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Community at risk: Discussing the affects of meth

By Josina Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — When police broke through Cathy Voss' front door and threatened to take her one-year-old daughter away, she knew she had to get help.

She had been addicted to methamphetamine for several years and she had lost everything to the drug — even suffering a failed pregnancy

But it seemed like no matter how hard she tried, she couldn't quit meth.

She was scared, confused and losing her family.

Her story brought tears to almost every eye at a town hall meeting Tuesday night that discussed the risks of meth to Twin Falls.

More than 150 people — including law enforcement, commissioners, doctors and former meth users — attended

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— **Bill Brockman, Twin Falls County Commissioner**

ed the meeting that was sponsored by Southern Idaho Partners Against Drugs.

"I kind of thought I had the most important role to play in this discussion in terms of dollars and cents," County Commissioner Bill Brockman

told the audience. "But after hearing Cathy's story, I'm not so confident about that anymore."

Brockman addressed the financial impact of meth to Twin Falls County, which is estimated to be about \$10

million of the county's \$13 million annual budget.

When asked before the meeting if the county was doing enough to fight meth addiction, he said it wasn't.

"We're doing the best we can with the resources that we have, but the problem is growing faster than we can keep up with," Brockman said.

Sheryl Molina, executive clinical director of Siman, Inc., said there is never enough treatment, and the community needs to be more involved in expanding treatment options.

She said the community can help even by simply

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College costs up more than 6 percent

By Justin Pope
Associated Press writer

It's what passes for good news right now for students and parents: This year, the price of college went up only somewhat faster than the cost of everything else.

Tuition and fees at public four-year colleges this fall rose \$314, or 6.3 percent, to an average of \$5,836, according to the College Board's annual "Trends in College Pricing" report, released Tuesday.

Accounting for inflation, the increase was just 2.4 percent, the lowest in six years.

But published prices are up 35 percent over the last five years — the largest such increase since the College Board began keeping data in

Northside develops



Julia Grant, with ERO Resources Corp., writes down comments during a meeting on plans to develop the North Rim Park, shown at left. The park is a 7,200-acre parcel along the north rim of the Snake River bordering the south side of Interstate 84, encompassing almost all of the land from the Perrine Bridge to the Hansen Bridge.

Boise firm to advise on North Rim Park

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A Boise-based natural resource consulting firm will handle public input regarding the development of the 7,200-acre North Rim Park in Jerome, officials said Tuesday.

The partnership between ERO Resources Corp. and the North Rim Advisory Committee, announced by Southern Idaho Tourism and the Jerome County commissioners, is ends more than a decade of negotiations to ultimately develop the strip of land located on the north rim

"I do see the value of preserving a place that has such natural beauty."

— **David Johnson, Twin Falls City Council member**

of the Snake River.

The committee, which includes county commissioners, tourism officials and representatives from public utilities, met with ERO on Tuesday to kick-off the partnership.

"I do see the value of preserving a place that has such natural beauty," said David Johnson, a local business owner and member of the Twin Falls City Council.

It could take as long as 50

years for the site — which is leased to Jerome County by the Bureau of Land Management — to be developed into what committee members want, officials said.

"It's a remarkable piece of property," said Debbie Dane, executive director of Southern Idaho Tourism. "It's not just desert."

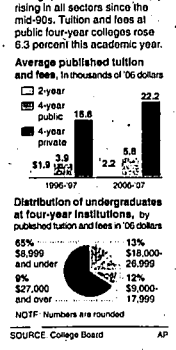
The Idaho Department of Environmental Equality is providing a \$400,000 grant for

the project. Dane said development can include trails, parks or other nature-oriented entities that could increase tourism. Federal regulations prohibit commercial or residential development, such as businesses or homes.

Public forums and discussions will be conducted by ERO Resources while a development plan is expected to be drawn up by next summer, Dane said.

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Costly college



Solidly Republican, suddenly in doubt

By Elaine Harden
The Washington Post

COLORADO — It is, perhaps, the political equivalent of hell freezing over in the interior West.

This red state, where conservative Republicans routinely wipe the floor with hapless Democrats, has a Republican running for Congress who just might lose.

The suddenly competitive race is a delicious development for Larry Grant, a Democratic candidate for the House who finds himself in a tight race.

Academics predict election will favor Dems.

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Christmas creep is coming very early this year

By Deborah Yao
Associated Press writer

PHILADELPHIA — It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas — and it's only October.

Santa isn't here yet, but retailers already are stocking shelves with Christmas merchandise, in some cases setting up Christmas trees and holiday lighting way before Thanksgiving and even pre-empting Halloween.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc., Target Corp. and J.C. Penney Co. are some retailers hoping to get consumers into a Christmas shopping frame of mind two months early. Sears Holdings Corp.'s Sears and Roebuck stores kick off the Yuletide mood in

late October or early November. Costco Wholesale Corp. said it's always put out Christmas ornaments, gift wrap, cards and artificial trees as early as September.

"Although our busiest Christmas sales weeks will occur in November and December, we have been placing a selective sampling of our Christmas items into stores early in the season for several years," said Tara Raddolli, a spokeswoman for Bentonville, Ark.-based Wal-Mart.

The trend began about three years ago, but more retailers are joining in, said Britt Beemer, chairman of America's Research Group, a consumer behavior marketing firm in Charleston, S.C.



Shoppers at a Costco pass a Christmas holiday display Oct. 15 in Brooklyn, N.Y.'s beginning to look a lot like Christmas, and it's only October.

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TWIN FALLS		
Today	Tonight	Thursday
Breezy and variably cloudy	Variably cloudy, likely dry	Sunny
High 52	Low 33	55 / 37

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Today: Partly cloudy and breezy. Highs, 50s.
 Tonight: Cool and partly cloudy. Lows, lower 30s.
 Tomorrow: Sunny skies. Highs, lower 50s.

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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

BUSINESS

Ribbon cutting for Middlekauff Automotive Group, 6 p.m., 1243 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, 736-2480.

EXHIBITS

The College of Southern Idaho Art Faculty Show, including the works of 11 C.S.I. faculty members, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for Arts and Science, C.S.I. campus, Twin Falls, no cost, 732-6655.

FAMILY

"ProtectTeens" an internet safety informational session, for anyone who has children (especially young teens) who access the Internet, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Sage Room in the Education Center, St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 598 Addison Avenue West, Twin Falls, no cost, 733-9623.
 "Fam Jam," a family-value production that uses music, drama and storytelling for children in fifth grade and younger accompanied by their parents or guardians, 6:15 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. for activities, Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Drive N. (on the corner of Pole Line Road and Grandview Drive North), 5:30 to 5:45 for the meal, 733-6128 or visit www.trfc.org.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
 Cassia Regional Medical Center Board, 5 p.m., hospital board room, 1501 Hilland Ave., Burley, 678-4444.
 Heyburn City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 941 18th St., 679-8158.
 Twin Falls School Board, 7 p.m., administration office, 201 Main Ave. W., 733-6900.

HEALTH

Wellness Dinner, sponsored by the Fun and Fellowship Committee of Gooding United Methodist Church and featuring surgeon and specialist Dr. Dennis McGee speaking on "New Frontiers-Surgical Treatment of Arthritis," 6 p.m. dinner and 7 p.m. program, Snake River Grill Restaurant, 822-8222, 934-5589.
 Twin Falls Community Blood Drive for the American Red Cross, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 209 5th Ave. N., Twin Falls, 734-4566 for appointment.
 College of Southern Idaho's Over Sixty and Getting Fit program, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at several Magic Valley locations: CSI gym, Jerome Rec Center, Shoshone High (old gym), Rupert Civic Gym, Blaine County Campus Gym and Filer Elementary, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Buhl High School; and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at CSI Burley Outreach Center Gym, no cost, 732-6475.

WEB READER REACTION

On 'Wendell School District revives agricultural science program'...

A READER FROM GOODING: "What's going on here. We are bombarded on the TV about how Idaho is \$450 in funding for schools and Prop. 1 is trying to get \$215 million, in additional funding, so our schools can keep pace and here is a school that is spending more money for a new(revitalized) program. When and where does the spending stop. Maybe we need to reduce the amount of sports programs in our schools. Football, basketball, track, soccer, softball, tennis, cross country, volleyball, bowling, the list seems endless. We could save money if we weren't sending sports teams all over the state to compete, for district and state championships. I'm not against sports, but we need to get serious about saving money where we can. Focus on one or two sports and let the community (rec districts) provide the other programs(keep them local). Just one suggestion."

FINALLY: "I was a student at Wendell High School in 1991 when they shut down the ag program. It was the stupidest thing I had ever seen. I was in FFA and all of the ag classes. One of the excuses we heard was that this was not an ag community! Excuse me? What do they think Wendell is? I am very glad to see it coming back. As a student I was VERY let down when they took it out of WHS in '91. I would have loved to have gone through all 4 years in FFA and the ag classes. Please keep this going. Have you feed your children today — thank a farmer and a rancher!"

On letter to the editor 'Trucks don't go safely on freeway'...

TRUCKERS ARE BAD DRIVERS: "The same thing happens to me all of the time. It seems truckers have this thing about pulling out into the other lane just as we get up beside them to pass. I can not remember all of the times that has happened. Most of the time their is not another car behind us in sight. I see them do it all the time or cars also. What gives with this type of driving behavior. I am getting so tired of driving on the Interstate cause I see this every time. Why truck drivers do you do that??"

For more comments

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YOUR MORNING BRIEFING

MAGIC VALLEY



Hazelton man built home from scrap

HAEZELTON — It rises from the floor of Magic Valley, but it's not a mountain. It's not a silo. It's not a slag mound. In fact, it has no business in a rural Idaho landscape. It's a castle — with tower, turret and battlements. Floyd and Lee Schwarz's home is, perhaps, the quirkiest in Magic Valley.

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Humanities council to publish food essays

TWIN FALLS — The trick to his grandmother's masterpiece mashed potatoes is all in the baking powder. The dish itself has been in William Studebaker's family forever, he says, and you'll find the recipe in the soon-to-be-released "Dishrag Soup & Poverny Cake. An Idaho Potluck of Essays on Food," compiled by the Idaho Humanities Council. The book contains 43 different authors throughout the state, including four from the Magic Valley," said Rick Ardinger, the council's executive director.

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Remembering a gifted cowboy

HAEZELTON — From an early age Buster Prescott's family recognized a special gift in him, and Buster seemed to know exactly what he wanted out of life.

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Kimberly schools to offer drug prevention

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly School District has received a charter to begin offering the Idaho Drug Free Youth prevention program this year.

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Financial awareness at Twin Falls High School

TWIN FALLS — It's an event organized by Twin Falls' youngest and smartest business minds. The Twin Falls High School Academy of Finance will hold its financial awareness event tomorrow.

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Twin Falls P & Z approves business applications

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Planning & Zoning Commission Tuesday approved business requests for three separate applicants, including two expansions from owners' original locations across town.

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California may be top cheese producer

THIRLOCK, Calif. — Aided by an abundant supply of milk, an increasing nationwide appetite for cheese and some savvy marketing, California could become the nation's top cheese producer by early next year. The state is now home to the world's largest single-site, cheese-making operation, which churns out enormous blocks of cheddar, Monterey Jack and mozzarella. In addition, small California cheese makers have built a name for themselves among food connoisseurs. By Jacob Ahdoutian, For California points, this is the weekly California Farm feature.

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Two publications go to court over legal ads

BOISE — The Idaho Statesman, the state's largest circulation newspaper, has sued the Idaho Business Review in a dispute over publishing legal notices. The Statesman filed the lawsuit on Oct. 12 in 4th District Court, contending that Idaho law requires legal notices for Adm County be published in the Statesman, which has a weekday circulation of more than 64,000.

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UI trimming health benefits for retirees

MOSCOW — The University of Idaho is cutting back health and life insurance benefits for retirees to save money. Tim White, the university's president, said increased costs and a change in accounting methods will, without the cuts, cost the school \$222 million. The school is putting in a four-tiered system that mostly keeps intact coverage for current retirees and those near retirement, but charges more. Newer employees in the bottom three tiers will also pay more for coverage.

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Landowners set aside land for tiny rabbits

EPHRAATA, Wash. — On a sprawling central Washington farm, landowners and state and federal officials celebrated an agreement Tuesday to create a "safe harbor" for the tiny Columbia Basin pygmy rabbits, whose fate has rested in the hands of a breeding program with the Idaho pygmy rabbit in zoos and research stations.

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NATION/WORLD



Gaza gunmen free kidnapped journalist

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — An Associated Press photographer was released Tuesday after a harrowing day in the hands of Palestinian gunmen who abducted him at gunpoint in Gaza — the latest in a string of kidnappings of foreigners in the chaotic area. Emilio Morenatti, 37, was brought before mid-night to the office of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas by Fatah officials. It was not immediately clear who kidnapped him, though officials said he was taken by criminals.

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U.S. unveils timeline to curb violence

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Two weeks before U.S. midterm elections, American officials unveiled a timeline Tuesday for Iraq's Shiite-led government to take specific steps to calm the world's most dangerous capital but, said more U.S. troops might be needed to quell the bloodshed.

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Fire chief, 3 volunteers charged with arson

TIPTONVILLE, Tenn. — The city's fire chief and three volunteer firefighters, including the chief's grandson, appeared in court Tuesday on arson charges stemming from a string of fires over the past two years. The men all members of Tiptonville Volunteer Fire Department, were arrested Monday. All four were in the Lake County jail Tuesday afternoon after a judge said in \$300,000 for Fire Chief James Blackburn and \$25,000 or more each for the others.

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Study: Flu shots safe for babies, toddlers

CHICAGO — The biggest study ever to look at the side effects of flu shots in children confirmed that the vaccine is safe for babies and toddlers. Researchers studied 45,000 U.S. children and found almost no side effects requiring medical treatment during the six weeks after the youngsters were vaccinated.

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NYC mayor admits 911 cleanup was rushed

NEW YORK — Mayor Michael Bloomberg acknowledged Tuesday that the city hurried through the New York State cleanup program but said the fast pace was an effort to return remains to victims' families as quickly as possible.

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SPORTS



Parcells dilemma: Bledsoe or Romo

IRVING, Texas — Drew Bledsoe doesn't carry a clipboard, and he's not into playing big brother. He's either a starter or one unhappy veteran. That's just part of the dilemma Bill Parcells faces this week while deciding whether Bledsoe or Tony Romo should be the quarterback of the Dallas Cowboys. Bledsoe lost his grip on the job after throwing an interception shortly before halftime Monday night.

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Carpenter pitches Cards to Game 3

ST. LOUIS — Chris Carpenter was well on his way to a World Series when, all of sudden, people swarmed the mound to examine his hand. No scuffles, just a cramp, and it wasn't about to blight his outing. Carpenter looked every bit a Cards ace as he threw the Detroit Tigers a curve, pitched to prevent him from pitching Tuesday night for a 2-1 Series edge. Carpenter used big breaking balls to spin three-hit ball for eight innings.

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MLB reaches labor deal through 2011

ST. LOUIS — Baseball players and owners proclaimed an unprecedented era of labor peace, finalizing a new five-year collective bargaining agreement Tuesday night before Game 3 of the World Series. Lawyers struck the deal last weekend during negotiations in New York, then worked on putting it in writing. The agreement, which runs through the 2011 season, is subject to ratification by both sides.

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Roethlisberger may sit out Raiders game

PITTSBURGH — Ben Roethlisberger's second concussion in slightly more than four months may not keep him out of the Pittsburgh Steelers' lineup Sunday to prevent him from pitching this week. The Super Bowl-winning quarterback is questionable for Sunday's game in Oakland, but Bill Cowher says he'll prevent him from pitching like a coach who expects to have his starting quarterback ready to go this week.

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College

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the 1990s, but even through most students don't pay that full list price, financial aid isn't keeping up.

"When public companies face budget shortfalls, they search for ways to become more efficient, and to cut their costs," said James Boyle, president of the group College Parents of America. "For colleges and universities to continue to hold the public trust, they must also look for ways to hold down their costs, and not simply continue to raise the price they charge to students and their families."

Accounting for grant aid — from the government and other sources — is the actual cost for the typical student is

substantially lower than the sticker price, about \$2,700 in 2005-07. But that's 8 percent higher than last year.

At private four-year colleges, published tuition and fees rose 5.9 percent, to an average of \$22,219. Accounting for financial aid, their net price is \$13,200.

Public two-year colleges, which educate nearly half of American college students, had the best showing. Tuition and fees rose just 4.1 percent to \$2,272. Price reductions in California, home to more than a fifth of the nation's two-year public college students, checked the average increase nationally.

Community colleges remain a tremendous bargain relative

to other schools. Accounting for financial aid, the College Board estimates their average net cost actually declined this year, and is less than \$100.

At the four-year state school level, the price increases baffled many students and parents because state finances are fairly healthy. Spending by states on higher education has increased nearly 10 percent over the last two years, or by about \$6 billion. But the extra funds have merely slowed tuition increases, not stopped them.

Spending from all sources on student aid rose 3.7 percent last year to \$134.8 billion. Over the last decade it has nearly doubled, even accounting for inflation.

Creep

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might not want to wait for the product to go on sale a month later for it, it would be sold out. So they'll buy it at full price, Becerra said.

But it's still not clear whether the strategy adds significantly to profits, Cody said. Retailers haven't reported any big jumps in sales or profits pegged to an extended Christmas shopping season.

At The Parks at Arlington mall in Arlington, Tex., several shops already have Christmas trees in window displays, said Cindy Thompson, the shopping center's marketing manager.

"It looks like Christmas is starting early," she said.

Part of the stores' strategy is to capture more sales by letting people shop early, she said. That's why, for the first time this year, The Parks and five other

In the spirit

The average consumer plans to spend about \$59 on Halloween this year, according to a recent survey.



SOURCE: National Retail Federation

malls owned by General Growth Properties in the area will be opening at 6 a.m. the day after Thanksgiving, the traditional kickoff of the holiday shopping season, known as Black Friday. Other opening times will vary, but the half-dozen malls will close at 10 p.m. daily from Black Friday until Dec. 23.

Some retailers, such as Costco, have already put out their Christmas goods ahead of

others. "We put it out very early," said Gary Ojendyk, Costco's general merchandise manager. "There's a lot of small business people that buy products from us and resell the products."

But retailers have to be careful not to push Christmas in October too aggressively because they don't want to risk alienating shoppers.

"It's too early, I think they should start

Doubt

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President Bush granted in Idaho in 2004 with 69 percent of the vote, Republicans outnumber Democrats about 2 to 1 in the district where Grant is running, and two years ago the district elected a Republican with 70 percent of the vote.

Previous occupants of the now-open seat include the late Helen Chenoweth-Hage, an archconservative who held hearings in the 1980s on a supposed "black helicopter" federal conspiracy to take away the freedoms of rural Westerners.

Now, to shore up support in Idaho's vast 1st Congressional District — 200 miles long, from Canada to Nevada, crossing two time zones and three media markets — the Republican National Congressional Committee spent \$135,000 last week for ads against Grant. His campaign says that for the final two weeks of the campaign the Republican committee has committed about \$375,000 to buy television and radio time, a figure that approaches Grant's fund-raising total for his entire campaign.

"It is a tough year," said Carl Forti, a spokesman for the National Republican Congressional Committee. "We spend a lot of time going over every race in the country, and we want to make sure we fix problems before they become problems."

Political analysts say that a competitive House race in Idaho would never have been possible except for the unlikely convergence of two destabilizing forces — a noxious national climate for Republicans and a Republican candidate with a knack for being obnoxious. The Republican incumbent in Idaho's only other House seat, Rep. Mike Simpson, once threatened to throw Sid out a window.

Sid, 52, who won a bitter Republican primary against five opponents with 26 percent of the vote, has made strident opposition to abortion the signature issue of his 16-year political career.

Most notably, as Sid said in an interview Friday in northern Idaho, he sees a causal link between abortion and breast cancer. "If you have an abortion, you are at increased risk," he said.

Recent studies of large numbers of women consistently show no such link, according to the National Cancer Institute, one of the federal National Institutes of Health.

Sid's pugnacious rhetoric on abortion and breast cancer during a debate this year in the Idaho House led to a walkout by Democrats and a public tongue-lashing by House Speaker Newcomb.

"He doesn't have one ounce of empathy in his whole fricking body, and you can put that in the paper," Newcomb told

reporters.

"He has simply aggravated a lot of people over time," said Randy Stuplus, a blogger and former political editor for the Idaho Statesman.

"There are a lot of Republican leaders who don't much care for Sid."

Meth

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providing transportation for patients to treatment programs.

Molina reminded the community that treatment is costly because meth addiction is not a quick fix, and that there is never a cure for the addiction.

And Dr. Eric Heidenreich, medical director at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's behavioral health unit, said the costs are stressing an already challenged health system.

"When I came to Twin Falls, I had no idea that I would be spending 30 percent of my time treating meth addiction," he said.

"Now I'm treating cases associated with meth use, and many of these people do not have

money because they have stolen their last dollar."

The rising number of medical cases for meth addiction, combined with the rising cost of health care, is burdening many hospitals throughout the nation.

Before the meeting came to a close, the audience was reminded that it will take the community to fight meth

addiction. Voss explained it best when she checked back-tears-to describe what Twin Falls is up against.

"This is a very evil drug... a very powerful and evil drug," she said.

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NATION

Ohio executes cult leader Jeffrey Lundgren for killing of family

By John McCarthy
Associated Press writer

LUCASVILLE, Ohio — Ohio executed a religious cult leader Tuesday for the murder of a family of five followers who were taken one at a time to a barn, bound and shot to death. The youngest was a girl just 7 years old.

Jeffrey Lundgren, 56, died by injection at 10:26 a.m. at the



Lundgren

Southern Ohio Correctional Facility for the deaths of the Avery family. "I profess my love for God, my family, for my children, for Kerry [his wife]. I am because you are."

Lundgren said in his final statement. The evidence against Lundgren was compelling.

Upset by what he thought was the Avery family's lack of faith, he arranged a dinner hosted by cult members. Afterward, he and his followers led the Averages one by one — the father first, young Karen last — to their deaths while the others unknowingly cleaned

up after dinner. A chain saw was used to muffle the gunfire.

Lundgren argued at his trial in 1990 that he was prophet of God and therefore not worthy of the death penalty.

He was convicted of killing Dennis Avery, 49; his wife, Cheryl, 46; and their daughters, Trina, 15, Rebecca, 13, and 7-year-old Karen.

Lundgren formed the cult with about 20 members in the

northeast Ohio town of Kirtland, after he was dismissed in 1987 as a lay minister of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, an offshoot of the Mormon church.

Lundgren said God commanded him, through interpretation of Scriptures, to kill the Avery family, who had moved from Missouri in 1987 to follow his teachings.

Academics predict midterm election will favor Democrats

By Jeffrey H. Birnbaum
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The wave is coming.

At least that is what political scientists are predicting about the midterm elections on Nov. 7. The academics could be wrong, of course; they often are. But a peculiar fact about American politics is that every once in a while, citizens in disparate parts of the country decide in the same year to reject an unusually large number of candidates for Congress from one party and to replace them with candidates from the other party.

That outpouring, known as a wave, last recurred 12 years ago when Republicans gained a whopping 53 seats in the House, taking control of that chamber for the first time in 40 years. Polls are now showing signs that the tide of public opinion is flowing in the opposite direction and that voters could vote Republicans out of office in dozens this year, returning Democrats to power in the House and possibly in the Senate as well.

