-News**

**HEYBURN** — Clean water is the theme this year for CROP Walks nationwide, including the one held Saturday at Riverside Park in Heyburn.

The annual events are sponsored by Church World Service, the relief, development, and refugee assistance ministry of 35 Protestant, Orthodox, and Anglican denominations in the United States.

CROP stands for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty.

An estimated 1.1 billion people worldwide lack access to safe drinking water. As a result, more than 5 million people die annually from waterborne diseases, according to Church World Service. CROP uses the money raised to provide clean, safe water for both drinking and domestic use as well as education and training for improved community health, hygiene and sanitation standards all over the world.

The Mini-Cassia CROP Walk committee will distribute 25 percent of the funds raised to the Helping Hands Mission, Community Oasis Outreach, Mini-Cassia Christmas Council, Rupert Methodist Food Bank and St. Nicholas Catholic Church Food Bank.

Any church, organization, youth group or individual who would like to become involved can call Viola Bloch at (208) 678-2953.

People who can't walk but



Photo by TOMMY WISSE for the Standard

Ryan Brown and Lindsey Banks brought their four-legged friends Saturday to accompany them at the Mini-Cassia CROP Walk. CROP is an acronym for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty and the walk has been held in Mini-Cassia for more than 25 years and raises money for world and local aid agencies. To donate to CROP Walk, call Viola Bloch at (208) 678-2953.

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Christine Contreras and Andrea Ramirez stop for a drink to get their cards punched Saturday by Cody Thornton on their third lap along the walking trail at Riverside Park in Heyburn during the Mini-Cassia CROP Walk.



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WORLD

# More flights, better phone contact — new accord moves Gibraltar ahead

By Harold Heckle  
Associated Press writer

**GIBRALTAR** — Walk into Gibraltar airport and the departure gates offer just one destination: Britain. Stroll across the border into Spain and your cell phones die.

These irritants, imposed by Spain to make things difficult for Gibraltarians as part of its 300-year-old case for recovering the rock from Britain, are supposed to vanish under an historic three-way accord announced last week.

The agreement promises in the next three months or so to breathe new life into this tiny relic of the once-mighty British empire.

Among various concessions by all sides, it calls for easier access to and from Gibraltar, and an end to Spanish telecommunications interference that prevents Gibraltar cell phones from functioning on Spanish soil.

Esmeralda Valera is thrilled. She moved from Gibraltar to Spain for cheaper housing, and commutes by scooter to her waitressing job on the 2.25-square mile rock. "For me the deal is great. It'll mean more work, more money and a faster ride home after work," she said.

At present her ride is a slow-motion nightmare because Spanish border police deliberately take their time — Madrid's way of making its weight felt in the long tug-of-war with Britain over Gibraltar's ownership.

Spain ceded Gibraltar to Britain in 1713 but never relinquished its claim to it. Gen. Francisco Franco, the Spanish dictator, shut the border in 1969 and it didn't fully reopen until 1985.

As long as Spain was a dictatorship, Britain could make a moral case for keeping Gibraltar, a democracy. But Spain and Britain are both democracies now and both belong to the European Union, which would like to see this ancient feud settled for good.

Some among Gibraltar's 28,000 people fear they have let in a Trojan horse.

"Basically, and I think I speak for most Gibraltarians, I just don't trust the Spanish," said businessman Jose Bocio. "We think they will stop at nothing just to get Gibraltar back, and we will never agree to give up our independence."

Gibraltar is largely self-governing, with its own court system, but imports its food from Britain and Britain. The Royal Navy runs the port, a key source of revenue. The people are British citizens but do not vote in British elections. Instead they elect a 15-member legislature.

It's a hybrid culture. People speak impeccable English and swear allegiance to Queen Elizabeth II, but are also fluent in Spanish. Policemen in British bobby uniform round the beat, and Asian, Arab and Jewish stores and restaurants fill the alleys.

While Bocio worries Spain's nice-guy attitude is a ploy, others are pleased that this time, a treaty was reached not over their heads but with their government's full participation.

"I'm delighted," said opposition politician Chris Gomez. "I don't usually get a chance to congratulate the Gibraltar government, but for the first time in history they have got us recognized."

Gibraltarians say that for too long they have lived under siege — borders abruptly closing or the water supply from Spain being cut off any time things turned nasty on the diplomatic front.

Because Spain has refused to run more land phone lines into the colony, many Gibraltarians have to depend on a single line for their phone, fax and Internet. The shortage has become more acute as Gibraltar has become a center for online gambling sites.

Besides, Gibraltar is a crowded place — so small that traffic has to stop for incoming and outgoing flights, because the runway crosses the main road.

The new deal will open the doors to investment, especially in tourism and gambling.

"For me the deal is great. It'll mean more work, more money and a faster ride home after work."

— Esmeralda Valera, waitress



A British plane is seen on the runway in Gibraltar, Monday. Spain and Britain reached a historic deal Monday to resolve disagreements stemming from their 300-year-old dispute over Gibraltar while leaving the thorny issue of the colony's sovereignty untouched.

related business, said business consultant Peter Hulme. And wherever you go in Gibraltar, history is on view. References to the Rock as a symbol of the once unshakable British empire abound.

Lieutenant William Forster, late of his majesty's ship Colossus, died of wounds received in the glorious battle of Trafalgar, reads a tombstone dated 1805 in a tiny graveyard.

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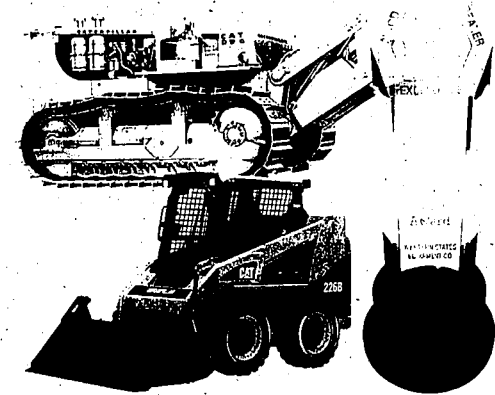
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# Bond funds can be valuable as rates rise

"I would say things are going to get a little bumpy here in September for the bond market..."

— Jeff Tjornehoj, a senior analyst at Lipper Inc.

**N**EW YORK—With some investors wringing their hands about inflation and the Federal Reserve's efforts to keep it in check, those with bond fund holdings could be forgiven for wanting to get their money and run. But while some market observers see volatility ahead, few are ready to call it quits.

"I would say things are going to get a little bumpy here in September for the bond market, but I don't think it's the end of the world," said Jeff Tjornehoj, a senior analyst at Lipper Inc. He contends there are still smart plays to be made.

Bonds have faced a more difficult environment in the past two years as the Federal Reserve raised interest rates 17 straight times before pausing last month. While the rate increases hurt bond funds, leaving some investors wary, sentiment changed in late June when Fed comments led investors to believe the rate increase had come to an end.

Bond prices move in the opposite direction of their yield. So as interest rates rise, the prices of bonds often fall because investors refuse to pay as much for a bond that has a lower yield.

"Investors are saying that the Fed is done raising rates and so that's why you see people taking more risk now," said Jan Kautmann, head of fixed income at ING Investment Management. He noted that it became more acceptable to take risk in areas such as high-yield bonds, which have lower credit-quality ratings.

Kautmann said the Fed's comments turned investors' attention to growth from inflation, with the notion that if growth in the economy moderates, then so too will inflation. "Now that's a huge leap of faith for investors to make," he said.

## OF MUTUAL INTEREST

Tim Paradis

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The amount of money invested in bond funds is about \$1.41 trillion, or about 15 percent of the amount invested in mutual funds overall, according to the Investment Company Institute, the mutual fund industry trade group. Displeased with lackluster returns for intermediate to long-term bonds, investors snipped their bond fund holdings in 2004 after having added since 2001.

But the funds saw renewed interest last year, with investors pumping \$31.3 billion into the sector, according to ICI. The group attributes the increased investment in part to growth in funds that snap up shares of other funds, such as lifecycle funds. These funds, which aim for a balanced investment portfolio, generally include bond funds.

This year has seen a mixed performance for bond funds, with many of the year-to-date gains occurring in the three months since investors interpreted that the Fed was done raising interest rates.

Through July, however, investors added an impressive \$22.7 billion to bond funds this year. ICI figures show.

"The summer has been a great time for bond funds to get back on track," Tjornehoj said. "Kautmann expects that the Fed won't adjust interest rates when it meets next week but, he remains concerned that the effects of the earlier increases haven't been fully absorbed by the markets."

"There still remains a significant question whether inflation is going to become a problem," he said. "Typically inflation does not peak until after the Fed is done raising rates."

A cautious investor, perhaps someone closer to retirement, will be more comfortable investing in funds focused on shorter-term bonds, not those whose focus is bonds with 10- and 15-year maturities, said Steve Schoepke, vice president of research and product development at AIG SunAmerica Asset Management. Still, he said investors shouldn't necessarily shun longer-term maturities. He noted that as the Fed has tightened rates, short-term interest rates have advanced but that longer-term rates haven't acted in tandem, therefore holding down how much some of these bonds pay out.

He prescribes diversification and, as an example, offered up a "barbell" approach, in which an investor's holdings are a mix of short-term and long-term maturities with few intermediate-term bonds. "It's certainly a strategy to mitigate risk and at the same time be positioned, maybe, if you're on the fence," Schoepke said.

Tjornehoj also preaches diversification. "I would want to have several maturities represented." He believes too many investors are convinced they need to be invested solely in funds that focus on maturities of a year or less.

The counsels investors to focus on funds that invest in high-quality bonds and to think how deeply they venture into bond funds that comprise tenting, but riskier, investments such as debt with lower credit quality or in developing nations. Such funds have shown stronger performance but could suffer deep setbacks should there be a downturn in the bond markets. Too often, Tjornehoj said, he sees investors "chasing performance" and arriving late.

Rather than focusing on flashy emerging markets funds or high-yield bonds, he suggests investors re-examine corporate and municipal bond funds. "I still think cor-

porate are a pretty good play. I think they can finish the year out stronger than treasuries." Diversification could simply help investors stomach swings that could occur as the markets await answers about everything from inflation and interest rates.

"We may be in for volatile times for the rest of the year," Tjornehoj said.

Tim Paradis is a business writer with the Associated Press.

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EDITORIAL

Lagging drop on gas prices jolts Idahoans

Like a broken record that never leaves the jukebox, the mystery surrounding Idaho's high gasoline prices has become a monotonous tune. The pattern has existed for some years now. Prices go up. Consumers fume in frustration. The state attorney general examines retail prices. Prices go down (momentarily). State investigation yields no results. And soon, it starts all over again.

Consumers' latest outrage was sparked by the fact that Idaho's average gas price was the highest in the nation in mid-September. Meanwhile, prices on a national scale are dropping significantly. According to the American Automobile Association, the national average price for a gallon of unleaded is now \$2.44. Idaho's average price also dropped, according to AAA, to \$2.84 a gallon. (Insert your own expulsive here.)

Besieged with complaints, Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden sent letters to five gas companies — Flying J, Shell, Sinclair, Tesoro and Chevron — inquiring why wholesale prices remain so high in Idaho. The differences are quite staggering. Among those five companies, Idaho's wholesale price was around \$2.46 per gallon on Aug. 10. As of Sept. 7, their prices dropped to around \$2.36, for an average drop of around 4 to 5 percent. In other markets price drop was significantly more.

Sinclair gas prices, for example, saw a 17 percent drop in that time span in Denver, a 14.5 percent drop in Billings, Mont., and a 13.3 percent drop in Casper, Wyo. In Boise, however, the drop was only 4 percent. Similar discrepancies are found with all five of those gas wholesalers.

"We see something that doesn't have a rational explanation on its face," said Deputy Attorney General Brent Delange on Friday. "These same companies are selling gasoline in markedly lower prices than what is in Idaho, and we don't understand why."

"I can't even remember the last time the wholesale price in Idaho was higher than it is in California." It's a long stretch to say Wasden's inquiry will produce any results. State law only allows the AG to investigate those retail prices in a time of emergency. Idaho was under an emergency declaration last September, which sparked the official investigation into price gouging in southern Idaho after Hurricane Katrina. That investigation is still pending.

Wasden's current inquiry (not an official investigation) may hit a dead end since he does not have authority to fully probe wholesale prices. He requested explanations from each wholesaler by Sept. 30. But in his letter, Wasden noted that changes could be steered among lawmakers.

"Idaho's elected officials, consumers, and businesses are extremely concerned about the high, rack prices," he wrote. "Earlier this week, one of our state legislators publicly suggested that gas price regulation may be necessary."

Now there's a line to chill an oil baron's heart. Idaho can hardly be considered hostile territory to big business, but consumers can only take the bilking so long. How that price regulation takes shape is a big question. Price caps, like the state of Hawaii tried two years ago, would be a failure. But giving Wasden authority to investigate wholesale prices may be a way to finally root out Idaho's gas pipeline enigma. Most important is that lawmakers decide how to fairly and thoroughly investigate the single wholesale gas pipeline that operates as a monopoly.

Last year, Rep. Wendy Iaquet, D-Ketchum, introduced a bill in the House State Affairs Committee that pushed for more attorney general authority. But the strength of the lobbyists killed the proposal and it died in committee.

But one year later, the issue has grown bigger and more frustrating. If the Katrina price-gouging investigation, or the current wholesale inquiry, don't generate results, the state needs to start taking a new approach. It's time to give Idaho's gas consumers real answers.

Our view: Idaho agencies need expanded authority to probe gas prices. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Pope furor pales in comparison to fatwas

Religious fanatics, regardless of what name they give their jealous god, invariably have one thing in common: no sense of humor. Particularly about themselves. It's hard to imagine Torquemada taking a joke well. Today's Islamists seem to have not even a sense of irony. They fail to see the futility of the following sequence. The pope makes a reference to a 14th-century Byzantine emperor's remark about Islam imposing itself by the sword and to protest this linking of Islam and violence.

In the West Bank and Gaza, Muslims attack seven churches.

In London, the ever-dependable radical Anjem Choudary leads a demonstration at Westminster Cathedral that the pope is now condemned to death.

In Mogadishu, Somali religious leader Abubakar Hassan Malin calls on Muslims to "hunt down" the pope. The pope not being quite at hand, they do the next best thing: they shoot, decapitate, execute, ston, an Italian nun working in a children's hospital.

"How dare you say Islam is a violent religion? It'll kill you for it," is not the best way to go about refuting the charge. But of course, refuting is not the point here. The point is intimidation.

First, Salman Rushdie. Then the false Newsweek report about Koran-burning at Guantanamo. Then the Danish cartoons.

And now, a line from a scholarly disquisition on nationalism in Germany given in German at a German university by the pope.

And the intimidation succeeds: politicians howling and screeching to the mob over: the cartoons; Saturday's riotous New York Times editorial telling the pope to apologize; the plague of self-censorship about anything remotely controversial about Islam — this in a culture in which a half-naked pop star blithely stages a mock crucifixion as the highlight of her latest concert tour.

In today's world, religious sensitivity is a one-way street.



Charles Krauthammer: The rules of the road are enforced by Islamic mobs and abjectly followed by Western media, politicians and religious leaders. The fact is that all three monotheistic religions have in their long histories wielded the sword. The book of Joshua is knee-deep in blood. The real Hanukkah story, so absurdly twisted (by calendric accident) with the Christian festival of peace, is about a savage insurgency and civil war. Christianity more than matched that lurid history with the Crusades, an ecumenical bloodbath that began with the slaughter of Jews in the Rhineland, a kind of pre-Christian warm-up to the featured massacres to come against the Muslims, with the sacking of the capital of Byzantium (the Fourth Crusade) thrown in for good measure.

And Islam, of course, spread with great speed from Arabia across the Mediterranean and into Europe. It was not all benign persuasion. After all, what were Islamic armies doing at Poitiers in 732 and the gates of Vienna in 1683? Tourism?

However, the inconvenient truth is that after centuries of religious wars, Christendom long ago gave it up. It is a simple and undeniable fact that the violent purveyors of monotheistic religion today are self-proclaimed warriors for Islam who shout "God is Great" as they slit the throats of infidels — such as those of the flight crews on 9/11 — and are then celebrated as heroes and martyrs.

Just one month ago, two journalists were kidnapped in Gaza and were released only after their forced conversion. Where were the protests in the Islamic world at that act — rather than the charge — of forced conversion?

Where is the protest over the constant stream of vilification of Christianity and Judaism issuing from the official newspapers, magazines and religious authorities of Arab nations?

When Sheikh Atyah Saif issued a fatwa declaring Jews "apes and pigs" 7/when Sheikh Abd al-Aziz Fawzan al-Fawzan, professor of Islamic law, says on Saudi TV that, "Someone who denies Allah, worships Christ, son of Mary, and claims that God is one third of a trinity... Don't you hate the faith of such a polytheist?"

Where are the demonstrations, where are the parliamentary resolutions, where are the demands for retraction when the Mufi Sheik Dr. Al-Gum'ari incites readers of al-Ahram, the Egyptian government daily, against "the true and hideous face of the blood-suckers... who prepare (Passover) matzos from human blood?"

The Mujaheddin Shura Council in Iraq declares that it "will break up the cross, spill the liquor and impose the 'Joya' (head) tax, then the only thing acceptable is conversion to the sword. This to protest the accusation that Islam might be spread by the sword."

As I said, no sense of irony. Charles Krauthammer's e-mail address is letters@charleskrauthammer.com.

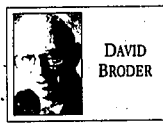
Taking a break from political party dogma

The independence being demonstrated all over the political spectrum these days — by Democratic Sen. Joe Lieberman and Republican Sen. Lincoln Chafee, both in tough re-election battles, and by Republican Sens. John McCain and John Warner — has its roots in American history. When they ran for the presidential nomination, Ron Paul and John McCain defied the preferences of their parties' power brokers. And earlier, Teddy Roosevelt and Abe Lincoln did the same thing.

The American people often have been equally ready to discard conventional wisdom by rewarding independence and those candidates who, in the words of the Declaration of Independence, show "a decent respect to the opinions of mankind." In my view, and that of many others, had Colin Powell's chosen to run for president in 2000, in either party or in none, he could have been elected — his character and reputation overcoming any partisan bias and any lingering reluctance to preclude.

Instead, we had George W. Bush, a president who has governed on party-line votes, and who, after taking the country to war in Iraq, repeatedly has used the war on terror as a partisan weapon against Democrats.

Powell will not run in 2008, but this year's election strengthens the hands of the independent members of both



David Broder: parties — those who are prepared to defy the dictates of their interest groups and clamorous extremes — the next presidential race may be very different from recent cycles. Who could provide such a contest? On the Republican side, either of the two men who sit atop the early polls, McCain or former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani. Giuliani has flourished in Democratic New York by defying the rigid social issues doctrine of his party. McCain has challenged everything from the first of President Bush's deep tax cuts to Bush's recent demand for a free hand in questioning and trying alleged terrorists.

I also would guess that Romney would be such a candidate. Like Giuliani, he has governed in Democratic territory, and he managed with an overwhelmingly Democratic Legislature to pass a major step toward universal health care coverage.

On the Democratic side, Sen. Hillary Clinton would, if she runs, provide a crucial test case for the independence movement. Though tied to some of the party's most important

constituents, she has, like her husband before her, carved her own path in policymaking. Friends say that she has learned in her Senate service to value some of the members of the opposite party she previously distrusted, and she has followed the example of Sen. Ted Kennedy in seeking Republican co-sponsorship of her bills. Clinton is not alone among possible Democratic aspirants in showing her independence. Others, such as Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack and former Virginia Gov. Mark Warner, have demonstrated their ability to conciliate differences without abandoning principles. And the field of potential candidates who are moderate is a large one.

A race involving any of these people would provide more substantive debate than cheap shots and demagoguery.

And looking beyond 2008, think about a future contest involving Democratic Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois and Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina — or any of many other pairs of younger talents, with similarly inclusive and expansive views of the national interest. What a boon for the country.

But is this rosy scenario likely? Look at the powerful forces working against it. Congress is rigged to promote partisanship and extremism. Most congressional districts are down to favor one party or the other, and contests take place only in primaries, where low turnout

favor candidates who appeal to the motivated extremes. The flow of special-interest money into congressional races adds to some of the members of the opposite party she previously distrusted, and she has followed the example of Sen. Ted Kennedy in seeking Republican co-sponsorship of her bills. Clinton is not alone among possible Democratic aspirants in showing her independence. Others, such as Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack and former Virginia Gov. Mark Warner, have demonstrated their ability to conciliate differences without abandoning principles. And the field of potential candidates who are moderate is a large one.

The sequencing of presidential primaries, it is said, has the same effect on the race for the White House. Democratic aspirants have to satisfy the lefties to win Iowa. Just as Republicans must placate the religious right to have a chance in South Carolina.

All that may be true. But still the forces of the independent center are gaining. The public disgust with the breakdown of Congress as a functioning institution has liberated more. House and Senate candidates to challenge the status quo. They may be the same people, but they're not behaving the same way.

And the political environment is changing. More and more traditional conservatives are complaining that the Bush administration is wrecking their heritage, with its reckless military, foreign and fiscal policies and its disregard for the law. I hear this regularly and often respond it.

David Broder has been making that same point in his influential New York Times columns. The tide is turning against dogmatism — and toward political independence.

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LETTER

Pet's death was a tough blow for owner
I'm being treated for cancer right now. My first treatment was my radiation therapy on Thursday, Sept. 14, went fine. I go back daily for treatments but I get the weekends off from

it. We're only doing this for a few weeks about two minutes a day. So far, my body has hardly reacted to the treatment, but I suspect it will farther down the road. But meanwhile at home, my pet Jack Russell terrier, "Scruffy," was hit by a car on our county road. He was a free-

spirited dog, and I'm still crying and grieving over his loss. Burying him and his stuff was very hard for me. He was about 4 years when he died. He leaves behind his mate, "Princess," and their only daughter, "Liberty." I think they are in shock as much as I am.

Going to work is going to be hard for a while. This is not going to be an easy blow in my life to replace. I want another Jack Russell terrier, but just not right now. My family and I need time to get over his life. I think I need it more than them as I was close to him and always

spoiled him with treats, etc. He also slept with me at night. This is not going to be an easy time, especially with this radiation treatment of my cancer and the loss of "Scruffy." I think I've been through a double whammy with this. If I find some pictures of him, I will try

to make him a memorial online. Please when you are out driving, watch out for animals, especially pets, because they mean so much to people, and we really miss them a lot when they're gone. ARON AMOS Burley

# OPINION

## Clashing on the left, right and wrong

Are we headed toward a clash of civilizations? Or toward world peace, through freedom and democracy?

Four significant world figures — President Bush, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, Pope Benedict XVI — have spoken out on these questions, each with different answers. So they can't all be right.