"This is going to be a wave year," said Larry Sabato, a political scientist at the University of Virginia. "The only question is whether it will be medium-size wave or a high wave for the Democrats."

Indiana State University's Carl Klarner and Stan Buchanan used fancy computer models in June to predict that Democrats would pick up 22 seats in the House, enough to give them 224 seats, six more than they would need for majority control. Alan Abramowitz of Emory University in Atlanta used his own model last month to forecast that Democrats would gain 29 House seats. The professors did not predict that Democrats would take charge of the Senate — a six-seat gain is needed to win a majority there — though they do envision Democratic gains in that body of two to

Election gains

"Wave" elections, in which one party gains a large number of seats in Congress, have occurred once or twice each decade.

Number of seats gained by party in wave elections:
House (435 members total)
1958: 49, Democrats
1962: 47, Republicans
1974: 43, Democrats
1980: 33, Republicans
1986: 5, Democrats
1994: 53, Republicans
Senate (100 members total)
1958: 17, Democrats
1966: 3, Republicans
1974: 3, Democrats
1980: 12, Republicans
1986: 8, Democrats
1994: 7, Republicans

Source: Congressional Quarterly

three seats. Nonetheless, the realization of these numbers would constitute a wave.

This year's anti-Republican swell — if it arrives in the dimensions professors imagine — would be a wavelet by historical standards, said Linda Fowler, a political scientist at Dartmouth College. Voting waves were tsunami-size in the 19th and 20th centuries. Seven times before World War II and once afterward (in 1948), 70 or more seats flipped in the House.

No one expects a change of that magnitude this year. The main reason is that most congressional districts have been carefully reconfigured in recent decades to elect candidates from one party regardless of the national mood. "Democrats have relatively few seats available to them that are now being held by the other party," said Gary Jacobson of the University of California at San Diego.

Incumbents also have towering advantages in both financial resources and access to communications with constituents that make them difficult to unseat.

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Ethics probes question Hastert on Foley scandal

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Speaker Dennis Hastert urged ethics investigators to work quickly to unweave the congressional pages scandal Tuesday, testifying before them just after a GOP lawmaker whose recollections differ from his.

The investigation is focusing on which House leaders were told about sexually explicit messages sent by Rep. Mark Foley to former pages, when leaders were told and what was done in response, Hastert and some other Republicans have suggested revelations about the messages were timed to hurt the GOP in next month's elections.

Tuesday's appearances by Hastert, Hill, and House GOP campaign chair Tom Reynolds, R-N.Y., could signal that the four-member ethics committee is nearing the end of its testimony-taking phase. Both men testified behind closed doors as committee rules require.

Hastert said afterward that he had told the committee "that they needed to move quickly to get to the bottom of this issue."



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Tenn. fire chief, three volunteers charged with arson

By Woody Baird
Associated Press writer

TIPTONVILLE, Tenn. — The city's fire chief and three volunteer firefighters, including the chief's grandson, were charged Tuesday with setting a string of fires in vacant buildings over the past two years.

The men, all members of the Tiptonville Volunteer Fire Department, were arrested Monday. No one was hurt in the blazes they were accused of starting.

All four men were in the Lake County jail Tuesday after a judge set bond at \$100,000 for Fire Chief James Blackburn and \$25,000 or more each for the others.

Neighbors were aware someone was setting fires, but they were shocked when the firefighters were charged.

"Everybody knew that we had a firebug for a couple of years," said Johnny Whelan, who owns an auto body shop near where two buildings burned.

Norman Rhodes, police chief in this town of 2,400 people about 30 miles northeast of

Memphis, did not give a motive. "I don't think anybody has an explanation," Rhodes said. The charges list 10 structures that were burned from August 2004 to June 2006 — several within 150 yards of Blackburn's home.

A judge appointed lawyers for all four men. Phone calls Tuesday to the attorneys were not immediately returned.

Police began investigating shortly after the fires began and have been "pretty sure" about the suspects for the past year, Rhodes said.

The police chief said he called on the state for help with the arson investigation, and that James Blackburn, as fire chief, knew about the probe.

"It was actually giving me static about calling in bomb and arson investigators, said that was his job," Rhodes said.

Charged in the investigation were Blackburn, who is also superintendent of the city water plant, his firefighter grandson, Brandon Blackburn, and firefighters Floyd Joe Kilburn and Chris Burmus.

But the police chief and other Tiptonville residents said there have been many other suspicious fires that no one has been charged with setting.

Robert Dougherty said he moved next door to the fire chief about six months ago and has been amazed by the number of fires in the area.

Across the street is the rubble of a burned house, and a burned shed sits in a neighbor's back yard. Neither fire is listed in the charges.

"The houses burned twice; the shed burned three times," Dougherty said.

Phil Bivens, district attorney general for Lake County, said if convicted the firefighters could receive three to 15 years in prison.

"One of the factors the court will look at is that they are in a position of public trust as firemen," Bivens said.

"I just hate that it happened in my town," said Rhodes, adding that he attended school with Blackburn. "These are people that children look up to."

NYC mayor acknowledges city hurried through 9/11 cleanup

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mayor Michael Bloomberg acknowledged Tuesday that the city hurried through the World Trade Center cleanup five years ago but said the fast pace was an effort to return remains to victims' families as quickly as possible.

Meanwhile, more bones were found Tuesday in suburban cavities along the edge of the site as workers continued burrowing into areas that were apparently missed during the initial cleanup.

Bloomberg spoke a day after The Associated Press reported that some officials handling the cleanup in 2002 had recommended a more thorough search for remains but felt rebuffed by a city agency that just wanted to finish the job.

The agency in charge of the excavation, the Department of Design and Construction, was applauded for its efficiency in 2002 after it whisked away the ten-story pile of trade center rubble in less than a year.

"Were we under time pressure? Absolutely," Bloomberg said Tuesday. "I don't know any family member that didn't want to find out whatever they could about the loved one that they lost. And we did it as fast as we could, consistent with safety and completeness."

Some victims' relatives dismissed the mayor's explanation for the quick cleanup.

"It had very little to do with the families," said Monica Gabrielle, who has no identified remains of her husband, Richard. "This is another spin — it's a diversion away from the issue, which is that management failed, not the workers. And management needs to be held accountable."

Among the officials who said they raised objections during the nine-month recovery effort was Lt. John McArdle, ground zero commander for the New York Police Department.

"This came a point in time when they said, 'We gotta try to wrap this up,' and they tried to expedite it as much as possible, and they jumped the gun, and now you have all of these families hurt, and they're finding all these body parts," he said.

Several large bones were accidentally discovered last week after a utility crew opened up a non-working manhole. Since then, the city has been tearing up the pavement and examining other underground pockets in the same vicinity, which is a service road along the western edge of the 16-acre site.

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EDITORIAL

Patrick well prepared to serve District 23

State District 23, which encompasses all of western Twin Falls County and east Owyhee County, will see a new face in House Seat A. Rep. Frances Field, R-Grand View, will retire after 22 years in the Legislature. Voters in the enormous district need the best representation possible for key local issues.

In the race between Democrat Peter Rickards of Twin Falls and Republican Jim Patrick from south of Filer, we give the nod to Patrick.

His views complement those of district voters, and his background would make a suitable fit in the Legislature for the entire Magic Valley.

Patrick, 61, has farmed 33 years on the Salmon Tract, making him well qualified to defend the tenets of agrifuture, water doctrine, and rural economics that sustain the entire region. He knows the needs that surround public education and higher education, especially community colleges, and will be a sound participant in those issues.

Most impressive is Patrick's economic background, as a founder and board member of Magic Valley Bank. We think he would provide keen insight on state budget issues, and should be a candidate for the Joint Finance Appropriation Committee.

Rickards, a Twin Falls podiatrist, is a well-known figure in politics primarily for his concerns on nuclear waste at the Idaho National Laboratory, and as an independent candidate for governor in 1988.

Idaho's energy plan for the future could use Rickards' innovative ideas. His persistence on fallout data from bomb testing decades ago has made a difference for Idahoans. His independence is a refreshing and genuine asset on many issues.

While Rickards understands on environmental and energy issues is strong, the Republican brings broader understanding on agriculture, natural resources, education and state budgets. On all those fronts, we find Patrick soundly prepared to represent voters in the Legislature.

About these races:

Republican Jim Patrick faces Democrat Peter Rickards for a House seat in District 23.

Democrat Bill Chisholm is challenging GOP Sen. Tom Gannon for the Senate 23 seat.

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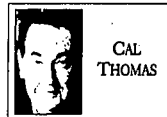
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Humpty Dumpty government

Of all the pre-election polls, punditry, analysis and forecasts, one stands out. It is a new CNN poll conducted by Opinion Research Corporation that found an overwhelming number of Americans (78 percent) believe "our system of government is broken."



CAL THOMAS

Democrats predictably blame Republicans for this as part of their strategy for returning to majority status in Congress. Just as predictably, Republicans blame Democrats for being "obstructionists" and not letting all that good legislation hatched by the GOP get through.

about self-sufficiency, government has subsidized and encouraged self-indulgence. Instead of telling religious people — conservative Christians especially — that government can't do more for them than the God they claim to worship, both parties (Republicans more than Democrats, but Democrats are trying to catch up) have allowed, even encouraged, believers to think politicians can help build the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth.

Instead of government as a last resort, too many (Republicans included) turn to government as a first resource. Government was not designed to carry the burdens placed on it by the public, lawyers and lobbyists. The Founders created a system of limited government, like one today because we now view government as unlimited. For many, faith in government is now stronger than faith in God, in practice, if not in theory. At least God tells us He loves us. Government never can. Our faith in government to rid the world of totalitarian regimes,

while at the same time caring for children and grandparents whose welfare should be the first responsibility of their families, was always destined to disappoint. Democrats tell us if we return them to power things will be better. No they won't, because the problem isn't which party has a majority. It is far deeper than that.

In his book, "The Future of Freedom: Illiberal Democracy at Home and Abroad," Fareed Zakaria, editor of Newsweek International, writes that expanding the number of congressional committees and subcommittees (which began in 1974) and opening up the system to more public access had a downside. The post-Watergate reforms were meant to "make Congress more open and responsive," writes Zakaria. "And so it has become — to money, lobbyists, and special interests."

"From an institution dominated by 20 or so powerful leaders, Congress has evolved into a collection of 535 independent political entrepreneurs who run the system with their individual interests uppermost — i.e., to get re-elected." Once, members of Congress met behind closed doors for "mark-ups" of legislation. There, deals were made. Today's openness means that lobbyists illegally monitor the members during this process and if they hear something they don't like, they reach for their cell

phones and within minutes, a special interest has swamped the member's office with calls and faxes.

"Democlerosols," journalist Jonathan Rauch draws from the insights of economist Mancur Olson to argue (and Zakaria quotes him in his book), "that the rise of interest groups has made American government utterly dysfunctional. Washington is unable to trim back — let alone eliminate — virtually any government program, no matter how obsolete."

That will not change, no matter which party has the majority after the election, unless both parties in Congress decide to repair it. Both Republicans and Democrats helped break the system and voters, as well as non-voters, let them get away with it. We wanted government goodies. They wanted to get re-elected. Lobbyists wanted money. It was an unholy and unhealthy alliance.

Government is like Humpty Dumpty. Unless there is real reform, all the Democratic horses, just like all the Republican horses, won't be able to put government back together again.

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Send Gannon to third term

All it is a study in contrasts. In state Senate District 23, Sen. Tom Gannon, R-Filer, is running for re-election against a familiar foe — Democrat Bill Chisholm of Buhl, a self-proclaimed "man for all reasons."

Gannon was a career Navy officer who is seeking a third term in the Idaho Senate. If returned to Boise, he is likely to become chairman of the Senate Agricultural Affairs Committee.

Chisholm is a certified yoga instructor, ranch-lands manager and self-employed handyman and carpenter. He has also been a certified Emergency Medical Technician, firefighter for the Bureau of Land Management, disaster manager for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and a wilderness survival instructor. Chisholm has run for office — and lost — on numerous occasions, and jokes that he has "no experience."

We give the nod to Gannon, who has earned the shot for another term. As the Magic Valley fights to keep leadership positions in the Legislature it would be wrong to dismiss an experienced senator. And Gannon has earned a place of leadership in the Legislature. His views on most issues are also aligned with the majority of voters in District 23.

Still, we find Chisholm's passion for his native state commendable, and we applaud his willingness to run and run and run again for elected office. While we don't think Chisholm should take Gannon's place in the Senate, the Idaho Legislature would benefit from having a more member who share his critical-thinking skills and willingness to go against the norm.

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LETTER

Neighborhood watch groups can stop crime

Times have changed; it has become abundantly clear to me. Neighborhoods once thought safe are no longer immune to crime.

My husband and I own Absolute Pest Solutions, a pest control company located in Twin Falls. For years, we have had company trucks at our house with no problems. We never even thought twice about company vehicles being targets for burglars; after all, we live in a nice new subdivision on a quiet cul-de-sac.

Recently, though, there have been several vehicles in our

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neighborhood that have been broken into. Our company vehicles were no exception. This letter is to encourage neighbors to please watch out for each other. Form a neighborhood watch and help protect each other from burglars and vandals. If we want our community to be safe, we have to work together! LAUREN SMITH Twin Falls

Church leader betrays trust in the community

Is it not enough that all religions face criticism from others? But to have one individual use his or her own church position and trust in order to commit creditless acts against others in the community for their own personal financial gain without regard to the damage to the persons is truly an act of apostasy.

It does most often than not undermine the true sense of the meaning of the word integrity. It also harms those that are victims of these acts. In ways that are sometimes unimaginable and the persons around them, and yes, even the family members of these degenerates face the consequences of their actions. It leaves people with a bad taste in their own hopes and beliefs in the religion they are investigating. And there is no hope that there is a higher order of things to come. Shame on you!

To the community of Dietrich, I have been and will always be impressed with the way you deal with this individual; your forgiving attitude is one I believe should be learned by others, including myself. While I have lost all my family because I trusted this one individual, my friends in Dietrich have taught me

many good traits, and I thank you for that!

As the Latin words say, "De oppresso libre," which means "free the oppressed." I thank you, Dietrich.

BLAINE RANDALL Twin Falls

Hurd not afraid to act for Gooding County

I support Troy Hurd for Gooding County commissioner, District 1.

I met Troy several years ago and have had the opportunity to get to know him as a hard-working, dedicated family man who deeply cares about the future of this community. He is always eager to lend a helping hand and does it even when the going is tough. I know Troy will have the dedication, time and energy needed to keep Gooding County a place where we all would like to live.

Troy understands the quality of life we have all grown to appreciate while living in a small rural community. I am especially concerned that our current commissioners seem to care more about a budget than the health and welfare of Gooding County citizens. Troy has made mosquito control and West Nile Virus the cornerstones of his campaign while the current commissioners are content to merely study this problem and pos-

pone any action.

We need an official, actually elected by the people, who will be able to take decisive action when it is called for.

Troy is just such a man. Join me in voting for Troy Hurd on Nov. 7.

DEBRA MCCLAIN Gooding

Feds, state and counties disregard safety

It defies logic that this administration's strong point is protecting us from terrorism.

In 2005, the Boyd Group (<http://www.aviationplanning.com/asrc1.htm>) reported: "The United States is just as vulnerable as it was on 9/11 . . . very little fundamental progress has been made in light of five years of trying."

The Transportation Security Administration is a raging failure, run at the top by patronage appointees who have no fear of accountability. The proof for these conclusions is overwhelming GAO reports, instances of major security breaches, instances of near-zero security on major airport ramps, and what is outright confusion and the part of Homeland Security. Further, note that in nearly every case where there's been a failure, the TSA

never admits mistakes or faults.

Meanwhile, Idaho's own air-borne threats does not seem to be of major concern to many local governments.

A Times-News editorial on Nov. 13, 2003, protested the state's failure to notify news agencies for two weeks that the first human case of West Nile had been identified in Twin Falls. Rather than allow the potato vine to spread the news, they felt people should know it was not a public health threat.

In August 2004, the arrival of West Nile in Idaho was confirmed by a dead magpie; followed by infection of a Gooding County man and six Gooding County residents in September 2004. The adult males species of mosquito and any virus they carry are capable of surviving winter. Also, while resistance can build as the virus winds its way through birds, animals and humans, it is also true that the virus can replicate and become more virulent to overcome that resistance.

Gooding County commission candidate Troy Hurd recently presented an emergency petition to county commissioners for creation of a mosquito abatement district. The commission has failed to take action. STAN METCALF Gooding

John McCain and Hillary Clinton on the rocks

Hillary Clinton always reminded me of Sarah, the Mission Doll, in "Guys and Dolls." As first lady, she had that earnest, sometimes sanctimonious, air of certitude and go-doing that earned her the nickname Saint Hillary. As a senator, she has gotten friendly with conservatives in her congressional prayer spots and has lately been spotted wearing crosses around her neck, a gold one and a diamond one.

"Is it, perhaps, a sign that her faith may be a bit more in the foreground as 2008 approaches?" Ben Smith mused in a New York Daily News blog.

And yet Hillary always struck me as the sort of buttoned-up and driven woman who would be really fun if you could get her out for a night of dulces de leche in Cuba, as Marion Brando did Joan Simmons in "Guys and Dolls."

My instinct about Hillary's subterranean saucy side was confirmed when I read a front-page story in The Times about her unlikely friendship with her expected rival in the 2008 race, John McCain.

Anne Kornblut wrote that two summers ago, on a con-



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gressional trip to Estonia with Lindsey Graham and Susan Collins, Clinton "astonished her traveling companions by suggesting that the group do what one does in the Baltics: hold a vodka-drinking contest. Delighted, the leader of the delegation, Sen. John McCain, quickly agreed. The after-dinner drinks went so well — memories are a bit hazy on who drank how much — that McCain, an Arizona Republican, later told people how unexpectedly engaging he found Mrs. Clinton to be."

It seemed a refreshing breach of bipartisanship in W's acrid era. But a few days after the anecdote appeared, McCain flatly denied it on Fox News as "Not true."

"Didn't happen?" Alan Colmes pressed.

"No," McCain insisted.

"But you and she have a good working relationship,

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right?" Colmes asked.

"I try to have a good working relationship with all senators, and I have a good working relationship with Senator Clinton, and I try to do that," McCain said.

Sen. Hatch chimed in. "I'm glad to hear, senator, you weren't drinking shots with Senator Clinton."

"I was not," McCain repeated, emphatically.

Then the senator went on Jay Leno's show and again denied the Night of Baltic Sea carousing. After joking that "we were trying to get Ted Kennedy to be the judge," he insisted again: "Didn't happen. Didn't happen."

"It was the front page of

The New York Times!" Leno said, to which McCain responded, "Don't believe everything you read."

Joshua Green, reporting the cover profile of Hillary for the latest issue of The Atlantic Monthly, was rebuffed when he asked for an interview with McCain about the night Hillary poured shots for fellow lawmakers. *But Green ran into McCain walking through the Capitol and asked him about the Baltics escapade.*

"McCain lit up at the recollection," he wrote. "It's been 50 years since I'd been in a 'drinking game,'" said McCain. He added, admiringly, "She can really hold her liquor."

The Straight Talk Express

was swearing again. Confused, I checked in with the McCain camp.

"They went out and had dinner," I was told. "After dinner, they had drinks. It was not a drinking contest, the way you and I think of a drinking contest. John had two drinks." Team McCain wanted it to be clear that Susan Collins and Hillary Clinton were more dedicated revelers, and that it was not an intimate party "where were six senators and staff and Estonian hangers-on."

"So the vodka vivaciously happened, but McCain's staff, eager to see the senator pander to what Jon Stewart called the "crazy-base world," put a stop to their boss' inviting Clinton on trips. The former fighter jock and "scamp," as his mom called

him, has become so lifeless and base-whipped that he is scared to be seen knocking back Stoll's with a nice Methodist girl from the Midwest who wears crosses around her neck.

"John was not intentionally misleading," his person said. "The image a drinking contest sets up is not very pretty, and we're in serious times. The best thing he's done is to be collegial. You can do that by drinking, but it's not a drinking contest. Is this splitting hairs?"

Actually, yeah. The once candid senator is starting to sound downright Clintonian with all this piling and dissembling. I did not have drinks with that woman!

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There will be three sets of voters Nov. 7 on Proposition 2: The first set of voters will vote no because they realize Prop 2 is destructive to the property rights of ordinary citizens, an impossible taxpayer burden, a nightmare of uncertainty for both developers and residents, poorly drafted, certain to result in years of costly litigation, bad for business and designed to replace proven local land use regulation with "anything goes" unregulated development.

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They will vote yes because they believe that local government can't be trusted to uphold their private property rights and they are mad enough to allow all the horrific burdens of Prop 2 to fall where they may. I understand their frustration, even if I don't agree with their solution.

The third set of voters are listening to both the no and yes voices and wondering which way to vote. Here are some names and groups who are arguing no:

Gov. Risch, governor candidates Brady and Otter, the Idaho Association of Realtors, the Idaho Association of

Commerce and Industry, many large chambers of commerce, most environmental groups, and numerous other like agencies and leaders all will vote no on Prop 2. See www.neighborsprotectingidaho.org for a list! They will all vote no because Prop 2 is not an acceptable land use solution to any factual Idaho problem.

Please join these respected Idaho leaders and groups and vote no on Prop 2.

LEN HARLIG
 Sun Valley

Idaho delegation goes along with Bush crowd

The rest of the United States has been feeling the pinch that I do because this majority has taken away democracy and civil freedoms one by one. It's depressing when local radio stations seem to have nothing but anti-swing radio programs, and the newspaper seems to lean to the right, but I guess they are only reflecting what the public wants.

I am not going to go into all this crap about things this administration has done because you have to be in a cocoon not to know. I was stunned when Mr. Bush was re-elected and learned that churches had helped campaign for him. We had worked so much time with issues like abortion and gay marriage. Each will not meet the constitutional tests when it comes down to it. George Bush forgot the old saying: You don't mix politics with religion, and spread the religious into supporting his fallacies.

But even worse than him are the congressmen and sen-

ators who stood by and did nothing to stop his systematic destruction of our government. In Idaho, we have those same "do nothing" officials. Definitely time for change, and if it should prove wrong we will have another election in the future to correct it. Let's not make the same mistakes again and again. Remove them. The results will be nothing but better.

It's not just Iraq, it's health care, Social Security, his starting the whole immigration mess, failed energy policy. This administration has created nothing but a mess. These congressmen went along with him, therefore demonstrating that to ever listen or trust them again is impossible, bad history. Vote smart, people.

KEN GRACE
 Twin Falls

Prop 2 sets bad policy for all Idaho

Proposition 2 is not about eminent domain; it is about setting aside a community's ability to plan and protect neighborhoods from opportunistic speculators. I did not see this coming, but should have.

Last spring, DeeDee and I visited Shoshone Falls Park on several occasions to take in the spectacular views provided by the spring run-off. I recall being approached several times by individuals asking me to sign petitions for a ballot initiative to "stop the government from taking private property by eminent domain." I generally do not

sign petitions and recall mentioning to the petitioners that the state Legislature had already modified our eminent domain laws to add the protection they propose.

Now I learn that these individuals were hired mercenaries, hired by a group funded with more than \$300,000 of out-of-state money. This group, financed by New York real estate tycoon, Howie Rich, wants you to believe the law will protect you from the government. They ignore the fact that the section on eminent domain was already adopted by your Idaho Legislature this past session. Why would they want this passed? The only apparent outcome would be the ability of speculators to do away with Idaho's local laws so they can trigger unregulated development.

Proposition 2 could cost Idaho taxpayers millions, if not billions. If you don't think, just look to our neighbors in Oregon. Oregon has been set-aside with more than \$5 billion in lawsuits and claims.

The claims by the supporters that local government will take your church or home for private development is, at best, outrageous. Use your experience and common sense when you vote and you will conclude that Proposition 2 is not good for you, your community or Idaho.

Vote no on Proposition 2.

LANCE CLOW
 Twin Falls

(Editor's note: Lance Clow is the mayor for the city of Twin Falls.)

So Many Wrinkle Creams Do Any Really Work?

DEAR DONNA: I am 60 years "young". Yet, I look in the mirror and see those dreaded wrinkles around my eyes, cheeks and mouth. I see so many wrinkle creams and I don't know what to believe; all of them make such big promises. I'm so confused. Do any really work?

- Skeptical, Sacramento, CA

DEAR SKEPTICAL: I don't blame you for being confused. You know, sometimes the answer lies in the product that has stood the test of time. For many years I have received letters of praise for EB5 Facial Cream.

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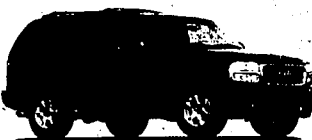
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WORLD SERIES: CARDINALS 5, TIGERS 0

Cards take Game 3



St. Louis Cardinals starting pitcher Chris Carpenter reacts after a double play to end the seventh inning against the Detroit Tigers in Game 3 of the World Series on Tuesday in St. Louis.

Bats colder than the weather for Tigers trio

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Placido Polanco was almost unstoppable against Oakland, hitting .529 and winning the AL championship series MVP award.

That seems like a distant memory.

His misery has company because two Detroit Tigers teammates are slumping against St. Louis, too.

Polanco, Rodriguez and Curtis Granderson are 0-for-34 in the World Series, which tilted the Cardinals' way with a 5-0 win over Detroit on Tuesday night in Game 3. The Cards now have a 2-1 edge in the best-of-seven Series.

The Tigers need the trio to start producing fast or the Series might not make it back to Detroit for the weekend.

Polanco, Rodriguez and Granderson hit a combined .326 with four homers and 15 RBIs in the division series against New York and A.L.C.S. against the Athletics, helping the Tigers average 5.4 runs in each matchup.

In the World Series, all three have put up big goose eggs: Polanco is 0-for-10, Rodriguez is 0-for-11 and Granderson is 0-for-13.

As a result of their slump, Detroit has scored a total of just five runs in the three games against St. Louis.

Polanco and Granderson began struggling against the Cardinals, while Rodriguez's woes at the plate started two full weeks ago.

Since getting two hits in Game 1 at Oakland, the All-Star catcher is 0-for-23 and his last at-bat Tuesday night was all too familiar: He failed at Chris Carpenter's pitch in the eighth inning, and slowly walked back to the dugout after his ninth strikeout of the playoffs.

After grounding out to shortstop David Eckstein in his first two at-bats, Polanco finally made good contact as he seventh, but had nothing to show for it. First baseman Albert Pujols, a good friend from the Dominican Republic and former teammate, made a lunging catch in the hole to deny Polanco his first hit of the Series.

Granderson had two swinging strikeouts in his first three at-bats. When Detroit needed to rally from five runs down in the ninth, his attempt to left was caught by charging left fielder Preston Wilson.

Carpenter's 'good stuff' lifts St. Louis to shutout victory

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Chris Carpenter was well on his way to a World Series win when, all of a sudden, people swarmed the mound to examine his hand.

No smudge, no scuffs. Just a cramp, and it wasn't about to blemish his outing.

Carpenter looked every bit a Cards' ace as he threw the Detroit Tigers a curve, pitching St. Louis to a 5-0 victory Tuesday night for a 2-1 Series edge.

"I came out tonight and had my good stuff," Carpenter said.

He used big breaking balls to spin three-hit ball for eight innings. And with Jim Edmonds hitting a key double and St. Louis taking advantage of a poor throw, the Cardinals returned their focus squarely to the field.

Gone were any reminders of the squabbling Kenny Rogers caused with his smudged left hand in Game 2.

Oh, Rogers heard plenty from the sellout crowd at Busch Stadium during pregame introductions, as chants of "Cheer-er!" echoed throughout the ballpark. But that was about the only

World Series Game 4

When: Today, 6:27 p.m. EDT
Where: Busch Stadium, St. Louis
Pitchers: Bonderman (Detroit, 14-8); St. Louis (Suppan 12-7)

struck out six, walked none and kept the Tigers' trio of Placido Polanco, Ivan Rodriguez and Curtis Granderson hitless in the Series.

Carpenter's lone problem came in the seventh inning. As Polanco led off by lining out to good friend Albert Pujols, Carpenter hopped off the mound and looked at his hand.

Cardinals manager Tony La Russa, a trainer and the entire St. Louis infield converged on the mound, peering at Carpenter's bare right hand. Plate

umpire Wally Bell also went out to check as reliever Josh Kinney began warming up in a hurry.

All in all, it certainly was a lot more attention than Rogers attracted on the field after a yellowish-brown mark was spotted on his hand — he said it was a mix of dirt, spit and resin, while others claimed it was illegal pine tar.

A moment later, Carpenter was deemed to be OK. He proved it, too, by continuing to set down the Tigers to constant cheers.

"He showed everything he could do," La Russa said. "He's got a lot of weapons."

Carpenter drew his biggest roar when he got a standing ovation as he came to bat in the eighth. The bottom of the eighth took a while, though, and Braden Loper relieved in the ninth and finished the combined three-hitter.

"We need to swing the bats better, obviously," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said.

Game 4 will be Wednesday night, provided a forecast of steady rain holds off. If it does, NL championship

series MVP Jeff Suppan will start against Jeremy Bonderman.

The Tigers had homered in all 10 postseason games before Carpenter stopped them. And a Detroit team that averaged 5½ runs per game throughout the AL playoffs has scored a total of five in the World Series.

It was somewhat of a surprise, too. Carpenter gave up a season-high seven runs at Detroit in June, and the Tigers' starting lineup was hitting .356 against him.

"No. 1, you have to credit Chris Carpenter," Leyland said. "No. 2, we have a few guys who aren't swinging the bat too well."

Carpenter had waited a long time for this opportunity. He was injured and missed the entire 2004 postseason, including the Cardinals' matchup with Boston in the World Series, a Red Sox sweep.

He allowed only one runner past first base. Brandon Inge singled and made it to third in the third on a two-out wild pitch, then catcher Yadier

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Labor peace in baseball assured through 2011

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Baseball players and owners proclaimed an unprecedented era of labor peace, finalizing a new five-year collective bargaining agreement Tuesday night before Game 3 of the World Series.

Lawyers struck the deal last weekend during negotiations in New York, then worked on putting it in writing. The agreement, which runs through the 2011 season, is subject to ratification by both sides.

The deal makes relatively minor changes to the previous agreement, and doesn't alter baseball's drug rules. "This is the golden era in every way," said commissioner Bud Selig, sitting in the middle of a dais at Busch Stadium that included five officials from each side.

The economics of our sport have improved dramatically, and that's good. That, after all, made for a more wholesome atmosphere. We didn't have to quarrel about a lot of things. So overall, it was a very, very important part of the environment that continues peace," he said.

The current contract, reached in August 2002, was set to expire Dec. 19.



Major League Baseball union head Donald Fehr, left, Selig as MLB Commissioner Bud Selig, second from left, discusses details of their new labor contract before Game 3 of the World Series on Tuesday in St. Louis. At far right is Andy MacPhail, former president of the Chicago Cubs and second from right is Bob DuPuy, president of Major League Baseball.

After eight work stoppages between 1972 and 1995, baseball will be assured of 16 years of labor peace.

"I think you always have a better relationship when both sides are mak-

ing money." Detroit manager Jim Leyland said before the Tigers played St. Louis, with the Series tied at one game each.

"That kind of always seems to work

out in the end — doesn't it? — for whatever reason, when the owner's happy and putting a little in his pocket, and the player is happy and putting a little in his pocket. In our case, I guess in our game, a lot in both pockets."

Colorado Rockies pitcher Ray King, a member of the union's negotiating team, brought back to the dugout agreement, reached just hours before players were set to strike.

"Anytime you have peace, it's a good thing," he said. "I remember going back to when I was in Milwaukee. I was wondering if the bus was going to leave."

The deal continues, with minor modifications, existing luxury tax and revenue-sharing rules, provisions that funneled money from large-market teams to their competitors. The payroll threshold for the luxury tax increases from \$135.5 million this year to \$148 million next year, then goes up each year until it reaches \$178 million in 2011.

Under the current contract, the luxury tax has mainly affected the New York Yankees, who paid \$11.8 million in 2003, \$30 million in 2004 and \$34.1 million in 2005. Boston paid \$3.1 million in 2004 and \$4.2 million last year, and the Angels paid about \$900,000 in 2004.

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SPORTS

RMCS, Pro Trucks, Pro 4 awards presented at banquet

By Ulaa Brittan Times-News correspondent

JACKPOT, Nev. — The Rocky Mountain Challenge, Inter-Mountain Pro Trucks and ASA Pro Four Series wrapped up the 2006 season by honoring drivers and others last Saturday night in the Gala Room at the Cactus Pines Resort Casino. Mike Minegar, promoter of the Rocky Mountain Challenge Series, was master of ceremonies for the event held Oct. 21. In addition to the customary award acceptance speeches, the audience was also entertained by special "village people" dancers and a video presentation assembled by Magie Valley Speedway race director Randy Ferris. Dave Minegar of Boise was hon-

ored as the 2006 Rocky Mountain Challenge Series champion. Despite not making a trip to the winner's circle during the season, Minegar captured the championship on points, which are given not only for finishing position but for qualifying and the number of cars passed during the main event race.

John Newhouse and Bruce Quale, both of Twin Falls, finished second and fourth, respectively, in the series. Newhouse put together one win, seven top-five and 10 top-10 finishes on the season. Quale, who racked up five top-five and seven top-10 finishes, also took home the Sportsman of the Year trophy.

"That was a cool deal to win that award," Quale said.

Final Standings

Rocky Mountain Challenge Series: 1. Dave Minegar, Boise; 2. John Newhouse, Twin Falls; 3. Chris Ratterree, Nampa; 4. Bruce Quale, Twin Falls; 5. Tom Hill, Eagle; 6. Bryan Warf, Meridian; 7. Chad Cannon, Nampa; 8. Tyler Monroe, Star; 9. James Eaton, West Jordan, Utah; 10. Zan Sharp, Wellsville, Utah. Inter-Mountain Pro Trucks: 1. Dan Koyle; 2. Kevan Larson; 3. Ralph Kincheola; 4. Kenny Vanderham; 5.

Alan Larson; 6. Ken Kennedy; 7. Dan Peterson; 8. Wayne Gunderson; 9. Steve Fisher; 10. Eric Jensen. ASA Pro 4: 1. Joe Barton, Kuna; 2. Rob Powers, Meridian; 3. Eddie Seader, Bloomington, Calif.; 4. Daniel Madsen, South Jordan; 5. Kurt Madsen, West Jordan, Utah; 6. Jeff Barz, Nampa; 7. Kenny Chandler, Boise; 8. Scott Cook, West Valley, Utah; 9. John Dorecjak, Midvale, Utah; 10. Kevin Fremman, Meridian.

Quale also won the drawing for a race car body.

The RMCS travels to three track locations throughout the season, Rocky Mountain Raceway in Salt Lake

City, Utah, Meridian Speedway in Meridian and the Magic Valley Speedway in Twin Falls.

This was Newhouse's second year behind the wheel in the series and

Quale's first full season in the division. The Pro Trucks Series, sponsored by Mr. Gas, also race at the Meridian and Salt Lake City, Utah, tracks as well as the Magic Valley Speedway.

Wayne Gunderson and Kelly Dan Koyle of Elmer the series championship award for 2006. Koyle put together three wins during the season, one at each track in the circuit.

Kevan Larson of Twin Falls captured the runner-up spot and Ralph Kincheola of Jerome finished third in the series.

Joe Barton of Kuna captured the series title in the ASA InterMountain Pro-4 division. The Pro 4 Series also runs a traveling circuit, including two races at MV5 during the 2006 season.

QB question: Bledsoe or Romo?

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Drew Bledsoe doesn't carry a clipboard, and he's not into playing big brother.

He's either a starter or one-unhappy

vet. That's just part of the dilemma Bill Parcells faces this week while deciding whether Bledsoe or Tony Romo should be the quarterback of the Dallas Cowboys.

Bledsoe lost his grip on the job after throwing an interception shortly before halftime Monday night. With the Cowboys in position to score a go-ahead touchdown, Bledsoe instead made one of the bad decisions Parcells had warned could get him yanked.

So Bledsoe spent the second half seething, watching his backup not do much better.

In the first meaningful action of his four-year career, Romo was intercepted on his first play and twice more, including one returned 96 yards for a touchdown. Dallas (3-3) went from being down by five points when Romo took over to losing 36-22.

But Romo also showed he could be effective. He scrambled and completed 14 of 25 passes for 227 yards and two touchdowns, and flashed more footwork running for a 2-point conversion. Fans certainly rallied behind him and teammates such as Terrell Owens seemed more energized, too.

That leaves Parcells mulling these options:

• Does he go with Bledsoe, who needs more time than his offensive line can provide and tends to make bad decisions, but knows what he's doing after 194 career starts?

• Or does he go with Romo, who'd thrown only two passes until Monday night and immediately got every one that he's going to have some growing pains?

Actually, it's not even that simple.

Parcells also has to weigh the upcoming schedule (beginning Sunday night in Carolina) against NFL sack leader Julius Peppers, then two more road games, the team's playoff hopes and the long-term impact of either move.

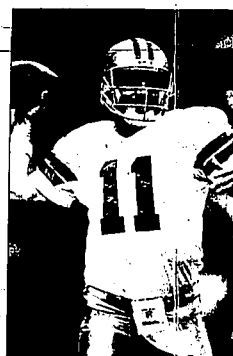
Sick with Romo and Bledsoe could become a burden, or go with Bledsoe and head waste a chance to see whether Romo is the quarterback of the future. And what might the decision mean to Parcells' future in Dallas?

No wonder team owner Jerry Jones was happy to be in New Orleans on Tuesday, attending an owners meeting instead of dwelling over it all. Still, the quarterback question was fresh on his mind.

"I thought the best chance for us to be where we wanted to be, which was continuing in the playoffs, was to go with an experienced quarterback in Drew and I don't know that I've changed my mind."



Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo (9) looks for a receiver in the third quarter against the New York Giants in Irving, Texas, Monday.



Dallas Cowboys quarterback Drew Bledsoe (11) passes against the New York Giants on the first quarter in Irving, Texas, Monday.

Jones said. "But we've got to win games.

"There's no question Romo's got ability and he can mitigate some of the problems we have with Drew's mobility. It'll be a tough decision."

Romo and Bledsoe both believe they deserve the same job, which already is generating friction.

Wearing a visor and a scowl, Bledsoe stood on the sideline the entire second half. He constantly tugged the collar of his jersey, almost as if he was ready to rip off his uniform, and didn't offer Romo a single word of advice.

"He's a competitor," Parcells said. "He doesn't want to come out."

It goes deeper than that, though.

Bledsoe left New England and Buffalo because he didn't want to be a mentor or an insurance policy. He's hinted that Dallas is his last stop and has indicated that if he's not starting, he'd rather be home playing with his kids.

Of course, what Bledsoe wants matters little to Parcells. All the coach wants is the QB who gives the Cowboys the best chance of winning.

That can still be Bledsoe, as evidenced by his six touchdown passes and one interception in Dallas' three victories. But those have all been against teams with losing records. Against playoff contenders Jacksonville, Philadelphia and the Giants, he has one TD and seven INTs.

Romo arrived in Dallas in 2003 and has outlasted Jones-picked quarterbacks

Quincy Carter, Chad Hutchinson and Drew Inenson, mostly on ability but also with a mix of intangibles that Parcells admires. Jones believes in him, too, with a recent contract extension for next year serving as proof.

Mobility is Romo's biggest selling point. That could be more necessary than luxury considering the way the line played Monday night.

Romo also plays with a gunslinger mentality, which sometimes means throwing passes with an 11-crank-in-the-bravo. Experience could help team him when he can and can't. (For what it's worth: Bledsoe's never had a three-interception fail for Dallas.)

"I definitely would have liked to have performed better," Romo said.

Then there's the Parcells factor.

Whether it's stubbornness, loyalty or both, Parcells rarely changes quarterbacks midseason. Cowboys fans learned that the hard way two years ago, when he stuck with 41-year-old Vinny Testaverde.

Things are different now. Romo is ready and the team is far more primed to challenge for a playoff berth. A miss would make it three straight years, a blow to Parcells' reputation.

Some answers will come Wednesday, when Parcells holds his next news conference. The real answer probably will have to wait until Sunday night.

AP Sports Writer Brett Martel in New Orleans contributed to this report.

Big Ben could miss game with Raiders after concussion

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Ben Roethlisberger's second concussion in slightly more than four months may not keep him out of the Pittsburgh Steelers' lineup Sunday or prevent him from practicing this week.

The Super Bowl-winning quarterback is questionable for Sunday's game in Oakland, but Bill Cowher sounded Tuesday very much like a coach who expects to have his starting quarterback ready to go this week.

"He had an MRI done on his brain and neck, and both of those came back normal," Cowher said. "We also did the concussion test, and we're very encouraged by the results. We'll monitor his progress as the week goes on, but again, I'm emphasizing that we're very encouraged by where he is."

Asked if Roethlisberger would practice Wednesday, Cowher said, "We'll see how he feels."

Roethlisberger was briefly knocked unconscious during a helmet-to-helmet hit with the Falcons' Chauncey Davis midway through the third quarter of Pittsburgh's 41-38 overtime loss in Atlanta. The injury came in Roethlisberger's best game of the season — he was 16-of-22 for 238 yards and three touchdowns.

Cowher expects the NFL to review the hit for a possible fine or disciplinary action, as the league does with almost any play that involves a quarterback's head injury.

Roethlisberger was woozy and appeared dazed a few minutes later while being taken to the locker room on a motorized cart, but returned later to watch the rest of the game on the sideline.

His replacement, Charlie Batch, threw two touchdown passes during a day the Steelers passed for 413 yards in 60 minutes — the most they've had in a game in which their quarterback never stepped on the field past the fourth quar-



Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger is hit by Atlanta Falcons defensive end Patrick Kenney during third quarter of their NFL football game in Atlanta Sunday. Roethlisberger left the game with a head injury and did not return.

ter. Their only better passing day was Tommy Maddox's 473-yard effort in the Steelers' previous game against Atlanta, a 34-34 tie in 2002 that lasted 75 minutes.

Roethlisberger was deemed well enough to fly home on the team plane Sunday night, and he drove his car to a team meeting Monday. Later Monday, he met with a neurosurgeon and took the IM/FACT concussion test that many NFL teams use to determine the severity of a concussion, and when a player is fit to return.

The test measures a player's memory, attention, mental processing speed and reaction time. The results are compared to those taken when the player was healthy.

"He will take the test again later in the week to make sure he is cleared medically before we would subject him to play," Cowher said. "Again, it's too early to make a final decision on that. We will definitely do so by taking all necessary precautions to make sure he is cleared."

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Melina blocked a curve that bounced to keep a run from scoring. Granderson grounded out to end the inning. Edmonds hit a two-run double in the fourth. A throwing error by Tigers reliever Joel Zumaya and a wild pitch by Zach Miner gave St. Louis its other runs. Working on 13 days' rest, Tigers lefty Nate Robertson

opened with three hitless innings. That's about normal for the Cardinals — they went a weak 23-34 against left-handed starters this season. Yet it was the lefty-swinging Edmonds who got the key hit against Robertson, who was pulled after five innings. After that, Robertson batted his time on the bench talking to Rogers, perhaps picking up some secrets about pitching in the cold.

District IV announces all-conference soccer team

TWIN FALLS — The Class 3A District IV added two more players on Tuesday to its all-conference boys and girls soccer teams for the 2006 season. The updated list follows.
2006 Class 3A District IV All-Conference Soccer Teams
Boys
Bilas: El Gough, Jovan Rojas, Michael Faulkner, Lalo Coronado, Cole Earkins
Buhl: Alejandro Delgado
The Community School: Alden Ramon, Travis Stone, Jackson Bates, Caleb

Sonneland, Ryan Campbell
Filler: Casey Murray, Adam Russell
Gooding: Daniel Lopez
Wendell: Victor Salazar
Girls
Buhl: Autumn Yurbe, Jessica Harris, Janna Lively, Amanda Lyon, Madeline Meiers, Trista
The Community School: Kathryn Farmer, Krista Detwiler, Katie Rothberg, Grayson Palmer, Sara Berman, Cody Curran
Gooding: Geniry Koyle
Wendell: Rita Alfeche, Leslie Telle

Struggling Nadal blames fatigue for slide

PARIS (AP) — For Rafael Nadal, the explanation is clear: fatigue and a heavy schedule.

The second-ranked Spaniard has not reached the semifinals of a tournament since losing to Roger Federer in the Wimbledon final three months ago.

"I had a lot of matches in the first half of the season and my muscles were very tired. Nadal said Tuesday during a conference call leading to next week's Paris Masters. "Mentally, too ... it was a big effort. I'm playing better now."

Nadal has won more titles this year, including a victory over Federer in the French Open final in June. A month later, the top-ranked Swiss won his fourth straight Wimbledon title by beating Nadal in the final.

Nadal also said he has recovered from foot and ankle injuries he skipped the Australian Open in January because of an ailing left foot.

"This is my first year after an important injury so you have to be careful," Nadal said. "I feel fine now, but when you have an injury and you just stay in your mind, so you have to be wary."



In this July 9, 2006 file photo, Spain's Rafael Nadal returns to Roger Federer of Switzerland during the Men's Singles final on the Centre Court at Wimbledon.

right now ... He is playing unbelievable." At the Paris Masters, which starts Monday, Nadal may get another chance to face Tomas Berdych, who is the defending champion. The Czech, ranked 10th, beat Nadal in

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the quarterfinals at Madrid last week. When he was jeered by the Spanish crowd, he put a finger to his lips to try and silence them. Nadal told Berdych he shouldn't have done it and was "a bad person." Spanish fans then booed Berdych during his semifinal loss to Fernando Gonzalez.

"It is better we don't speak about it that. Better to speak about Paris and the next tournament," Nadal said. "Something happened on court, but let's forget it. I don't want to think about Berdych."

Looking toward next year, Nadal predicted that young players will make their mark. "There are so many coming through, like Berdych, (Richard) Gasquet, (Novak) Djokovic and (Andrew) Murray," Nadal said. "They will expect to finish in the top 25 this year, and a lot of them will be in the top 10 next year."

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

MLB Playoffs

St. Louis	4	1	000	4
LA Dodgers	3	1	100	4
NY Yankees	2	0	000	2
San Francisco	2	0	100	2
Arizona	1	0	000	1

Minor League

San Francisco	4	1	000	4
LA Dodgers	3	1	100	4
NY Yankees	2	0	000	2
San Francisco	2	0	100	2
Arizona	1	0	000	1

GAME PLAN

LOCAL High School Football

Richland at Carey, 7 p.m.

TV SCHEDULE MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

FOX - World Series, Game 4, Detroit at St. Louis, 8 p.m.