Let's start with the pope, who on Sept. 12 delivered a speech in which he quoted a medieval Byzantine emperor saying that Islam was "evil and inhuman" and that its devotees were "spread by the sword." The pope has apologized, sort of, for those remarks and declared his "profound respect" for Islam. But amidst all the erudite word-parsing in the days since, one must conclude that the pontiff meant what he originally said.

And from his point of view, why shouldn't the pope hold fast to his anti-Islamic opinions? At one time, the Middle East, the birthplace of Jesus, was mostly Christian, and then after the Arabs conquered the region, in the seventh century, it became mostly Muslim. How can a Christian



JAMES P. PINKERTON

leader be expected to be happy about that religious conversion? And yet at the same time, for their part, how can Muslims be happy about what the pope said?

Many in the West will answer those questions this way: The pope is right, and the Muslims are wrong. But many in the East will say just the opposite — and that's how clashes of civilization get started. And different people, with different views, often resort to violence to settle differences.

Now to Ahmadinejad. Fresh from his enthusiastic reception at a Cuban conclave of 118 "nonaligned" nations, most of them hostile to the United States, the Iranian leader came to the United Nations this week and accused the United States of being an "empire." But, he said in a triumphant voice, the era of empire is over. Most Americans will undoubtedly

reject Ahmadinejad's formulation, but billions around the world will probably agree with him. Once again, the clash of civilizations.

Next, Chavez, who seems determined to make Ahmadinejad his moderate. His U.N. speech, the Venezuelan declared Bush to be "the devil." Such words will strike many of us as mere buffoonery, but once again, others are likely to agree with his vehement anti-Americanism, if not his precise words.

It's probably hard for many Americans to fathom the deep and obscure sources of all this hostility to the United States. And indeed, pervasively there's much love for America mixed in with the hate; many America-bashers would move here if they could. But Americans need only think back to 9/11 to be reminded of the ways in which some cultures can work themselves into a homicidal rage against Uncle Sam.

So now to Bush. He's on record as saying "Islam is peace" and, further, that the desire to live in peace and freedom is "universal" among human beings. Therefore, Bush concludes, democratization is the path to world har-

mony. And on Tuesday, the president made that idealistic pitch one more time — to a notably stony audience at the U.N. General Assembly.

It's true, of course, that the General Assembly contains many dictatorial and tyrannical governments, but Iran and Venezuela are democracies, more or less. And in their demagogic way, Ahmadinejad, and Chavez represent huge constituencies, not only in their countries, but around the world. Those two men don't hate America — and our allies, such as Israel — because they aren't free. They hate America because they hate America and its allies, period.

We live in a world in which not everyone gets along, for a combination of reasons — theological, historical, personal, legitimate, illegitimate. That's politics, because that's human nature.

So of these four leaders — the pope, Ahmadinejad, Chavez and Bush — the odd man out would seem to be the U.S. president. He has his faith that he is right, but the others have their faiths, too. Hence, the Clash.

## LETTERS

### History sings with Crump's high school names

My dear Mr. Crump:

I call you Mr. Crump because I am from the old school. Literally, I am from the high school which was where the city jail now sits. And yes, I have heard all the jokes about doing time there and the curriculum, etc.

I am writing to congratulate you on the time and thought you put into the naming of the new high school. I was fond of most of the possible choices but especially so of the Lydia Southard School. I did not come to Idaho until Mrs. Southard's venture into fame, but I was quite taken with her initiative. What else would you expect from a dedicated feminist and a member of the generation that made Alfred Hitchcock rich and famous? I liked, too, the Mark Felt School. Did you know that James Angleton, who headed up the CIA in the 1970s until he suffered a mental meltdown, owned property in Twin Falls also? I don't believe he lived here, but I think he was either born in Naupau or at least lived there in his youth. Who may explain to me about Naupau (and either you or I want to know). Perhaps we could name the school jointly for the two fellows:

### Angleton/Felt High School and the antibiotic tests could be the Snister Spooks.

My personal favorite, though, is not a person, but a monument to the area: Our County of Perpetual Conservation, with the teams being named the Poleline Potatoes. Please give this suggestion the same deep thought that I put into it. It would be a long-lasting memorial to the constant turmoil that our streets and other real estate underwent. It would enthrone the real estate agents and developers in a manner that all residents could appreciate.

Your article in the county council and the county commissioners delighted to know that their taxpayers care enough to recognize their efforts.

Yours in the sincere spirit of newspapers

VIOLA SCOTT  
Twin Falls

### Success and work underline Ibarra's story

Thank you for printing the inspiring story of the Ibarra family — a sincere congratulations to them as they are indeed a rarity in overcoming the challenges they face. Although it was suggested in a subsequent letter to the editor that the Times-News cover the "truth" about teen pregnan-

cies, I congratulate your staff on covering the possibilities of hope in us all.

Our literature is traditionally filled with stories of heroes — those who make it — not those who merely survive. Stories of success are necessary to inspire us to believe in ourselves and our societal values, of hard work, to have hope beyond what the masses accomplish. The "truth" about teen pregnancies is told constantly.

Your article in no way recommended teen pregnancy but told of a successful family who is overcoming the odds. The article added to the annals of success stories we all deserve to hear and happily inspired hope for achievement in our community.

Like most parents, teen parents want the best for their children and sacrifice dearly to raise families in a better world. Right now, the Ibarra family works under the direction of Mary Louising's Self-Help Program locally, contributing

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## Let this be a sermon: Sit down

**W**here at the *Times-News* specialize in bringing you news that you can use. So about noon today don't forget to thank me *in absentia*.

That's because I've learned, through exhaustive research and by surfing the Internet when I should have been working, which preachers give the longest — and the shortest — Sunday sermons.



**DON'T ASK ME**  
Steve Crump

This information is golden, because you can use it to confront your preacher before church this morning. Short-circuit a homily that you don't want to hear and get home in plenty of time for the second half of today's Jaguars-Colts game.

Elison Research, a Phoenix-based company that looks into matters religious, has determined that the typical pastor today preaches for nearly 31 minutes, about the same as five years ago. Pentecostal ministers talk the longest — just under 40 minutes, on average. Forty minutes? No matter how spiritual and how meaningful, a 40-minute sermon will remind you of eternity because it is.

At the other extreme, according to Elison Research, Lutheran pastors wrap things up in less than 20 minutes on Sunday mornings, and Methodists go on for just 22 minutes. As an NFL fan, I can testify that these are men and women truly touched by God.

Still, the question arises as to why Lutherans, of course, are disproportionately Scandinavians and Germans — dear folks who don't natter or tolerate those who do.

Why Methodist preachers are also succinct is something of a mystery, although John Wesley — the father of Methodism — set a fine example by rarely preaching for longer than 20 minutes.

According to the American Religious Identification Survey done by City University of New York in 2001, American Methodists are astonishingly middle-of-the-road — 86 percent white, 36 percent Republican (and 32 percent Democratic), a whopping 61 percent middle-aged.

But 55 percent are female — a higher percentage than any other mainline Protestant congregation except the Episcopalians. What's more, 64 percent of Methodist adults are married, making them more connubial than any mainline church except the Lutherans.

Speaking strictly from my own experience, I've found that women tend to be more economical with their spare time — and their husbands' leisure time — than guys are. Could it be that 22 minutes of Methodism is all that's left for?

Maybe, but I'm the wrong guy to ask. I grew up Baptist, went to Catholic school and married first a Presbyterian and then a Unitarian. I don't have personal experience with a cleric who didn't do for preaching what L. Colombo did for detectives.

Colombo, as anyone over 40 will recall, was the TV cop famous for exiting the scene of a crime, then returning over and over to say something else or to ask more questions. Similarly, when I was a kid, I actually thought that our church's pastor had springs attached to the seat of his pants.

To be fair, my current pastor — a Unitarian — is a clergywoman who says her place and then sits down. Trouble is, she's surrounded by other Unitarians, who almost never pass up a chance to stand up and discuss — at great length — what she just said. I mean, does she still play football on Sunday afternoons?

# Life from the ashes | Charred forest rebounding one year after historic fire

By Kelly Jackson  
For the Times-News

**VALLEY ROAD** — More than a year has passed since the largest fire in the history of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area — the Valley Road Fire — devastated 40,838 acres of the White Cloud Mountains.

Today's charred landscape commemorates in deafening silence the massacre committed by its flames. At the end of last summer, fire crews battled a ravaging wildfire that in the end was only defeated with the aid of snow-

fall. Now, the area is a striking reminder of how everything in nature is cyclical, and that with death, new life emerges.

On Sept. 3, 2005, at approximately 3 p.m., a gust of wind caught an ignited piece of cardboard from a burn barrel on private land near the fourth of July trailhead, sparking a fire that encompassed 2,420 acres on that first day alone.

"Finally on Sept. 10, seven days after it started, three inches of snow fell on sleeping firefighters; while up to eight inches of heavy wet snow fell on the charred forest to extinguish the fire,"

reads a display board in the SNRA Visitor's Center outside of Ketchikan.

The snowflakes, like millions of tiny angels, danced their way to the ground, slowing the blaze and allowing firefighters to catch up. The fire's progress slowed and it was quickly extinguished.

Today the charred forest floor has given way to new life.

The healthy soil, with increased nutrients thanks to the blaze, is producing a bounty of grasses, baby lodgepole pine and aspen. Some pines are already more than three feet tall and kissed with the first snowfall of the season. The

fertile soil also generated an abundance of more mushrooms this summer and the SNRA issued fire permits for people to hunt and harvest the succulent fungi.

Aside from ecological benefits, there is a harrowing beauty, a stripped-down elegance that resonates from the neighboring peaks faced with this year's first snowfall. Looming up at the bare majesty of white sparkle among the blackened upright pines, one cannot help but remember what the first snow last September meant for these 40,838 acres.

# Fountains of art

By Chris Steinbach  
Times-News writer

**HAGERMAN** — Ilse Hylton didn't get rich Saturday, but didn't seem to mind.

"When it breaks down to how much money I might make, let's say 5 cents an hour," she said in her booth at the 14th-annual Thousand Springs Festival of the Arts. "I would do it anyway."

The 74-year-old Twin Falls woman, a native German, sat and told stories while she spun wool into yarn. Her feet powered the loom — 72 rhythmic steps per foot in a 60-second span.

"It's a dying art and it's important to keep it alive," said Hylton, whose grandmother taught her to spin when Adolf Hitler ruled in Germany.

"In these days it was really a necessity," she said of spinning wool into yarn, which could then be woven into clothing, bedding or other household items.

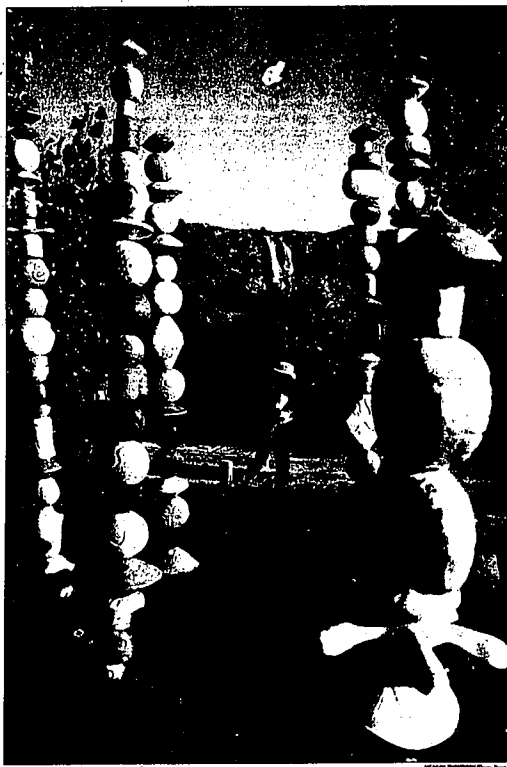
Hylton, who said she weaves and knits more than she spins these days, sold place mats for \$14, scarves for \$35 and sweaters for \$145. She was among the more than 70 artisans at the show, which will continue through this afternoon.

More than 3,000 people will attend the festival, depending on the weather, said Rich Carlson, a volunteer for Southern Idaho Land Trust Inc. The nonprofit group organizes and holds the annual event on Ritter Island in the Thousand Springs Preserve east of Hagerman.

A beautiful day helped attract a big crowd Saturday, including Cathy and Merlin Howard of Twin Falls. They sat in the shade with her brother, James Banta of Twin Falls.

"We come down every year. It's so nice down here," Merlin Howard said. "The water is so pretty. It's as clear as it can get."

Frank and Claire Lesneski did some time to sit in the shade, listen to the nearby running water or enjoy the beauty of the park. They were too busy scooping the 24 flavors of Smith's Homemade Ice Cream here from the back of the Pink Panther, a pink Chevrolet delivery van. Up to a dozen people waited in a line that never seemed to shrink.



Ceramic sculptures from the TMB Ceramics and Design booth are displayed Saturday at the Thousand Springs Festival of the Arts outside of Hagerman.

In years past, the lines have stretched all the way to that motor home. Frank Lesneski said, pointing to another food vendor some 100 feet away.

"Said Claire Lesneski: 'We've had them standing in the pouring rain.'"

According to Jer husband, it's because Buhl-based Smith's

**Arts Festival**  
The Thousand Springs Festival of the Arts continues today from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dairy makes "the best ice cream west of the Atlantic Ocean."

but there can be a downside to selling something everyone wants. For the Lesneskis, it was knowing they would close Saturday long after nearly everyone else.

"There's always a line here because all the vendors want ice cream," too, after they're done for the day, he said.

# Squatters plaguing Bellevue

By Pedro G. Salom  
For the Times-News

**BELLEVUE** — Squatters — people who illegally occupy property that doesn't belong to them — were a problem in pioneer days and they are a problem now in Bellevue.

Marshel Tim Green says people are illegally moving into vacant homes within the city. Green said the homes are empty because they're not for rent or sale, and the owners aren't regularly visiting their properties.

He identified two specific homes, one on North Fourth Avenue and one on South Third Avenue, that have been occupied recently.

Both were left in sorry shape when the squatters were removed. "It's all drug and alcohol-related," Green warned the Bellevue City Council. He added that neighbors of the illegally occupied homes have been reluctant to get involved.

Councilwoman Vivian Lyle said the problem requires a community response, with neighbors watching out for each other. The city is working to develop a neighborhood watch program.

In other Bellevue City Council news:

• Green said he would be looking for additional funding sources to ensure that the department's K-9 officer, trained to sniff out narcotics, remains in place. "I think we need to keep the dog here," he told the council. "The (drug) problem is real."

• The city is looking for pull workers for the Nov. 7 election and offering \$150 for a full day's work.

• The Planning and Zoning Commission is working to create a historical district.

• The council considered contracting with a collections agency to collect on delinquent water and sewer bills. Nov. 82 households are behind on payments.

# The Brotherhood: Elko couple starts group to help miners

By Marianne Kobak  
For the Times-News

**ELKO** — Brotherhood and a co-worker's illness have inspired a local couple to begin an organization to help miners and their families.

Kim and Jim Bean are raising money to help George "Zombie" Carlson, who was diagnosed this year with stomach cancer.

"He was diagnosed at stage 4 and there's only five," Jim Bean said. "Just an abscessed tooth could kill him because he has no immune system."

Carlson is an underground miner with a 13-year-old daughter.

"He and my husband work

together underground and just struck up an intense friendship from when they first met," Kim Bean said.

"Earlier this year when he was diagnosed, it was just something that just didn't go away for my husband. They were having little payroll deductions. Everybody was putting in what they could. I said, 'You know what, we can do bigger than this. We can do better.'"

And the idea for The Brotherhood of Hope in Mining was born.

Major disasters in the mining industry bring out a lot of volunteers and donations from businesses who want to "jump on board," Jim Bean

**Helping miners**

To donate or help in any way The Brotherhood of Hope in Mining, contact Kim and Jim Bean at P.O. Box 9448, Spring Creek, Nev., 89815, or reach them at (775) 777-2022 or nasacarb@cox.net.

said. "That is not what we want this to be about."

Kim said the community "basically survives because of the mines and vice versa."

"The people who are employed at the mines have to have a deep appreciation for the businesses locally who are willing to take that risk. If the bottom falls out of the

gold market tomorrow, these miners are gone. The mines are going to cut way back, people are going to leave and then the businesses have what's left to be a mutual thing," Kim said. "That's when we came up with our organization. We've sent in and we're still waiting (for nonprofit status). There's an attorney locally who's helping us with all the paperwork."

She said the goal of the organization will be that no mining employee or his or her family will have to endure a hardship or tragedy alone.

"Our goal ultimately is to be recognized by MSHA (Mining Safety and Health Administration) as an organization that is there for the industry," Kim said.

The group's first endeavor is to raise money to help Carlson pay bills and other everyday things so he can focus on his medical treatment.

"What really sparked this is the fact that if something had happened to George underground, nobody would have turned their back on him," Kim said. "They would have stayed there whether it meant additional loss of life, that's just an evil thing to do to each other. This had nothing to do with the mine. It's just a horrible reality and we have decided we can't turn our backs on him now either."

# OBITUARIES

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## Edith May (Moore) Tinker

TWIN FALLS — Edith May (Moore) Tinker, 96, passed away Thursday, Sept. 21, 2006, at SunBridge Care Center.

Edith was born to Marion Milton Moore and Ethel May (Hutchinson) Moore on March 25, 1910, in Colly, Thomas County, Kansas.



Edith was preceded in death by her parents, Marion and Ethel Moore; her brothers, Morris Moore and Bill Moore; her son, Tom Tinker; and her stepdaughter, Lucille Maloney.

Edith is survived by her son, Mike Tinker of Twin Falls; her daughter, Don (Marlyn) Moore; her grandsons, Bob (Pam) Tinker and Edward (Angie) Tinker, all of Boise; her step daughter, Helen Blackner of Blackfoot; four stepgrandchildren; two stepgrandsons; two great-grandsons; and nine nieces and nephews.

We would like to have a special Thank You to the staff at SunBridge Care Center and the Mountain View Hospital.

A celebration of Edith's life will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26 at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

In lieu of flowers, friends may donate to Jan Mittleider's Over 60 and Fit classes at CSI. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

## Pearl Laverne Holler

RUPERT — Pearl Laverne Holler, 64, of Rupert, passed away Thursday, Sept. 21, 2006, at home, of a long illness.



Pearl was born Feb. 12, 1942, in Rupert, Idaho, to Willard and Ethel Wright. She received her education in Rupert and Missouri. She married Holler and they had three children, Cindy (Aaron) West of Heyburn and Theron (Jessica) Holler of Massachusetts.

She was an active member of the First Assembly of God Church in Rupert. Pearl owned her own day care and has been employed at the Best in Town, Minidoka Memorial Hospital and the Minidoka Senior Center. She loved flow-

ers and to decorate her home. Pearl is survived by her husband, children and seven grandchildren. She is also survived by five brothers and two sisters, George (Lova) Wright, Helen (Don) Mosher, David (Karen) Wright, Earl (Suzie) Wright, Kenneth Wright, Margie (David) Schweideman and Rex Wright; and three stepchildren, Mary (Mickey) Graves, Dale (Suzette) Holler and Karla Koplin. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26 at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., with Pastor Jerry Schneider officiating. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery.

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This public service column is designed to match needs in the communities of the eight counties of the Magic Valley with volunteer help.

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4750. Leave a message. Children's furniture — Catholic Charities of Idaho is in need of children's furniture for its new child-care area, including rocking chair, children's table and chairs, children's bookcase, cubby/storage furniture, toys, books, crayons and stuffed animals. Call Millie at 734-4286.

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Tutors — The College of Southern Idaho Adult Basic Education program is looking for volunteer tutors for adult students (age 16 and older). Volunteers will assist with reading, English, math, citizenship and English as a second language. Call 732-6536 or 1-800-827-7426, ext. 6536.

Beds/appliances/supplies — Valley House Homeless Shelter is in need of single beds, school supplies, pillows, towels, small working refrigerators and microwaves, and electric cooking appliances. Spensic and donations are

also needed for the annual dinner and auction on Sept. 30. To donate items, contact Valley House at 507 Addison Ave.-W.; 734-7236.

Volunteers — Hospice Visions Inc. is in need of volunteers willing to help with cleaning, running errands, community, patient care and other miscellaneous chores for the Hospice House in Jerome. Call Flo at 735-0121.

Volunteers — Jubilee House, the rehabilitation center for women with substance abuse problems, has been moved and set down on its foundation. Volunteers are needed to do some demolition work and carry debris. The arrangement can begin. Call Gary Love at 736-4647 or 308-1562, or Vicki Adams at 734-9514.

Volunteers/quilt tops — Community Quilts of Desert Sage Quilters of Magic Valley are looking for completed quilt, twin or full-size queen size quilt tops that need to be tied. Volunteers are needed to tie the quilts from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 9-14 at the Magic Valley Mall center court. The completed quilts will be donated to local charities. To donate items or for information, call Susan Stallings at 734-4386.

## MLee Marie DeNaughel

BURLEY — MLee Marie DeNaughel returned to her Heavenly Father on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2006, at her home.



MLee was born July 2, 2006. She was the second child born to her parents, Joey and Brenda James DeNaughel.

MLee is survived by her parents; her older sister, KC; her grandparents; five great-grandparents; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

## Glenn G. Andersen

TWIN FALLS — Glenn Grant Andersen, 81, went home to be with his Lord, Sept. 19, 2006, at home with his family following a long battle with Alzheimer's.

He was born May 25, 1925, to Amanda E. Andersen and Annie C. Andersen in Blackfoot, Idaho. Glenn married Dorothy M. Lee, January 18, 1961, in Pocatello, Idaho.



Surviving are his wife, Dorothy; sister, Myrtle Lombard (Ernie); brother, Arin Andersen (Lenora); sons, Grant Terrell (Cathy), Jeff Andersen and Mike Andersen (Della); daughters, Vicki Rebe (Della), Yolanda Roberts, Stephanie Elliot (Howard) and Michelle Cooper; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by his parents; brother, LeLund; and sisters, May, Edith, Fern, Ethel, Nellie and Mildred.

Glenn has always been a loving husband, father, father-in-law and grandfather. He loved God, enjoyed family, friends and life. He taught his children and grandchildren to love, value, care for, use wisely and

She was preceded in death by her great-grandma, Nelda Montgomery; and her great-grandma, Vernice DeNaughel. MLee was a very happy baby and brought joy to her family. She was truly a blessing and will be greatly missed.

Family and friends will gather at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 321 E. Main St., on Monday, Sept. 25, 2006, from 2:30 until 5:00 p.m.

Friends may call Sunday evening, from 6 until 8 p.m. at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

Burial will follow at the Pleasant View Cemetery.