ESPN - Preseason, Houston at Miami

FOOTBALL

College Football

FAVORITE OVER UNDER

Michigan	3	0	500	139	128
Ohio State	3	0	260	141	171
Georgia Tech	3	0	260	141	171

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TENNIS

ATP St. Petersburg Open

Manic A. Kuznetsov	6	2	0	0
Manic A. Kuznetsov	6	2	0	0
Manic A. Kuznetsov	6	2	0	0

WTA Tour Grand Prix Ladies

AT Incheon Korea (Tier II)

Manic A. Kuznetsov	6	2	0	0
Manic A. Kuznetsov	6	2	0	0
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WORLD SERIES

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BASKETBALL

NBA Preseason

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ESPN breaks another Monday night record for TV ratings

BRISTOL, Conn. (AP) — ESPN's telecast of the New York Giants' 35-27 win over the Dallas Cowboys on Monday night was viewed by the largest audience in cable history.

The network announced Tuesday that the game, featuring two of the NFL's biggest rivals, was seen in an average of 11,807,000 homes, based on a 12.6 rating. That translates to 16,028,000 viewers.

The previous record for cable television was the debate over NAFTA in November 1993, between then-vice president Al Gore and Ross Perot.

This has been a big season for ESPN and "Monday Night Football." The return of football to New Orleans on Sept. 25, when the Saints topped Atlanta, drew the third-biggest cable audience, while Chicago's shocking 24-23 victory over Arizona last Monday is fourth.

A cable ratings point represents 923,000 households.



Cleveland Browns offensive coordinator Maurice Carthon, shown in this Jan. 11 photo, resigned as Cleveland's offensive coordinator on Tuesday, two days after the Browns' NFL worst offense managed only one touchdown, and seven points in a loss to Denver.

Carthon out, Davidson in for Browns

BEREA, Ohio — Romeo Crennel had no choice but to make a tough call. He had run out of time and options.

Maurice Carthon had to go.

With Cleveland's season spiraling downward, Crennel accepted Carthon's resignation as offensive coordinator Monday night, one day after the Browns scored just seven points in a loss to Denver.

The Browns (1-5) have the NFL's lowest-ranked offense and Carthon made some head-scratching play calls and personnel decisions, infuriating Cleveland's fans and frustrating its players.

Crennel said Carthon, in his second year running the Browns' offense, came into his office and said he wanted out.

"We talked man-to-man about our situation that we are in," Crennel said. "To do what I thought was best for the Browns, the organization and the fans of Cleveland, I decided to accept his resignation."

Allmendinger joining Toyota team

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — A.J. Allmendinger became the latest open-wheel defector Tuesday when the Champ Car driver signed a deal to drive for Team Red Bull in NASCAR.

The 25-year-old Allmendinger signed a multi-year deal to drive the No. 94 Curly, completing a move that already includes 23-year-old Brian Vickers, who announced in June he was joining the team.

"A.J. has the talent, guts and ambition to be successful in any form of motorsports," TRB general manager Gary Guent said. "He has proven to be one of America's top young race car drivers

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in open-wheel racing, and we are confident he can accomplish the same in stock car racing over time.

A former Toyota Atlantic champion and former Champ Car rookie of the year, Allmendinger kick-started his career earlier this season when he was fired by the Ruston team. He was snapped up within days by Forsythe Championship Racing and scored his first career victory that weekend.

He went on to win three straight, and five overall this season, and is currently second in the Champ Car standings with one race remaining.

MAGIC VALLEY CSI women's basketball to hold fundraiser for Heimkes family

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team will be giving all proceeds from its game against Sheridan College (Wyo.) on Nov. 10 to the family of Lindsey Heimkes. Heimkes, who played her high school ball at Filer High School and last season at Sheridan College, was injured in a car accident this summer and is the user of less.

In addition to donating the money to the family, Connie Hardy has made a quilt to be raffled off with all the money to be donated. The back of the quilt will have T-shirts from all Magic Valley high schools as well as CSI and Sheridan College. The cost for raffle tickets is \$1 for one ticket or \$5 for six tickets.

"We hope the community will come out to the game and show their support for Lindsey," CSI head coach Randy Rogers said. "We want to pack this place to help raise money for Lindsey and her family."

CSI hosts softball camp

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho softball program will hold its youth instructional camp Dec. 1-2 in the CSI gymnasium and rec center. The camp is open to players in Grades 7-12 and there will be a coaches' clinic also. CSI head coach Nick Baumert, his staff and players will be on hand along with college coaches and instructors, including former team USA, starting catcher Steve Neumann, who played on the 2000 Olympic gold-medal team.

The cost of the camp is \$100 per player or \$30 per coach for the coaches' clinic. For more information, call Baumert at 732-6194 or visit <http://athletics.usc.edu/softball/index.asp> and click on the camps link.

Hapayan signs hole-in-one

BERMIE — Nestor Hapayan made his second hole-in-one Monday at Horton's Country Club. The shot came on the 190-yard No. 5 hole using a 6-iron. It was witnessed by Jaylen Hapayan and Tom Larsen.

MVTA to host Mixed Doubles tourney

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Tennis Association will hold its 2006 Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament Nov. 6-11 at the Twin Falls YMCA. Participants must be members of the MVTA, but not the YMCA. Entry fee is \$30 per individual, and a \$100 fee for the tournament. For more information, call registration at 732-6194 or visit www.mvmtat.com. Registration is due Nov. 1. Contact Kathy at 731-3152 with any questions.

—Compiled from staff and wire reports

Market Watch

Oct. 24, 2006

Dow Jones Industrials	+10.87	12,127.88
Nasdaq composite	-10.72	2,344.84
Standard & Poor's 500	+0.38	1,377.38
Russell 2000	-1.08	762.43

Stocks of local interest

Con Agra	25.81	▼ 19
Dell Inc.	23.28	▼ 32
Idacorp	39.66	▼ 19
Lincoln Motor	25.30	▼ 40
Micron	14.23	▼ 12
Supervalu	33.15	▼ 0

Commodities

Nov. Oil	59.35	▲ .54
Light sweet crude by barrel		
Live cattle	89.22	▼ 1.2
Oct. gold	584.40	▲ 4.7

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Fed expected to leave interest rate alone

By Jeannine Aversa
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve policymakers are likely to keep their finger on the interest-rate pause button, giving America's borrowers another break heading into the congressional elections.

Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke and his central bank colleagues opened a two-day meeting Tuesday against the backdrop of slowing economic growth and receding energy prices. Their interest rate decision will be announced Wednesday.

"My guess is that they will stay on the sidelines until something tells them to get off," said Dartmouth College economics professor James Feyrer. "My sense is that they have no real reason to go up or down right now so they are doing nothing."

If they do that, it would mark the third time in a row in which they kept an important interest rate at 3.25 percent. That would mean commercial banks' prime interest rates — for certain credit cards, home equity lines of credit and other loans — would stay at 8.25 percent.

This week's meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee — the group of central bankers that sets interest rate policy in the United States — is the last before the Nov. 7 elections. Economic conditions are expected to play a role in voters' choices at the polls.

By holding rates steady, the Fed would stay on neutral political ground heading into the elections, political scientists and economists observed.

The economic environment is such that there is no conflict between the appropriate conduct of monetary policy and politics, said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Economy.com. "Good policy and politics can easily go hand in hand in this election but you can envision a case where that might not happen."

If the Fed were to boost rates right before the election — a move that would hit many voters in their pocketbooks — incumbents might suffer.

On the other hand, if the Fed were to cut rates — reducing borrowing costs for millions of Americans — there could be political fallout if that action is seen as an urgent effort to rescue a sick economy.

"If it did something that really underlined a problem, it might have impact on voters," said Ken Shell, political science professor at Hunter College.

Anderson Camp plans events

Times-News

EDEN — Looking for fun things to do for the whole family?

Anderson Camp, located at 1188 E. 9th S. in Eden, has plenty of activities planned. Stop by on any day the rest of October to play some mini golf and help a good cause at the same time. A round of golf is \$4 and Anderson Camp will donate \$1 to breast cancer research in honor of Breast

Cancer Awareness Month.

Looking for a bargain or looking to sell some of your own wares? Anderson Camp's indoor flea market will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. the first Saturday of each month from November through April. Spaces are \$28 to \$48 and tables can be rented for \$5. Admission is free. To rent a space, call 208-825-9800.

Here's a quick rundown of other activities at Anderson Camp:

• **Craft Fair:** Feeling crafty? Anderson Camp's Craft Fair will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 18. Tables can be rented for \$20 and admission is free.

• **Parents Saturday Out:** Parents who want to holiday shop, work around the house or maybe just go to the movie can drop the kids off at Anderson Camp from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 25. Children between the ages of 10 months and 13 years will enjoy lunch,

crafts and a Disney movie in a safe environment. The cost is \$25 for one child and each additional child is \$15. Children between the ages of 10 months and three years are \$30.

• **Christmas at Anderson Camp:** Come enjoy the beautiful Christmas lights and displays from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Dec. 15-31. Admission is free though donations are welcome to help with lighting costs. For more information on Anderson Camp activities, call 208-825-9800.

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A cheesy battle



San Joaquin Gold cheese wheels, ready to be cut up for packaging, are shown recently at the Fiscalini Cheese Co.

California on track to become U.S. cheese capital

By Jacob Adelman
Associated Press writer

TURLOCK, Calif. — Fifteen years ago, Antio Baghossian had a small shop in East Hollywood where he processed blocks of mozzarella from other manufacturers into the string cheese he learned to make at his family's business in Lebanon.

Now his Karoun Dairies Inc. operates a plant in the state's dairy heartland, turning a couple silos of milk each day into about 16,000 pounds of feta, queso fresco and other exotic cheeses adapted for American palates.

Aided by an abundant supply of milk, an increasing nationwide appetite for cheese and some savvy marketing, manufacturers such as Karoun are contributing to a produc-

tion boom that could soon propel California past Wisconsin to become the nation's top cheese producer.

California is now the home of the American Cheese Society's annual competitions. Every day, the plant churns out more than a million pounds of cheddar, Monterey jack and mozzarella cheeses that are sold under a variety of brand names.

In addition, small California cheese makers have built a name for themselves among consumers and connoisseurs while winning dozens of awards at national and international competitions, casting a positive light on the producers of so-called commodity cheese that dominate the state's cheese industry.

"California cheeses are really

looked upon as coming of age," said Christine Hyatt, a grocery store consultant in Portland, Oregon, who serves as a judge at the American Cheese Society's annual competitions.

Last year, California turned out 2.14 billion pounds of cheese — nearly a quarter of the nation's supply. The total makes a huge increase from 1985, when the state had only about 7 percent of the national market.

The growth has put California within striking distance of the 2.4 billion pounds produced every year in Wisconsin, the state that bills itself as "America's Dairyland."

Wisconsin's share of the growing national cheese market has fallen from more than a third in 1985 to just over a quarter last year.

Neil Fletcher, a spokes-

woman for the California Milk Advisory Board, said it's hard to predict exactly when California will overtake Wisconsin, but the production trends make it just a matter of time.

Wisconsin, which lost its title as top milk-producing state to California in 1993, is nowhere near surrendering, said Patrick Geoghegan, a spokesman for the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board.

"This is not something that we got into over the last 20 years or so," Geoghegan said. "It's been a big part of our past and will continue to be a big part of our future."

"Bearing the title 'America's Dairyland' is about more than just producing the greatest amount of commodity cheese," he said. "It's about cheese quality, quality, quality."

Entrepreneur puts teens in the driver's seat

By Martin Zimmerman
Los Angeles Times

COSTA MESA, Calif. — Ben Bennani knows the risks and rewards of niche marketing.

In the 1990s, he dropped his efforts to create a demand for buffalo meat as a healthy dining option at his Newport Beach restaurant after nearby residents launched a boycott. But buffalo burgers were back on the menu within a matter of weeks when loyal customers raised a ruckus.

The moral: Find a niche — either by creating a demand or serving an overlooked clientele — and exploit it.

"You have to have a specialty," Bennani said recently. "Otherwise, your competitors will put you out of business."

That philosophy came in handy a couple years ago when Bennani, 55, was trying to revive the small car-rental firm he had acquired after selling his three Orange County restaurants.

Casting about for ways to lure customers from rivals — several of which have outlets within a mile or two of his AA Car Rental — Bennani focused on big agencies generally not renting cars to drivers ages 18 to 20. Here, he decided, was a pool of potential customers

just waiting to be noticed.

It was a risky strategy; the big companies shun this age group for a reason.

For one thing, U.S. drivers 18 to 20 are much more likely to be involved in an accident. Ensuring that the cars come back in decent condition was also more of an issue with this group than with the typical corporate renter, Bennani realized.

Neil Abrams, a longtime industry executive and consultant, sums up the challenges of the car-rental business in stark terms.

"You give a \$20,000 vehicle to a perfect stranger and hope

they come back and that the vehicle comes back in the same condition that it left," said Abrams, president of Abrams Consulting Group Inc. in Purchase, N.Y.

"The element of risk can be the difference between making money and losing money. You have a few bad rentals, and it can literally put you out of business."

Then there's the problem of payment and security. Renting a car typically requires a credit card — something many young people don't have.

Bennani tackled the first problem in a couple ways. He offers safety tips — a sort

of informal driver's-ed course — to improve the odds that his cars will come back in one piece.

"We don't have a license to train drivers, but we can guide them," Bennani said.

He also imposes restrictions on how far his younger customers can drive, usually 100 miles. If they exceed that limit, he will make a note in their files and threaten them with a ban.

Renters who return his cars in pristine condition are rewarded with a \$20 gift certificate to a local restaurant. Good behavior also warrants a free limo ride home.

Statesman, Business Review head to court over Idaho legal ad law

The Associated Press

BOISE — The Idaho Statesman, the state's largest circulation newspaper, has sued the Idaho Business Review in a dispute over publishing legal notices.

The Statesman filed the lawsuit on Oct. 12 in 4th District Court, contending that Idaho law requires legal notices for Ada County be published in the Statesman, which has a weekday circulation of more than 64,000.

The weekly Idaho Business Review, which has a circulation of about 3,300, said the law only applies to legal notices published by government agencies, and not notices published by private parties.

Legal notices include such things as foreclosures, legal name changes, and bankruptcies. Such notices carry legal weight in the court system.

According to Idaho law, legal notices must be published in the newspaper with the largest paid circulation in the local area.

For public notices, it's about the most people seeing it," said Statesman Publisher Mi-Ai Parrish. "If you want to publish in something else in addition to us, that's fine by us. If you want to reach IBB's audience, then stop publishing."

In the last year, some Statesman advertisers said they were going to instead publish legal notices in the Idaho Business Review.

Travis Quast, advertising director at the Statesman, told those clients that their legal notices wouldn't be considered valid as a result of that decision.

Rick Carpenter, publisher of the Idaho Business Review, said his newspaper's revenues from legal notices have dropped to \$100,000 from \$250,000.

He said that's a result of the Statesman telling advertisers about possible legal ramifications.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Table of Mutual Funds with columns for Name, Div, Chg, and various fund details.

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COMMODITIES REPORT

CLOSING FUTURES

Table of Closing Futures prices for various commodities.

COMMODITIES REPORT

CHEESE

Text regarding cheese prices and market conditions.

POTATOES

Text regarding potato prices and market conditions.

LIVESTOCK

Text regarding livestock prices and market conditions.

METALS/MONEY

Text regarding metals and money market prices.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table of New York Stock Exchange data including market summary and individual stock prices.

MARKET SUMMARY

Table of Market Summary data including NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ indices.

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Table of NASDAQ National Market data including various stock prices.

INDEXES

Table of various market indices and their values.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table of stocks of local interest with company names and prices.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Text explaining how to read the market report and understand the data.

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SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.

A quick batch of mixed showers and light snow will move through the High Country today along a passing cold front. The high mountain peaks could see a little light snow.

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Temperature: Yesterday's High 46, Today's High 41, Tomorrow's High 41.
Precipitation: Yesterday's 0.00", Today's 0.00", Tomorrow's 0.00".
Humidity: Yesterday's Medium 70%, Today's Medium 70%, Tomorrow's Medium 70%.
Barometric Pressure: Yesterday 29.53 in, Today 29.53 in, Tomorrow 29.53 in.
Sunrise and Sunset: Sunrise 8:23 AM, Sunset 6:45 PM.
Pollen Count: Tree pollen 150 grains per cubic foot, Grass pollen 10 grains per cubic foot.

Moonrise and Moonset: Today 11:28 AM, Tomorrow 12:57 PM.
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GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
"The dictionary is the only place where success comes before work. Hard work is the price we must pay for any success we wish to enjoy. If you're willing to pay the price..."

Whites pursued Katrina insurance complaints more aggressively than minorities

By Rakanal Callimachi and Frank Bass, Associated Press writers

NEW ORLEANS — The Littles and the Kitchens watched helplessly as Hurricane Katrina battered their homes. Both families waited patiently for an insurance adjuster to settle their losses. And both were sorely disappointed with the outcome.

Then, their paths diverged. Richard and Cindy Little, a white couple living in a predominantly white neighborhood, filed a complaint with the Louisiana Department of Insurance. Eventually, they won full reimbursement for their repairs.

Doretha and Roy Kitchens, a black couple living in New Orleans' overwhelmingly black Lower Ninth Ward, simply gave up and took what their insurer gave them. They didn't know they could appeal to the state. Though poor and minority neighborhoods suffered the brunt of Katrina's fury, residents living in white neighborhoods have been three times as likely as homeowners in black neighborhoods to seek state help in resolving insurance disputes, according to an Associated Press computer analysis.

The analysis of Louisiana's

Donelson said. More than a year after the epic hurricane-laid waste to much of the Gulf Coast, frustration and anger still simmer. More than 700,000 insurance claims were filed for damage resulting from Katrina in Gulf Coast states and to date, only \$14.9 billion out of \$25.5 billion in insured losses have been paid. The national risk modeling firm ISO estimates.

In Louisiana, more than 8,000 residents have filed Katrina-related complaints with the state insurance office. Using a state records law, AP obtained the files of more than 3,000 complaints that have already been settled and analyzed the outcomes by the demographics of the victims' current zip code neighborhood.

Nearly 75 percent of the settled cases were filed by residents currently living in predominantly white neighborhoods. Just 25 percent were filed by households in majority-black zip codes, the analysis found. The analysis also suggests income was a factor. The average resident who sought state help lives in a neighborhood with a median household income of \$39,709, compared with the statewide median of \$32,566 in the 2000 Census.

Study finds flu shots safe for young children

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — The biggest study ever to look at the side effects of flu shots in children confirmed that the vaccine is safe for babies and toddlers. Researchers studied 45,000 U.S. children and found almost no side effects requiring medical treatment during the six weeks after the youngsters were vaccinated. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that more than 90 children die of 5 die of the flu each season. Flu vaccine has a good safety record, the researchers wrote, though some formulations have been linked to Guillain-Barre syndrome, a rare paralyzing disorder. With the shots now recommended for all children younger than 5, the findings are reassuring, said Dr. William Schaffner, an infectious-disease specialist at Vanderbilt University who was not involved in the study. "Linus had a security blanket, and this is a huge security blanket," Schaffner said. "This is a comfort to all providers, parents and policymakers that we can move ahead with great confidence." Researchers found a few

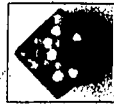
Other target groups: Health care personnel under 65 years of age; 7 million 41.9% healthy 24-59 month olds; 7.1 24.5 healthy 50-64 year olds; 18

SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



Richard Little, 50, talks to the Associated Press in his home in Slidell, La., in August. Little lives in the top property damage recovery zip code in Louisiana, and his home is fully repaired a year after Katrina sent four trees crashing into it.

Idaho Water Sports advertisement. Features a large graphic with the text 'Customer Appreciation days Oct. 27th & 28th'. Below this, a list of items and prices: Atomic T-Pulse Adult ski & binding pkg. Reg. \$499.99 SALE \$199.99; Head Jr. ski & binding pkg. Reg. \$249 SALE \$149.00; Ripzone Cargo Pant Adult & kids Reg. \$79.99 SALE \$59.99; New 2007 Outerwear 2 pieces or more 20% Off; Burton Gloves starting at \$19.95; Scott Goggles Jr. Reg. \$16 SALE \$12.95 Adult Reg. \$30 SALE \$24.99; Morrow Board, boots & binding Kids \$249 Adult \$299. At the bottom, a coupon for \$20 off with purchase of \$100 or more, valid Oct. 27th & 28th. Logos for Burton, Atomic, and Morrow are visible.



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King of his



This house in Hazelton has 2-foot-thick walls sealed with Oakley stone to mimic an authentic European castle. Floyd Schwarz, the home's owner and builder, is still adding features to the house.

Hazelton man built dream home from scrap

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

HAZELTON — It rises from the floor of Magic Valley, but it's not a mountain. It's not a silo. It's not a silage mound. In fact, it has no business in a rural Idaho landscape.

It's a castle — with tower, turret and battlements.

Something that unusual is bound to rouse talk. Get lost between Hazelton and Murtaugh, and locals will likely steer you to your destination using Floyd and Lee Schwarz's home as a guidepost. It is, perhaps, the quirkiest building in Magic Valley.

Why does it exist? Because Floyd wants it to. The castle's inhabitant is as peculiar as his abode. He's suffered serious injury three times during construction — yet Floyd is still building. A mount-like water feature is next on the list.

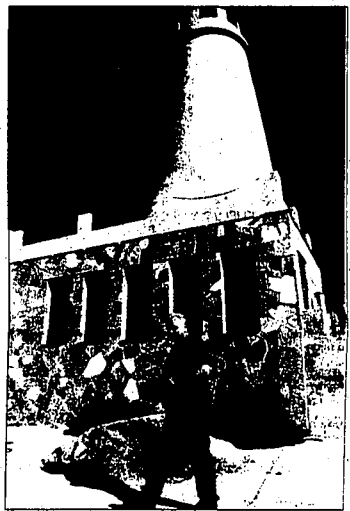
Floyd's Xanadu began as a 26-by-28-foot church built in 1923 by his grandfather. In the early 1970s, Floyd began to toy with the notion of expansion.

With a background in auto mechanics, Floyd is a constant tinkerer. He builds furniture, toy trains, kitchen cabinets and just about anything else he dreams up.

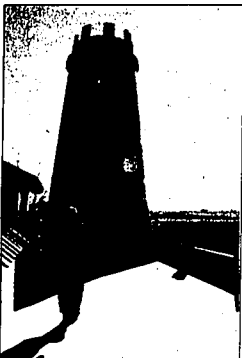
But the castle is his largest endeavor: 200 tons of steel, more than 200 yards of concrete.

After consulting with a friend who specialized in concrete, Floyd began collecting the materials for his dream house. Except for the concrete and the original church core, all the materials are scraps from other buildings or construction projects. Steel beams from a train wreck. Other beams from a burned-out building. Iron pieces from a windmill. Scraps from an old

Please see CASTLE, Page C3.



Floyd Schwarz began construction on his castle-style home in 1976 and finished the main house 11 years later.



This concrete tower is built around a water pipe salvaged by Schwarz. Most of the construction materials were surplus.

Inset photo: Floyd Schwarz built this fireplace in the home's interior. The original house the 'castle' was built around was erected by Floyd's grandfather in 1923.

Why does it exist? Because Floyd Schwarz wants it to. The castle's inhabitant is as peculiar as his abode.

Family, friends and food

Idaho Humanities Council to release book of food essays

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — The trick to his grandmother's masterpiece mashed potatoes is all in the baking powder. The dish itself has been in William Studebaker's family forever, he says, a favorite passed around the dinner table.

The recipe to Phoebe Harrington's potatoes is included in the soon-to-be-released "Disbrog Soup & Poverty Cake. An Idaho Potluck of Essays on Food," compiled by the Idaho Humanities Council.

"These potatoes are famous in our family,"

Buy it

"Disbrog Soup & Poverty Cake" sells for \$15 plus tax directly through the Idaho Humanities Council; call (888) 345-6348 or visit www.idaho-humanities.org.

said Studebaker, a Twin Falls native. "I thought it was a real novel recipe."

The new compilation includes another mashed potato preparation, but Studebaker is suspicious of it because of the extras — chives, cheese, bacon.

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William Studebaker of Twin Falls shares the secret to great mashed potatoes: Start with plenty of Idaho Russets and finish with baking powder.

BLAIR KOCH



FOOD & HOME

Last call

In about a week, grape harvest will be over for Dale and Loreta McMinin of Wendell.

For over 20 years the McMinins have been growing purple Concord, perfect for jams, jellies and juice — as well as Catawbas that are great for a batch of raisins.

Also grown on the couple's acre parcel of vines are table grapes and a select variety of red wine vinifera.

"This has been a great year for the 'grape harvest,'" Loreta said. "We have gotten lucky without having a hard frost, and the grapes are wonderful."

She spent the weekend putting up 35 quarts of grape juice and has canned plenty of jam and jelly to last until next year.

However, there are still plenty of grapes on the vines, weather permitting.

The rapid approach of the end of the season means lower prices for those wanting grapes.

"We hate to see any of them go to waste. This is really the last chance anybody will have to get them this fresh until next year," Loreta said.



Where to buy

The McMinins sell the grapes from their home at 1600 E. 3300 S. in Wendell.

Prices for U-pick grapes are \$10 a bushel (60 pounds) or 25 cents per pound.

The fruit can also be ordered ahead, picked and prepared for pick-up. For orders called in, the price is higher — depending on the grape and amount desired.

To order or for information, call the McMinins at 536-2284.

— Blair Koch

This feature appeared weekly in Food & Home this summer and fall. Watch for "Local Foods" to return during the 2007 growing season.



Learn about wine and impress your friends

Times-News

GLENN'S FERRY — Feeling a touch too ignorant about wine? Here's help.

A College of Southern Idaho North Side Center class, "From Grape to Bottle," will give students a night out at the Carmela winery in Glenns Ferry.

Wine-maker Neil Glancey will take participants through the process of grape growing and harvest, juice production, aging and sensory evaluation while teaching about wines

produced in Idaho. CSI said. Participants will learn the finer points of wine and food pairing as they sample the wines.

And you won't have to tell your friends where you learned it.

Class will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Nov. 2 at Carmela. Cost is \$35, which includes optional sampling of appetizers and up to four wines. Students must be at least 21 years old.

To register, call 934-8678 or stop by the North Side Center at 202 14th Ave. E. in Gooding.

LOCAL FOODS

These are upper crust pot pies

By Stephanie Witt Sedgwick
Special to The Washington Post

This dish is a playful interpretation of the traditional pot pie. It's fun, it looks special, and it tastes great. If you do all the dicing, slicing and cutting ahead of time, the dish can be assembled and cooked in about 30 minutes.

BEEF TENDERLOIN AND MUSHROOM 'POT PIES' WITH CHEDDAR-CRUSTED TOPS

4 servings

For the cheddar-crustured tops:

- About 8 ounces pie crust dough, store-bought or homemade
- 1 egg, beaten with 1 tablespoon water
- 1/4 cup grated sharp cheddar cheese

For the filling:

- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 1/2 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into 1/2-inch cubes and kept chilled
- 3/4 cup finely chopped onion
- 10 ounces small button, white or cremini mushrooms, quartered or cut as necessary to yield 3/4-inch pieces

Salt
Freshly ground black pepper

About 1 1/4 pounds beef tenderloin, first cut into 1/2-inch slices, and then each slice cut into 1/4- to 1/2-inch strips

1 cup red wine (use whichever kind you are serving with the meal)

1 cup low-sodium beef broth, or more as needed

2 teaspoons cornstarch

1 teaspoon Dijon-style mustard

2 tablespoons finely chopped parsley

For the cheddar-crustured tops: Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

Roll out the pie crust dough until it is no more than 1/4 inch thick. Cut 4 approximate squares, each about 4 inches across, discarding the dough scraps. Brush lightly with the egg-water wash and then scatter 1 tablespoon of the cheddar cheese evenly on each square. Bake on the prepared pan on the lowest rack of the oven for 13 to 15 minutes, or until the crust just begins to brown and the cheese has browned. Cover loosely to keep warm and set aside.

Meanwhile, prepare the filling: In a large skillet over medium heat, heat 1 table-



STYVIANE WITT SEDGWICK/WASHINGTON POST
Beef tenderloin and mushroom 'pot pie' with cheddar-crustured top: This dish is a playful interpretation of the traditional pot pie. It's fun, it looks special, and it tastes great.

spoon of the oil and 1/2 tablespoon of the butter. Add the onion and cook for 3 to 4 minutes, stirring, until the onion pieces are soft and translucent.

Increase the heat to medium-high and add the mushrooms. Cook, stirring every minute or so, until the mushrooms release their liquid and begin to brown, 6 to 8 minutes. Using a slotted spoon, transfer the mushroom-onion mixture to a

plate and set aside.

Add the remaining 1 tablespoon of oil to the skillet and reduce the heat to medium. Season the beef tenderloin strips with salt and pepper to taste. Working in batches, add just enough strips to the pan to fill it without crowding.

Cook for a minute to brown one side, then turn the strips and cook for 1 to 2 minutes more. Transfer the cooked meat to the mush-

A menu to show off these pot pies

- Stewed Asparagus Rolled With Prosciutto
- Assorted Italian-Style Breadsticks
- Beef Tenderloin and Mushroom-Crustured Tops
- Baby Greens With Oil and Vinegar
- Vanilla Ice Cream With Cinnamon-Sugar Pecans

room-onion mixture. Repeat with the remaining tenderloin strips.

Add the red wine and 1/2 cup of the beef broth to the skillet, then increase the heat to high and cook about 5 minutes, or until the liquid has reduced by half.

In the meantime, in a small bowl, combine the remaining 1/2 cup beef broth with the cornstarch and mix well. Set aside.

When the liquid in the skillet has reduced, reduce the heat to medium; add salt and pepper to taste and whisk in the mustard. Add the broth-cornstarch mixture, whisking to combine. Cook until the sauce thickens; this will take only a minute. Whisk in the remaining 2 tablespoons of butter, a few pieces at a time, until well combined. Add the mushroom-onion mixture and strips of meat and mix well. If the sauce seems too thick, add beef broth as needed.

Taste and adjust seasonings as necessary.

Divide the beef tenderloin filling among shallow soup bowls and scatter each with the chopped parsley. Place a warm pie-crust square on top of each portion and serve.

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Food

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"The richness of our recipe is that it magnifies the potato," he said.

And a food book about Idaho needs potatoes.

Humanities council members got the idea to prepare a book rich in memories — and the recipes that inspire them — after the council agreed to sponsor the 2006-07 six-city Idaho tour of the traveling Smithsonian exhibit "Key Ingredients: America by Food."

"The book contains 43 different authors throughout the state, including four from the Magic Valley, sharing with us their cultural experiences with food," said Rick Ardinger, Idaho Humanities Council executive director.

"We thought that the collection would offer us something lasting after the exhibit is past, and I think that readers will be pleased."

Through stories and recipes of fried squirrel, chocolate chip cookies, potatoes, Depression-era edibles, barbecued spare ribs and Basque soup, the pages read like personal diaries and offer all of a taste of Idaho.

"The essays here in 'Dishrag Soup & Poverty Cake' celebrate those old books, those small boxes of family index cards, and well-worn spiral notebooks that hold secrets — mostly the ingredients of community, friendship, family, memory," Ardinger wrote in an introduction.

One such memory is included with Jeff Fox's recipe for Kozuki no Gyouza, a meal to make and eat with friends, served with white rice, miso soup and beer.

Fox, of Twin Falls, writes: "Every time my wife and I make it, we remember our friends in Japan who shared it with us, and I pass it along to you. The food itself is delicious, but the making and sharing of it contains a call to action that friends and family seek to build and nurture those human relations which are central to us all."

The dish is most memorable to Fox and his wife, Evin (they were married in Japan in the early '80s), as they both recall riding their bikes to a noodle shop owned by their friends there. "They were always very happy to see us. Evin helped



Erin and Jeff Fox, both educators at the College of Southern Idaho, pose with a picture of friends from Japan who frequently shared a special recipe with them.

them make the dish in their shop, but they would never give us all of the ingredients for it — they were closely guarded secrets," Fox said. "Only when we were getting ready to come back did they let us in on them because with us gone, then it was safe to know what went in."

"The book is full of insight on the importance of sharing special times over good food (and how to cook it right)."

"Food forces us to stop the world for a while, sit down and share for a while. By breaking bread and sharing food as a gift across the table it breaks down barriers and reveals that all humans have common needs, and I think that this book will help capture that and inspire others to take inventory of their own special memories," Fox said.

Other Magic Valley contributors include Lisa Horton of Halley and Florence Blanchard of Bellevue. Horton includes a recipe for Foolproof Fudge, giving a nod to a time in her childhood when she desperately wanted to prepare the dessert during a family vacation to Florida.

"I remember sitting down to write the recipe on the card before leaving on our trip. I must have forgotten to finish it because my mother finished the recipe; her beautiful handwriting fills up the bottom half of the card," Horton said. "I don't remember the fudge, but I distinctly remember that time in my life."

FOOLPROOF FUDGE

Place in large mixing bowl: 1 cup broken nuts (walnut

or pecan)
1 package chocolate chips
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 stick margarine

Mix in sauce pan:
6 ounces canned milk
2 cups sugar
10 large marshmallows

Bring the latter to a boil, turn to lowest heat and cook eight minutes or until soft

ball. Pour over other ingredients in the mixing bowl. Stir and pour the mixture into a cake pan or flat dish; let it harden before cutting into squares.

— From "Dishrag Soup & Poverty Cake"

Times-News correspondent Blair Koch can be reached at blairkoc1@gmail.com or 316-2607.

Become a cast iron cook

Times-News

GOODING — This is cuisine with true southern Idaho style. The College of Southern Idaho-North Side Center is offering a "Dutch Oven Cooking" class with instructor Colleen Sloan from 6 to 9 p.m. Nov. 8 at Wendell High School.

You'll learn the basics of cast iron cooking as you make a variety of recipes. The fee is \$15. Bring a nonalcoholic beverage to drink with your food, organizers urge.

To register, stop by the North Side Center at 202 14th Ave. E. in Gooding or call 934-8678.

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When: Friday, October 27th from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: Former Anderson Lumber Building located on Eastland (behind K-Mart)
Who Will Be There...

St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Clinical Lab Services will offer the following blood tests between 7 and 11 a.m.

1. Lipid Profile: Triglycerides, cholesterol, HDL, LDL and risk factor (\$16.00)
2. TSH: Thyroid Stimulating Hormone (\$20.00)
3. PSA: Prostatic Specific Antigen (\$25.00)

Family Health Services will provide free glucose screening.

In order to prepare for the tests, please stop eating at 10 p.m. on Thursday, October 26th and fast on Friday morning until after your blood draw. After your blood work, grab a cup of coffee at Moxie Java Tuscan's booth and swing by the United Dairy men of Idaho's spot to pick up a free carton of milk.

Free Skin Cancer Screening, sponsored by Mountain States Tutor Institute and Scholes and Scholes Dermatology will be offered between 7:00 to 10:00 a.m. and 10:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Flu shots are available courtesy of St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Clinical Lab Services for \$20 for adults ages 18 or older all day long.

St. Benedict's will offer free blood pressure testing and height/weight assessments. After getting your flu shot, having your blood drawn and getting your blood pressure taken, you can rest for a spell in the Cain's Sitting Room.

Then please wander through the rest of our Vendors. Here's a list of who you can expect to see:

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| Miracle Ear | Modern Woodmen | Hospice Visions |
| Denise Siren Insurance | L.A. Weight Loss | Professional Hearing |
| The Spine Institute | Economy Hearing | SHIBA |
| Twin Falls Orthopedics | Blue Lakes Chiropractic | Times-News |
| Westport Insurance | Twin Falls Institute of Holistic Studies | Magic Valley Women's Health |
| Magic Valley Spine & Joint | Jewel's Home Care | Curves |
| RehabAuthority | Idaho State University | Sunbridge |
| Twinfallsdoctors.com | St. Luke's Magic Valley Health Foundation | Intermountain Diabetic Supply Co. |
| Primary Therapy Source | St. Benedict's | Magic Valley Sleep Institute |
| Equilibria | Mountain States Tumor Institute | Intermountain Therapeutic Shoes |
| Walker Center | Institute | Family Health Services |
| 3MARK Financial | Lions Club (vision screening) | Dr. David McClusky |
| Drs. Roberts & Hall | SafeKids | Scholes & Scholes |
| Active Body & Sole | Blue Lakes G.I. | Dermatology |
| Costco | Hearing Counselors | St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center |
| Bridgview Estates | SLMVRMC Pulmonary Lab | |
| Sawtooth Surgery | | |
| Positive Connections | | |

St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Pharmacy Services is sponsoring an "Ask a Pharmacist" booth. Pharmacists are available to answer any questions you have about your medications.

Dr. David McClusky of St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center will be at the "Ask the Doc" booth answering general health questions. Check out his fantastic display of antique medical equipment while you're there!

Family Health Services will provide free immunizations for children. Immunization records are required. Check out the SafeKids display on Halloween Safety. You can observe the Safe Pumpkin Carving Display, where you can read about tips on creating a jack o'lantern without losing any fingers, and don't miss Poindexter's costume display (try and figure out which costume is safe and which one isn't). The SafeKids booth will hand out free Halloween bubbles.

We'll have a little of everything from dentists, to mental health practitioners to massage therapists and doctors who can answer your questions.

Don't miss out on an opportunity to learn more about your health!

Castle

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bridge. Still more beams from a Nevada mine.

The core of the castle's tower is a casing from a giant water pipe.

Other irrigation tubes provide ventilation.

"You don't see a grease monkey have something like this," Floyd said, "unless he builds it himself."

Most of the labor came from Floyd's family. The main castle, which now entirely encompasses the old church, took 11 years to complete.

He never drew up plans for the home; he simply made proposals to his concrete expert friend, and the two added the features.

"I just took off," Floyd said. "There's no rhyme, no reason. I just did it."

He's still doing it — one project at a time. A glass-enclosed solarium, recently finished, grants great views to a landscaped yard on the home's north side.

He's adding a fish pond and play area for his grandchildren.

The 9,000-square-foot main part of the castle burns for about \$30,000, Floyd said. But he's paid more than money for the home: He severely burned himself while igniting a dry-wall burn pile. He sliced off his own nose cutting a nourish. And he and a few friends were badly hurt when the tower elevator gearbox blew, sending the friends plummeling to the tower floor.

Floyd lost an ankle and mangled a foot in that accident and incurred a costly lawsuit.

It must have been worth it — Floyd is still building.

"I guess I've got more time than sense," he said. And (most) guests are impressed. Not simply with the home's beauty, Lee said. "Most people are just surprised he did most of it himself."

A man's home is his castle, the adage goes. In Floyd's case, it couldn't be truer.

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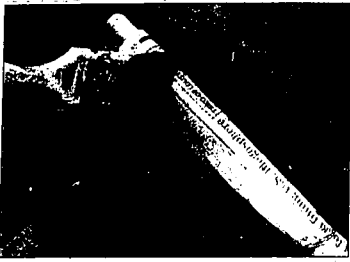
DEAR JIM: I plan to use my fireplace often this winter to lower my heating bills, but I have never been very good at getting a fire started and keeping it going. Is there a proper method to build a fire?

— Chris R.



SENSIBLE HOME
James Dulley

DEAR CHRIS: If you ask a hundred old-timers about the best method to build a fire, you will likely get a hundred different answers. There actually are many effective and efficient ways to lay a fire and get it started, but most have basic fire-building concepts in common. First, if you plan to use your fireplace often, have the chimney



Make newspaper logs by wrapping newspaper around a broom handle, wetting it and allowing it to dry.

ney-inspected by a certified chimney sweep. Many houses burn to the ground each year from faulty or dirty chimneys. This is particularly true if you have had problems getting hot fires going in the past. A smoldering fire creates much flammable creosote which builds up inside the chimney.

Most methods to build a hot, long-burning fire use newspapers, some softwoods, and mostly hardwoods. The newspapers are used to start the fire and to get the kindling burning. The kindling holds the flame long enough to get the softwoods and hardwoods burning.

The tepee and the English methods are two common ways to lay a fire.

Both use newspapers under the andirons or grate. With the tepee method, place kindling on end or firestarters in the center. Place several logs on end to form a tepee. This method creates channels of hot gases up between the logs to quickly get them started. Once burning, additional logs can be added in any fashion.

The English method is better when using andirons. Place two logs across the andirons and then place a third log on top of the kindling. It sometimes also helps to place a few pieces of kindling vertically down into the newspapers and up between the logs.

With any method of laying a fire, place some uncrumpled newspaper over the logs after the fire is laid. Before you light the newspapers under the logs, light the top newspaper sheets to create an upward chimney draft. If the smoke goes up the chimney, light the newspapers under the logs from each side.

You may often hear the term "back log." A back log is a large log laid at the back of the fireplace. It will eventually burn, but its main purpose is to keep the fire on the andirons and protect the firebrick. Also, the front surface of the back log will glow red and radiate more heat out into the room.

There are several easy methods to make firestarters and newspaper logs. Fill condiment cups with sawdust and then pour in melted paraffin or old candle wax. For more decorative starters, place a pine cone in a cupcake paper, add a wick and fill it with candle wax.

Newspaper logs can be made by wrapping sheets of newspaper around a broom handle, wetting them with a water/flour solution and allowing them to dry.

DEAR JIM: I use a dehumidifier at times to reduce allergy problems for my son. How pure is the water from a dehumidifier, and can it be used in a steam iron, car battery or in my son's goldfish bowl?

— A.D.
DEAR AL: A dehumidifier is somewhat similar to the last stage of a water distiller where water vapor condenses into water. There are no hard water ions in the dehumidifier water, so it should be fine for the steam iron.

There are chemical vapors in indoor air from cleaners and synthetic products. These may or may not also condense into the dehumidifier water depending upon their boiling point. I would not put it in a battery or the fish bowl.

Room dividers: beyond the curtain

By Karen Sommer Shalett
The Washington Post

Anyone living in loft-like quarters — or, more likely, trying to make the most of a Lilliputian pad — knows a little something about the great room divider. Whether you're looking to get privacy from that throning roommate, make your studio into a one-bedroom, or just a hide a mess, here are three options that go beyond the beaded curtain.

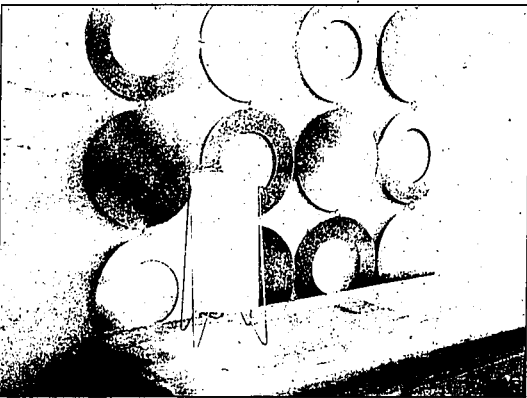
Vitra Algue

High on the hipster cred list, the German design company Vitra is known for all things uber-modern. This mesh curtain of flame-retardant plastic works best to separate spaces where you'd like the light from one to seep into the other. Installation is literally a snap — you use small pegs to connect each 50-piece set, which comes in multiple colors and makes up to two square yards. Hardly just child's play, but think of the whimsy in a shared siblings' bedroom.

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Kenneth Wingard Brass Grande Mo-bi-le-o's

Gold and brass have reigned on the runway for several seasons now, and this fall, the earthy metals are coming to the fore in interior design as well. As sculptural as it is functional, this antiqued brass unit looks great against a plain wall; it can also be used as a partition to separate two more formal spaces, such as a living room and a dining room. With six 12-inch discs to a pack, you'll most likely need to connect multiple sets to get the coverage you want.



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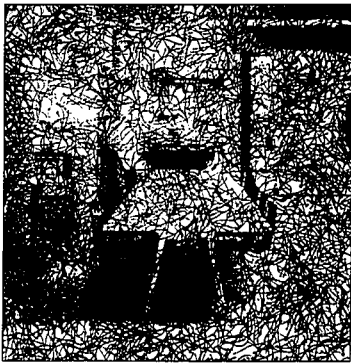
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IKEA Norrebro

Open bookcases are a great way to make a space seem larger. IKEA's 73-by-48-inch lacquered birch unit will do much to both divide and conquer — your mess, that is. Use decorative storage boxes, fun bookends and other ephemera to keep the shelving from looking like a total mess.

\$169 at www.ikea.com.

Vitra Algue. This mesh curtain of flame-retardant plastic works best to separate spaces where you'd like the light from one to seep into the other.



Americans give warm reception to big fridges

By Annie Groer
The Washington Post

Like the Americans who raid them, refrigerators just keep getting bigger.

General Electric has launched a built-in, stainless-steel fridge in its high-end Monogram line that measures a whopping 72 inches wide. That is double the width of most widely sold models, which are 33 to 36 inches wide. The largest residential-size refrigerator from Sub-Zero — the firm credited with spawning America's lust for trophy appliances — is a comparatively meek 48 inches across.

The GE behemoth carries an equally hefty \$14,000 price tag and features two top doors and a pair of bottom freezer drawers.

"Because this refrigerator is for a consumer who most likely loves to entertain," GE spokeswoman Allison Eckelkamp writes in an e-mail, "it has the width and depth to accommodate large party platters."

Judging from photos, it also could probably swallow a couple of turkeys, a small wedding cake and a watermelon or two, although a center wall separates what is basically twin 3-foot-wide fridges.

"There are people out there who want to make a design statement about their status and this is the way to do it," Eckelkamp says. "It reflects the lifestyle."

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Do a little updating to deviled chicken

By Stephanie Witt Sadgwick
Special to The Washington Post

Deviled chicken never loses its appeal. Many recipes for it, however, are a little dated. I've updated the method here, using the grill instead of broiling and then broiling. I've also omitted the breadcrumbs. What hasn't been lost is the flavor of the mustard and herbs. If health reasons compel you to remove the skin, wait until after the chicken is cooked.

And yes, you can still make this in the broiler. If that's your

preference, place the chicken about 5 inches below the heating element, turning the pieces every 5 or 6 minutes to cook evenly.

GRILLED DEVILED CHICKEN

6 servings

- 1/2 cup Dijon-style mustard
- 3 tablespoons canola or mild olive oil
- 3 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoons dried herbs of your choice, such as dill, parsley, thyme and tarragon

- 3 or 4 drops hot pepper sauce, such as Tabasco, or more to taste
- Salt
- 5 to 6 pounds bone-in, skin-on chicken parts

In a small bowl, combine the mustard, oil, vinegar, herbs and hot pepper sauce; add salt to taste. Gently loosen the skin of each chicken piece and smear some of the mixture on and beneath the skin. Cover the chicken with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes and up to 2 hours. When ready to cook, prepare

the grill. If using a gas grill, set at medium-high, around 400-450 degrees, for indirect cooking. If using a charcoal grill, start the charcoal or wood briquettes; when the briquettes are ready, pile them on one side. Oil the grate.