## Terry Ann (Christensen) Funk

KINGSTON, Wash. — Terry Ann (Christensen) Funk, 52, of Kingston, Wash., passed away Sept. 7, 2006, of cancer.



She was born in Pocatello, Idaho, on July 1, 1954, to Percy and Joan (Fugger) Christensen. She attended schools in Richfield, Murtaugh and Hansen, where she graduated in 1972. She moved to Washington in 1983.

Mrs. Funk is survived by husband, Wayne Funk; parents; siblings, Ted, Kelly, Dennis, Tim; children, Rick and Nancy; Rusty, Nicole and grandchildren, Ryan, Audrey, Rickey, Kylie.

Alena. She is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. Her family was always close to her heart. Next to her grandchildren, the Seattle Mariners were the love of her life.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Sept. 30, at Restlawn Memorial Gardens, 2864 S. Fifth Ave. in Pocatello at 1 p.m.

A celebration of life will follow at the Union Labor Temple, 456 N. Arthur Ave. Please make any memorial donations to the Jamie Moyr Foundation ([www.jamie-moyr-foundation.org](http://www.jamie-moyr-foundation.org)).

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FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Burley resident graduates from Virginia

BURLEY — Jordan Robins recently graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University, in Richmond, Va., with a masters of business work degree. He graduated from Burley High in 1997 and served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Florida Tampa Mission from 1998 to 2000. He graduated from Ricks College with an associate



Robins

degree in 2001 and Southern Virginia University in 2003 with a bachelor of arts in family life. Robins is the son of Gary and Karen Robins of Burley and is married to Karen Ann Bartholomew of Sacramento, Calif. He and his wife have two children and are residing in the Burley area.

Burley resident graduates from college

BURLEY — Kim Hurst of Burley has graduated from Western Governors University with a bachelor of arts, interdisciplinary studies. Students graduate at various dates throughout the year and

a ceremony was held recently at Rose Wagner Performing Arts Center in Salt Lake City, honoring the latest graduates. Western Governors University (www.wgu.edu) is a fully-accredited, nonprofit, online university that was created by 19 western state governors to give access to education for adult-learners.

Burley Scout earns Eagle honor

BURLEY — Cameron Baker, 18, received his Eagle Scout award at a Court of Honor. Sept. 13. He is the son of Loren and Janette Baker of Burley. For his Eagle project, he made an outdoor eating area

for Burley High School teachers. He is a member of Troop 118, sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Magic Valley High School awards diploma

TWIN FALLS — Elijah Connell received his high school diploma on Sept. 20 from Magic Valley High School. He plans to attend business courses at the College of Southern Idaho in the spring and con-



Connell

tinue working for Premier Garage.

Machala named to Merit List at Kenyon College

GAMBIER, Ohio — Michael L. Machala, son of Thomas and Margaret Machala of Twin Falls, has been named to the Merit List at Kenyon College for the second semester of the

2005-06 academic year. To be eligible for the recognition, a student must earn a grade-point average of at least 3.45 on the college's 4-point grading scale. A graduate of Twin Falls High School, Machala is a rising sophomore at Kenyon and a member of Kenyon's NCAA Division III championship swim team.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Green thumbs can learn gardening magic

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley gardeners can learn about the 'Magic of Gardening from the Ground Up' at a Nov. 4 workshop sponsored by University of Idaho Extension and the Magic Valley and Mini-Cassia Master Gardeners. Steve Paulsen, general manager of Conservation Seeding and Restoration in Kimberly, will teach participants how to successfully introduce native plants to their arid intermountain landscapes. Interest in native plants is building as the numbers of available species climb into the hundreds. Paulsen says, "but you have to understand the plants well enough so that you can put them in the proper exposure and the proper soils."

In addition, UI Extension educator, Mir-M Seydelbager of Blaine County will advise participants on how to develop healthy soils and address iron chlorosis and other challenges of alkaline soils. Gerry Bates of the Idaho Department of Lands in Idaho Falls will discuss choosing, planting and caring for landscape trees, and Tony Brand of Healthy Earth Enterprises and Magic Valley Compost will share the techniques and science of making compost.

The workshop is limited to 100 participants and will be held at the Red Lion Hotel Canyon Springs Inn, 1257 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. Cost, which includes lunch, is \$35 by Oct. 27 and \$40 at the door. The program will begin at 9 a.m. with registration and conclude at 4:45 p.m.

For more information, call Master Gardeners Sharon Buckle at 733-7676, Linda Benz at 878-1944 or Kaitie Stewart at 735-5356.

Castelford FFA holds annual work sale

CASTLEFORD Community members, businesses and parents are invited to attend the annual FFA Work Sale/Ice-Cream Social on Wednesday at Castelford High School AG Shop. The services of FFA members will be auctioned, and the members will then work for their buyers on Oct. 3.

The auction will start at 7:30 p.m., following the Castelford Schools annual picnic.

Annual Community School barn sale in Sun Valley

SUN VALLEY — The parent's association of the Community School of Sun Valley is holding its annual barn sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 1 at the Sagewillow Barn. Held in a converted barn with more than 20,000 square feet of space, the sale features thousands of items, including antiques, furniture, collectibles, designer clothing, toys and many other bargains.

Admission on Saturday is \$2. Sunday features the bag sale with each bag of items costing \$5. Proceeds go to the Community School Scholarship Fund. Call 622-3561 for more information and directions.

BJ Duplicate Bridge

RUPERT — The B J Duplicate Bridge Club has announced weekly winners. Sept. 19, north/south: first, Ella Annett and Lola Moorman;

second, Nanette Woodland and Vera Mai; third, Chuck Hunter and Margarie Manning; and fourth, Steve Sams and Kent Gillespie.

East/west: first, Peggie Payne and Donn Kaman; second, Dot Creason and Norma Goodman; third, Bob and Marie Price; and fourth, Dee Keicher and Leo Moore.

Martial arts school offers free class for kids

TWIN FALLS — Success Martial Arts will host a free 30-minute concentration clinic for all school-age children in the Magic Valley at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at martial arts school, 1300 Kimberly Road. The concentration clinic stresses the importance and immediate benefits of personal self-control and uses the metaphor of board breaking as a lesson on focus and power in all areas of life.

For more information, call 733-8919.

Take off Pounds Sensibly will meet Monday

TWIN FALLS — The TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) ID No. 3 chapter of Twin Falls will meet at 11 a.m. Monday in the fellowship room of the Magic Valley Church of Christ, 2005 Filer Ave. E. The chapter will resume regular meetings every Monday with weigh-ins at 11:30 a.m. and meetings from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

BREAK-A-THON



The Magic Valley Boys and Girls club held a break-a-thon recently, sponsored by Intermountain Martial Arts. Children from the Boys and Girls Club and Intermountain Martial Arts collected pledges for board breaking as a fundraiser for the Boys and Girls Club. About \$800 was raised.

Call Linda Hayhurst at 736-7237 or Jan Bylund at 736-9282. Visitors are welcome.

Gooding High School celebrates homecoming

GOODING — Gooding High School will celebrate homecoming starting Monday. The theme is "Seniors Gone Wild." Monday activities start off with a boxcar race at 6 p.m., followed by the bonfire. On Tuesday, volleyball teams host a game against Shoshone, followed by powderpuff for the first time, where junior and senior boys play volleyball.

On Wednesday, soccer boys head to Filer, while the girls host

the powderpuff game at 6:30 p.m.

On Thursday, JV football heads to Kimberly, the cross country team will run in Jerome, and girls soccer will host Jerome.

On Friday, the parade will start at 1:30 p.m. with a town pep rally following. The booster club will hold a tailgate party at 5 p.m. until game time, at 7 p.m. The tailgate party will offer chorizo, chili, baked potatoes and fixings.

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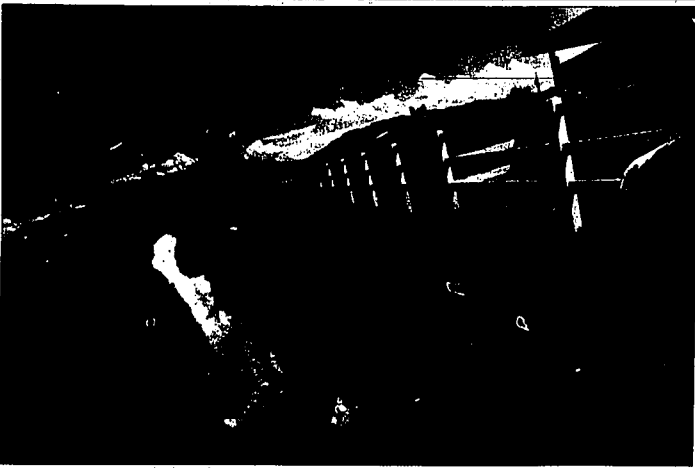
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# IDAHO/WEST



Terry Carvalho, right, plays with Jayce on Aug. 5 in Hooper, Utah. Carvalho currently fostering five horses at his home.

## Humane group rescues horses

By Tiffany DeMasters  
Deseret Morning News

SALT LAKE CITY — Horses are popular members of the family across the Wasatch Front, but as the horses age, some owners might find them to be burdensome and expensive. Because there hasn't been a place to take these horses, they end up at the feedlot, where they live out the rest of their lives being fattened up only to be sent to a slaughterhouse. This is a common fate for most horses that become old and unwanted.

Cheryl Smith, director of Wasatch Humane, said there is a problem with horse population in the state, and many times people don't know where to take their horses, so they are shipped off to slaughterhouses or feedlots. Recognizing the issue, three years ago Smith and a few others created a program through Wasatch Humane that would rescue and adopt out the unwanted and homeless horses. Smith said the horses they rescue come from feedlots and slaughterhouses in Texas. "Horses deserve better than

that," Smith said. Wasatch Humane, located in Bountiful, is the oldest shelter in the state and is the first to rescue and adopt horses. The goal of Wasatch Humane Horse Rescue and Adoptions is to find these horses lifetime homes. Since its birth, 40 horses have been fostered by approved volunteers. The horses come to the program with a variety of problems, including arthritis (from being overworked), bone degenerative disease, being severely underweight, old age and rambunctious behavior. Smith said 20 percent of horses that come to the program have no problems but were not trained properly. Along with housing and caring for the injured and old, the program also provides proper training for the younger horses.

"Having a horse is like getting into a marriage — there has to be a perfect match." — Cheryl Smith, director of Wasatch Humane  
... out, enjoy life and being doted on." Carvalho said fostering horses has its challenging moments, but she loves being involved and feels it is a rewarding experience. "There's a shine in his coat, a gleam in his eye and a kick in his step and they have ways of

Smith said. Terry Carvalho, the program's horse coordinator, began fostering horses in the program about three years ago. She is currently fostering five horses at her Hooper home.

"I got involved because I feel that horses need a voice, and I dearly love animals," she said. "These horses need a place to go to live out their lives. They just hang out, enjoy life and being doted on." Carvalho said fostering horses has its challenging moments, but she loves being involved and feels it is a rewarding experience.

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showing you they're grateful," she said.

Misti Seppi was one of the first few that helped jumpstart the program. She is fostering two horses at her Park City home. One has a bad back and the other is being trained.

"There are more horses than homes, and it was time for someone to step in and fill the gap," she said. Seppi also thought it would be an enjoyable retirement project. "I love horses and thought it would be fun to save some horses," she said. It is expensive to run the program. Smith said it costs \$1,000 per year to sustain one horse. With the program being so new, it relies solely on the donations of others and money that comes from the volunteers' pockets.

## Utah high court will hear appeal in connection with Smart case

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Utah Supreme Court will hear an appeal on whether Wanda Barzee may be forcibly medicated in the hope she may become mentally fit to stand trial in the 2002 abduction of Elizabeth Smart. Barzee's attorneys contend 3rd District Judge Judith Atherton's decision to allow the Utah State Hospital to forcibly medicate their client was wrong because the situation did not meet the criteria set in Sell v. the United States, the case that set the standard for involuntary medication.

The family of *Don Carrico* would like to convey their appreciation for the overwhelming expressions of sympathy, love and respect in the passing of our beloved husband, father, grandfather and brother. Your memorials, flowers, cards, prayers, visits, food and attendance at his service have brought much comfort to all of us and are greatly appreciated. Sincerely, Verna Jean Carrico • Rick and Janie Carrico and family Ted and Becki Carrico and family • Doris and Bill Oakley



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## Carbon monoxide sickens workers at grocery

ASHTON (AP) — Fremont County officials say carbon monoxide poisoning likely sickened seven workers at a small grocery store, with one complaining of heart fluctuations and the others reporting lightheadedness.

The workers were at Dave's Jubilee grocery store in U.S. Highway 20. Two compressors in the store were found leaking refrigerant and carbon monoxide, said Keith Richey, Fremont County's emergency management coordinator, and a fire department responder.

The fire department also detected traces of hydrogen sulfide, a toxic sewage byproduct. In the store's piping, responders filled the floor drains with water. "If the drains go dry, the gas can come up through the sewage system," Richey said.

Employee Alan Cody, who complained of irregular heartbeat, was taken to Madison Memorial Hospital. He was listed in stable condition.

The store was closed as fire officials monitored carbon monoxide and hydrogen sulfide levels.

Store owner Dave Jacobson blamed the illnesses on a propane-powered floor buffer machine, which Cody had been operating.

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IDAHO/WEST

# Two tame European deer found in Chubbuck; more domestic elk escape

**CHUBBUCK (AP)** — The Idaho Department of Fish and Game has captured two domesticated European deer that apparently escaped from private property and wandered into a downtown trailer park.

Another four cow elk, marked with domestic livestock ear tags, accompanied by four calves are still loose from a separate escape, Carl Anderson, Fish and Game's regional wildlife manager, told the Idaho State Journal.

The two new escapes follow the high-profile escape in August of as many as 160

domestic elk near Ashton, Idaho that has unnerved wildlife officials.

The elk belonged to Rex Bammell and were specially bred for private pen hunters on the Chief Joseph Elk Ranch, near Yellowstone National Park and the Myosotis border.

Fearing pollution of the wild elk gene pool, Gov. Jim Risch ordered the escaped elk shut on sight.

The fallow deer captured in Chubbuck were from a species native to Europe, Anderson said. He suspected they were pets that had escaped because they were tame and not

marked with tags as required by law.

"If anybody is missing these animals or knows anything about who the owners might be, we'd really like to have them call the Chubbuck Police Department or the Bannock County Sheriff so we can give them back to them," he said.

Earlier in the week, Fish and Game officers received a call from a rancher who said he saw elk with large blue-and-white plastic ear tags wandering near his property in Aberdeen.

The tags likely identified the escaped elk as domestic. The

four cow elk and four fawns, have not been spotted since Wednesday.

Anderson said the nearest domestic elk ranch is in Moreland, just west of Blackfoot, but the loose elk probably did not escape from that farm.


"We've checked with the Department of Agriculture," Anderson said. "They can't find a record of anyone with those types of tags."

## Jenna Brehm

Jenna graduated Cum Laude on June 17 from Southern Oregon University in Ashland, Oregon. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminology and a Bachelor of Science in Psychology.

Jenna is a member of Alpha Phi Sigma, The National Criminal Justice Society, and PSI Chi. She is employed with Community Works, a juvenile justice treatment agency in Oregon.

Brehm is a 2002 graduate of Twin Falls High School, and the daughter of Steve and Christy Brehm of Twin Falls.



# Court: N. Idaho beach is private

## Landowners to seek millions in damages from city

**COEUR D'ALENE (AP)** — Sanders Beach, the longtime public bathing area and sandy waterfront of Lake Coeur d'Alene, will be closed to the public between 12th and 15th streets, the Idaho Supreme Court has ruled.

The state's high court unanimously scuttled the long-running spit between private property owners and public beachgoers. Coeur d'Alene and Kootenai County.

Bolestin by Friday's 5-0 decision, John Magnuson, an attorney for the lakefront property owners, said he plans to turn his attention to a damages claim filed in 2005 against Coeur d'Alene and Kootenai County, which asks "for not less than \$8 million."

legal dispute.

"I don't think that access should be limited to the people with money who own private property," he said. "I hear the sound of silence on this beach and, for 58 years, I heard the sound of joy."

The feud dates back to October 2004, when the city and county filed a complaint asking for the 1st District Court to decide who owns Sanders Beach. The complaint stemmed from several confrontations between property owners and the public.

The beach had always been open to the public, but property owners said millions of littering and late night urines were becoming unacceptable.

Last September, 1st District Court Judge James Judd ruled that the beach was owned by the public below its high-water mark of 2,128 feet elevation. Judd had determined that the elevation only applied to Sanders Beach, not the entire lake.

higher than 2,128 feet, which effectively bars access to Sanders Beach.

Now, anyone visiting the beach between 12th and 15th streets will be treated as a trespasser.

Mike Haman, an attorney representing the city, said the city will ask for an encroachment permit in order the place a marker at the 2,128 foot mark to alert beachgoers of the private property line.

"If a person refuses to leave, then the homeowner can call the police," he said. "The police will respond in a reasonable manner as it does with all calls it receives from the residents of the city."

(The property owners) found themselves mired in a lawsuit that was baseless and had to hire attorneys to extricate themselves from a situation not of their creation," Magnuson told the Coeur d'Alene Press.


But many Coeur d'Alene residents who have used Sanders Beach since childhood said they were saddened by the ruling.

Greg Crimp owns a home with the now-private boundary line and was the only lakefront property owner who joined the public-side of the

But on Friday the Supreme Court rejected that interpretation, ruling that the high-water mark is the same for all parts of the lake because water seeks a uniform level, like in a bathtub, and a lake can't have differing elevations.

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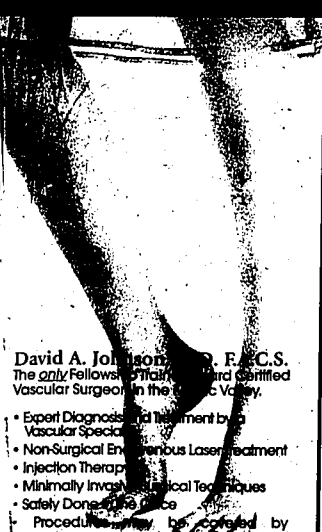
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INSIDE: Barry Bonds broke Hank Aaron's NL record with 734th home run Saturday in Milwaukee; C4



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## Americans hanging on to a memory at Ryder Cup

The Associated Press

STRAFFAN, Ireland — Tom Lehman gently pressed his index finger against pursed lips, calculating the best-case scenario for an American team that kept settling for the worst in the Ryder Cup.

And then it got even worse.

Luke Donald crouched to his knees as his 25-foot birdie putt broke toward the 18th hole and disappeared for a birdie that sent Europe another point, setting off another roar at the K Club that shattered Lehman's thoughts.

But not his hopes.

When two days of Ryder Cup matches ended late Saturday afternoon, Lehman and his American team, down 10-6, were reduced to clinging to memories — seven-year-

old snapshots of the greatest comeback in Ryder Cup history.

At Brookline, the Americans trailed Europe then by the same margin. Then, too, they were led by Lehman, who won the opening singles match as a player that day.

"I know that our team has a chance," said Lehman, now the U.S. captain.

So do the Europeans — a chance to make history with their third consecutive victory, a chance for Sergio Garcia to be the first European to pitch a shutout, a chance to prove once and for all they have a better team.

This weekend, it's the Europeans who are making the memories.

Garcia extended his Ryder Cup unbeaten streak to nine matches. Darren Clarke delivered another

storybook finish and Paul Casey showed with one magical shot — a walkoff hole-in-one — just how much everything is going their way.

The Europeans needed only four points from 12 singles matches remaining to capture the cup, and an outright victory would be the first time Europe has won three in a row.

"We're getting closer to our mark," captain Ian Woosnam said. "We've got to get over our hurdle tomorrow."

The way the first two days have gone, the Sunday singles matches might look like a mere speed bump.

They have won each of the four sessions by the same score (2½-1½) and in the same manner. They post



Tom Lehman of the United States reacts after a putt on the 15th green during his four-tee match against Europe's Padraig Harrington and Paul McCloskey at the 2006 Ryder Cup at the K Club golf course, Straffan, Ireland, Saturday. Foyck and Tiger Woods won 3 and 2.

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## Late drop seals ISU's fate in loss

NAU escapes with win

By Mark Liptak  
Times-News correspondent

POCATELLO — After he finished a radio interview Saturday, wide receiver Akliah Lacey just looked at his hands and shook his head. Lacey, one of the best pass catchers in the Big Sky Conference, dropped a sure touchdown pass, which could have given Idaho State a win.

Instead, the Bengals couldn't overcome three turnovers and lost to Northern Arizona 33-27.

The play happened late in the game with the Bengals (1-3, 0-1 Big Sky) driving for a dramatic come-from-behind win. Quarterback Matt Gutierrez found Lacey alone and in the clear with 32 seconds remaining and threw him the ball. But at the last possible second, NAU's Jeff Wheeler got over and distracted Lacey just enough to cause him to drop the ball.

Lacey, who finished with nine catches and 216 receiving yards simply couldn't believe it. But the loss wasn't his alone.

Three turnovers, starting late in the first half and continuing through the third quarter, led to 20 Lumberjack points.

NAU senior quarterback Jason Murrietta fired four touchdown passes, two each to Skyler Moore and Kenny Mahone, and finished with 301 yards through the air.

Gutierrez, who threw for 394 yards himself, had a touchdown throw of 74 yards to running back Ken Cornist off a flea-flicker play. Gutierrez also tossed an 80-yard bomb to Lacey. Barnett rushed for 118 yards.

"It was a gut-wrenching loss for Idaho State, one that won't go away soon. 'It should hurt,' said head coach Larry Lewis. 'We left a lot of plays on the field that we should have had. They (NAU) got to us a little bit.'"

"You tip your hat off to NAU (2-2, 1-0). They took advantage of the turnovers. They made more plays than we did," added linebacker Pargo Togafoa, who was in on a total of 21 spots for the afternoon.

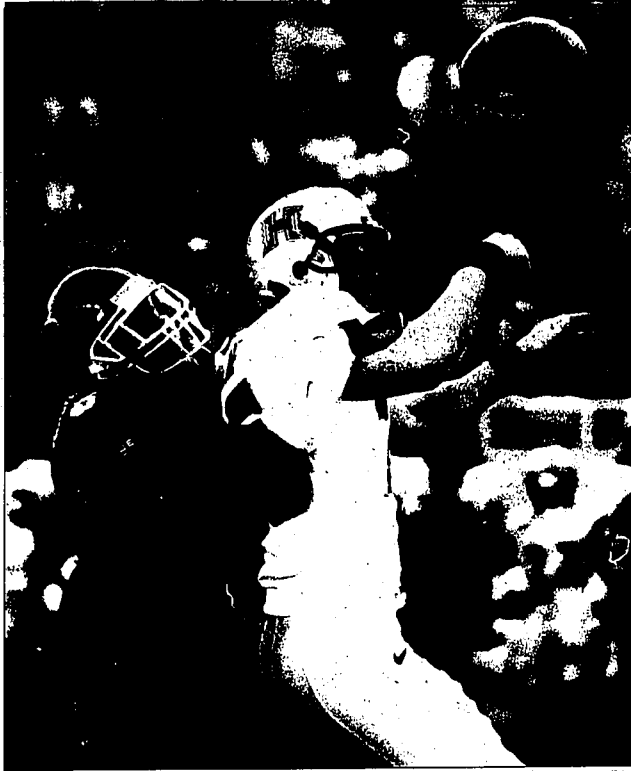
The Bengals get next week off, now having to figure out what went wrong on homecoming at Holt Arena. They next play in two weeks at Northern Colorado.

One positive ISU can take from the game is that history shows teams rarely win the Big Sky Conference with only one loss. But the pressure has been increased and the question still remains: Can the Bengals bounce back? Lewis didn't hesitate with his answer to that question.

"If you want to talk about a championship, you have to bounce back," he said.

## Broncos outshoot Warriors

By Destin Lapray  
Times-News correspondent



Boise State's Orlando Scandrick breaks up a pass attempt by Hawaii's Kurt Milne on a fake field goal in the first quarter of a college football game against Hawaii, Saturday, in Boise. The pass fell incomplete.

BOISE — Air it out, shoot it out, run it out.

That was the formula for success Saturday night at Bronco Stadium for the hometown Broncos. Boise State beat Hawaii 41-34 to remain undefeated on the season and get a jump in the Western Athletic Conference standings.

BSU (4-0, 1-0 WAC) led the entire game, but the Warriors (1-2, 0-1 WAC) continued to pressure and score, using their high-powered offense to repeatedly march down the field.

It really all came down to a fourth-down play. The Broncos had the ball on the Hawaii 47-yard line and coach Chris Petersen put faith in his young men.

"It was an easy decision," Petersen said. "I could just feel the vibe that those guys were going to get it."

Ian Johnson delivered on that faith, gaining 10 yards on the fourth-quarter play, enabling his team to run out the final minute of the clock.

"We want this," Johnson said. "This is what we're here for. If you don't think we can get one yard, we don't deserve to be on that field in the first place. I said 'Hey, if you give me the ball I will put my all into one yard.' I guess he trusted me."

Johnson has proven he deserves that trust. He added another 179 yards and two touchdowns to his season totals. He carried the ball 28 times Saturday.

The Broncos repeatedly allowed the Warriors back into the game. They watched their initial 15-0 lead disappear, along with the 41-27 lead.

The key play in the second half came on a Hawaii first-and-10 play in the fourth quarter. The Warriors had just cut the lead to 34-27, and were driving again when Colt Brennan, the Hawaii quarterback, scrambled. Colt Brooks tackled him after a 2-yard gain and Brennan fumbled the ball, the third turnover of the game for Hawaii.

The Broncos capitalized, driving down the field and scoring on an 18-yard hookup from Jared Zabransky to Derek Schoopman, his second score of the game.

"It was good to get Schou some love," Zabransky said. "He's a great player and we missed him."

The Warriors would answer with a Brennan to Jason Rivers 8-yard strike.

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## Williams fuels Burley past T.F.

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The key to a successful soccer match: The pre-game diet.

Burley's Jenna Williams scored four goals Saturday as the Bobcats beat Twin Falls 5-4 in girls' soccer action.

"She had some junk food this morning," coach Tom Schmitt said. "That's our new secret."

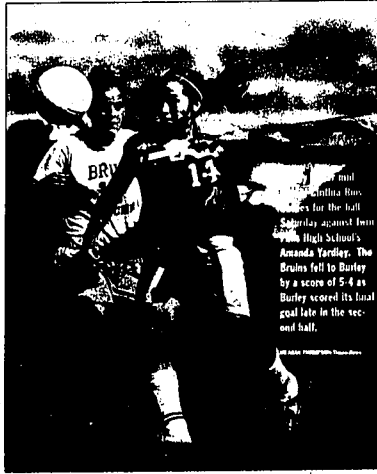
Williams' last goal broke a 4-4 tie midway through the second half. Jamie Thurston also scored for Burley, which led 4-3 at intermission.

The Bobcats jumped to a 3-0 lead, but Madi Fisher scored for Twin Falls in the 26th and 32nd minutes to close the gap. Amanda Yardley added a goal in the 35th for the Bobcats.

But after Williams' fourth goal, Twin Falls couldn't muster much offense. "We had some good performances," said Burley coach Katie Kaufman. "But the whole team just wasn't into the game today."

As for Williams' performance, Schmitt said, "She's just found the right place at the right time and did what she needed to do."

Twin Falls' play at conference foe Skyline on Tuesday, while Burley hosts rival Minico.



## Vandals trailing big at Oregon State

Saturday's late Idaho at Oregon State football game ended after the Times-News' deadline. The Vandals were trailing 31-0 at the start of the fourth quarter. Look for a full story in Monday's Times-News. Pictured above, Oregon State's Yvenson Bergman (26) scores on Idaho's Tone Taupole (16) in the first quarter in Corvallis, Ore., Saturday.







# Bonds breaks NL homer mark

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Barry Bonds hit his 74th career home run to break Hank Aaron's NL record, but the Milwaukee Brewers rallied past San Francisco for its third consecutive win over the struggling Giants with Saturday's 10-8 victory in Milwaukee.

Bonds hit a solo shot off Chris Caproni over the right-center fence in the third inning, just out of the reach of outfielders Brady Clark and Corey Hart.

Bonds, who hit No. 733 and broke a season-high six-run Friday night, is 21 homers shy of Aaron's career mark of 755. It was Bonds' 20th home run this season — and again it came in the bottom of where Aaron started and ended his major league career.

The Brewers scored twice in the eighth to break an 8-4 tie and win their fourth straight game overall.

## Astros 7, Cardinals 4

HOUSTON — Luke Scott hit two home runs, including a three-run shot in the third inning to give Houston a victory over St. Louis.

The Cardinals' magic number for clinching the NL Central title remained at 21. St. Louis lost its fourth straight game and has dropped eight of its last nine on the road.

Tyler Johnson (0-4) walked Monday, Ennsberg (0-3) walked Monday, Lander (0-3) walked Monday, but he struck out three batters before Scott homered to right. He has 10 homers and 35 RBI in 46 starts since being recalled from Triple-A Round Rock on July 13.

Dan Wheeler (3-5) blew his third save of the season when he gave up an RBI double to David Eckstein that tied the score at 4-4 in the top of the ninth.

## Cubs 11, Reds 4

CINCINNATI — Carlos Zambrano hit his sixth homer, tying the Cubs' record for a pitcher, and Aramis Ramirez had a two-run shot that sparked Chicago's victory over stumbling Cincinnati.

The Cubs took advantage of six errors by the Reds, their worst defensive game in 35 years. Cincinnati led the NL wild-card race for 16 consecu-



San Francisco Giants slugger Barry Bonds, right, watches his home run leave Miller Park as Milwaukee Brewers catcher Mike Rivera, left, watches in the third inning of Saturday's game in Milwaukee.

tive days before unraveling in the last month.

Ramirez hit a two-run homer in the first inning off Kyle Lohse (2-5) that was his 36th of the season, matching his career high. Ramirez has 20 homers since the All-Star Break.

Zambrano (16-6) gave up four runs in seven innings while matching his career high for victories. The hard-throwing pitcher also started a five-run rally in the fourth with a notable homer.

This shot off Lohse matched Hall of Famer Jimmie Foxx's team record of six homers in 1957.

## Rockies 10, Braves 9

DENVER — Kaz Matsui hit a two-run triple in a six-run third inning and left Francis became the winningest lefty in Rockies history during Colorado's frigid victory over Atlanta.

With temperatures dipping into the mid-40s, Francis (13-

11) struggled with his control but still earned his 30th win for Colorado, surpassing Brian Holman's team mark for left-handers.

It also was Francis' 10th career win at Coors Field, the third-most in club history. Jason Jennings made the way with 31.

Francis even helped his own cause with a two-run single in the second. Matt Holliday hit his 31st homer for the Rockies, off starter Kyle Davies (3-6).

## Phillies 8, Marlins 6

PHILADELPHIA — Carlos Ruiz and left Connie each drove in three runs, Jim Lober pitched seven solid innings and the Phillies beat the Marlins 8-6 to continue their playoff push.

The Phillies (81-73) have won nine of 11. They began the day a half-game behind Los Angeles in the NL wild-card standings.

Jimmy Rollins hit his 23rd homer, Shane Victoriano and

Chase Utley each went 4-for-5 and Ryan Howard drew two more intentional walks for 33 on the season.

Howard, who leads the majors with 58 homers, was 1-for-2.

Lieber (30-10) allowed two runs and seven hits for his fifth win in six decisions.

## Mets 12, Nationals 6

NEW YORK — David Wright's three-run homer capped a six-run fifth inning, and New York rallied past Washington.

National's first baseman Nick Johnson broke his right leg in a collision with right fielder Austin Kearns during the eighth. Johnson was immobilized and taken to a hospital. He was scheduled to have surgery Saturday night in New York to repair his right femur.

Paul Lo Duca also homered and Wright finished with three hits and three runs for the Mets.

## Major League Baseball

### American League

Team	East Division			Central Division			West Division		
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
New York	93	61	.604	-.259	1	47.28	46.33	10.8	
Boston	83	72	.535	10.64	1	45.31	38.41	16.2	
Toronto	81	73	.526	12.64	1	48.31	33.42	9.9	
Baltimore	68	87	.439	25.64	1	40.30	28.47	9.9	
Tampa Bay	59	95	.383	34.28	1	40.39	19.56	11.7	

### National League

Team	East Division			Central Division			West Division		
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
New York	93	61	.604	-.246	1	50.29	43.32	6.1	
Philadelphia	81	73	.526	12.82	1	40.39	41.34	5.1	
Florida	76	79	.490	17.37	1	2.40	35.64	9.1	
Atlanta	75	80	.484	18.26	1	36.39	39.41	5.10	
Washington	67	87	.435	26.55	1	39.36	28.51	7.10	

Team	East Division			Central Division			West Division		
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
San Diego	81	72	.529	10.82	1	41.29	40.24	7.10	
Los Angeles	73	79	.479	17.64	1	40.34	43.37	7.11	
Texas	75	77	.503	12.65	1	39.41	39.36	7.11	
Arizona	72	81	.471	9.56	1	41.34	30.48	11.1	
Colorado	65	89	.425	19.73	1	41.34	24.55	3.11	
Chicago	62	92	.406	18.55	1	33.43	30.49	4.11	

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# Angels keep Oakland from AL West title

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Juan Rivera hit a go-ahead, three-run double in the sixth, John Lackey pitched seven strong innings and the Los Angeles Angels prevented Oakland from winning the AL West on Saturday with a 6-2 victory over the Athletics.

Oakland's magic number to clinch its first division title since 2003 remained at two, so the A's could still do it at home with a win in Sunday's series finale. They lead Los Angeles by seven games with eight to go, including the final four of the season against the Angels in Anaheim.

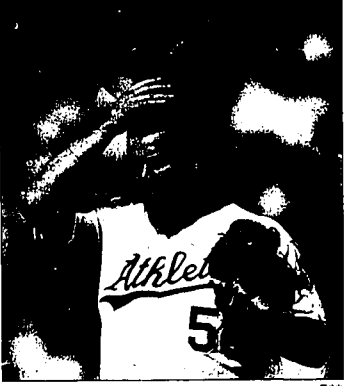
Dan Haren takes the ball for the A's on Sunday against fellow 14-game winner Ervin Santana.

Lackey (12-11) allowed two runs and four hits to beat Joe Blanton (16-12). The A's had their four-game winning streak snapped with only their second loss in 10 games.

## Twins 8, Orioles 5

BALTIMORE — Torii Hunter hit his 29th homer, Rondell White had four hits and Minnesota took advantage of some sloppy defense in a victory over Baltimore.

The outcome eliminated Boston from postseason contention and enabled the Twins to reduce their magic number for clinching a playoff spot to three. Any combination of Minnesota wins and Chicago White Sox losses totaling three will ensure the Twins no worse than a wild-card berth.



Oakland Athletics pitcher Joe Blanton wipes his hair as he works against the Los Angeles Angels in the third inning of Saturday's game in Oakland, Calif.

game in Kansas City. Justin Morneau got his 12th RBI and Matt Guerrier (1-0) pitched 1-3 innings to earn his first win in 89 career appearances. Joe Nathan, the seventh Minnesota pitcher, got three outs for his 34th save.

## White Sox 11, Mariners 7

CHICAGO — Paul Konerko hit a go-ahead homer in a five-run eighth inning and Chicago rallied after a long run delay to beat Seattle, maintaining its faint playoff hopes.

Konerko hit the third pitch from reliever Joel Pinheiro (8-

13) for a two-run homer, his 33rd, to put the White Sox ahead 6-7 after Jim Thome drew a leadoff walk against George Sherrill.

Rookie knuckler Carlos Baerle and didn't allow a hit for 3-1 innings in his first major league win. Mariners starter Felix Hernandez went five innings, allowing three hits, including Thome's 42nd homer. With the Mariners leading 7-2, he didn't return after a run delay of 1 hour, 57 minutes, in the top of the sixth that left the footing at

U.S. Cellular Field unstable. Richie Sexson and Adrian Beltre homered for Seattle.

## Blue Jays 5, Red Sox 3

TORONTO — Lyle Overbay and Tony Claus hit consecutive homers, and A.J. Burnett pitched seven strong innings to lead Toronto over Boston, which was eliminated from playoff contention.

Overbay extended his hitting streak to 13 games with his career-high 20th home run, a solo shot off Devern Hansack (0-1) in the fourth. Glays gave Toronto a 2-1 lead in his 36th homer.

Vernon Wells hit an RBI triple and Glays added a sacrifice fly.

Dustin Pedroia hit a leadoff homer, the Red Sox and David Ortiz had an RBI single. Manny Ramirez pinch-hit and walked in the seventh — his first appearance in 13 games. Ramirez has missed 22 of the last 31 games with a sore knee. Boston manager Terry Francona was ejected in the sixth after arguing a call at second base. It was the first ejection for any Red Sox player, coach or manager this season.

## Tigers 15, Royals 4

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Curtis Granderson homered, tripled and drove in three runs in a 10-run first inning to help the Tigers rout the Royals.

The Tigers reduced their magic number to one for clinching their first playoff berth since 1987. Detroit, which lost an AL-record 119 games in 2003, maintained its 16-game lead in the AL Central over Minnesota.

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# Forbes 400 now 100 percent billionaire

By Frank Ahrens  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — It's not news that Bill Gates is the richest person in America, according to Forbes magazine's annual list of the nation's 400 richest people, released Thursday. He has been in 13 years. Barring a second Space Age where computers are good only for hating at other eye-men, Gates will always be rich.

The news is: On this list, \$999 million is chump change.

For the first time, all 400 CEOs on the Forbes tally are billionaires, from Gates (worth \$53 billion) down to the bottom, Los Angeles semiconductor magnate Sehat Saurdas (\$1 billion).

It's not just the accumulated wealth that draws attention to the list; it's the eye-popping numbers that show the speed with which wealth is gained — and lost — in the dawn of this millennium. For instance, according to Forbes:

- Casino mogul Sheldon Adelson (No. 3, \$20.5 billion)

## Ranking the nation's deepest pockets

Casino tycoon Sheldon Adelson moved up to No. 3 on the Forbes list of the richest Americans, after coming in at 15 last year.

The five richest people in the nation					
Rank/1	1. William H. Gates III	2. Warren Buffett	3. Sheldon Adelson	4. Lawrence Ellison	5. Paul Allen
Home	Washington	Nebraska	Nevada	California	Washington
Age	50	76	73	62	53
Net Worth	\$53 billion	\$46 billion	\$20.5 billion	\$19.5 billion	\$16 billion
Income source	Microsoft	Berkshire Hathaway	Casinos	Oracle	Microsoft, investments

SOURCE: Forbes

has made \$1 million per hour over the past two years.

- Google Inc. founders Sergey Brin (No. 12, \$14.1 billion) and Larry Page (No. 13, \$11 billion) have each made \$13 million per day over the past two years.

- Martha Stewart dropped off the list after losing nearly \$400 million over just the past year.

Forbes has been publishing the much-ballyhooed list — which relies on research and estimates and rounds net

worth to the nearest \$100 million — since 1992. The inaugural list contained only 13 billionaires. Even after the technology crash at the beginning of the century, a three-year war and a jumpy economy, the wealth accumulation among the richest Americans continues unabated and has risen to historic proportions, even if measured by an arbitrarily arrived-at number (400, the number of swells who could fit into the Victorian New York hall room of Caroline Astor).

"It is a really big deal that it's all billionaires," said Forbes associate editor Matthew Miller, who edited the list and led the team that spent a year compiling it. "It shows economic growth and, as capitalism, it shows progress."

The enormous sums spur the natural question: Is it good, bad or neither that wealth is accumulating so fast that numbers begin to lose their meaning? (Requisite illustration: A stack of 1 billion \$1 bills would reach a height of 80 miles.)

On the one hand, the fortunes have spawned a new age of philanthropy, where private individuals can try to effect change with the power and reach of a government but remain free of the bureaucratic shackles that often thwart aid efforts. Bill and Melinda Gates, for instance, created a foundation with assets of \$30 billion that focuses much of its effort on improving health for the world's poor. Warren Buffett

(No. 2, \$46 billion), a director of The Washington Post Co. along with Melinda Gates, said in June that he would give away much of his fortune to charity, most of it to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The gestures recall the large-scale largesse of 19th-century capitalists named Vanderbilt and Rockefeller.

Yet not everyone finds the billionaire boom beneficial.

"I think it's very bad," said Dean Baker, a macroeconomist at the Center for Economic and Policy Research in Washington. "If the U.S. had experienced really extraordinary growth, then maybe that would be the reason" for all the billionaires. But Baker pointed out that U.S. economic growth in the past 25 years — the period that hatched this crop of billionaires — is actually slower than in the quarter-century before that, which produced only 13 billionaires. "If these people pull away so much wealth," he said, "that means everyone else has less."

# Quepasa focuses on young Hispanics

By Jane Larson  
The Arizona Republic

PHOENIX — Cool, sexy and proud is just the beginning of what Quepasa Corp. envisions in its new life as a MySpace for young Hispanics.

Since the company revamped its Web site six weeks ago, it has been growing at a rate of 1,300 new members a day, up from 400 a day, Chief Executive Officer Bob Stearns said.

Membership now tops 300,000, which Stearns acknowledges is a tiny fraction of the millions of Hispanics in the United States and Latin America. Their demographics make for an attractive market to advertisers.

Quepasa's typical members are 16 to 25 years old, with jobs and at least a high school education. They have cars and credit cards, and celebrity news and other entertainment features are popular.

Some 40 percent of Quepasa's traffic is from the United States, and a large number of its international traffic comes from Mexico and Latin America.

As on bigger rival MySpace, music downloads, Internet radio, sports and celebrity news and other entertainment features are popular.

What will set Quepasa apart as an online community, Stearns says, is going beyond entertainment news what he calls the other two "Es" — enriching and empowering Quepasa members.

The enrichment piece would come from Quepasa's plans to offer rebates or royalties on products and services available on its Web site.

The empowerment would come from users sharing their opinions and voting on various topics, data that the Quepasa Market Intelligence unit would sell to Fortune 100 companies or politicians targeting Hispanics.

"What drives people to the site is the fact that they feel comfortable with the products we're selling ... and that our community is more than entertained," Stearns said. "At the end of the day, what he calls the other two 'Es' — is people believing that it's a cool place to be and that something tangibly good will occur by (them) being there."

By focusing on social networks, Quepasa is riding two major trends, analysts at Forrester Research Inc. said.

First is that technology has gotten cheaper and more powerful and therefore more accessible, senior analyst Peter Kim said.

Second is the rising interest among younger and older people to connect with others who have similar interests.

In its first-ever Hispanic-American Technology Adoption Study, Forrester found that 9 percent of Hispanics who go online visit social network sites, the same as the overall population.

# Not your daddy's fair food

If Charlie fries it, they will come

By David Pierson  
Los Angeles Times

The hungry and the curious follow the greasy, but alluring, scent of batter frying in hot oil to Charlie Boghosian's stand at the Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona.

When they arrive, the menu stops them in their tracks: deep-fried Twinkies, deep-fried Oreos, deep-fried avocados, deep-fried pickles, deep-fried olives and more.

Boghosian sees himself as not just a fried-food salesman, but as a fried-food innovator. He recently saw possibilities in churros, the already deep-fried sugary treat. He bought one at a nearby stand and took it to his trailer, where he cut it into four pieces. He mixed the pieces in wet pancake batter and dunked them into a frying vat filled with 370-degree soybean oil.

After two minutes, the churros were crisp, golden pillows. Boghosian scooped them onto a wax paper tray and doused them in chocolate syrup, powdered sugar and rainbow sprinkles.

"It's good," Boghosian said after taking a bite. "But I think I've got to try some nuts in there. I'm thinking walnuts. And cheese. Yeah, a sweet, Greek cheese. I bet that would be phenomenal."

At 37, Boghosian has become one of the nation's most esteemed and creative practitioners of extreme fair food. In a world of the South Beach Diet, counting carbs and "bad cholesterol," he's part of a wave of vendors who have helped breathe new life into state and county fairs with their artery-clogging culinary oddities.

At the State Fair of Texas — known for introducing the first corn dog in 1932 — a vendor who won the best taste category last year for his deep-fried peanut butter jelly and banana sandwiches has stolen headlines again this year for inventing deep-fried Coke.

Other items making the rounds include deep-fried macaroni and



Charlie Boghosian, 37, holds up his creation, a Krispy Kreme Chicken Sandwich, consisting of a deep fried chicken breast patty with Swiss cheese inside a Krispy Kreme glazed donut. Boghosian runs his Chicken Charlies stand at the Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona, Calif.

## Deep-fried what?!

- Deep-fried offerings on Charlie Boghosian's menu:**
- Avocados
  - Tomatoes
  - Veggie combo (zucchini, mushrooms, artichoke hearts, asparagus)
  - Jumbo potato wedges
  - Pickles
  - Olives
  - Charlie's Twinkies
  - Oreos
  - Chicken nuggets
  - Chicken strips

— Los Angeles Times

cheese, deep-fried spaghetti and deep-fried cosmopolitans — a pastry filled with cheesecake and topped with cranberry glaze and a lime wedge. And served on a stick.

But even rival fair food investors admit that no one takes it as seriously as Boghosian, who they say seems to have frying oil in his veins.