Place the chicken on the grill, making sure it is not over direct heat. Cover and grill until the chicken is cooked through, 25 to 30 minutes. When the chicken is done, place the pieces, skin side down, over direct heat for 2 to 3 minutes to crisp the skin.

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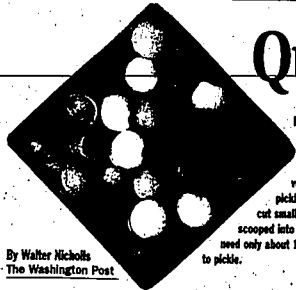
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Quick pickling: These pickles are not side dishes but rather more of a complement to the main course



By Walter Nichols
The Washington Post

There was a nose-tingling aroma of boiling vinegar and heady spices in the kitchen of Zola restaurant in Washington on a recent morning. But there wasn't a canning jar in sight. Grandma never put up pickles like the ones executive chef Frank Morales makes in minutes.

In the classic sense, to pickle is to preserve. And pickling may bring to mind an arduous, perhaps daylong, process of cooking the fruits or vegetables, then putting them in sterilized jars into boiling-water baths.

But at Zola, the pickled melon balls served on a skewer with grilled shrimp are not only quick to make but intended to last just one day.

"It's meant to be quick," the chef says as he pours a pungent brine, seasoned with cloves, juniper berries and coriander seeds over balls of yellow and red watermelon, cantaloupe and honeydew. "And the smaller and more porous the surface area, the quicker the pickling time."

For example, a small dice of melon will need only about 10 minutes in the brine, while a thick-skinned baby bell pepper requires as long as four hours. As far as flavor is concerned, the speedy process subdues the sweetness of fruits and vegetables and instills a sour taste while retaining their color and texture. Quick pickles are not side dishes but rather more of a complement or to the main course.

Morales made his first quick pickles in 1997 while working at Union Pacific restaurant in New York. A tuna tartare dish "needed a note of spice and acidity, so I introduced a little pickled rhubarb," he says. And he has been putting pickled foods, in one form or another, on plates ever since. "I've pickled just about everything under the sun, from raspberries to zucchini blossoms," he says.

"They are the perfect accompaniment to grilled meats and fish," says McBride, executive chef of another Washington restaurant. "The acid cuts through the fat. It's as simple as that."

McBride has been making quick-pickled tomatoes for 15 years, and "regular customers go crazy for them," he says. "Which wines go best with quick-pickled foods? Think light. Avoid tannic red wines. Morales and McBride recommend a Riesling or pinot grigio.

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Melon takes on a whole new flavor when it's pickled. Melon cut small, or scooped into balls, will need only about 10 minutes to pickle.

Chef Bryan Mascattello of Washington created these pickles. He serves them with crisp chicken livers, but they also go well with fried chicken.

- 3 whole star anise
- 6 whole allspice berries
- 1 tablespoon yellow mustard seeds
- 2 cinnamon sticks
- 3 whole cloves
- 3 bay leaves
- 1 tablespoon pink or white peppercorns
- 1 bunch tarragon
- 1 medium fennel bulb, coarsely chopped
- 1 cup shallots, roughly chopped
- Rind from 2 oranges
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 cup plus 2 tablespoons light brown sugar
- 1 1/2 cups orange juice
- 1/2 cup lemon juice
- One 25.4-ounce bottle (750 milliliters) sherry vinegar
- 2 cups water
- Salt
- 3 or 4 medium sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into about 1/4 batons (each 2 inches long, 1/4-inch wide)

In a small skillet over low heat, add the star anise, allspice, mustard seed, cinnamon sticks, cloves, bay leaves and pink or white peppercorns and toast until fragrant, 2 to 3 minutes. On a large piece of cheesecloth, bundle together the tarragon, fennel, shallots and orange rind. Add the toasted spices. Gather the corners of the cheesecloth and fasten with kitchen twine to form a sachet. Set aside.

In a medium saucepan over high heat, bring the sugars, orange juice, lemon juice, vinegar, water and salt to taste to a boil, stirring to dissolve the sugars. Reduce heat to medium and add the sachet. Cook, with bubbles just breaking the surface, for 45 minutes. Add the sweet potatoes and cook 4 to 5 minutes until cooked but still slightly firm.

Have ready a large bowl filled with ice water. Submerge the pot with the sweet potatoes in the ice bath and allow them to cool. When ready to serve, remove the sachet, drain and serve the pickled sweet potatoes at room temperature.

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PICKLED PEPPERS

8 servings

At Zola restaurant in Washington, roasted peppers made in the Thai tradition are served with fish and chips. Executive chef Frank Morales says these also would go well with grilled sausage.

- 24 mini bell peppers in assorted colors (may substitute 8 regular size bell peppers), roasted (see note)
- 2 cups water
- 2 cups rice vinegar
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 lime, cut into wedges
- 3/4 cup coriander seed
- 1 bay leaf

Make a small slit in the side of each roasted pepper and with a small knife remove and discard as many seeds as possible (if using regular size bell peppers, slice them into bite-size pieces and remove ribs and seeds). Place the peppers in a large bowl. Set aside.

In a medium saucepan over medium-high heat, add the remaining ingredients and bring to a boil, stirring to dissolve the sugar. Strain and discard the solids. Pour the pickling liquid over the peppers, cover and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes or, ideally, up to 4 hours. To serve, drain and transfer to a serving bowl. Gently brush off



Pickled melon, pepper and corn are on Frank Morales' menu at Zola in Washington. "It's meant to be quick," the chef says.

Photo by STEVE SMITH
Washington Post

any seeds with a spoon. NOTE: To roast bell peppers, place them on a piece of aluminum foil under the broiler, about 4 inches from the flame. Let the peppers become blistered and charred on one side, then rotate so a new side is exposed. Continue until most of the skin is charred. Don't worry if the peppers lose their form. Place the peppers in a resealable plastic bag or a bowl covered with plastic wrap and let sit for 15 minutes. When cool enough to handle, remove the skin (it's OK if some bits of charred skin remain; they will add flavor to the pickling liquid).

PICKLING FOR MELONS

6 to 8 servings

For a party, you can pickle some red and yellow watermelon in addition to honeydew melons and cantaloupe. Chef Frank Morales likes to serve the pickled fruit on skewers, alternating the colors of the melon, alongside grilled fish or shrimp.

- 1/2 cup banyuls vinegar (may substitute sherry vinegar)
- 1/2 cup champagne vinegar

- 2 cups water
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1/4 cup sugar
- Rind from 1 orange
- 1 whole clove
- 2 juniper berries
- 1 bay leaf
- 6 coriander seeds
- 2 Sichuan peppercorns
- 2 or 3 medium honeydew melons or cantaloupe, cut into 1-inch cubes or scooped into balls

In a medium saucepan over

medium-high heat, add all ingredients except the melon and bring to a boil. Cook, stirring occasionally, for about 10 minutes or until the liquid has reduced slightly and become syrupy. Strain and discard the solids.

Place the melon cubes or balls in a large nonmetal bowl. Pour the warm pickling liquid over the melon. Let sit for about 10 minutes. Drain and serve.

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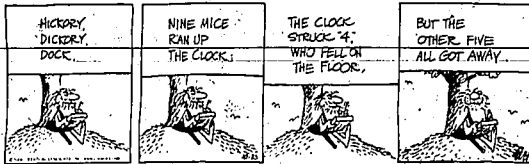
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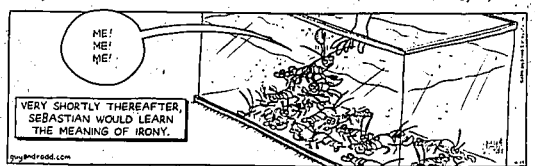
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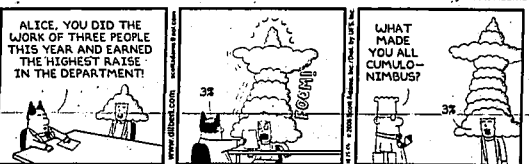
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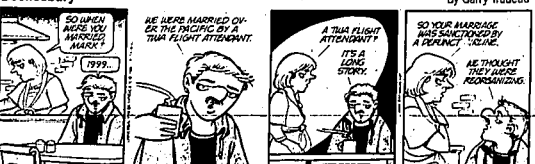
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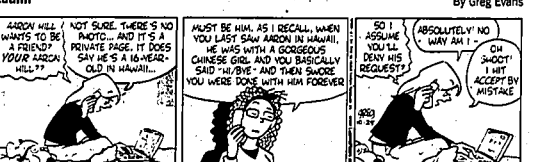
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Fools and their money soon part, Aries

IF OCT. 25 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Give in to the desire to be a social animal over the next week or so. Put emphasis on being enthusiastic at work and beam with gentle charm. Aim at being a pleasant contributor to the fun wherever you go. December and January are good months for you to launch plans, make improvements or ask for favors. Break away from making crucial decisions that could upset your career or your family's security in February. Expect a very smooth path in the year ahead, but be prepared for a few extra responsibilities next fall.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): They say that fools and their money are soon parted. Your enthusiasms could outstrip your common sense. A desire for instant gratification is best satisfied by smuggling with a romantic partner.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Because wild enthusiasms can be stirred by an intimate partner, it is easy to make a promise that will be regretted later. Just wait and see.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Faith will be rewarded. Work and study conditions improve or a chronic situation could be relieved. For instance, the

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neighbor might sell the drum set his noisy kids have been banging on.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Giving in to a restless itch can undermine your best efforts. Just as you reach the end of your tether, something good will occur. Patience and steadfast loyalty are your best qualities.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Enjoy a breath fresh air. Those recent periods of negative feedback can vanish permanently under these stars. Ally yourself with people who have proved to be completely trustworthy and sincere.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): This isn't the time to toss a coin. If you can't make an informed decision, make no decision at all.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your favorite someone might have a roving eye, but you are just as likely to invite seductive glances, too. A little competition might be good for your relationship.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't toss the financial dice.

gambling on a "sure thing" might not be wise. Stability and enduring values will see you through a dilemma. Physical chemistry can ignite love matters.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Stop and think carefully before making a complete change of direction. As an old Chinese proverb states, "Only he who has traveled the road knows where the holes are deep."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Stick to the status quo. Develop plans for improvements but don't be in a rush to implement them. Conflicts that have held you back will evaporate without a need to confront them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your charm could wear thin very soon. Stick to the tried and true, and don't force important issues or make any impulsive moves. Remain contented to work behind the scenes for best results.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You needn't be a willing guinea pig for someone's romantic experiment. Don't be upset by emotional turmoil. Positive changes or a relief from heavy responsibilities may slip in place unobtrusively.

Breakup letter to soldier could jeopardize comrades in arms

DEAR READERS: Yesterday I printed some of the feedback regarding my answer to "Feeling Guilty," Memphis, Tenn., after I urged her to wait until her serviceman fiance returned from Iraq before breaching their engagement. Today I will share more of them. Read on.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne
Phillips

doing him a favor by breaking up, because she's not in love with him "just."
— ALFRED J. D'AMARIO, LT. COL., USAF (RET.)

DEAR ABBY: When I was a company commander in Vietnam, Dear John letters were my biggest personnel problem. Soldiers in harm's way cling desperately to girlfriends and wives. I had one soldier commit suicide over a Dear John letter. We learned to put soldiers under a suicide watch for 30 days after such a letter. Family members and friends who write to "lull" do the soldier no favor. Let the soldier get home with support from family and friends before dropping the news. Letters and e-mails should be overwhelmingly positive. Our military people deserve that much.
— RON K. ROGERSVILLE, TENN.

was discussing your column, disagreed with your reply. They all said they would rather be given the bad news while deployed. They said they have lots of people around to support them. This is the soldier's time to heal and close a chapter of his life. If she's worried about his reaction, it might be better to send a letter to someone in his chain of command, perhaps with a sealed letter to him to ensure he gets any help he might need. She also needs to do the right thing and return any money or gifts he's given her.
— SOLLIER'S WIFE, PARKERSBURG, WVA.

DEAR ABBY: As a retired Air Force director of safety, I can attest that the probability of an accident or possible suicide among young people increases markedly following a traumatic emotional situation such as divorce, breakup (receipt of a Dear John letter), court-martial, etc. If "Feeling Guilty" values her friend's life at all, she should definitely wait until he has returned. Then she would probably be

DEAR ABBY: I cried when I read your response to "Feeling Guilty." I was a Marine serving in Chu Lai, South Vietnam, in 1965. When a close friend got a "Dear John" from his wife, I decided that same night as a result of an "accident" involving a hand grenade. I pray she has the heart to wait until her fiance returns to safe soil.
— ALWAYS A MARINE IN MY HEART, ENGLEWOOD, FLA.

DEAR ABBY: I am a psychologist and served in Iraq running a combat stress-control clinic. I couldn't agree more with the answer you gave the young woman, and have wished for a forum in which to provide that exact advice.

Many of the soldiers we saw had exactly this problem — Dear John letters, e-mails or phone conversations. I can't tell you how distracting the information was to them. In addition to placing their own lives in jeopardy, their inattention jeopardized the lives of soldiers around them.

Ladies (and gentlemen), listen up! Do not communicate this type of information until the soldier returns. It'll be easier to deal with complaints of deceit than with the guilt of possibly having caused physical harm to someone else. In this particular case, ignorance is bliss.
— TOM ANDERSON, COLUMBIA, S.C.

DEAR ABBY: My husband, and every soldier around who

Songbirds have to learn songs

Most songbird songs are learned, not inborn. For example, a bullfinch raised by crows will learn the crows' song and pass it down to its children.

This day in history: It's the feast day of St. Crispin, the patron saint of shoemakers and footwear. Oct. 25, 1854, is also the day that the Charge of the Light Brigade. Immortalized in Tennyson's poem, who were ineptly into a valley of death during the Crimean War.

Researchers say that up to 15 percent of plastic surgery patients suffer from dysmorphic disorder, a morbid preoccupation with slight or imagined defects in their appearance.

Don't laugh. The great Boston Molasses Flood of 1919 sounds funny, but the 2.5 million gallons of hot molasses pouring into the city streets knocked down houses and derailed railroad cars. Twenty-



RANDOM KINDS OF FACTNESS
Erin Barrett
& Jack Mingo

golf course? Keep in mind that most golfers are right-handed, and that duffers are more likely to slice the ball than hook it. If you'd rather not be bombarded by golf balls, buy a house on the left side of a fairway, not the right.

If all of the 200 million cars and light trucks on United States roads were current hybrid technology, the country could save 100 billion gallons of gas a year. That's equal to the total amount of oil pumped out of United States oil wells each year.

Reader Ed Schurr gives us some examples of golfers' synonyms for shaff (fitting the golf ball). Our favorites are "flitting the big green ball before the little white ball" and an sly but gaudy, "Standing too close to the ball — after hitting it."

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Ape pulls fire alarm in Des Moines

DES MOINES, Iowa — When firefighters responded to an alarm of a local research center, they found no fire and one guilty ape.

A bonobo named Panbusha pulled the fire alarm last Friday at the Great Ape Trust of Iowa, said apologetic researchers.

"It's my understanding that she's been told not to do it again," trust spokesman Al Setka said.

The fire alarm is on an wall in an area used by the apes and members of the scientific team. Panbusha, a 25-year-

Odds and ends

old female, is one of seven bonobos at the facility, and was among the first group to arrive in April 2005. Setka said Sue Savage-Rumbaugh, a lead scientist studying the behavior and intelligence of bonobos, scolded Panbusha.

Fire department spokesman Brian O'Keefe said Monday it was the first known case of an animal setting off a fire alarm in Des Moines.

Couple reels in turtle on fishing trip

KEY LARGO, Fla. — After fishing without a bite for hours in the Florida Keys, a Massachusetts couple finally pulled something into their boat: a 5-year-old calm terrer named Tigger.

Ray Truche Jr. and Lisa Lagrassa were motoring their 23-foot fishing boat earlier this month on Florida Bay when they suddenly felt they had hit something in the water.

"As we came back upon it, I realized it was a little fat dog," said Truche, of Manchester, Mass. "It was having trouble keeping its head above water. Its big eyes were looking at us. It was almost as if it was saying, 'Don't leave me here!'"

Tigger had apparently fallen overboard from Diane and Richard Beckman's boat during the trip from Key Largo to Marathon. The Key West Citizen reported Monday. The Beckmans frantically

searched the waters for 2½ hours.

"We went back and forth, back and forth," Diane Beckman said. "Finally we just gave up, because we thought he couldn't have survived in the water for that long. I was just heartbroken."

She said she felt elated when she got home and listened to her messages. She went quickly to pick up Tigger.

"As soon as he realized it was me, he jumped in my arms and wouldn't let go," she said.

Manatee spotted in river in downtown Memphis

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Renown for its blues and barbecue, Memphis attracts plenty of visitors. But city officials are wondering what attracted a manatee that has been spotted in the Mississippi River near downtown.

Wildlife experts believe the animal swam 750 miles upriver from its home waters of Florida.

State wildlife officers are keeping their distance because they lack expertise in dealing with manatees and don't want to hurt the creature. They'll be conferring with experts, and hope to come up with a plan for helping their unlikely visitor.

Officials say the manatee looks healthy. But they are concerned about chilly weather, which can cause health problems for the aquatic Floridaian.

— The Associated Press

Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



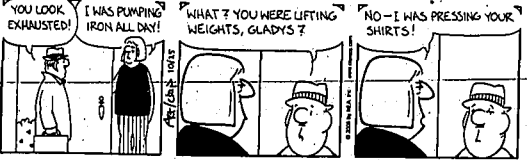
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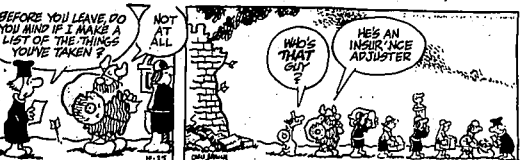
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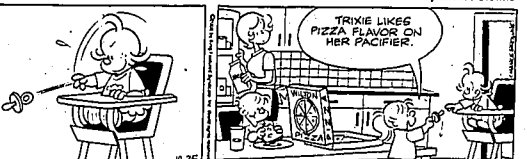
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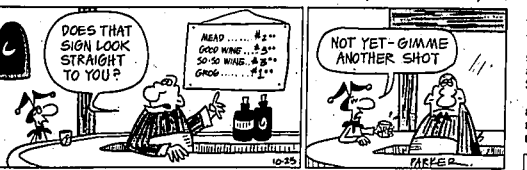
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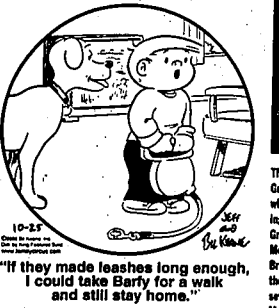
Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketchum



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



This undated photo provided by the Great Ape Trust shows Panbusha, who pulled a fire alarm Friday, sending out the fire department to the Great Ape Trust of Iowa in Des Moines. Fire department spokesman Brian O'Keefe said Monday it was the first known case of an animal setting off a fire alarm in Des Moines.

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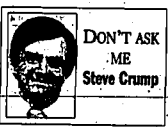


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What to eat after the tots are all gone.

In response to a column I wrote recently about the natural history of the Tater Tot, I received several e-mails inquiring what else a true Idahoan should eat.



DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

(The authentic Idahoan, by the way, can be identified by the fact that, even when he's standing on Main Street in Boise, he'll tell you he's from "Filer, Idaho.")

3. The Idaho Spud. A chocolate-covered, potato-shaped candy bar made by the Idaho Candy Co. of Boise.

No, the Idaho Spud isn't made of spuds. It contains coconut, maple, vanilla and cocoa — all of which combine to give the candy bar that appealing grahamy hue — and agar, a seaweed harvested in Morocco and Japan. (Hey, it's not my recipe, OK?)

The Idaho Spud has a mild maple flavor and a vaguely disorienting texture that Dave Wagers, president of the Idaho Candy Co., describes as "a grainy marshmallow."

Wagers told The Associated Press last year that his family sometimes makes a "Spud fondue." Wisely, the reporter did not inquire further.

But you should know that on Halloween, Wagers said, he and his wife, who is a dentist — hand out an Idaho Spud and a toothbrush to each trick-or-treater.

Maybe you should keep the kids home this year.

4. Taco spaghetti, a drive-in favorite invariably served on a paper plate and eaten with a spork.

5. Chunky peanut butter and sweet pickles, preferably with the pickle dipped into the jar of peanut butter.

6. 11 Lentil confetti salad.
7. Zucchini delight.
8. And my personal favorite ...

9. Former First Lady Jackie Batt's Turkeet Casserole.

10. Bon appetit. The ketchup's in the fridge.

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Chasing dreams

Young cowboy accomplished much in short life

By Janet Whitford
Times-News correspondent

HAZELTON — From an early age Buster Prescott's family recognized a special gift in him, and Buster seemed to know exactly what he wanted out of life.

Despite his young age, Buster accomplished much and inspired many in his lifetime. He died in an auto accident Oct. 20 at the age of 25.

He grew up on a ranch and farm, working and training horses with his family.

Buster's uncle, Shane Prescott, said he had a lot of talent and feel for horses. He described his nephew's skills of maneuvering, working and reading the horse as an extra instinct.

Years of hard work and patience finally paid off for Buster in 1998 when he became Idaho's first national cow-cutting champion.

He was always so humble. He was real modest," said Wyatt, his younger brother.

"He didn't need a lot, he was just happy with what he had."

As a freshman, a horse stepped on his head and Buster had to have a plate implanted, which limited him from some rough stock activities,

a Life remembered

Buster Buck Prescott
Born: Oct. 27, 1980
Died: Oct. 20, 2006

Survivors: Parents, Wade and Gwenne Prescott; brother, Wyatt; grandparents, Marvin (Bud) and Alice Prescott and Ray and Jean Harris; great-grandmother, Martha Harris; and an uncle, Shane and Rebecca Prescott.

The funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. today at the Twin Falls First Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St. N., Twin Falls. A celebration of life will follow at the Big Blue Messersmith building, at the Jerome County Fairgrounds, A benefit fund has been set up at the Zion's Bank for the "Logan Canyon Cowboys." Donations can also be made in Buster's name at any First Federal branch.

way of finding the good qualities and working from the positive end.

That trait worked well for Buster in life also. Wyatt said his brother wanted the best for everybody and was always encouraging.

"He wanted (others) to win as bad as he wanted to win," he said. "It's amazing how many people he touched (and) it never ceased to amaze me what the eternal impact he was. He was always happy."

Buster was also asked several times to judge rodeo contests. People respected his opinion, Shane said.

Shawn said that anything



Photo courtesy of Judy

he asked Buster to do, or anything that Buster saw needed done, he was always there and helping out.

Buster had a "wild and free" personality, a sense of adventure, determination and drive. But, despite his many successes and accomplishments, Buster remained a positive and humble man who valued his family, his friends, dogs and of course, horses.

"I think his goals were right what he was doing," Shane said. "He lived what he wanted to be right then and there."

To suggest, a Life Remembered story or contact plan, she can be reached at jwhited@cablenet.net.

Planning and zoning OKs businesses

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Planning & Zoning Commission Tuesday approved business requests for three separate applicants, including two expansions from owners' original locations across town.