"Charlie would fry his watch if he knew people would pay to eat it," said Rich Brander, a fellow L.A. County Fair vendor who gained notoriety four summers ago for serving deep-fried Snickers bars.

When not behind his fryer, Boghosian has been busy the last few weeks giving interviews for radio and TV shows.

L.A. County Fair officials said he and his extreme food cohorts have become among their biggest draws. "It's so hard to find that people will want to talk about it," said spokeswoman Wendy Talarico.

Boghosian, who calls his business Chicken Charlie's, spends his summers on the fair circuit and calls San Diego home. During the off-season,

he's a Christmas tree wholesaler.

In 1997 he talked his corn-stand boss, Bob Jackson, into partnering with him on a new stand. Jackson's family taught Boghosian how to fry chicken, which remains a fixture at his booth and accounts for half his sales.

Two years later, Boghosian said he needed a dessert to go with his chicken. "Like McDonald's has the apple pie," he said.

Visiting a fair in Miami, he noticed a vendor making deep-fried Twinkies. "He was using wet batter," Boghosian said. "It absorbed too much liquid. I wanted to try myself. So I used an egg wash, then dry pancake mix. I made a real thin crust."

The result? "The cream!" said Shaun Thalladay, a customer trying his first deep-fried Twinkie at Boghosian's stand last week. "It turns into liquid, clear lava. It's all locked in there."

# Sony targets teens, twenty-somethings with Wi-Fi-enabled Mylo

The Associated Press

Sony Corp.'s latest effort to capture the hearts, minds and money of teens and twentysomethings is a Web browser, messaging program, wireless phone and digital music player all rolled into a handheld gadget that goes by the name Mylo.

The features can be found on just about any midrange cell phone these days, but this one's key difference: The Mylo works on any Wi-Fi wireless Internet connection, so you can surf the Web or chat off campus, at the coffee shop, in the bookstore or wherever

there's an 802.11b hotspot.

Mylo — short for "my life online" — is a bit pricey at \$350, but it could be a money-saver if you count how much cellular carriers charge for data services. (Some Wi-Fi hotspot operators charge, though many do not.)

At just over 5 ounces, the Mylo feels like an undersized game controller, with a bright 2.4-by-1.4-inch backlit screen that packs 320-by-240 pixels of sharp resolution. A standard thumb keypad slides out from below, as well as a nod to those of us a tad older than

the device's target market.

It boots up quickly. Ask it to access the Internet and it'll list available open connections and secure ones needing a password or network key. Each connection can be registered, so you'll soon develop a list of favorite hotspots as you cruise around town. JiWire's world-wide hotspot directory is included for those who don't know where to go.

Once online, it's easy to contact a friend on Yahoo Inc.'s Yahoo Messenger, Google Inc.'s Google Talk or Skype, eBay Inc.'s Voice-over-

Internet-Protocol service. No such luck if your pal is on AOL Instant Messenger, the most popular IM service at home and work in the U.S., or Microsoft Corp.'s MSN Messenger.

The standard keyboard layout makes chating a snap for anyone who's taken a typing course, though it might be an adjustment for those used to a phone keypad. Emoticons, profiles and ignore functions are accessible through the Mylo's option button next to the screen.

The "What's Up" screen pulls



The Sony Mylo, a personal communicator that connects to the Internet through a Wi-Fi hotspot, is shown Tuesday in Stouffville, N.S.

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CAREER MOVES

CONTRIBUTIONS

Julie Plocher

RUBERT — Julie Plocher has been accepted as a member of the National Honor Roll Outstanding American Teachers for 2005-2006. The organization recognizes educators who have made a difference in their communities.

Plocher, who teaches band for Minidoka County School District, will appear in the NHOT Outstanding American Teachers 2005-2006 Commemorative Edition.

Cheri Wiggins

GOODING — Gooding County Memorial Hospital announced the addition of Dr. Cheri Wiggins, psychiatrist, to their staff.

Wiggins specializes in physical medicine, occupational and rehabilitation. She treats a wide range of problems from stress-related disorders to spinal cord injuries. She specializes in focusing on restoring function and also treats a variety of injuries, works on rehabilitation of the patient and pain management. She treats the following injuries: traumatic brain, spinal cord, sports-related, and work-related. She works extensively in the rehabilitation of amputations, prosthetics, cancer, cardiac, pediatric, geriatric and stroke. Wiggins also works on pain management for patients with arthritis, low back pain and neck pain and treats patients with Cerebral Palsy, Multiple Sclerosis, birth defects and post-polio syndrome.

Tammy Oliver

BURLEY — Tammy Oliver has joined the staff at Franklin Building Supply. She will be working as a cabinet designer and will measure, design and bid all types of cabinet jobs.

Oliver has a degree in interior design and grew up working for her parents at Vaughn's Custom

Cabinets. She has lived in the Magic Valley for 34 years.

Kelly Walton

BURLEY — Mountain West Realty announced Kelly Walton as a new sales associate.

Walton has 17 years of experience in all phases of general construction and is knowledgeable in all aspects of home workmanship and quality. He will be working in residential, commercial and investment properties.

Brandi Turnipseed

TWIN FALLS — Century 21 Greater Valley Properties announced Brandi Turnipseed as a new sales associate.

Turnipseed was raised in the Magic Valley and became a resident of the Pocatello area while she earned her Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting at which time she also became involved in the real estate industry. She has returned to the Magic Valley to pursue her career, which includes accounting and real estate. Her professional career has also included governmental accounting and working for an elite Twin Falls builder. She has eight years experience in the real estate industry, including residential new construction and remodeling.

George Carter

JEROME — Idaho TechConnect Inc. announced the addition of George Carter, as vice president of business development for Idaho TechConnect South. ITCJ is Idaho's only private/public organization focused solely on technology, its development, transfer, commercialization and impact on Idaho's growing economy. He joins the three other ITCJ offices throughout

the state who work as a team to turn science and technology ideas into viable Idaho businesses and will work with businesses throughout the Region 4 area of the state. He will be responsible for working with Idahoans who want to start a science and technology business, with existing science and technology businesses helping them grow, bringing in more state research dollars, and facilitating collaboration with the private sector, government and higher education on science and technology issues.

Carter recently returned to Twin Falls after spending 25 years working in the Silicon Valley, the nation's most developed technology region. He holds a master's degree in computer science and bachelor's degrees in electrical engineering and computer engineering.

Kim Shelley-Hurley

TWIN FALLS — First Horizon Home Loans announced the addition of Kim Shelley-Hurley.

Shelley-Hurley has 15 years experience in the mortgage industry. She has dedicated the last 10 years to serving the Magic Valley as a certified mortgage planning specialist.

Gary W. Koutnik

TWIN FALLS — Gary W. Koutnik, accredited rural appraiser with Western Appraisal and Investment Co. was recently recognized by the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers for 25 years of membership in the organization. Koutnik provides services such as farm and ranch management, rural appraisal, and/or agricultural consulting.

Koutnik has been affiliated with ASFMRA, the largest and oldest professional association that provides opportunities for development through the highest quality educational and meeting offerings, and a strict standard of code of conduct and ethics to its members, for 25 years.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB



Boys and Girls Clubs of Magic Valley has received a \$500 community grant from Fred Meyer Foundation for the Summer Scholarship Fund that has enabled children from around the valley who might not be able to afford membership fees to enjoy the Boys and Girls Club. Their mission is to provide kids with a safe and positive environment that allows them to just enjoy being a kid. The funds provided to the Club by the Fred Meyer Foundation helped to provide scholarships to kids, art and learning supplies, computers, a professional staff, snacks, field trips and so much more. The Fred Meyer Foundations assists non-profit organizations dedicated to helping children and reducing hunger in communities served by 128 Fred Meyer stores in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. Fred Meyer is a division of the Kroger Company, which is one of the nation's largest food retailers. The Fred Meyer Foundation has awarded grants totaling over \$5 million since it began in December 1998.

Qwest grants \$25,000 to education

The Qwest Foundation has given the Idaho State Board of Education \$25,000 to assist its efforts to better align high school graduation requirements with work force and college expectations.

"The \$25,000 grant will be used to help the State Board of Education and representatives of the Idaho Colleges of Education, Idaho colleges and universities, and employers create minimum workforce standards. These standards will guide schools and employers on the skills employees need. The State Board of Education is very grateful for Qwest's generous support for education efforts in Idaho," said State Board of Education Executive Director Dwight Johnson. The Qwest Foundation awards grants to programs that generate high-impact and measurable results, focusing on K-12 education and economic development.

SAFE HOUSE GETS \$1,000 DONATION.



Mark Doer, of Precision Aviation presented Val Stotts, Safe House Program Director, with a check for \$1,000 to assist the shelter in repairing the shelter bathrooms. The Safe House shelter is a local group home for at-risk, abused and neglected youth.

HOUSING PROGRAM GIVEN \$10,000



U.S. Bancorp Foundation recently donated \$10,000 to South Central Community Action Partnership for its Phase II Transitional Housing Program. These funds will be matched for its HOME grant that will provide three additional 3-bedroom homes in conjunction with its Transitional Housing Program in Twin Falls. SCCAP works hard to help low-income families stabilize their housing situation, increase their income and provide opportunities to enhance job skills.

REMODELED MCDONALD'S REOPENS



McDonald's held a ribbon-cutting ceremony with the Twin Falls Area Chamber's ambassadors to celebrate their newly remodeled restaurant at 305 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls. The restaurant was originally opened on January 4, 1973, becoming the first McDonald's restaurant to be opened in Twin Falls. Pictured at center, from left, are Dave Swanson, member of the Twin Falls Area Chamber's board; and Donna Kyle and Darren Kyle, two of the restaurant's owners. Another owner, Bill Kyle, is not pictured.

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repose, serenity, heartsease]

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly sunny skies with temperatures warming up nicely. Highs in the upper 60s.
Tonight: Clear skies. Lows in the middle 40s.
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny weather to start the new week. Highs in the lower 70s.

BURLEIGH/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly sunny skies and dry. Highs in the upper 60s.
Tonight: Mostly clear skies. Lows in the upper 30s.
Tomorrow: Mostly of sunshine to start the new week. Highs in the lower 70s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS. A broad area of high pressure sitting over the region will make for mostly sunny and dry conditions today and the next several days. Daytime temperatures are expected to warm up nicely for the upcoming week.

Boise Today: Highs 69 to 85. Tonight: Lows 38 to 45.
Boise Tomorrow: Highs 73 to 89.
Boise Next Week: Highs 73 to 89.

Map of Idaho showing weather forecasts for various regions including Boise, Burleigh/Rupert, and Twin Falls.

Weather key: B=blizzard, S=snow, H=heavy rain, h=heavy snow, hz=fog, hz=heavy fog, r=rain, r=heavy rain, r=heavy snow, r=heavy sleet, r=heavy sleet/snow, r=heavy sleet/snow/hail, r=heavy sleet/snow/hail, r=heavy sleet/snow/hail.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Includes icons for weather conditions and temperature ranges.

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 4 columns: City, Hi, Lo, Prep. Lists weather for various cities like Boise, Burleigh, and Rupert.

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Table with 2 columns: Temperature and Precipitation. Shows high, low, and record high/low temperatures.

Barometric Pressure

Table with 2 columns: Sunrise and Sunset. Shows times for sunrise and sunset.

NORTHERN UTAH

Mild and sunny weather will wrap up the weekend today. The dry and mild weather will continue for Monday.

Map of Northern Utah showing weather forecasts for various locations like Salt Lake City, Provo, and Ogden.

MOON PHASES

Table showing moon phases for Sept 23, Oct 1, and Oct 22. Includes icons for moon phases.

U.V. INDEX

Table showing U.V. index levels: Low, Moderate, High.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 2 columns: Today and Tomorrow. Lists weather forecasts for various regional cities.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 2 columns: Today and Tomorrow. Lists weather forecasts for various national cities.

CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 2 columns: Today and Tomorrow. Lists weather forecasts for various Canadian cities.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with 2 columns: Today and Tomorrow. Lists weather forecasts for various world cities.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP

Map of the United States showing weather patterns and fronts.

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Mylo

Continued from page C6. All messaging contacts together. Friends show up as available regardless of the service they're using.
Built-in Skype software is as close as the Mylo gets to being a phone. Sign up for a free account. You can call other Skype members and, at least through the end of the year, dial any telephone number in the U.S. or Canada for free. For an extra fee you can get a Skyelin number so anyone can call you using a traditional phone number. (Google Talk on the Mylo is limited to text chatting.)
The Mylo ships with an earbud headset and microphone, but Sony didn't include it with my review unit, so I could only test the device using its built-in microphone and speaker. It sufficed during a Skype call from a quiet office, but the headset would be a must in a crowded coffee house.
Web surfing through the Mylo's Opera Web browser is functional, but I've yet to find a handheld device that makes it easy to view a page designed to look good on a 19-inch monitor.
\*The Mylo tries hard, offering three size settings and a 50-to-150 percent zoom range. It also can toggle between normal mode, which requires a lot of horizontal scrolling, and fit-to-screen mode, which does a lot of squeezing. Navigation

tionally as Sony didn't include that cable with the review unit. I was able to upload a few MP3 files to the device through Skype and got them to play. The Mylo also includes a basic text editor that can be used to create a shopping list or take notes during class. Text files can be transferred to a computer through the USB cable or Memory Stick, or sent over the Internet through e-mail or one of the chat programs.
Sony says the lithium-ion battery provides 3 1/2 hours of Internet call time, about 8 hours of video and up to 45 hours of music playback. The device also allows users to wirelessly hook up with other nearby Mylo owners to stream MP3s.

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**SIRCOMM** is accepting applications for **Emergency Communications Dispatcher**  
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**FARM**  
**Assistant Farm Manager Position**  
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 Ideal candidates will possess good verbal and written communication skills, good computer skills, and have a good telephone presence. We are looking for people who enjoy working with the public, are detail-oriented, self-motivated, and comfortable doing outbound calling. All candidates must have a valid driver's license and be able to work weekends and holidays to be considered.  
 If you are interested in being part of your community newspaper, please submit a completed application (resume optional) to:  
 Attn: Jani Busick  
 Circulation Director  
 South Idaho Press  
 230 E. Main St.  
 Burley, ID 83318

**EDUCATION**  
 Twin Falls School District has immediate openings for the following certified positions:  
**Elementary Physical Education Teacher (half-time)** at Lincoln Elementary. Must meet Idaho certification and be endorsed in Elementary K-8 or PE (K-12) endorsement.  
**4th Grade Classroom Teacher** at Morningside Elementary. Must meet Idaho certification and be endorsed in Elementary K-8.  
 To apply contact:  
 Twin Falls School District  
 Human Relations Department  
 201 Main Ave W  
 Twin Falls, ID 83301  
 208-733-8900 ext 3721  
[www.tfsd.k12.id.us](http://www.tfsd.k12.id.us)

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# SUPER JOB WEEK

**HUMAN RESOURCES**



**Human Resources Director**  
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Four-year degree in HR, business, management or related field or equivalent through experience and five years with progressive responsibility in HR senior management. Annual salary \$79,000 - \$112,000 DOQ + Benefits. Interested candidates should submit resume and cover letter to:  
Kandy Weaver & Associates, LLC  
4903 Lakewind Place  
Boise ID 83714 OR by email to:  
kandy@kandyweaver.com  
Resumes must be received no later than September 26, 2006 to be considered.  
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**MEDICAL**



Due to our high volume of clientele, Idaho Home Health & Hospice is now accepting applications for:  
**Full-time and part-time Physical Therapist.**  
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EOE

**GENERAL**


The Amalgamated Sugar Company LLC, with locations in Paul and Twin Falls, are accepting applications for **Beet Receiving Station Workers**. Wages begin at \$9.85 per hour plus OT. Season begins mid September for approximately 6 weeks must be able to work 12 hour days. Mon-Sat. Receiving stations are located in Minidoka, Cassia, Lincoln, Twin Falls, Gooding and Jerome counties. Applications are available at The Department of Commerce and Labor with locations in Twin Falls at 771 N. College Road or 735-2500 and Burley at 127 W. 5<sup>th</sup> St. N. or 678-5518

**MEDICAL**

**CLINICAL SYSTEMS ANALYST.**  
Lewiston, Idaho

Full-time position in MIS, days with rotating call. Prefer previous Meditech Clinical Information systems experience. Requires BSN with current RN license from the State of Idaho or eligible to obtain license. Requires minimum of three (3) years clinical experience as an RN and understand nursing operations within a medical center. Must have working knowledge of common PC operating systems and experience with computerized clinical documentation and order entry systems. MIS department located at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, a 145-bed acute care non-profit Catholic hospital, located 100 miles South of Spokane, Wa., on the Idaho/WA border. For more information or to submit application, contact:  
Collin Lamb  
Director of Management Information Systems  
St. Joseph Regional Medical Center  
415 6th Street  
Lewiston Idaho 83501  
Voice: 208-799-5710  
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**GENERAL**



**EDUCATION**

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**IT Technician**  
Must have experience with both desktop and laptop computers. Starting Wage \$13,90/hr

**Whey Production Manager**

Apply online at: [www.glanbiausa.com](http://www.glanbiausa.com)  
Or apply in person at the Twin Falls Corporate Office  
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Twin Falls, Idaho



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**NEWSPAPER**

The Gooding County Leader has a full-time opening for a **Reporter/Editor**

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Send resumes to:  
Norma DeVoe,  
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**LAW ENFORCEMENT**

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**NEWSPAPER**

**MARKETING DIRECTOR**

We are seeking an innovative experienced and creative marketing professional to join our management team at the Casper Star-Tribune, Wyoming's only statewide newspaper, with a daily circulation of over 30,000.

Reporting to the Publisher this person will create timeliness for all marketing projects and coordinate marketing-related responsibilities of other departments; maintain a marketing budget; make recommendations on building brand and market share; negotiate promotional trade agreements; plan.

Qualifications for this position include a two year college degree in marketing or communications and minimum two years marketing experience. Business, computer or advertising sales experience would also be helpful.

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Casper Star-Tribune (MD)  
PO Box 80  
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fax: 307-266-0501  
[www.casperstartribune.net](http://www.casperstartribune.net)

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**MAINTENANCE**

The City of Twin Falls is accepting applications for **AIRPORT MAINTENANCE OPERATOR**. Beginning monthly salary is \$21,150. Under the general direction of the Airport Operations Supervisor, performs a variety of maintenance, janitorial, and equipment operation tasks at Magic Valley Regional Airport. High school diploma or GED equivalent required as well as a Class B CDL obtained within one year of hiring. You may obtain a City employment application at [www.tfd.org](http://www.tfd.org). For additional information contact the Personnel Office located in City Hall, 321 2nd Avenue East, Twin Falls, or phone (208) 735-7288. Closing date is 09-29-06 The City of Twin Falls is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Drug Free Work Place

**GENERAL**



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To apply, send your resume, best clips and a list of references to **Clark Walworth, Editor,**

The Casper Star-Tribune,

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**MECHANICS**



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**NEWSPAPER**

### CITY EDITOR

The Casper Star-Tribune needs a city editor who shares our dedication to enterprise stories, investigative journalism and online creativity.

The paper has undergone rapid change in the past two years, with a new management team, a total redesign and aggressive content improvement. Our pursuit of excellence led to being named 2005's LEEnterprise of the Year by our parent company, Lee Enterprises. We also won the Wyoming Press Association's general excellence award for daily newspapers.

Our city editor leads a staff of ambitious achievers. The successful applicant will become a key leader in our newsroom and in our community, serving on the paper's editorial board. You'll have a vital role in expanding our online content, including blogs, audio slideshows and video.

Casper is a vibrant, growing community of 50,000, crackling with economic expansion driven by Wyoming's energy industry. The Platte River runs through the city and so do deer and antelope. Wyoming's outdoor splendor surrounds us, including a ski hill on the edge of town.

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For the purpose of Hearing Public Comments Regarding the Increase in THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR JOSLIN FIELD, MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL AIRPORT Beyond the limits prescribed by Idaho Code Section 63-1311A . . . The Proposed Fees Exceed 105% of the Fees Last Collected or are New Fees

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of Twin Falls, Idaho, will hold a public hearing for consideration of a proposed fee increase and proposed new fees, said hearing to be held at the City Council Chambers, located at 305 Third Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho at 8:00 p.m., on September 25, 2006. The City of Twin Falls has proposed to increase the Joslin Field fee schedule by an amount that exceeds one hundred five percent of the current fee. The proposed increases would have the following impact on current fees:

FEES	CURRENT RATE	PROPOSED RATE	% INCREASE
Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting Services	\$35 per hour (\$35 minimum (Airlines 31 seats and greater)	\$55 per hour (\$55 minimum (Airlines 10 seats and greater)	57%

The increase is necessary to help fund the new federal mandate for standby Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) services. At the hearing all interested persons may appear and show cause, if any they have, why said proposed increases should not be adopted. Dated this 1st day of September, 2006

PUBLISH: Sunday, September 24, 2006

### COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID DESERT KITCHEN ELECTRIC TO-GAS CONVERSION REMODEL PROJECT

Sealed bids for the specified project will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 11, 2006, at the College of Southern Idaho in the office of the Vice President of Finance in the Taylor Administration Building, 315 Falls Avenue, Twin Falls, Idaho, and then publicly opened. A description of the work of this project can be summarized to include the furnishing and installation of new kitchen equipment in the Desert building kitchen. Bids must be sent or delivered to the above address on or before the above listed date and time to be accepted. The outside of the envelope should clearly indicate "SEALED BID ENCLOSED". Proposals will be opened and publicly read at the above hour and date. The College reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any formalities, and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the College. Plans, specifications, proposal forms and other information are on file for examination at the following locations: College of Southern Idaho P.O. Box 1238 Twin Falls, Idaho 83303 McClure Engineering, Inc. 501 Main Avenue West Twin Falls, Idaho 83301 Intermountain Contractor/AGC 110 North 27th Street, Boise, Idaho 83702 Twin Falls Plan Room 124 Blue Lakes Blvd., S. Twin Falls, Idaho 83702 Bid proposals must be accompanied by an acceptable security, in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid. The security may be in the form of a Bond, Certified Check, or Cashier's Check. One set of documents may be obtained by licensed general contractors and by licensed mechanical and electrical subcontractors from the Engineer for a refundable deposit of \$50.00. Others may obtain documents at cost, non-refundable. A prebid walk through can be privately scheduled with Alen Scherbinske at the College of Southern Idaho, P.O. Box 1238, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-1238 or phone 208-732-6610. A Public Works Contractors License for the State of Idaho will be required of the successful bidder prior to award of contract. Estimated Cost: \$76,000 Mike Mason, Vice President of Finance College of Southern Idaho

PUBLISH: September 20, 24, 27 and October 1, 2006

### IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE 5TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO AND IN FOR THE COUNTY OF BLAINE Case No. CV06-49 NOTICE OF HEARING

In Re: JOEL EDWARD SWEAT A Petition by Joel Sweet born on June 15, 1965 in Hailey, Idaho now residing at Carey, proposing a change in name to Joel Olsen has been filed in the above entitled court, the reason for the change in name being the petitioner's father has died and the names and addresses of the petitioner's near relatives are Barbara Murphy, Carey, Idaho and Mildred & Catherine Sweet, Idaho Falls, Idaho. Said petition is filed in and return on said petition on September 26, 2006 in courtroom number 2 at the Blaine County Courthouse, Obedience may be filed by any person who can in such objection. Those who file a court a good reason against such a change of name. WITHIN 60 days and a seal of said District Court in the City of Idaho, 2006. By Clerk: Published September 8, 10, 17 and 24, 2006

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bid proposals will be received to the attention of Mike Mason, Taylor Building, College of Southern Idaho, 315 Falls Avenue, Twin Falls, Idaho, by 2:00 p.m., prevailing local time, on October 5, 2006, for:

REPOUC South Central Head Start 600 East 18th Street Burley, Idaho A description of the work of this project can be summarized to consist of the removal of the existing B.U.R. and asphalt shingles and the installation of a new single-ply roofing system and asphalt shingles, new curbs, flashing, gutters and downspouts along with other work noted on drawings. Proposals will be opened and publicly read at the above hour and date. Plans, specifications, proposal forms and other information are on file for examination at the following location: Hutchins Smith Architects 270 N. 27th St., Suite A Boise, Idaho 83702 (208) 336-1212 Builders Exchange 120 N. 10th, Suite 9 Pocatello, ID 83201 (208) 232-4322 Twin Falls Plan Room 124 Blue Lakes Blvd., S., Suite 6 Twin Falls, ID 83301 (208) 734-7526

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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Library building upgrades	\$67,079
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Carvon Spring Road sewer line replacement	\$558,000
Total Wastewater Fund	\$558,000

Golf Fund	\$21,000
Excess rounds commissions	\$2,000
Part-time and overtime salaries and wages	\$41,000
Total Golf Fund	\$41,000

Pool Fund	\$17,000
Equipment repairs	\$17,000
Total Pool Fund	\$17,000

Street Fund	\$494,000
Reserves	\$494,000
Total Street Fund	\$494,000

Library Bond Fund	\$67,079
Reserves	\$67,079
Total Library Bond Fund	\$67,079

Wastewater Fund	\$558,000
Reserves	\$558,000
Total Wastewater Fund	\$558,000

Golf Fund	\$41,000
Transfer from General Fund	\$41,000
Total Golf Fund	\$41,000

Pool Fund	\$17,000
Transfer from General Fund	\$17,000
Total Pool Fund	\$17,000

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2006. Gary Evans, City Clerk

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### su do ku © Puzzles by Pappocorn

1	6	8	7	2	5	9
2	1	5	4	3	8	7
4	3	2	8	9	3	8
5	1	6	9	4	8	7
6	5	1	6	9	4	8

HARD # 100 Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for todays puzzle on Page D-21.

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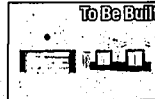
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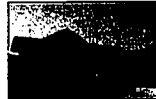
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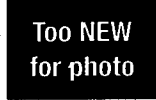
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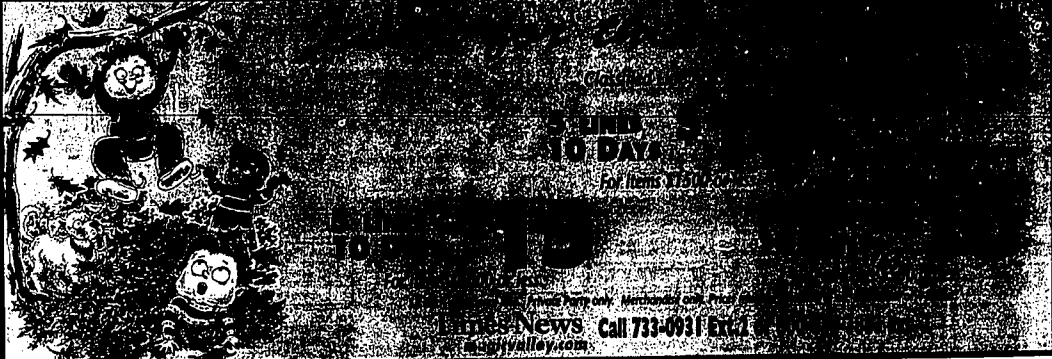
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Dear Mr. Wolff: What is a weak no-trump, and how can a bridge player tell whether a bidder is opening with a weak or a strong no-trump? Is there a wink or something that gives the south player...

ANSWER: Roman Key-Card Blackwood is the name of the convention. You can find out more at http://www.bridgeguy.com/Conventions/RomanKCB.html...

Dear Mr. Wolff: My questions refer to the following hand, which appeared recently in one of your columns. Holding ♠ Q-9, ♥ 2, ♦ K-10-8-7-4-2, ♣ A-9-3, would you really open the bidding with one diamond instead of two diamonds? Also, in responding to your partner's bid of one spade, wouldn't a raise to two spades lead your partner to expect a better hand than you hold?

ANSWER: Unless there are deal-void honors or the like to suggest an unbalanced hand like this, I add on one point for a five-card suit, two for a six-carder, and so on. Here, though the total is only 12, I like the honor location enough to open at the one-level. My reason is that passing initially is impractical (there is NO hand too good for two diamonds) and I won't open one diamond, and a pre-empt would be wrong both on HCP and suit quality. Incidentally, after opening a raise to two spades will just show support, not extras.

Dear Mr. Wolff: In recent columns you referred to a variant of Blackwood that includes the trump king as a key card to be included in responder's answer. You also indicate that responder may be able to show or deny the trump queen. I find this last part odd. Would you please tell me the name of the convention and where I can find the rules that apply to it?

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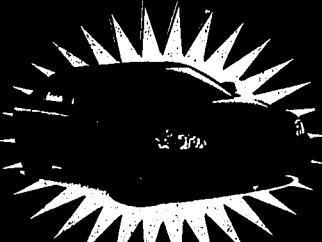
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# The cost of victory



Minico High School football coach Tim Perrigot poses for a portrait at the school's stadium with his wife, Kerl, daughter, Katie, and son, John.

## Minico football coach fights to balance work, family life

By Eric Larsen  
Times-News writer

**RUPERT** — Tim Perrigot decided to leave the teaching ranks and become Minico High School's athletic director six years ago with relative ease.

The hard part was telling his wife. "She hated me for about three years," Perrigot said with a chuckle. "That's the truth. It was hard. Especially when you see your kids get sick and you want to be with them, but you have to be at school or an athletic event or a meeting."

At the time, Perrigot was the father of two children under age 4. His wife, Kerl, a human resource director at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley, had her own demanding job. Without the child-care help of nearby grandparents or an extended family in Mini-Cassia, Perrigot took the reins of one of the area's largest high school athletic programs, knowing full well that his new job would demand time from his waking moments until deep into the night.

Concessions would have to be made, but one was out of the question: Perrigot would not give up coaching the Minico Spartans football team. The strenuous job of the game Perrigot grew up with and loved was

too strong to resist. "I wasn't ready to give up football," he said. "I felt like we were in the process of building something and we were on the right track. I'm very passionate about football. I love it. So I find a way to balance being a football coach and athletic director and still be a dad, that we can make it work."

Today, Perrigot is Minico's assistant principal and athletic director. His Spartans are 3-1 on the season and among the best football teams in Idaho's Class 4A ranks. He is the father of a 9-year-old, Katie, and a 7-year-old, John. Even after six years of practice, the Perrigots still struggle to wind their way through the intersecting mazes of work and home life.

Like many other high school football coaches who balance passion for the sport with the necessity to work and provide for their families, Perrigot's typical week in the fall is a seven-day whirlwind of time cards, playbooks, ankle tape and game film.

"It can be a pretty hectic time of the year because I have so many things on my plate right now," Perrigot said. "Day-to-day right now for me, is trying to survive. I get to see my kids and family, which is important to me, in the mornings before I get to school.

Then I try to get to school as fast as I can and try to take care of the school business part of it. About 2:30 p.m., I try to shut it down so I can focus on the football part of it."

The football part of it includes daily practices Monday through Thursday and games on Friday. Saturdays are time to wrangle film of next week's opponent and analyze Friday's performance. Sundays are spent poring over film and meeting with assistant coaches. Somewhere in there, Perrigot steals time away from football for his other passion.

"I always tease my wife and tell her, 'Honey, we spend a lot of time together, watching film,'" he joked. "Though Perrigot is quick to display a jovial nature toward the demands of the life he has made for himself, he is a dedicated family man who is in no way immune to the thoughts that the good he does with others' children comes at the cost of his own."

"You know, I'm not sure that I'm not always the best dad that I can be, and I feel bad about that," he said. "There's a real reward in coaching and working with kids, especially when they come back and tell you, 'Thanks, and let you know how much you meant to them. The disadvantage of my situation is that sometimes I feel like I'm

coaching everybody else's kids and I don't get a chance to work with my own."

It's a difficult division of priorities for a man who is dedicated and respected for his work, but even more focused on being a good father.

"First and foremost I want to be a good dad because in the end, that's how I'm going to be judged," Perrigot said. "Whether I was a good dad or not."

Perrigot credits the Minico High administration and support staff for a large portion of his success as an athletic director. From attending Spartan athletic events that he can't be at to sharing the burden of ever-changing schedules and daily surprises, Perrigot's Minico counterparts share his burden.

"I have great secretaries here at the school that save my butt all the time and keep me in line with who's supposed to be where and what I'm supposed to be doing," he said.

The school setting also holds another distinct advantage for the Perrigots.

"Because of where I work, we have access to a lot of baby sitters, which helps out quite a bit," Perrigot said.

Perrigot accepts that help and lives this life he's chosen because he

believes in the benefit athletics can have on a young life. As the son of a high school English teacher and cheer adviser, Perrigot was brought up in the school halls and gymnasiums his mother's job required her to be at.

Perrigot's children follow the same lifestyle and can often be found tossing the football with Spartan players or chatting with Minico cheerleaders. "My brother and I grew up in the gyms and followed (my mother) around to football games and things like that, and we turned out all right," Perrigot said.

Perrigot said he will continue to find ways to find time with a wife who ceaselessly supports him and with two children whom he loves and believes in. He will also find ways to spread the knowledge of the game he so believes in to the youth who don the red-and-gold Minico helmets.

"I might not get as much sleep as everyone else, but that's OK," he said. "This is what I want to do right now. I love being a Spartan. I love being part of this school. This is a special place here. It really is."

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## To drool for:

### New candies are sweet and sour and gross

By Margaret Webb Pressler  
The Washington Post

What's your idea of the perfect candy? Sweet, obviously. What about fun? Do you like your candy gross? How about something you can stick in your pocket and take with you?

Americans eat about 24 pounds of candy per person each year, a number that actually has been falling — in 1997 it was about 27 pounds. To get people to eat more, candy companies have been tinkering with their treats. And it's definitely making candy more interesting.

The move to improve candy starts with taste. Today there are hundreds of fancy flavors to choose from — many of them so intense they will pucker your mouth. Candy Dynamics' new sour-apple chew bar, called Toxic Waste Nuclear Sludge, will make your jaw hurt (kids seem to enjoy that).

"I like to taste sourness because I like challenges, and it's kind of like a challenge for your mouth," said Simon Enagonio, 8, of Silver Spring, Md. To prove it, he popped an Extreme Sour Warhead into his mouth — it's like sucking on a lemon — and chewed it up with no problem.

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## Get a life, find a place

By Bettjane Levine  
Los Angeles Times

By now, we've all heard about how lived through the boomerang experience: kids who finish college and return to their parents' home to live. A survey of more than 6,000 students in the class of 2006 found that 41 percent planned to move back with their parents after graduation.

But wait, the good news: That's less than the 60 percent who returned home during the last three years, according to MonsterTRAK, an online career resource for college students.

So what's the deal? Are some parents just saying no? There is a slow dawning among parents, some experts say, that despite high rents and typically low-paying entry-level jobs, kids in the past managed to forage for themselves, sharing cramped spaces and eating instant ramen while finding out what life on a shoestring is all about.

Now some of these same experts who once advised that parents offer a sympathetic ear (and a rent-free bed) are advising them to cut the cord, cut their losses and reclaim their lives — before real damage is done.

"It starts out as a money-related issue," says Susan Newman, a social psychologist in Metuchen, N.J., and author of "The Book of No — 250 Ways to Say It and Mean It." The kids can't afford to pay rent, so they come home. But then it blossoms into something else. From the kids' point of view, it's nice to have a well-stocked fridge and a free laundromat. But more important, it's nice to have someone who loves you unconditionally. No one cares more about you than your mom and pop."

What's wrong, she says, is that young adults must learn to function in a world that couldn't care less, among people whose respect or love they have to earn. Living on home does not afford them that chance.

In some cases, parents are the culprits, she says. They are so happy to have the returned prodigal's companionship — no matter how limited and argumentative it is — that they offer too much help, and too little urging that the kid get his or her act together and take it on the road. "That's a flaw in the parent. It's their dependence as much as the child's that keeps him or her from leaving home. But we tend to blame it all on the kids."

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# When he's the lump of the party

**A**lthough I'm not meeting his obligations," says Carly, a woman I've gotten to know recently. She is married to Jim. They're in their early 40s. She's glib, open, it's shy.

"Look at him," she says, about Jim. "See how he just stands there?"

"It's not bothering anyone," I offer. We're at a party, one of those school functions for parents where an awful lot of people don't know an awful lot of people.

"He doesn't participate," she says. "And I've told him, I think that's wrong."

"Wrong? This is a moral issue?"

"In a social setting, people have an obligation to be seen," she says. "You don't just stand there receiving. You have to give."

"Poor Jim," I say.

"You can't possibly be on his side," she says.

I tell her that I speak on behalf of shy people everywhere when I say we've got so much problems feeling like we're being overlooked, but she doesn't seem to care. She rolls her eyes. "You're not shy."

I roll my eyes. "I'm not a giver."

"You're giving right now."

"You're seeing. See? Jim would not even be speaking if he were standing here."

"Poor Jim."

"I don't know why you're taking his side."



**PERSONAL FILE**  
Jeanne Marie Laskas

I tell her it's because I like him. It's hilarious. It takes him a while to warm up, but once he does he comes up with wickedly funny observations.

"I know," she says. "That's my point. If you're funny you should give funny to the group. You have an obligation to give what you've got."

I have never thought about it this way before. I wonder if it would change things if I accepted Carly's premise. Would I be able to crack through my inability to schmooze with strangers if I saw it as a duty to give what I'm responsible to the betterment of parties? Well, I don't know. I might do it, but I would be miserable. I would be in pain. I would be inaudible. I imagine wearing a neck brace being fake-happy, while I brzenly walk up to Mr. and Ms. Scary Stranger and say, "How do you do? Thrilled to meet you."

"Is this how Carly does it? She's so good at working a room. I ask her what goes on in her mind. Is she forcing it? Is she miserable? Does she have to give herself some sort of pep talk?"

She has no idea what I'm

talking about. "It's fun," she says. "Meeting new people is fun. You find out new things. You learn."

But not everyone finds it fun. I point to Exhibit B: My husband. His party style is to turn himself into a lump. He sits in one spot, looks down. His obvious discomfort makes others uncomfortable. People go up to him — usually the charitable people are drawn to charity cases. By the end of the party, my husband is invariably surrounded by very kind people; afterward he always reports having had a surprisingly lovely time.

I ask Carly what she makes of that party style.

"Oh, everyone likes your husband," she says. "It's such a nice guy."

"He receives nice," I say, surprised to find myself defending the lump routine.

"The point is, if everyone gives, there would be no one to receive." You can't have a party with all entertainers. Who would watch?

Jim starts walking toward us. Carly catches his eye. He throws him a private look of something. He smiles, waves, turns and walks the other way. Carly sighs, shakes her head. I have no idea what is being communicated here. She tells me that she and Jim have been a couple since high school, that he's always been "bad at parties," and so she knows he's not likely to

change anytime soon.

"High school," I say. "You've been nagging him about all this since high school?"

She looks at me, blinks her guilt.

"Honey, you have created this," I say.

"Why doesn't he let people go to know him?" she says.

"He's such a fun guy. He would have more fun if he would let people get to know him."

"He has a party style." I tell her "Just like everyone else." We scan the room for other partygoers. There are, of course, the drinkers. And there are the people who get busy helping, rolling chairs, baskets and collecting trash. All sorts of people managing all sorts of levels of social anxiety.

"How's your anxiety?" Carly asks. "Oh, fine," I report.

"That's because you're giving," she says. "See? That's my point."

"I am not giving!" I say.

"Yes, you are."

"I'm clinging," I tell her.

"Yes, you are. I'm clinging to one person I know. That's my party style."

"You're clinging to me?" she says.

"I am going to keep you talking as long as I can so you won't leave me," I say.

"OK, I'm giving a n o v e along now," she says.

"I'll follow you."

Jeanne Marie Laskas writes her column for The Washington Post.

# Wife calls foul in friend's game of show and tell



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband, "Bob," and I have been married 35 relatively happy years and have raised two successful daughters.

For the past 10 years we have been friendly with a couple I'll call "Ted" and "Alice." They were married for about 12 years — it's the second marriage for both of them.

It seems like whenever we get together, Alice manages to bring up the subject of Ted. In the past I'd ignore it, but the last time it happened, she began talking about how Ted had taken pictures of her after sex. Then she stared at Bob and asked, "Would you like to see them?" Alice's husband responded, "Sure!"

At that point I lost it. I told Bob his response was extremely rude and showed no concern for my feelings. Everyone tried to make light of what happened, but I felt I was right, I realize that Alice may have an issue, but was I wrong to state my feelings?

**CAROL IN STATEN ISLAND:** I've tried to make your feelings known, but your anger should have been aimed at Alice, not your curious spouse. If I had to guess, I'd have an open marriage, and they have been trying to "enlist" you and Bob for some time. Unless this is your cup of tea — which I don't want to wake up and find with this "adventurous" couple.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a 23-year-old daughter I'll call "Whitney." She got pregnant five years ago, dropped out of school, and moved in with her boyfriend, "Tim." They are now a family with my granddaughters.

Three years ago, Whitney and Tim mentioned having a wedding and splitting the cost three ways — between Tim's parents, me and their parents. OK with that (I hope you will split your wedding). Then, two years ago, they decided to elope with no one invited

except Tim's parents.

New Whitney has decided she wants a large wedding with 300 guests, most of whom are Tim's family and friends, along with her father's family. She says she doesn't "feel" married without walking down the aisle as a bride and her father giving her away. (Her father and I are divorced.)

Alice, my family lives halfway across the country. Only my son and I would be attending. The problems started when I told Whitney that I would not fund this expensive affair, and that she is already married — plus, I was not invited to her first wedding.

This has created a rift between us, and I'm not sure what to do. I don't feel it's right to fund a second wedding. I offered her a week at a resort for a honeymoon. She refused my offer and has disowned me. What should I do?

**—QUESTIONING NEW YORK:** Your daughter appears to have an unusually inflated sense of entitlement. Nowhere is it written that a parent is obligated to fund an extravagance like the one she has in mind. A first wedding is a gift that some parents owe to their children. However, your daughter chose to elope. The fact that Tim's parents were invited while you were excluded should be a clue as to how you rate with her.

Your offer to treat Whitney and her husband to a second honeymoon was generous under the circumstances. You are her mother, not her personal piggy bank. If you will stick to your guns and not permit her to blackmail you — because that is exactly what she is trying to do.

# How to organize a playroom in your home

By Terri Sapientza  
The Washington Post

Everyone enjoys their own personal space at home, even children. But devoting a room in the house to little ones requires much more thought than simply "put toys here."

Safety first. Use round tables, place favorite items within reach to discourage climbing, use non-slip pads under area rugs, and secure shelving and chests of drawers to the wall to avoid tipping.

When deciding on playroom furniture, consider all the activities that will take place there, says Sherri

Blum, owner of Jack and Jill Interiors in Westminister, Md. She suggests "comfortable seating and table space, a craft corner, good lighting, and a combination of flooring that includes tile or vinyl in the arts-and-crafts area and a durable brown or beige carpet for the remaining space."

Shelving is recommended, investing in a single, floor-to-ceiling, built-in wall unit, rather than a jumble of toy boxes, baskets, bookshelves and storage bins. "For many of these individual furnishings take up much of your floor space and make a space look smaller and often very cluttered," she says. Also, the

unit can still be used once the room is no longer a playroom.

Storage. Store items on shelves in separate, clear containers with labels, recommends Joyce Hedgepath, who runs Back to Order, a professional organizing business in Bowie, Md. Over-the-door shelves are good for "overflowed and messy" plastic boxes with drawers are ideal for clothes. Legos or Matchbox cars. Forget about large chests unless they store large items. Large bins for little items "end in layers of toys that a child has to go through to find the one he wants."

Label liberally. Use written labels on drawers, cabinets

and boxes if your child can read; use pictures if she cannot. Hedgepath suggests hanging a clock in the room so they can participate in the setup of the room. Color coding is another option.

Teach time. Invest in a timer. Tell children that when the time goes off, it's time to clean up. Or hang a clock as wall art.

Easy candy. When toys and activities are left out in the open all the time, children can become overstimulated. Hedgepath suggests hanging a curtain from the ceiling to conceal toys when it's time for something quiet, such as reading.

# Housetraining: A pet project spans the generations

By Jerry Zezima  
Special to the Stamford Advocate

Over the years, the animal population of our humble and frequently fur-flown household has included one dog, nine cats, approximately 17 hamsters, a frog, about half a dozen hamsters and an indeterminate number of gerbils, one of which got loose in the basement and was never found.

My young nephew largely responsible for turning our home into a combination of "Wild Kingdom" and "Old MacDonald's Farm" is my younger daughter, Lauren. Lauren, along with all creatures, great and small, has become a pet project.

Now that Lauren has moved out of the house and into her own apartment, she has left a dog and four cats for her parents to take care of. She is starting all over again. The latest addition to the Zezima Zoo: a puppy named Maggie.

Maggie is a 9-month-old whippet (or what's left, since she seems to be a combination of several breeds, although you can tell from her nose that she's definitely related to my side of the family). She is sweet, smart, playful, friendly, rambunctious and — a trait that will test the patience of even the most ardent animal lover — not yet housebroken.

My wife, Sue, will have me declared mentally incompetent and put me in a kennel.

Anyway, we never had a problem with Lizzie, the 6-week-old puppy that Lauren, who was then 12, brought home one day almost 11 years ago. It was at that time that her friend's neighbor had given her the dog. ("For free, Dad!") The woman told Lauren that if it was all right with her parents, she could keep the puppy if not, we could have her back the next day, no questions asked.