The commission approved the rezoning of a small portion of land west of Washington Street North and south of Wishing Avenue where the owners of Java Jungle, a coffee shop on Addison Avenue, hope to open a second coffee shop.

The current store, which has been open for five years, has seen its business steadily increase and typically serves about 300 cups of coffee each day, owner Kim Ostrom said. The new shop will also serve fresh bagels and sandwiches.

They hope to have a drive-thru, which requires another trip to the commission, and hope to open by next spring.

In a separate item, the commission approved a special-use permit for Elwood Lee Wilson, a

consultor for five years with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, who wants to see patients in his home during evenings and weekends.

Wilson, who had initially encountered resistance not only from his neighbors, but also the city planning department, agreed to abide by nearly a dozen city planning department rules, including having his business checked on yearly.

The commission also rezoned about 16,000 square feet west of Washington Street North and north of Dubois Avenue for Esdore Nieto, Jr. to expand Mi Pueblo, a tortilla-producing business currently located on Fourth Avenue South. The new building will include a grocery store, meat shop, small bakery and a small eating area.

Recommendations now go to the City Council for final approval.

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Patrick and Rickards running for District 23A representative

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Peter Rickards and Jim Patrick have both tried to secure government seats before. In 1998, Rickards tossed his hat into an unsuccessful run at the Idaho governorship and Patrick ran for an Idaho senate seat in 2002.

This year the pair are facing each other in hopes of becoming the new state representative for District 23A.

A key issue both candidates share involves water. "My primary key issue is water. Priority water rights are important to me. Crops raised with less water usually means less money in those crops," said Patrick, a Republican from Filer. "Not everyone can make a living on farming so we need to maintain our rural way of life and branch out into other economic avenues so that people can maintain a living and raise a family in the area."

Twin Falls Democrat Rickards is for protecting the water supply as well as investigating low

Name: Jim Patrick
Age: 51
Residence: Filer
Family: Married 37 years to Afion, two grown sons.
Education: Bachelor of Arts, Ohio State University. Also graduated from the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine.

Experience: "I have paid more attention than any sane citizen to the legislature."
Quote: "I believe that I can be a representative who will be able to speak up for all Idahoans on all issues. I have a track record of digging into the details, and documenting both problems and solutions."

water-usage crops.
"The present Legislature is allowing the opening of a new plutonium particle dump above the aquifer. The aquifer is our water supply that makes southern Idaho productive. This dump area has flooded from local snowmelts, and lies 40 feet below where the Big Lost River dives from the desert deep into the aquifer," Rickards said. "The water eventually comes out into the Snake River as far as Hagerman's Thousand Springs.

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Age: 51
Residence: Filer
Family: Married 37 years to Afion, two grown sons.
Education: Bachelor of Arts, Ohio State University. Also graduated from the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine.

Experience: Canal Company board of directors, Idaho Bean Commission 10 years, National Dry Bean Council in Washington, D.C. 7 years, Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Board, advisory board member for CSI department of agriculture, appointed by Gov. Ken Benning to Seed Indemnity Fund Committee.
Quote: "I feel that I am the best person to represent this district because of my rural background."

This new plutonium dumping can and must be stopped to save our water supply for the future." A boost for local farmers, Rickards said, would be for Idaho to band with several other states to legalize industrial hemp production.

Unlike its outlaw cousin, (marijuana) hemp is known for

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Living what they learn

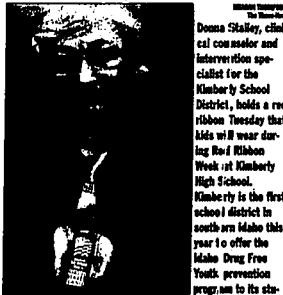
New drug prevention program will require students to act as drug-free role models

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

KIMBERLY — Students will be required to learn to live this program if they choose to join it.

The Kimberly School District has received a charter to begin offering the Idaho Drug Free Youth prevention program this year. The program educates middle and high school students about drugs and alcohol, and then asks them to act as role models for other students.

When Kimberly students sign the



Donna Stalby, clinical counselor and intervention specialist for the Kimberly School District, holds a red ribbon Tuesday that kids will wear during the Red Ribbon Week of Kimberly High School. Kimberly is the first school district in south as Idaho this year to offer the Idaho Drug Free Youth prevention program to its students.

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Twin Falls High School students organize annual Financial Awareness Night

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It's an event organized by Twin Falls' youngest and smartest business minds.

The Twin Falls High School Academy of Finance will hold its annual Financial Awareness Event tomorrow, which will provide an opportunity for the community to learn more about personal finance.

The Academy of Finance is one of the high school's small learning communities that helps prepare students for future careers. Students in the program are required to maintain at least a 2.5 grade-

Financial Awareness Night

When: Thursday from 5-8 p.m.
Where: Twin Falls High School auditorium.
What: An event organized by the high school's Academy of Finance to teach the community about personal finance. Local business will offer financial services such as credit reports and financial planning.

point average, participate in job shadows and internships, and complete a senior graduation project that focuses on their career interests.

For the past couple of

years, a small group of seniors in the academy have continued the tradition of organizing the Financial Awareness Event.

"It's really about informing the community about their finances and how it affects their lives," said Tiffany McKelvey, who is working with high school seniors Handi Fischer and Brandy Cummings to organize the event.

The event is made possible with help from local businesses that offer free services to interested members of the community. This year, a business will be available to help

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OBITUARIES

Joan Arlene Bright

TWIN FALLS — Joan Arlene Bright, 79, of Twin Falls, died peacefully in her sleep Sunday evening, Oct. 22, 2006, at her home in Twin Falls.

Joan was born on April 13, 1927, in Northwood, Iowa, the daughter of Flnnes and Fannie Janssen. She grew up and attended schools in Northwood, graduating from Northwood High School in 1945. She received her education at the University of Iowa, where she obtained her registered nursing degree in 1948. On April 22, 1949, Joan married Gregory Steven Bright in Iowa City, Iowa. Together they raised three children, Mark, Diane and Steve. In 1951, they moved to Idaho, where they settled in Twin Falls for a time and then moved to Jerome, where they farmed for several years. They moved back to Twin Falls, where she has resided ever since. Joan worked for more than 54 years as a registered nurse in Twin Falls. Joan was passionate about gardening, reading to read and sewing. Her happiest time was spent on the family farm, where she worked as hard as any of the men. She never complained and she endured to the end. Her love was her family and spending time with them and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren was a true blessing.

Joan is survived by her daughter, Diane (Chick) Collins of Twin Falls, and son, Mark (Ellen) Bright of Battle Ground, Wash.; and her two brothers, Don Janssen.



and Benjamin Janssen, both of Northwood, Iowa. Also surviving are seven grandchildren: Phillip, Crystal, Justin, Candace, Josh, Heather and Stacy; six step-grandchildren, Christopher, Charley, Cheri, Aimee, Kelsey and Cate; as well as 10 great-grandchildren, Kiley, Megan, Erin, Emma, Logan, Austin, James, Bellah, Cooper, Paige and Titus. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Gregory Steven Bright in 1991; her son, Steven Gregory Bright in 2006; and one grandson, Brad Russell Halstead in 1980.

A celebration of Joan's life will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Adelaide Ave. E. in Twin Falls, with Pastor Peter Page of the First Church of God in Jerome officiating. Viewing will take place with family present on Wednesday, Oct. 25, at 7 p.m. at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. A private family luncheon will be held at a later date. Services and cremation are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

You will be missed, "Mom, Grandma and Grandma Great."

Gayle M. Cote'

TWIN FALLS — Gayle M. Cote', 70, of Twin Falls, died on Tuesday, October 22, 2006, at her home of a seven-month courageous battle with lung cancer.

Gayle was born Aug. 24, 1936, in Epping, N.D., the daughter of Elmer and Mildred Westphal. She graduated from Epping High School in 1954. Gayle married the love of her life, Milo Cote' on Sept. 17, 1955, in Bay, N.D. After they married, they moved to Long Beach, Calif., and then back to North Dakota, where they worked at farming. Gayle and Milo moved back to California, where they operated a lawnmower sales and repair business. Gayle took care of the bookkeeping and was very able to sell and work on lawnmowers. She was active in the Lutheran Church while living in California. They moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, on April 3, 1977, where they started a lawnmower repair service. They both owned and operated Milo's Lawnmower Repair until they began thinking of retirement in 1995. They decided then that playing with grandkids and traveling was more fun.

Surviving Gayle is her loving daughter, Dana (Bruce) Quale; granddaughter, Jenna-Quale; and grandson, Jason Quale, all of Twin Falls, Idaho. Also surviving is her sister-in-law, Dorothy Westphal; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Darryl (Jeannine) Cote', all of Williston, N.D.; sisters-in-law, Nyla Jean Becker, Rosemary Gross; and brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Dallas (Marlis) Cote', all from Palm Desert, Calif. area, and numerous nieces and nephews. Her parents: brother and her husband, Milo, preceded her in death.

Funeral services for Gayle will be held Friday, Oct. 27, at 2 p.m. at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls, with Pastor Gary Benedict officiating. Interment will be held following services at the Twin Falls Cemetery in Twin Falls, Idaho. Visitation will be held Thursday, Oct. 26, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in her memory be made to the Mountain States Tumor Institute, Southern Idaho Cancer Center, Idaho Home Health and Hospice or the Peace Lutheran Church Building Fund.

All services and arrangements are under the direction of the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Dr. Stanley M. Kern

TWIN FALLS — Dr. Stanley M. Kern passed away on Oct. 17, 2006, after a short illness with cancer. Stanley was born May 1, 1919, in Burlington, Iowa.

Frederick Jason Kern and Lillian VanBeek Kern. He was one of seven siblings and is survived by his sister Beverly Fahy of Fort Madison, Iowa.

Stanley served for five years in the Navy during World War II with the Patrol Bombing Squadron VP 48 and achieved the rank of chief petty officer. He served as a radioman on a PBV submarine hunter primarily in Iceland and loved to report his many harrowing experiences. After the war, Stanley entered dental school at the University of Iowa, where he was granted the degree of doctor of dental surgery on June 8, 1951. Upon graduation, he married Marcelene Green Showalter, also of Burlington, Iowa, and together they raised four sons. Following a five-year practice in Ames and Burlington, Iowa, the family moved to Idaho, where he practiced at Buhl and Twin Falls for 30 years.

Dr. Kern served as president of the South Central Idaho Dental Society, as a member of the ISDA Board of Trustees and as president of the Idaho State Board of Dentistry in 1976-77 and in addition to the many association positions Dr. Kern held, he served on the Idaho State Board of Dentistry from 1980-1985. He was presented a life membership to the Supper, "Chapter of the Delta Sigma Delta Fraternity and after retirement was presented a Life Membership to the American Dental Association. He was highly regarded for his skills by peers and patients alike. He served his community in many ways — coaching Little League football for five years and as president of the Buhl Lions Club. He was a member of the Buhl and Twin Falls rotary clubs for 35 years and served as a trustee and member of the Valley Christian Church.

During their retirement years, he and Marcy enjoyed spending the winters in Sun City West, Ariz., where they made many new and wonderful friends, attended the Palm West Community Church and also enjoyed a challenging game of bridge or pinocle. Stanley was an avid fisherman throughout his life and thoroughly enjoyed the scenic beauty of Idaho. He was a true

and faithful fan of the Chicago Cubs Baseball team and his Alma Mater University of Iowa football team.

He is survived by his wife Marcy of 55 years; their four sons and six daughters-in-law, Doug and Jennifer Kern of Surprise, Ariz.; Daniel and Carla Kern of Boise Idaho, Richard and Susie Kern of Bend, Ore.; and Jim and Nikki Kern of Twin Falls Idaho; plus 11 terrific grandchildren, Jennifer and Bill Kern of Seattle, Wash.; Susan and husband Rob Centeno, Bobbi Bullock, Joe-Josh, Torri and Harley of Boise, Jamie, Ashley and Hanina of Twin Falls; and six great-grandchildren, Jackson, Nya and Estela C. Centeno, and Cayden Bullock, all of Boise, Alya Kern of Seattle, Wash.; and his dear friend and pet, Penny. Stan was a very dear husband, father, grandfather and friend who will be greatly missed by all.

A memorial service will be held at the Buhl Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, Donations to the American Cancer Society would be his preference. In lieu of flowers, Services have been entrusted to Farmer Funeral Home in Buhl.

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Dale Leon Moffett

HEYBURN — Dale Leon Moffett, 84, a six-year resident of Hemet, Calif., and formerly of Burley, passed away Oct. 21, 2006, at his home in Hemet.

Dale was born the youngest of four children to Golden and Velma Thornton Moffett in Burley on Aug. 14, 1922. He worked as a machinist for Rockwell International for 36 years in California. Prior to moving to Hemet, he had lived in Redondo Beach, Calif., for 44 years. He married Josephine Barendt in 1950 and was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He enjoyed woodworking, gardening, fishing and being with his family.

He is survived by his wife, Josephine of 57 years; children, Debra, Bruce Moffett of Torrance, Calif., Kristi Hartsock of Marysville, Wash., and Terri Jo Cardon of Yorba Linda, Calif.; 17 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. A formal funeral service will be held today, in California. A grave site service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn. Local arrangements are under the direction of the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

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Bon Mauldin

TWIN FALLS — Bon Mauldin, 72, of Twin Falls, made his journey home to the Lord on Thursday, Oct. 19, 2006.

Surrounded by his loving and devoted family, Bon passed away in his home following a long and courageous battle with lung disease.

Bon was born on March 29, 1934, in Walsh, Colo., the son of Oren C. Mauldin and Eta Ruppe-Mauldin. Bon was raised in Jerome and graduated from Jerome High School in 1952. He continued his education at Idaho State College. He married his one true love, Donna Laird, on Sept. 8, 1953. They lived in Idaho, Nev., before moving to Twin Falls in 1957. Together, they raised four children.

As an electronics engineer, Bon spent many years working for KMYT Television and the College of Southern Idaho. Bon conceived, designed and constructed CSJ's first interactive distance learning center, reaching off-campus classrooms in much of Southern Idaho. He spent quality leisure time enjoying the outdoors.

Bessie L. Patterson

GOODING — Bessie L. Patterson, age 89, of Gooding died Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Bessie was born Jan. 21, 1917, in Bliss, Idaho, the daughter of William and Jeanette Clark Helmer. She grew up and received her education in Bliss. It was in December of 1933 that she married Bart Leaca. They had one daughter, Barbara. Bart and Barbara both worked for sheep ranches, Johnny Jones and Bill Braliford. Bart with the sheep and Bessie cooking for the lambing crew during lambing season. When Bart went to work for Eusebio Astorquia, Bessie continued cooking at the T.B. Hospital. Bart died in 1962.

In 1962, she married Glenn Patterson and then again cooked for the lambing crew who worked on their sheep ranch. Bessie and Glenn retired and moved to Gooding in 1977. They spent their retirement fishing and golfing. Bessie was an avid bowler. Glenn preceded her in death in 1995. Bessie was a member of the Gooding Country Club, the Ladies Golf Association, the Gooding Hospital Auxiliary and the Tuttle Garage, where she served as secretary for many years.

In addition to Bart and Glenn, she was preceded in death by her parents and nine sisters and brothers. Survivors include her daughter, Barbara (Tom) Young of Kuna; grandchildren, Jenny Young of Nampa and Dan Young of Kuna; close niece and nephew, Edna (Frank) Burton of Gooding and Elden Arringa of Hagerman; as well as several other nieces and nephews.

Special thanks to Regina Davis, who helped care for Bessie the past four years. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Demaray Funeral Chapel in Gooding with interment following at the Elmwood Cemetery. Visitation for family and friends will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family suggest contributions to the American Cancer Society.

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OBITUARIES/MAGIC VALLEY

Beatrice 'B' Fraley

WHITESBORO, Texas — Beatrice "B" Fraley of Whitesboro, Texas, and formerly of Filer, died Monday, Oct. 23, 2006, at the Wilson N. Jones Medical Center in Sherman, Texas.

She was born June 5, 1919, in Long Grove, Okla., the daughter of Joseph Odell-Stehman and Inez McIntire-Stehman. She married Charles C. Fraley on Feb. 8, 1941, in Madill, Okla. He preceded her in death on Sept. 16, 2004. She was a secretary with the U.S. Forest Service in Twin Falls and a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Filer.

She is survived by three sons, Jerry Odell Fraley of

Springdale, Wash., Gary Warren Fraley of Twin Falls and Royce Wesley Fraley of Whitesboro, Texas; and three grandchildren, Stephanie "Trey" Patterson of Whitesboro, Texas, Gerald Fraley of Washington and Maureen (Marco) Padilha of Twin Falls.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, at the Huff Funeral Chapel in Whitesboro, Texas, with the Rev. John Johnson of the Church of the Nazarene and the Rev. Larry Wright. Visitation will be at 4:30 p.m. Thursday at the mortuary. Interment will be at the Sadler Cemetery in Sadler, Texas.

Reps

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producing sturdy fibers for use in everything from plastic to automobile parts to fabric. It is also being used in an array of foodstuffs for its notable nutritional attributes.

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Other priority issues Rickards is running on include providing a first-class education for children, creating a clean energy base for Idaho's future, cutting wasteful spending in government and not raising taxes, stopping bomb testing in Nevada which could affect Idaho air and stopping the plutonium clustering in Idaho.

"I moved to Idaho because it

Local candidates debate tonight

By Jared S. Hopkins Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Those vying to represent Twin Falls in the state Legislature as well as county commissioners will debate tonight in a forum sponsored by the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce.

The forum is scheduled for 6 p.m. at the Heret Center at the College of Southern Idaho.

The county commissioner candidates for the 1st District are Republican Terry Iray Kramer and Independent Grant Atkinson. The candidates for the 3rd District are Republican George Iray and Democrat Mike Iler.

Also scheduled to appear are the candidates for Legislative District 26A, Rep. John "Bert" Stevenson and his Democratic challenger, Scott McClure, and the candidates for District 23A, Republican Jim Patrick and Democrat Peter Richards.

Those attending will have the opportunity to ask candidate questions.

This is the first scheduled debate for all candidates except those of District 26, who attended a candidate forum last month in Jerome.

The other races in the legislative districts have candidates running unopposed.

education for children while stepping up accountability in spending.

Patrick said that with his involvement on numerous boards, and particularly the National Bean Council in Washington, D.C., he is already aware of legislation affecting the agricultural community.

"I have developed a lot of contacts through the numerous organizations I am active in," Patrick said. "I live and work in this area. It have spent my whole life here and understand the value of our rural lifestyle but also value having a business climate that harbors new growth and new jobs. I want the opportunity to serve Idaho and my district so it is a better place to live for my children and grand children."

Times-News correspondent Blair Koch can be reached by e-mail at blairkoc@gnmail.com or by calling 360-2807.

SERVICES

Bricella Zamora of Gooding, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Gooding (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

Charles Richard Farris of Glens Ferry, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Glens Ferry LDS Church (Ilost Funeral home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home).

Robert E. Wright of Burley, graveside service at 1 p.m. today at the Ucon Cemetery in Ucon (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Buster Buck Prescott of Hazelton, funeral at 1:30 p.m. today at the Twin Falls First Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St. N.; celebration of life will follow at the blue Messersmith Building at the Jerome County Fairgrounds (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Star LDS 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel, 100 S. 200 W. in Burley; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Margaret Helen Barnes of Jerome, funeral at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Hove-Rossen Funeral Chapel.

June Louise Skinner of Twin Falls, celebration of life from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N. in Twin Falls; a light lunch will be served (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Constance June Scott of Twin Falls, memorial service at 4 p.m. Sunday at the Crossroads United Methodist Church in Kimberly (Parks's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Program

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The program's agreement, they will be required to attend training meetings, act as leaders for the program and even agree to take random drug tests in order to ensure that they are practicing what they preach.

"There are currently more than 4,000 students participating in the program, but the majority are in the northern Idaho area," said Donna Stalley, clinical counselor and intervention specialist for the district. "We will be the first to offer this in southern Idaho."

She hopes that more than 50 students will sign up for the program, and she said it doesn't matter if students

was one of the most beautiful states in the nation," Rickards said. "If elected I want it to be the cleanest state in the nation and allow for clean energy production, which would be a

drawing point for businesses and individuals to move here."

Besides supporting the water-priority doctrine, Patrick also advocates sensible taxation, providing a better

Andrea Seibold Shannon of

DEATH NOTICES

Lucille A. Bell
OAKLEY — Lucille Bell, 94, of Oakley, died Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006, at her daughter's home in Oakley.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at Oakley LDS Stake Center, with Bishop Eric Bedie officiating. Burial will be in the Oakley Cemetery. Friends may call one hour before the funeral Friday at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Ustick LDS Stake Center, 3775 E. Ustick in Boise. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Boyce Funeral Home, 318 N. Latah in Boise and from 9:30 to 10:40 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Wayne Rogers
BURLEY — Emmette Wayne Rogers, 73, of Burley, died Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006, in Phoenix, Ariz.

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

Red Ribbon Week.
In 1985 Enrique Camarena, a U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration officer, was investigating a drug cartel in Mexico when he was kidnapped and tortured to death. Family and friends began wearing red badges to remember his fight against drugs. In 1988, the National Family Partnership organized the first nationwide Red Ribbon campaign, which is now commemorated in thousands of schools across the United States.

Marion Hoodenpyle
GOODING — Marion Hoodenpyle, 95, of Gooding, died Monday, Oct. 23, 2006, in Meridian.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. Arrangements are under the direction of Denary's Gooding Chapel.

John P. Hisaw
BURLEY — John Patrick Hisaw, 32, of Burley, died Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006, in Nevada.

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

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people check their credit reports.

"We went around to all the businesses and asked them to help support the event," McKeelvey said. "They have really stepped up to help us out, and we couldn't do it without them."

When asked why they wanted to organize the event, the three seniors said they felt it was important to help the community understand how personal finance affects people's lives.

Elaine Warr Jenkins
BOISE — Elaine Johnson Warr, 70, of Boise and formerly of Burley and Oakley, died Saturday, Oct. 21, 2006, in Boise.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at the

Cameron M. Jenkins
HAILEY — Cameron Michael Jenkins, 19, of Hailey and Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006, in Boise.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Times-News writer Joshua Palmer covers education. He can be reached at jpalmer@magvalley.com.

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have ever experimented with drugs or alcohol.

"I don't just want the A students," she said. "I want students who will have the commitment and energy to act as role models for other students."

Stalley began advertising the program to students this week, which commemorates a week of drug and alcohol prevention known as Red Ribbon Week.

She said drug and alcohol use in the Kimberly School District is not above average, but she said the programs that the district offers are proactive preventative steps.

"The reason we have programs like this are so we can


teach kids to "make good choices," Stalley said. "It's not that we have a problem, but it's there to help kids who may be thinking about trying drugs or alcohol."

— Donna Stalley, clinical counselor and intervention specialist for the Kimberly School District

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I've been married to my wife Jeanne for 37 years. We have two sons; the oldest is an attorney in Washington D.C. and his brother is a commercial airline pilot.

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Washington landowners to set aside 'safe harbor' for tiny rabbits

By Shannon Dintley
Associated Press writer

EMPHATA, Wash. — Now all they need is the rabbits.

On a sprawling central Washington wheat farm, state and federal officials signed a landmark agreement Tuesday to create a "safe harbor" for reintroduction of the tiny Columbia Basin pygmy rabbit, which was listed as an endangered species in 2001 and whose impending return has raised concerns among area farmers that the bunnies could bust their business.