Naturally, I put my foot down.

Fortunately, I didn't step in anything. At that moment, I fell in love with the little cutie. The next day, the neighbor phoned to say she wanted the puppy back. I said no. She called me a son of a female dog. I told her that I had veto power.

"What do you mean?" she asked.

"If you don't let us keep the dog," I said firmly, "I am going to call my Uncle."

That is how Lizzie became a member of our family. Of course, it fell on me to housebreak her. This entailed taking

her outside on a leash. Lizzie wore a leash, too. Neither rain, nor snow, nor gloom of night could prevent me from taking the dog on her appointed rounds. Not once did she unburden herself on the carpet.

So it was not surprising that Lauren turned to me for my expertise in such matters.

"You ought to ask Mom," I said.

"Why?" Lauren wondered.

"She trained you and your sister." I replied. "Compared to that, housebreaking a dog is easy."

I went over to Lauren's apartment with my wife. Just in case further intervention was needed, and was greeted enthusiastically by Maggie, who showed her affection by using my hands, arms and feet as scratching posts.

Lauren handed me the dog's leash, at the end of which was the dog.

"Take her for a walk," Lauren instructed. "Maybe you can get her to do something."

"OK, Maggie," I said as we departed off. "You're going to do No. 1 and No. 2, which

adds up to No. 3!"

At that exact moment, one of Lauren's neighbors came out. She immediately went back inside and closed the door.

We walked around the large apartment complex several times. At one point Maggie squatted directly over my shoe, but nothing happened. About 20 minutes later, she brought the dog back and wished Lauren luck.

"She'll get the hang of it eventually," I said. "Be patient with her. And buy some carpet cleaner."

I hope Maggie is finally housebroken, because Lauren is going on vacation soon. Guess who's dog-sitting.

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# As the imperfect world turns

Random thoughts, while waiting for Parris Hilton to total my car at some stoplight:  
 Every kid's first car should be a clunker.  
 Lots of devils wear Prada.  
 Eventually, all the ADD kids in the nation grow up and move to L.A., where they make really bad TV.

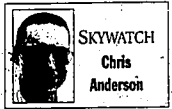


MAN OF THE HOUSE  
Chris Erskine

"Always end your child's name in a vowel, so that when you yell, the name will carry."  
**Bill Cosby**  
 Newsdays are journalism's acoustic guitars.  
 I don't know what worries me more: relying on the Midwest for oil or relying on Canada for comedians.  
 Newsdays tastes better during football season.  
 Just how many trading "deadlines" does baseball have anyway?  
 All the past Oscar hosts combined don't have the brio or comic timing of a 3-year-old kid.  
 Dogs never lie (which is why they never get ahead).  
 Cats always lie (which is why they will one day dominate the world).  
 All families are a little dysfunctional.  
 All books are a little long.  
 All burritos are a little big.  
 Remake that's almost inevitable: Will Ferrell as "Gomer Pyle."  
 Sure, politicians are polarizing the country. But most of the media haven't taken the high road either.  
 End-of-civilization alert: It's far easier to find a big-screen TV for the wall than a decent piece of art.  
 End-of-civilization alert II: Time magazine is about half the size of People.  
 Abs are the new breasts.  
 Jessica Simpson is the new Furball.  
 In a perfect world, one of those Manning boys would be quarterbacking the New Orleans Saints.  
 In a perfect world, their daddy Archie would be head coach.  
 According to my records, Ferris Bueller needs another day off.  
 The thing I like about Katie Couric is the gravitas she brings to the evening news.  
 Best roominghouse move on the den floor while watching a football game with the kids: a chin into the rib cage. (Giggles! every time.)  
 "Either he's dead or my watch has stopped."  
 — Groucho Marx, in "A Day at the Races"  
 Remember when you used to flip on the TV and be able to find the game you were seeking?  
 Cellphone headsets are often used by the same people who would walk around talking to themselves anyway.  
 If the Padres' Dave Roberts ran in the Kentucky Derby, I'd bet on him to place. No, he wouldn't have to carry a jockey.  
 Decency isn't what it used to be. Maybe there's no money in it.  
 There's something creepy-mean about comedy clubs.  
 Best breakfast: half a grapefruit.  
 Best reason to turn off the HBO and read a good book: HBO's "Lucky Louie."  
 "If all the world is a stage, where is the audience sitting?"  
 — George Carlin  
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# This scientist goes toe-to-toe with bad astronomy

Most professional astronomers divide their time between teaching collegiate astronomy classes and performing their research. But a few have taken up the challenge of acting as liaisons between the world of academia and the lay public.  
 One such example is Phil Plait, who runs a Web site called "Bad Astronomy" ([www.badastronomy.com](http://www.badastronomy.com)). For his "job," Plait is an astronomer at Sonoma State University in California, where he does public outreach for the upcoming Gamma ray Large Area Space Telescope mission. In his spare time, he



SKYWATCH  
Chris Anderson

is engaged in a quest to rid the world of misconceptions and abuses of astronomy in movies, television, the media and the Internet.  
 It's no small task. Bad astronomy can be found everywhere. Crescent moons are depicted with stars between their horns, so-called documentaries promulgate

## Sky calendar through Saturday

- Planets:  
 One hour before sunrise:  
 Saturn: E, low  
 One hour after sunset:  
 Jupiter: WSW, very low  
 • Moon: First quarter 5:04 a.m. Saturday.

the wild claims of Erich "Charlot of the Gods" von Daniken and Bart "We Never Sent Men to the Moon" Silbert, urban legends abound about

how eggs can be stood on end on the equinox, and e-mails make the rounds claiming that Mars will look as big as the moon at its next close approach.  
 In person Phil is an engaging personality. He exudes passion for astronomy, from backyard stargazing to the latest discoveries. And he delivers hilarious and insightful lectures. His humor is sardonic, pulling no punches with those who would misuse astronomy for personal gain or use his Web forum as a pulpit from which to smut their anti-science diatribes.  
 Through it all, Phil soldiers

on tirelessly posting to his blog and making public appearances. While "Bad Astronomy" does help pay the bills, it's primarily a labor of love by an astronomer who is passionate about his calling and hates to see it abused, whether inadvertently or by those looking to cash in on his scientific naivete.  
 Next week: Our galactic neighborhood.  
 Chris Anderson is production specialist and observatory manager at the Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho.

## Candy

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Sour or not, flavors are getting stronger, said Susan Fussell, of the National Confectioners Association, a group that promotes candy. One example is the Fruit Sposions version of Life Savers Gummies. Another is a new gum from Trident in which half the pieces in the pack are sweet and half are sour. Gum that feels cold in your mouth when you chew it — such as Dragon Fruit Freeze by Hershey — is another twist.  
 Cherry soups pretty boring now, huh?  
 Some kids demand even more from their candy. They want to gross out their friends, and there's plenty of ways to do that, or to horrify Mom and Dad. For starters, there's Frankford Candy's new Gumby Body Pains. After you have eaten a "bloody" candy nose or fingertip, sucking sweet candy syrup out of the abdomen of a toy spider doesn't sound so gross.  
 What does sound yucky is Cap Candy's Lick Your Wounds Candy, with a fake bandage that you tape on your arm and lift up to reveal a "wound" of red

candy. Eeew.  
 Increasingly, companies want you to play with your candy. Tang Toos are super-sour tattoos you put on your tongue, giving you a reason to stick it out at your little brotler. Watch out for drool, though.  
 Cap Candy's Super Jocks gumballs come with 4-inch-tall soccer or hockey players to knock your gum around before you chew it. CandyCraze pens come with edible paper and a liquid-candy-filled pen. Topps' Juicy Drop Tops have a squeezable container of liquid goo to pour on the lollipop — so it's probably not a great treat for the baby's not.  
 Candy makers want you to take your candy with you, though, and are making lots of smaller, portable packages. Sunkist's Fruit Gummies and Fruit Chews and other smaller packs limit the amount of sugar you eat and are easy to take with you. They just

Candy has been around for a long time: Cave men dug honey on tree resin like it was gum. Actual candy goes back to the Egyptians 3,500 years ago.  
 Here are some candy highlights from the last 600 years.  
 1819: Cacao, the base ingredient for chocolate, is discovered by Spanish explorers in Mexico.  
 1800: American colonists eat

## Candy is just dandy

boiled-sugar candies.  
 Early 1800s: Peppermints, lemon drops and other candies made at home.  
 Mid-1800s: There are nearly 400 candy factories in the United States.  
 1868: Boxes of Valentine's Day chocolates are introduced.  
 1898: Tootsie Rolls debut.  
 1922: Life Savers rolled out.  
 1920: Fairy floss renamed cotton candy.

1941: M&M's invented to deal with the problem of chocolate candy that melts in summer.  
 1963: Sweet Tarts introduced to pacify mouths everywhere.  
 1994: A California woman blows a world-record 23-inch bubble.  
 Today: Americans spend about \$5.1 per person on candy each year.  
 Sources: National Confectioners Association, U.S. Census Bureau

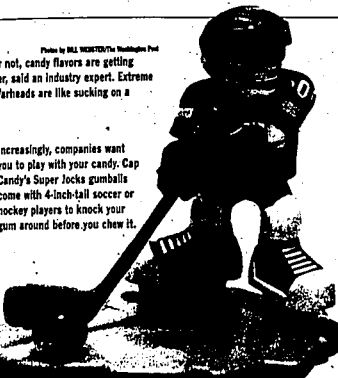


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## Empty nest

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James Myers' parents were raising none of that. Myers, who grew up in the Los Angeles area and graduated from Brown University in May, says he knew from childhood that his parents would pay for his four-year college education, and that he'd be on his own after that. "They're very loving and supportive, but I always got the sense from my dad that four years of college was the limit of what he and my mom would do. The rest would be up to me. Grad school, living arrangements — any of that would be my responsibility."  
 Myers, whose major was religious studies, says he planned for that before he left Brown. He arranged with two close friends from Loyola High School of Los Angeles, both of whom graduated this spring from the University of Southern California, to find a place that the three of them could afford. He was home with his parents only two or three nights before the trio moved into their new place, a four-bedroom house. Each pays \$500 toward the \$1,800-a-month rent. Myers does carpentry and construction work to earn his daily bread.  
 He and his roomies are painting and fixing up the house. "My mother came

down to visit, and that was a kick. A mom from La Canada isn't exactly used to seeing barbed wire and graffiti. But she was great. She's helping us furnish the place. It's actually a good neighborhood," Myers says, who is relatively low crime rate and the beginnings of gentrification. "We're thinking we might invest in the area, when we get the chance."  
 Social psychologist Jane Adams says Myers' parents did it right. They're probably "the kind who give a kid only about 24 hours between arriving home and getting kicked out. That's a bit of an exaggeration." She says with a chuckle, but it's good to prepare your kids early that after college they should live on their own. "Then there are parents who can intuit as soon as a child returns home from leaving. Some of them are actually able to kick them out."  
 The elder Myers aren't heartened. Their daughter, 25, who lived on her own in

Boston and San Francisco for two years after college, is back living with them now while she attends law school. And Lisa Myers says, "We're just fine with that."  
 Adams says that when many graduates say they can't afford to live on their own, they really mean they can't afford to live at the standard they're accustomed to in their parents' home.  
 "Too bad. The psychologist says many parents recall having to live in tiny apartments with too many roommates, and taking buses to low-paying starter jobs until they got better jobs and could afford to drive." This generation of graduates, even when they get a job with half-way decent pay, they drive their salary, wear their salary, sweat their salary away. They're certainly not saving it to set up households on their own."  
 Nick Daze, one of Myers' roommates, says he grew up in Pasadena, Calif., knowing that

after college he wouldn't live at home again. "I have three younger siblings, and we were always on top of each other.

Bunk beds and all that. My dad always said that wouldn't throw me out, but that if I came back after college, I'd have to sleep on

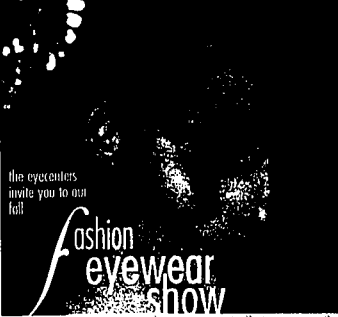
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# War and Peace The Bannerman marriage

"What matters is that Lorin is the love of my life. What matters is that I remain true to myself. What matters is I'm big enough to let him do the same."  
— Stacy Bannerman

By David Montgomery  
The Washington Post

One minute Stacy Bannerman is stuffing envelopes to promote an upcoming peace workshop. The next her husband, Lorin, unexpectedly appears in her office.

"I got the call," he says. "What call?" she replies. Does she have to ask? Don't they both know their life is poised to turn completely strange at any moment? Possibly even tragic?

"I'm going to Iraq." His eyes watch her closely. "No, No, No." Yes, yes, yes: Lorin's National Guard unit just got called up. And in a deep part of him that he doesn't reveal to his wife, a professional peace and justice activist, he's kind of looking forward to it.

It's the fall of 2003, seven months after the war began, outside Seattle where they live. "They are the warrior and the anti-warrior and their years of living dangerously are about to begin."

She watches him drive away in his new white Kia Sorento. The planet-hugger in her never approved of his buying that SUV. Now, as her man prepares for mobilization to the land of oil and blood, she sees the manufacturer's name and thinks: "Killed in action."

The Bannermans are like nobody else and everybody else with this country at war. Stacy, 40, and Lorin, 45, dramatize an extreme version of the conversations, tensions, compromises and leaps of faith taking place across America. As the death count rises, public support for the war plummets, two black lines on a not, precise graph.

Beneath Stacy and Lorin's apparent polarization, they share a messy truth of nuances and grays. She is convinced this war was built on lies, yet her admiration for those who choose to wear the uniform has only increased, even though she knows some soldiers including the friends of her fiancé in anguish phone calls from Iraq, her husband — have been connected to the deaths of Iraqi civilians.

Overshadowed by the controversial marriage of Cindy Sheehan, Stacy is nevertheless a featured speaker in the peace movement's marches, rallies and caravans, a leading advocate with the group Military Families Speak Out, which claims about 3,000 members. She recently published a book about being a soldier's antiwar wife, "When the War Came Home."

When she felt the almost boyish appeal of the military when he signed up for the Guard while in college. During his yearlong deployment in Iraq, he harbored increasing doubts about the reasons for the invasion but never wavered in his devotion to his mission. He is, he



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Stacy and Lorin Bannerman, photographed while dining out just before he left for Iraq, were served for a year with his National Guard unit. Lorin Bannerman has extended his Guard commitment and could be deployed to Iraq again.

says, "glad" to have fought in Iraq, where he was a sergeant first class leading 34 soldiers in a mortar platoon. His mission — to beat back the insurgents lobbing rockets and mortar shells in his sector — was accomplished, and he earned a Bronze Star for, in the words of the citation, "incredible speed and deadly accurate response" in "taking the fight to the enemy."

"What matters is that Lorin is the love of my life," Stacy says. "What matters is that I remain true to myself. What matters is I'm big enough to let him do the same."

They met seven years ago in Spokane at a fundraiser to fight hunger. He was helping manage food service that night and spied her looking at him.

She had never married; he had been married once before. She was executive director of the Martin Luther King Jr. Family Outreach Center in Spokane, a position she would eventually leave amid controversy (she filed a complaint with the Washington State Human Rights Commission alleging she suffered discrimination on the job because she was white; the matter was settled in 2002 for undisclosed terms).

They discovered they had many values in common — a belief in diversity and a commitment to fairness and equal treatment based on the content of one's character. Stacy did not fall in love with a man in uniform. Lorin had quit the Guard after about 15 years of service. Once they were engaged, he decided to re-enlist so he could reach 20 years and qualify for retirement benefits. Stacy was surprised. But this was before Sept. 11, 2001. She rationalized the Guard was a conventional outlet for a man like Lorin to peacefully serve his country.

After he got the call to go to Iraq, she did not always make his life easy. Sometimes, she said, she did the wrong thing. It would happen in moments when life within the paradox seemed unbearable, forces both political and personal wrenching their relationship. In one of their long pre-deployment conversations, he said, "There may come a time when I've got someone at gunpoint, and I'll have to make a decision. ... I can't be thinking of the enemy as human."

"If that day comes," she replied, "and you're standing there, looking into that person's face, I want you to imagine that it's me."

As soon as she said it, she regretted it. The pacifist found herself wondering: she later wrote, if she had planted the seed of doubt that way, would it be a moment of hesitation, resulting in her husband's death. Is a pacifist supposed to have such regrets?

"Stacy still rages, and Lorin hasn't forgotten either. "It's not what I need to be thinking about. I don't need to have that moment of doubt," he says.

But, he adds, "there were times when she probably didn't say the right thing, but she said what was on her mind. That's something that you need to accept. This is where she is. This is what she's going through."

Lorin admits he couldn't help detaching himself, emotionally from her. "I did notice a wall was coming up," he says. "I was focused on what I was getting ready to do, getting ready to be asked to do. Put my life on the line. And I had responsibilities for other people's lives."

"The thing that shocked her most was when he confessed that a part of him was looking forward to the war. At last, the real thing.



During his year-long deployment in Iraq, Lorin Bannerman harbored increasing doubts over the reasons for the invasion but never wavered in his devotion to his mission — to beat back the insurgents lobbing rockets and mortar shells in his sector. His actions as sergeant first class, leading 34 soldiers in a mortar platoon, earned him a Bronze Star.

"This is what I've trained for. This is now actually going to happen," he says. "There was a little bit of that in there, excitement. If you want to put it that way, here I got to go do something I've been training for for the last 16 or 17 years."

Stacy recalls her reaction: "Please tell me I'm not hearing this. ... I can't believe he's talking about going to war like it's some great opportunity he doesn't want to miss."

One thing she could understand: By the fall of 2003 when Lorin was called up, it was becoming apparent Iraq possessed no weapons of mass destruction, and Lorin was having some misgivings about the logic behind the war. But he had a duty, and he felt a deep loyalty and responsibility to his fellow soldiers. That was why he was going to war, and that was reasoning his activist wife accepted, even admired.

While he was away, she kept the window blinds drawn. That way, she would not be able to see a government car pull up to announce another casualty. Therefore, in the

superstitious logic of the home front, no car would ever appear.

And she found common ground with the group Military Families Speak Out. One evening after a movie she found messages from Lorin on the answering machine.

He sounded shaken. His unit had been firing practice mortar rounds. The target area had been cleared. But then two civilians, ages 13 and 20, apparently on their way to school, and work, wandered into the area and were killed.

"It was just a huge eye-opener and shock," Lorin recalls now. "Some innocent people were killed, for what reason? I think about it. It was one of those things you have to put out of your mind. This happened, you have to continue."

Stacy broods over this, but keeps it to herself. "I don't have a place for that one yet," she says, her eyes suddenly tearing. An investigation later ruled the deaths an accident. Lorin told her, according to her book. A public-affairs offi-

cer with the 81st Brigade said he was unaware of the incident and declined to comment on any aspect of the book.

In spring 2005 Stacy threw a welcome-home party, where she proudly read the citation for his Bronze Star. Later, as they were cleaning up, Lorin dropped the bombshell: He had calculated that even though he had about 20 years in the Guard, he needed a little more time to fully qualify for those retirement benefits. He told Stacy he was thinking of extending his service.

Her reaction: "I suggest you get a very good divorce lawyer, because I won't do this again." Lorin promised there was no way he'd be deployed again. She said she'd heard that before. Each felt the other was betraying the common ground they had established in their war-and-peace marriage.

Lorin recalls thinking: "I support you in what you're doing, and what you're believing, and I would like the same back."

Instead of a divorce lawyer, they consulted a marriage counselor, who told them they had lost a year of their lives together and needed to grieve it. And Lorin did extend his service.

"He's still the best man I know, but a little tiny bit of that sweetness is gone. Or I can't get to it anymore," Stacy says. Lorin admits maybe he's a little more "abrupt."

Lorin now refers to the war as "my yearlong personal growth retreat." He learned time is precious because the rocket with your name on it might fall out of the sky at any minute.

They are stronger, and Stacy has to admit that positive growth can come even from something as negative as war. "War is a great clarifier," she says.

## Researchers: Fewer people are finding close friends

By Paul Daver  
New York

MELVILLE, N.Y. — Their friendship began 48 years ago, with neighbors exchanging recipes and stories about their children, husbands and lives on each other's front stoops. In the late 1950s, Rita Martinson and Anne Panas lived next door to each other in New York. They were godmothers to each other's children and saw each other through the lean times. They rejoined together at their children's weddings and shouldered one another's grief when parents and husbands died.

Both women left Queens years ago for Long Island. Rita, 71, retired, and lives in Franklin Square; Panas

lives in Smithtown and owns a card-and-gift store in Commack. Though they don't see each other often, their close bond remains.

"You have friends for different parts of your life," says Panas, 71. "Rita and I, our children brought us together. We went, and I treasure it ... She's a part of me."

But friendships like Martinson's and Panas' are rare these days, say researchers at Duke University. In a recent study, they found most Americans have only two close friends — down from three almost 20 years ago — in whom they can confide and share their innermost thoughts and feelings. The researchers used results

from the General Social Survey, which in 2004 asked 1,500 Americans about their closest ties to other people. They compared that group's answers with those of people responding to the same questions when the survey was first conducted in 1985.

"In 1985, the typical American named three people that he or she talked with about matters that were personally important," wrote Lynn Smith-Lovin, a Duke professor and study co-author.

"By the time we asked the questions again in 2004, people's most common answer — 25 percent of the sample — was that they didn't talk to anyone about things that were important to them. The average number of confidants was down

from 2.9 to 2.1. People had lost a third of their close contacts."

The results came as no surprise to Robert Putnam, a professor of public policy at Harvard who explored the issues of social isolation and friendship in his 2000 book "Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community" (Simon & Schuster, \$16).

"The most recent study is focused quite specifically and narrowly on intimate connections with very good friends," he explains. For example, if your marriage is falling apart or you have cancer, can you find someone to talk to?

How many close friends do you need? The number matters less than the quality of those friendships, says Scott Barkin, a

licensed clinical psychologist in Dix Hills. "We all find value in feeling connected to another human being. It's important it adds value to our lives."

What's fueling the decline in close friendships? Many blame today's fast-paced, high-tech culture. While the Internet offers new ways to connect, they argue, are those connections as real and valuable? Putnam and others say people started disconnecting in the late 1960s, with the loss of social groups and long before the Internet was on anyone's radar screen. The Internet is here to stay, he says, and people can choose to use it as a kind of "nifty telephone" to sustain existing friendships and start new ones. Or it can become too much like a television, he says,

one more screen to sit and stare at without connecting at all.

Long-term, close friendships won't happen by accident. Starring and sustaining a friendship requires action, says Roger Horchow of Dallas, Horchow, a Tony-award-winning Broadway producer, co-authored "The Art of Friendship: 70 Simple Rules for Making Meaningful Connections" (St. Martin's Press, \$14.95), with his daughter Sally Horchow.

Horchow suggests occasionally making a call or sending a card to catch up or simply to "H-H" — "and have no ulterior motives."

"It takes a little bit of effort, and it's a huge reward because your friends will be very happy to hear from you," he says.

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# Rolling through Colorado

Rocky road leads to the perfect vacation

By Stephanie Simon  
Los Angeles Times

IDAHO SPRINGS, Colo. — The first look did not inspire. Online, Indian Springs Resort had touted itself as a "romantic getaway" with charming cabins overlooking Soda Creek. With my husband bawling the flu and our three-year-old in tow, I wasn't counting on romance. But I hadn't quite steeled myself for this.

Cabin No. 1 did overlook Soda Creek. But the creek was a trickle of water next to a noisy road. The view wasn't much better: A broken-down refrigerator rusting in a gravel parking lot next to a smoking, industrial-size barbecue. The bar a few yards beyond looked very neon and loud.

Too weak to ask me what I had been thinking, John wrenched open the backing screen door, and the five of us pushed inside the cabin. At which point our little one, Katie, promptly threw up. All over the floor.

So begins what turned out to be one of our best family vacations ever.

Idaho Springs, a historic gold-mining town in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, is 32 miles west of



Colorado's narrow-gauge Georgetown Loop train crosses a steep trestle bridge. From the open-air cars, the passing scenery is breathtaking.

downtown Denver but seems a world apart. Clear Creek tumbles through town, and the mountains loom crisp and cool. The main street is lined with Victorian buildings.

There are several 1,000-frills motels in town, but I stayed in those cabins. I had chosen Indian Springs, which built

around an underground hot springs said to have curative powers. Famous folks have taken the waters here: bandit Jesse James, poet Walt Whitman and President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Today, the resort is an unpretentious spa offering massages and facials, mud

baths and mineral-water soaks. A highlight for many guests is the "geothermal cave bath," where visitors can dunk into pools of 112-degree water. In this part of the resort, bathing suits are not optional; they're forbidden.

The underground caves are off-limits to kids, so we stuck

with the mineral-water swimming pool. While John and 2-year-old Katie napped off their nausea, I splashed in the greenish waters with Hannah, 8, and Avery, 6. The pool, kept at a lulling 90 degrees, is fringed by a lush garden of tropical plants. It was blissful. Our muscles utterly relaxed.

I upgraded my opinion of the resort. Even Cabin No. 1 was looking charming. It was small but clean and ingeniously designed. The bedroom was just big enough for a decent queen-size mattress. Beds were built snugly into the hall.

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# Denver's Art Museum: A mile high and twice as big

By John Maynard  
The Washington Post

WHAT: The Denver Art Museum's new Frederic C. Hamilton Building and its additional exhibition space

WHEN: Opening Oct. 7

HOW MUCH: \$13

WHY GO: One of the largest art museums between Chicago and the West Coast is about to get a whole lot bigger. On Oct. 7, the Denver Art Museum will double in size with the opening of the Frederic C. Hamilton Building. The 146,000-square-foot structure will help accommodate the museum's permanent collection and provides three spaces for traveling exhibitions.

The Hamilton Building, named after the Denver businessman who chairs the museum's board of trustees, was designed by famed architect Daniel Libeskind, who drew up the original master plan for the rebuilding of the World Trade Center site.

The \$90.5 million building consists of geometric, titanium-clad angles that resemble the peaks of the Rocky Mountains. A 120-foot-high

atrium features sloping walls, a skylight and a grand staircase that provide easy access to the building's galleries. An additional two-story atrium houses the modern and contemporary galleries, which include an outdoor sculpture garden providing views of the Denver skyline.

DON'T MISS: The Japanese art collection of Kimiko and John Powers, approximately 120 works, in the new Gallagher Family Gallery on the building's first floor. The exhibition — which includes folding screens, hanging and hand scrolls, sculpture and lacquer ware — spans seven centuries with works by Zen priests and artists using Western techniques.

The second-floor Anschutz Gallery houses "RADAR: Selections From the Logan Collection," including works from artists Andy Warhol, Clady Silverman, Franz Ackermann and Katharina Frisch. Included in the exhibition are two provocative works: Damien Hirst's "Philip (The Twelve Disciples)," which

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'RADAR: Selections From the Logan Collection' is an installation in the Denver Art Museum's new Frederic C. Hamilton Building.

# Fall in the Rockies is one of the best-kept secrets in golf

By John Marshall  
Associated Press writer

CORDILLERA, Colo. — Spring is a great time to play golf — the grass growing in, the flowers blooming, the excitement of playing after a long winter. But Summer is the time for some, the warm weather and long days a great combination. A few golfers even like winter, though the options are limited to courses in warm-weather places.

But when it comes to the whole package — course conditions, weather, scenery — fall is dead-solid perfect.

And here's a little secret: when it comes to price, views and conditions, there might not be a better place to play in the fall than the Colorado Rockies.

"It's incredible here," Steve Kaufman of Des Moines said after a round at Ironbridge Golf Club, near Glenwood Springs. "Everything is in such

great shape and the views are absolutely amazing."

What's not to like? Fall in the Rockies is post-card-perfect, the yellows of the aspens and reds of the scrub oaks a stark contrast to the deep green of the millions of pines, creating what looks like a multicolored shag carpet along the Interstate 70 corridor from Silverthorne to Glenwood Springs and on up the Roaring Fork Valley into Aspen.

The courses in the Rockies already provide eye appeal with dramatic elevation changes, plentiful wildlife and views of the towering, often snow-sprinkled peaks above. But when fall hits, the richness of the dark green fairways winding through the pines and brightly-colored aspens make you feel like you've been transported into a painting.

The weather, while starting to turn cool, hasn't quite reached frigid, temperatures

hovering in the 50s and 60s with relatively no humidity, and the skies almost always clear. That not only means an ideal comfort level, but perfect conditions on the golf courses, from ultrasoft greens to fairways that match any in the country.

"It's ideal," said Kurt Vogelmann, of Edwards. "You play right into the cool weather, then comes the beautiful fall weather that a lot of the world would only dream

about. It's perfect."

So imagine all of that, but without the crowds and the high prices.

Tend to the Northeast, the fall foliage mecca, and you'll have to deal with crowded roads and hotels, not to mention peak season prices for everything. Peak season in the Rockies is (naturally) in the winter, when people trek from around the

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TRAVEL

Costs cause delay in new Old Faithful visitor center Vacation

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) — Work on a new visitor center at Old Faithful will not begin this year as planned, park officials said, citing a bid that exceeded the project's expected costs.

At Nash, a spokesman for the park, said only one bid was received, and that was too high. Park officials now are

looking for ways they can bring the budget in line.

"We're looking to see how we can revise the plans to reduce the construction cost so that the next bid can come in where we need it to," Nash said.

About 85 percent of Yellowstone visitors come to Old Faithful. During the height of the summer tourist season, that means 5,000 to 6,000 people each day visit the center. Many people then enter the visitor center.

The proposed 33,000-square-foot visitor center would be more than twice the size of the old facility, which is still scheduled for demolition soon.

One of the biggest problems is that many of the old facility's walls are made of masonry, which is difficult to demolish. The contractor also has to deal with the fact that the site is in a seismically active area.

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giving the beds a secret-nook quality the kids adored. Hannah wrote a rave review in the cabin's guest journal.

The touristy part of Idaho Springs is just a few blocks long. It's lined with galleries selling carved wooden bears, leucocyan parsons, a fossil store, gift shops and half a dozen restaurants, all casual and inexpensive. We poked Beau Jo's Colorado Style Pizza, which has crayons on the table and a kid-approved menu that includes pasta served in an edible bowl: a braided basket of garlic bread.

On Sunday morning, we checked out of the resort, the kids nearly in tears at having to leave behind their bunk beds. They cheered up only when we told them we were heading to the hills to strike it rich.

The Phoenix Gold Mine, carved into a mountainside about 15 minutes from town, offers four-hour tours that other visitors described as fascinating. But we feared the tunnels might be claustrophobic. So we chose a five-minute, \$5-apiece lesson in panning for gold. The kids were certain they'd soon be rich enough to buy out the toy aisle at Target, so we tore up the hill to try our luck in a cold, inviting little creek.

Splashing, laughing and dreaming aloud, we spent an hour sifting through rocks and sand. We collected plenty of sparkles in our plastic baggies. The prospector at the entrance solemnly inspected them and said we had done well — for

rookies. Delighted, the kids piled back into the van, leaving soggy footprints on the floor mats.

After a unanimous vote to extend our vacation, we headed about 15 miles west to the village of Georgetown. Like Idaho Springs, Georgetown is an old-time mining town with a few blocks of shopping and beautiful views at every turn. But we didn't linger. We had a train to catch.

Georgetown Loop Railroad was considered an engineering marvel when it was completed in 1884. Today, it's a tourist attraction, with a steam locomotive making the 75-minute loop several times a day. We boarded the last train of the afternoon with anticipation.

The narrow-gauge tracks wound up and down a mountainside studded with lodgepole pines and light-green aspens. The train crossed a high trestle bridge, passed an abandoned silver mine and took big, wide curves with a satisfying chug-chug chug-chug sound. Every now and then the locomotive belched steam, and soot settled over the passengers, dotting faces like freckles.

We sat in an open-air car, cuddling close in mock fear as we peered down the steep cliffs. We were having a blast — until, without warning, the train lurched to a stop halfway up a steep grade.

For a moment, there was silence. Then, an unsettling question

**If you go ...**

**GETTING THERE:** Idaho Springs is 32 miles west of downtown Denver (57 miles from the airport), just off Interstate 70. Georgetown is 15 miles further west, also off I-70. It's an easy and scenic drive year-round.

**TO LEARN MORE:** Idaho Springs Visitors Center, 2060 Miner St., or P.O. Box 100, Idaho Springs, CO 80452; (303) 567-4382. www.clearcreekcountyp.com. Also has information on towns of Georgetown, Empire and Silver Plume.

from an engineer pacing beside the passenger cars: "Anyone seen a 6-inch ball?"

Optimism is our party remains divided on whether this was a genuine locomotive emergency or a sneaky way to give passengers an extra thrill. All we know for sure is that 15 minutes into the breakout. Knie, our toddler, had a brainstrom. A huge fan of Thomas the Tank Engine, she carries a toy train everywhere. Now she wobbled her way through the cars, roached out over the front rail and made her little train kiss our ailing engine.

"All better!" she said proudly. Sure enough, a few moments later, the engineers announced they had fixed the problem. With an ear-splitting whistle, we were on our way, chugging homeward through sun-dappled trees.

Museum

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is a skinned bull's head suspended in formaldehyde, and Kiki Smith's "Virgin Mary" wax statue covered in blue-black, wax-dipped, silk flowers, tassels and feathers.

The Martin & McCormick Gallery, also on the second floor, will exhibit Pueblo ceramics, Navajo and Hopi textiles and other contemporary Native American art.

**EXTRAS:** The museum's grand opening weekend, a three-day event titled **Hot DAM** (DAM is for Denver Art Museum), starts Oct. 7 at 10 a.m. Admission is free for the 35-hour event, which will include live entertainment, tours and family programming. Titled tickets will be available on site only beginning Oct. 7 at 9 a.m.

Denver hosts an international wine festival on Nov. 2 and 4 at the Mile High Station (2027 W. Lower Colfax Ave., 303-664-5700). The first event will be a food and wine pairing competition; the second will feature

entries from 16 countries and 70 wineries with about 300 different bottles of wine being offered. Tickets range from \$73 to \$120.

**EATS:** Palette's, the museum restaurant, received its own \$1 million touch-up and is also reopening Oct. 7. The eatery will offer several \$9 appetizers, including crispy fried calamari and smothered sweet corn soup with guacamole and barbecued shrimp. Main dishes will range from a \$8 "BLAT" (a bacon, lettuce, avocado and tomato sandwich) to a \$14 pork schnitzel.

Zengo (1610 Little Raven St., 720-904-0955), in the city's trendy Riverfront Park neighborhood, features Asian-Latin fusion. Zengo is Japanese for "give and take" — which means lots of slanging with your dinner comrades over such dishes as won-ton tacos, steamed gyoza dumplings and Thai shrimp lettuce wrap. Small plates are about \$10 each; you'll pay about double that

for full-size entrees. It has only six tables (talk about intimate), but there's a lot of buzz about the year-old French restaurant Z Cuisine (2239 V. 30th Ave., 303-477-1111). Critics are raving over classic French dishes like the Cassoulet Mison (\$21).

**SLEEPS:** The century-old Oxford Hotel (1600 17th St., 303-628-5400, www.oxfordhotel.com) has 80 guest rooms packed with European antiques; rooms start at \$159 per night double. On the other side of the spectrum is the modern Jet Hotel (1612 Wazee St., 303-572-3300, www.thejethotel.com), with 19 rooms, each one hipper than the next. And here's this for cool: Jet's Web site describes the hotel bar as "an urban nightclub meets 30s-era speakeasy in a postmodern setting." Rooms start at about \$169.

**INFO:** The Denver Art Museum is at 100 W. 14th Plwy., 720-865-5000, www.denverartmuseum.org.

Golf

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Regis Resort and you can get two rounds at Ironbridge breakfast for two and a room for \$445 after Oct. 1.

It doesn't really matter where you go in the Rockies — chances are there's a deal if you had it if the leaves are changing.

"They put good value rates and it's very much competitive to the nice golf courses you'd see on the West Coast," said Scott Mason, general manager of Hyatt Beaver Creek.

"And hotels are even stronger because the ski season is in such high demand that we will cut rates literally 70 percent in the off-season so people will have the opportunity to stay and experience it."

Even with the low prices, the Rockies are still a fall destination that flies under the radar. Hotel rooms are relatively easy to get and so are tee times, which means plenty of space for the rest of us to lush courses.

And those who don't make it to altitude are missing out on some incredible golf courses. The plush resort area of Cordillera features four distinct courses, starting with the Summit at 9,000 feet to the Valley at 7,300 feet.

Beaver Creek Golf Club starts in the heart of the ski village, works its way almost to the bottom of the valley, then climbs back up on a route filled with spectacular holes.

Red Sky Ranch, just down

the valley from Vail, the Norman and Fazio courses featuring fairways you can putt off and pool-table smooth greens.

Keep going through Glenwood Canyon, head south down Highway 82 and you'll come across Ironbridge, an exceptional course that features four of the most picturesque holes (10-13) you'll ever see carved out of a canyon that's a half-mile cart ride away from the clubhouse. The list keeps going each course as good as the next. And the best part is that most people don't know the deals, they can get to play these kinds of courses.

It's never underrated," Fogelman said. "A lot of second homeowners come out,

so busy they don't have the time, but if they did they'd be here."

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# Trekking around Texas, with camels

By Michael Graczyk  
Associated Press writer

VALLEY MILLS, Texas — In the rolling, wide open country of Bosque County, where one Central Texas ranch resembles another, the directions Doug Baum gives to his place are distinctive: On the corner, white house, red roof, camels in the yard.

Sure enough, hundreds of miles from the nearest desert, a half-dozen camels are munching on leaves in the nearly 100-degree July heat.

The animals comprise the Texas Camel Corps, Baum's tribute to an almost forgotten chapter of the state's history and an opportunity for the adventurous to get a taste of the Bedouin life — Texas style. The animals also have been known to halt the sparse traffic along this rural road.

"I'll get a group of guys on motorcycles driving by," said Baum, 38. "They'll rubberneck and pull in. I don't mind. I'll share them."

For some eight years now, Baum and his camels have led folks on treks replicating a mid-1800s federal government experiment to introduce the animals to Texas. The trips include a journey into what then was the unexplored, rugged but spectacular Big Bend area that ultimately became a national park along the Texas-Mexico border.

Not coincidentally, the Big Bend is among the areas where Baum takes people on overnight trips, along with Monahans Sandhills State Park in West Texas. Unlike the rocky desert and mountains of the Big Bend, the Monahans trek features Sahara-like sand dunes up to 70 feet high.

"It looks like what you think a desert should look like," he says.

And bowing to the reality of high fuel prices, he now welcomes visitors who prefer to travel closer to home to his place outside Valley Mills, about 30 miles northwest of Waco.

Baum became interested in camels' oddly enough, while working as a drummer in a country music band.

He grew up in Colorado City, about 100 miles southeast of Lubbock, and went to Nashville, Tenn., after earning a degree in music. He toured with the band fronting Trace Adkins and opened for Brooks & Dunn, but there wasn't a whole lot to do in Nashville during the day, Baum said.

"So he volunteered to do chores at the zoo, a job he also did while in school in Waco."

"I fell in love with the camels," he said. Baum decided to make it a career after getting married and starting a family. He said it didn't feel right for him to be boot-scooting on the road while the herd was back at home.

"When I discovered the whole Texas history angle, there was my validation for having camels in Texas," he said. "I came up with the camel trek idea. I've always been

## If you go ...

**TEXAS CAMEL CORPS:** Valley Mills, Texas; <http://www.texas-camelcorps.com> or 254-675-4867. Big Bend camel treks: \$950 overnight, \$950 for three days. Monahans Sandhills camel treks: \$400 overnight. Prices include guides and cooks; half-price for children 14 and under. Treks involve rough camping; guests must be able to walk 5-10 miles a day for Big Bend and 3-5 miles a day for Monahans.

Interested in culture and history, and it seemed a camel trek was the perfect combination with education.

Camels first were brought to Texas in 1856 at the urging of Jefferson Davis, the future Confederate president who was the U.S. secretary of war at the time.

Davis, a veteran of the Mexican-American War, was familiar with the desert Southwest, and the animals were assigned to Army troops and based near present-day Kerleville, northwest of San Antonio. During the Civil War, some camels were captured by Confederate forces. After the war, the animals, never a favorite of the troops, were sold off.

Baum started his camel career in 1993, bringing two camels from the Nashville zoo back to Texas and featuring them at school and museum presentations and living history programs.

"I saw the reaction and started building on it from there," he said. "I knew the ultimate goal was education in camels in some form other than a sideshow. There's great money in kiddie rides. I've done them, but it's not my focus."

By 1999, he was leading treks from his home. Some who've been on a trek said it was a unique experience.

"I have a lot of outdoor interests, and camel trekking fits in nicely with that," said John Horne, a Houston-based land surveyor who went to the Big Bend with Baum last fall. "My aim was to gain as much working knowledge of camels as possible on that trip, as well as break through the 'buck' stigma of my camel education."

Horne, 50, used words like "fantastic" and "incredible scenery" to describe the trip, which Baum designs as no-merchandise tourist camel ride. For example, the camels for the most part carry gear, food and, most importantly, water. People walk.

"It's hard, hard going," Baum said. "I think it's fun, but I try to make sure people know it's going to be rough. ... You wouldn't want to do it with kids, especially in the summer. It's work. I don't try to make it hard on folks, but it is what it is."

It also provides steady work for the father of three, except during the summer. Then it's just too hot to wander the desert, even with animals bred over thousands of years to tolerate heat. One particularly busy time is the Christmas season, when camels are in great demand for Nativity programs.

Baum quickly exhausted the readily available camel expertise in Texas, but he found a



A camel from Doug Baum's herd is shown in Valley Mills, Texas, July 13. Camels first were brought to Texas in 1856 at the urging of Jefferson Davis, the future Confederate president who was the U.S. secretary of war at the time.

Doug Baum rides one of his camels at his home in Valley Mills, Texas, July 13. For some eight years now, Baum and his camels have led folks on treks that replicate a mid-1800s federal government experiment to introduce the animals to Texas, including a journey into what then was the unexplored rugged but spectacular Big Bend area of West Texas.

Bedouin family in Egypt willing to teach him the subtleties of camel handling.

"What I know is this much," he said, holding his thumb and index finger slightly apart. "A Bedouin family could fill a tanker. I'm still learning every day."

He does have enough expertise to frequently shoot down the myth that camels store water in their humps. The hump — one on an Arabian camel, the most common species, and two on Bactrian camels — actually is made up of body fat.

He's also come to appreciate the personalities of his animals, which range from a 450-pound 1-year-old newcomer yet to be named to a 2,000-plus-pound two-hump camel named Gobb.

"The camel is highly, highly sensitive and easily insulted. You more suggest to a camel than demand," said Baum, who got several of his camels from a herd in Arizona where he works with Vision Quest, a placement agency for at-risk youth.

Baum said camels don't react easily, theorizing it's because they have no predators in the desert and don't have a "fright response."

He thinks they never really caught on here because of the stigma of being associated with rebel leader Davis after the Civil War, and because of the dominant horse

culture of the American West. But he does think they're smarter than horses, and other than working cattle, they can

pretty much do anything a horse can. "I understand they're a curiosity and an oddity to our

countrymen," he said. "But I'm finally getting to the point where I can look and not see them as strange."

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## FEARLESS TRAVELER

### The American version of the hike-and-snooze

By Andrea Sachs  
The Washington Post

Q: Is there a North American equivalent to the European hike from town to town? It'd like to hike during the day and spend the evening in a small town.

A: Europe's hiking trails are like nature's interstates, linking the great outdoors to pockets of civilization. North America doesn't have such a pervasive or unbroken network of routes, but in some regions, towns do pop up between mile markers. "Backpacking Europe is an experience culturally comparable to that of the American road trip," says Andrea Ketchumark,

outreach coordinator of the Silver Spring, Md.-based American Hiking Society (301-565-6704, [www.americanhiking.org](http://www.americanhiking.org)). "It is harder in the United States, because it is so far from place to place."

However, if you're flexible and have a lot of stamina, here are some options:

- On the West Coast, in Northern California, start at Bolinas, then follow the San Andreas fault through Olema Inn; 663-9555, [www.theolemainn.com](http://www.theolemainn.com) and onward to Point Reyes National Seashore.

- In the Colorado Rockies, trek along Forest Service roads from the old mining town of

Leadville to high-end Aspen. The route takes about three nights, so plan on sleeping in the 10th Mountain Division Huts (970-925-5775, [www.huts.org](http://www.huts.org)), backcountry cabins connected by 350 miles of trail. The summer hiking season ends in September, in preparation for winter.

- Up north, the "Tins Canada Trail" will eventually go from the Atlantic to the Pacific and onto the Arctic Ocean, and will cross every Canadian province and territory in between. Inq: 800-465-3636, [www.tcitrail.ca](http://www.tcitrail.ca).

For other U.S. trails as well as state-specific hikes and maps, see American Trails (630-547-2060, [www.americantrails.org](http://www.americantrails.org)).



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Pale sapwood is well defined from the light brown heartwood

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Stained with a beautiful golden color


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• 15 year finish & structure warranty

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• Hand beveled  
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