Pygmy rabbits are the smallest rabbits in North America, weighing about 1 pound, and one of only two rabbit species that dig burrows as deep as mice. They are found in shrub-steppe habitat with plenty of sagebrush.

The Columbia Basin rabbit, however, has been an isolated population for thousands of years and differs genetically from other pygmy rabbits. None are believed to exist in the wild, and only three purebred rabbits remain in captivity — one male and two females who haven't always been in the mood to mate.

Their fate has rested in a captive breeding program begun in 2001 with the related



This undated image shows a Columbia Basin pygmy rabbit at the Oregon Zoo in Portland. Central Washington farmers, landowners and government officials reached an agreement Tuesday to create a "safe harbor" for reintroduction of the rabbit.

Shannon Dintley

Idaho pygmy rabbit. There are now 115 interbred rabbits, and wildlife biologists plan to introduce between 20-40 rabbits with genetic markers that are no less than 75 percent Columbia Basin rabbit to a nearby wildlife area in early February.

The agreement signed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Washington state Department of Fish and Wildlife is as much for landowners as it is for the rabbits. It allows landowners, after a survey of their land for any will rabbits, to pay \$50 for a permit to be absolved of any harm for violating the Endangered Species Act if

they incidentally kill or hurt a rabbit while operating their farm.

At the same time, farmers agree to notify state and federal officials if the pygmy rabbits have wandered onto their property from nearby sagebrush stands or if they are beginning any field work that could potentially endanger them.

"The permits would be valid for 20 years, after which they could be renewed if pygmy rabbit populations haven't recovered."

"I view it as an insurance policy," said Dave Billingsley, a cattle rancher in the nearby community of Palisades,

whose own property, as well as property he leases for grazing, abuts the reintroduction zone.

"Aside from the \$50 fee, which is part of the insurance policy," he said, chuckling, "I consider it the best thing we've got in a bad situation."

Three landowners, however, signed on to the program so far, but wildlife officials did their best Tuesday to convince a few more.

"I know how much of a risk it is for private landowners to get involved with the feds on something like this," said Ren Lohoefer, Pacific Region director for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

UI trimming health benefits for retirees

MOSCOW (AP) — The University of Idaho is cutting back health and life insurance benefits for retirees to save money.

Tim White, the university's president, said increased costs and a change in accounting methods will, without the cuts, cost the school \$222 million.

"To put that number into context, that is 70 percent of our total annual operating budget," White told retirees at a Monday meeting. The Lewiston Tribune reported.

The school is putting in a four-tiered system that mostly keeps intact coverage for current retirees and those near retirement, but charges more.

Newer employees in the bottom three tiers will also pay more for coverage, and will have to work longer to be eligible to receive benefits.

White said those changes will reduce the \$222 million cost to \$99 million.

Retirees had varying reactions to the changes.

"It seemed pretty reasonable, considering the perils times we're in," said 83-year-old John Sullivan, a retired German and Spanish professor.

He and his wife, Elizabeth, said they blamed rising health care costs and not the university.

David Walker, 62, said the reason he accepted early retirement in 2002 was because he said he was promised benefits that wouldn't change.

"I'm troubled that the university can renege on a long-standing promise so easily," the retired agricultural economist said. "There's a very fine line between taking it away totally and pricing it out of the reach of retirees. At some point, you can price it so high that you might as well take it away."

Members of UI's benefits task force, which helped develop the changes, said language in the contracts allows the university to change the benefits as it sees fit.

"I feel very good about what we did and how we did it," said Peter Haggart, a retired communications professor and a member of the task force.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

T.F.H.S. to host Financial Awareness Night

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls High School Academy of Finance will hold a Financial Awareness Night from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday in the new gym.

The event, which is free and open to the public, will offer information from local businesses such as Wells Fargo Bank, Stevens Pierce & Associates, Countywide, Identity Theft Shield and others. The topics will include checking and savings, insurance, identity theft, college planning, stocks, auto and mortgage loans, investments and credit report information. The event aims to improve financial literacy among all age groups, organizers say.

The Academy of Finance is sponsoring this event as a community service to the students of Magic Valley Local businesses and organizations will be donating all prizes and scholarships. This is the second year that the Academy of Finance has sponsored this event. For more information, contact Lorraine Rapp at 737-5208, ext. 3043, or raphael@tsd.k12.id.us.

Hailey library plans Book and Bake Sale

HAILEY — Friends of the Hailey Public Library will hold its annual used book and bake sale 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Hailey National Guard Armory. Saturday is half-price day.

Drop off book donations at the library during business hours. Hardbacks, paperbacks, books on tape and CDs, as well as videos and DVDs are accepted. The organization also seeks donations of good condition and fairly current text books, but no magazines. Anyone wishing to bake for the sale, can call Ronien

Hemming at 788-3215 or help at the book sale, call Geegge Lowe at 720-7385.

The funds raised are targeted to augment library services throughout the year.

Local man to have open house for 80th birthday

FILER — Darrel Loos will celebrate his 80th birthday during the book sale, call Geegge Lowe at 720-7385.



Loos

There will be a dance at 8 p.m. with the Roseland band.

Food and refreshments will be served. The family requests no gifts.

Archaeological Society to hear talk on Olmec

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Archaeological Society, Snake River Chapter will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Forest Service Building, 2647 Kimberly Road E. Steve Kuhnopp will give a presentation of "The Olmec — Mesomerica's First Civilization." The program is free to the public.

Middle school to have parent-teacher talks

PAJI — West Albin Middle School will be having parent-teacher conferences from 2 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Magic Valley Christian plans benefit auction

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Christian School 11th annual benefit auction will start at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 3 at Twin Falls Reform Church. Dinner is

free. Some auction items can be viewed at www.mvchristian.net

All proceeds benefit Magic Valley Christian School

Clubs seek names for youth appreciation

JEROME — The Optimist and Rotary Clubs of Jerome are coming together again to celebrate 2006 Youth Appreciation and are seeking letters of nomination. The deadline for letters is Nov. 1. Send them to the Jerome Optimist Club, P. O. Box 105, Jerome, Idaho 83330, or call Sheri Mitchell at 324-4953 or Angle Bridge at 324-3701 for more information.

Youth Appreciation Week (second week of November) is an Optimist International-founded program aimed at acknowledging outstanding youth in a community. The clubs are looking for students who go out of their way for others, or have great achievements.

Buhl High School offers classic Halloween play

BUHL — The Buhl High School Drama Department and Phantom Jig Productions Present the classic suspense, mystery, drama "The Haunting of Hill House" in the Buhl High School Auditorium on Thursday, Monday and a special Halloween performance on Tuesday. Tickets can be purchased at the door, \$5 for adults and \$4 for students and senior citizens. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. On Halloween night, trick-or-treaters get free candy and a great Halloween show. For more information, contact Mr. B. at 490-1992.

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Rise in bribery tests the integrity of U.S. border

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EL PASO, Texas — Bribery of federal and local officials by Mexican smugglers is rising sharply, and with it the fear that a culture of corruption is taking hold along the 2,000-mile border from Brownsville, Texas, to San Diego.

At least 200 public employees have been charged with helping to move narcotics or illegal immigrants across the U.S.-Mexican border since 2004, at least double the illicit activity documented in prior years, a Los Angeles Times examination of public records has found. Thousands more are under investigation.

Criminal charges have been brought against Border Patrol agents, local police, a county sheriff, motor vehicle clerks, an FBI supervisor, immigration examiners, prison guards, school district officials and uniformed personnel of every branch of the U.S. military, among others. The vast majority have pleaded guilty or been convicted.

Officials in Washington and along the border worry about what lies below the surface. "It is the tip of the iceberg," said James "Chip" Burrus, assistant director of the criminal investigation division of the FBI. "There is a lot more down there. The problem is, you don't know what you don't know."

What is known — from court cases, other public records and dozens of interviews — is alarming enough. Some schemes have displayed considerable sophistication among Mexican drug lords, and their success shows a discouraging willingness by public employees to take tainted money.

Though America's southern border may evoke images of a poor backwater, it is alive with

vast amounts of ill-gotten wealth, shadowy organizations that ply the waters of the Rio Grande, and brazen schemes that seem borrowed out of Cold War espionage.

Perhaps the most revealing example of smugglers' savvy was their cultivation of the highest-ranking FBI official in El Paso, Special Agent in Charge Hildrick Crawford.

FBI agents thought they had turned alleged drug kingpin Jose Maria Guardia into an informant, but Guardia was working as a double agent for the Mexican drug lords. He drew Crawford into a personal friendship, and provided a job for Crawford's wife, a country club membership for the couple and family trips to Las Vegas.

In August, after the chummy relationship became public, Crawford was convicted on federal charges of trying to conceal his friendship with Guardia. He could be sentenced to up to five years in prison and fined half a million dollars.

Drug rings once planted a mole in a federal agency, and officials worry others are lurking. The rings have entangled U.S. agents in sexual relationships. And they have amassed files on individual U.S. agents, with details about their finances, families and habits — even the kind of bicycles their kids ride.

"They hire guys to watch the narcotics agents," says Lee Morgan II, who retired as the head of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement office in Douglas, Ariz., this year. "They know what time we get up in the morning. When we go to work. What kind of car your wife drives."

"We had an informant tell us he saw a film of us as we exited our office that was being shown in Mexico. They had our license plate numbers."

The Mexican criminal net-



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works can afford lavish payoffs. Bribery payments have topped \$1 million.

Officials warn that the risk of public corruption will grow as Congress and the Bush administration respond to public demands to improve border security. Customs and Border Protection, a part of the Department of Homeland Security, wants to add 10,000 employees to its workforce of 42,000, most of whom are already stationed along the Mexican border.

"If you increase the number of people on the border, you are going to get more corruption," said El. Bonner, head of the union for Border Patrol agents.

Stepped-up border security also makes corruption all the

more necessary to smugglers.

"As we tighten up on the border, it will make it harder for the traffickers to get across," said Johnny Sutton, U.S. attorney for Texas' Western District. "You have to be creative about getting your poison into the U.S. Obviously, corrupting the officials is a part of it."

Critics blame sloppy hiring practices, inadequate training and weak internal controls. Agents are vulnerable because morale in the agency is "pathetic," stemming in part from illegal immigrants' phony allegations against agents that have unfairly ruined careers, said El. Bonner, head of the union for Border Patrol agents.

Aguilar rejects those claims,

saying morale is good thanks to more staffing and better equipment. Wages for public employees in the poor border economies are respectable: Border Patrol agents start at about \$35,000 a year and can exceed \$65,000 with overtime.

Aguilar said the Border Patrol had increased ethics training at its academy and set up anti-corruption programs in the field, and he said it conducted new background checks on its agents every five years. "We are doing everything we can to root out these agents, these criminals, within our organization," Aguilar said. But such efforts sometimes stand little chance against the

greed of weak agents and the power of smugglers with money to spend around.

While corruption is growing, the number of internal investigators overseeing a vastly expanding workforce is stagnant or even shrinking.

Aguilar, who must rely on other agencies to investigate the Border Patrol, has demanded more prompt and thorough investigations. Others complain that infighting within the Department of Homeland Security has hobbled enforcement.

Michael Maxwell resigned this year as head of internal affairs for the Citizenship and Immigration Service after clashing repeatedly with Homeland Security over a shortage of resources. When he left, 3,000 allegations of misconduct, including 100 reports of bribery, were uninvestigated, he said.

"Nobody is seriously addressing corruption," Maxwell said. "The corruption is pervasive."



Look Who Cruised into 50!



This undated image provided by Bill Hatcher shows rock climber Todd Skinner. Skinner, renowned rock climber and author who made a name for himself scaling peaks around the world, died Tuesday.

Rock climbing legend falls to his death in Yosemite

By Sarance Barke
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SAN FRANCISCO — A renowned rock climber and author who scaled peaks around the world fell 500 feet to his death in Yosemite National Park, a spokeswoman said Tuesday.

Todd Skinner was rappelling Monday after he and a partner worked on pioneering a new route near Bridalveil Fall, said Adrienne Freeman, a park spokeswoman.

He was not immediately clear why Skinner, who claimed on his Web site to have set climbing records in 26 countries, fell.

"We don't know whether it was a climbing business failure or a problem with his equipment or an error," said Steve Bechtel, Skinner's former climbing partner and friend. "It's a larger-than-life climbing hero and it's a great tragedy for the entire community of climbers across the world."

Skinner, 47, of Lander, Wyo., was celebrated for having climbed hundreds of rock faces from Canada's Yukon Territory to the Himalayas using a technique called free climbing, in which climbers ascend upward using no artificial aid to climb — only a rope to protect against falls.

He always said this was the most dangerous thing to do to pick was an easy mountain. As a climber he said he needed to pick hard enough climbs because those are the walls where you'll learn the most.

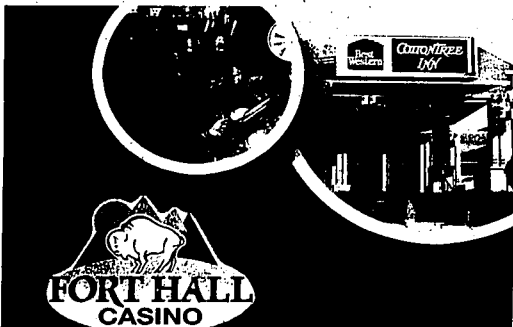
The cause of his death was being investigated by the Mariposa County coroner's office. Bechtel, who was not present at the scene, said Skinner's climbing partner Jim Hewitt reported his death as soon as he reached the ground Monday afternoon.

Skinner is survived by his wife and three children.

While climbers have been scaling Yosemite's sheer walls for more than four decades, the most adventurous still seek out new ways to the top. At the time of his death, he was working on a new route up "Leaning Tower," near the famous wisp waterfall that greets visitors entering Yosemite Valley by car.

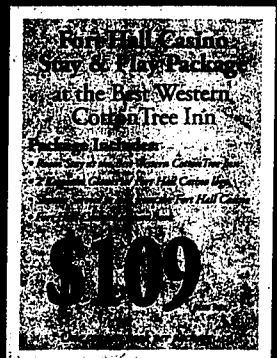
Although Skinner gained fame in the climbing community for globe-trotting accomplishments, he also counted Yosemite among his records.

He was the first to free climb a now-famous route on El Capitan, the park's massive granite monolith that rises some 3,000 feet from the valley floor, according to his Web site. Skinner, who wrote "Beyond the Summit," also claimed first ascents in Pakistan, Mali, Kenya, and Greenland.



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North Korea remains unapologetic over nuclear test

By Alex O'Connell
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BEIJING — China gave its first full public account Tuesday of its mission to North Korea, saying it got no apology from top leader Kim Jong Il for the atomic explosion but did receive assurances there were no plans for a second nuclear test.

The North's reclusive leader also expressed a willingness to return to six-nation talks over its nuclear program if financial aid is provided by the U.S. as first resolved, said Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao.

China State Councilor Tang Jiaxuan met with Kim last week during a trip to Pyongyang with Beijing's top

nuclear envoy and vice foreign minister that analysts and diplomats had called a critical opportunity to assess the North's intentions.

The meeting resulted in no breakthroughs, but China cast the discussions in a positive light.

Tang was told during meetings with Kim and other North Korean officials that the regime

has no plans currently to carry out a second nuclear test, Liu said. "But if it faces pressure, North Korea reserves the right to take further actions," he added, citing Tang.

A second nuclear test has been widely believed to be a possibility. Earlier this month, U.S. media reported that Pyongyang may be preparing for another blast, citing suspi-

cious activity at a suspected test site in the country's northeast.

Despite the apparently conciliatory tone of the Pyongyang meeting, Liu said Kim did not apologize for his regime's nuclear test, as some South Korean media had reported.

"These reports are certainly not accurate," Liu said. "We haven't heard any information

that Kim Jong Il apologized for the test."

North Korean officials told their Chinese envoy Pyongyang was willing to return to international negotiations on its nuclear program but wants "certain questions, including the matter of U.S. financial sanctions against it, resolved first," Liu said at a regular press briefing.

AP photographer freed in Gaza after being kidnapped

By Karin Lamb
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GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — An Associated Press photographer was released Tuesday after a harrowing day in the hands of Palestinian gunmen who abducted him at gunpoint in Gaza — the latest in a string of kidnappings of foreigners in the chaotic area.

Emilio Morenatti was brought before midnight to the office of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas by Fatah officials. It was not immediately clear who kidnapped him, though officials said he was

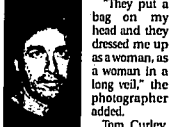
taken by criminals.

The government and main Palestinian groups denounced the abduction. No demands were made for his release.

The 37-year-old Morenatti looked fatigued after his day-long ordeal. He said he was unharmed.

"I'm tired but happy to have come back because there were very anguished moments," said Morenatti.

He said the kidnappers kept him in a small room, where he was kept for about four hours during which he was visited by masked men. Later he was put in a car dressed as a woman.



Morenatti

"They put a bag on my head and they dressed me up as a woman, as a woman in a long veil," the photographer added.

Tom Curley, AP's president and chief executive officer, said, "The Associated Press is relieved that Emilio has been released, apparently unharmed. The security of our journalists is always our top concern. We appreciate the assistance

offered by so many people in obtaining his release, especially Palestinian and Spanish officials.

"It is crucial, however, that journalists such as Emilio be able to freely report the news in areas of conflict. We will be investigating what happened to assure that he and others can continue their important work," Curley said.

Morenatti's family in Spain rejoiced at news of his release. "We were all sitting around together and when we heard the news we yelled with joy and then we opened a bottle of Rioja (wine) to celebrate," Miguel

Angel Morenatti, a brother of the photographer, told the AP. "I managed to talk with Emilio for about 15 seconds and he told me that he was well both physically and mentally. The most important thing is that he is safe and free."

Morenatti was seized as he headed out of his Gaza City apartment for an AP car, where Majed Hamdan, an AP driver and translator, was waiting. Hamdan said four gunmen grabbed his keys and cell phone and told him to turn away, pressing a gun to his head and threatening to harm him if he moved.

U.S. and allies to urge U.N. ban on missile and nuclear sales to Iran

By George John
Associated Press writer

VIENNA, Austria — The U.S. and its allies want the U.N. Security Council to ban the sale of missile and atomic technology to Iran and most U.N. help for its nuclear programs — moves diplomats said Tuesday are narrowly focused in hopes of winning Russian and Chinese backing for sanctions.

The diplomats, who spoke with The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the draft resolution was not yet public, said the proposal also would commit U.N. member nations to denying entry to Iranian officials involved in developing missiles or nuclear systems.

A Security Council resolution passed last week imposed similar sanctions on the sale or transfer of technology that could contribute to North Korea's nuclear and ballistic missile programs after that nation's test explosion of a nuclear bomb.

One of the diplomats described all three measures aimed at Iran as moderate in impact, saying that was an attempt to win Russian and Chinese support.

Moscow and Beijing could both be formally presented with the draft later this week, the diplomat said.

Both Russia and China have agreed in principle to imposing sanctions over Iran's defiance of a council ultimatum to freeze uranium enrichment and sharply improve cooperation with the U.N. probe of its suspect Iranian atomic activities.

But both continue to publicly push for dialogue instead of U.N. punishment, despite the collapse last month of a European Union attempt to entice Iran into talks.

Measures to help curb violence

On Monday, U.S. officials outlined some steps for reducing turmoil in Iraq and advised that decisions must be made on a number of outstanding issues on which Iraqis differ.

- Amend the Constitution so all know their children will be treated equally
- Enact an oil law that will share profits in a way that unites the country
- Set a date for provincial elections
- Militias and death squads: implement a plan to address them
- Lead forces: Increase credibility and capability

SOURCES: U.S. Embassy, Baghdad; Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad

U.S. unveils timeline to curb violence, says more troops may be needed in Baghdad

By Steven R. Hest
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BAGHDAD, Iraq — Two weeks before U.S. midterm elections, American officials unveiled a timeline Tuesday for Iraq's Shiite-led government to take specific steps to calm the world's most dangerous capital but said more U.S. troops might be needed to quell the bloodshed.

U.S. officials previously said they were satisfied with troop levels and had expected to make significant reductions by year's end. But a surge in sectarian killings, which welled up this past summer, forced them to reconsider.

At a rare joint news conference with the American ambassador, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, Gen. George Casey, said additional U.S. troops could come from inside or outside Iraq to "improve basic services for the population of Baghdad."

"Now we need more troops to do that? Maybe. And, as I've said all along, if we do, I will ask for the troops I need, both coalition and Iraqi," Casey said.

The military has expressed disappointment over its two-month drive to cleanse the capital of Sunni insurgents and Shiite militia fighters and death squads. But the Americans also say that for the situation to improve, the Iraqi government must make political concessions to minority Sunnis.

The timeline plan grew out of recent Washington meetings at which the Bush administration sought to reshape its Iraq policy amid mounting U.S. doubts about winning domestic support for the 44-month-old war. The plan was made public a

day after White House press secretary Tony Snow said U.S. was adjusting its Iraq strategy but would not issue any ultimatums.

U.S. officials revealed neither specific incentives for the Iraqis to implement the plan nor penalties for their failure to do so. U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad said Iraqi leaders had agreed to the timeline, benchmarks heavily laden with entitlements to Sunni insurgents.

The lack of any real political consensus even among Shites, however, has made it extremely difficult for Iraqi leaders to keep deadlines; for example, they missed targeted dates on naming a government and in moving forward on constitutional amendments. Moreover, Tuesday's declarations lacked specifics on how to accomplish the goals.

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 16 Theater area
 17 Starter course
 18 Apprehension
 19 Surrounding glow
 20 All the rage
 22 More lustrous
 24 Consider
 26 Reduce
 27 Actress/director
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 31 Bridge triumph
 32 Tout's hangout
 35 Machine-shop machine
 39 Pub offerings
 40 Slow moving mollusk
 42 Shop item
 43 Brooding places

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 21 Complete calendars
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 34 Quoter
 36 Motor vehicle
 37 Blow the horn
 37 Definite time of day

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 UTENSIL CURE
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 54 Walkway
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 60 Scottish Gaelic
 61 Indigo and anil
 64 Possessed

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JUMBLE
 Unscramble these four Jumbles. One letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

GOSGY
 CROFE
 YAXLAG
 VINTIE

Print answer here: ○○○○○

Yesterday's Jumbles: ANSWER: COVER AVAL CONVOY GADFLY
 They bought a house on the ritzy street because it was a GOOD "WAY" TO LIVE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
 by Herb Arnold and Mike Arginton

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 ♠ 8 6 2
 ♥ A Q 9
 ♦ A J 9 2
 ♣ A K 4

WEST K Q 10 9 7 4 3
 ♠ 8 5
 ♥ Q 7
 ♦ 10 8

EAST ♠ 5
 ♥ 7 6 4 3 2
 ♦ 5 3
 ♣ J 9 6 5 2

SOUTH
 ♠ A J
 ♥ K J 10
 ♦ K 10 8 6 4
 ♣ Q 7 3

The publishers of "Better Bridge Now" are doing the second-hand book trade a disservice by updating and reissuing some of the late Terence Reese's superb books, previously out of print. Today's hand is taken from "The Game of Bridge" (www.masterpointpress.com/bridging/game.html).

Although this is a beginners' book, it progresses at a fair clip, even exploring some advanced ideas in the later pages. I don't suggest it for absolute beginners meeting the game for the first time, but strongly recommend it to those who already have some experience and are eager to learn.

Against six no-trump, West leads the spade king. Declarer can see one trick in spades and three each in clubs and hearts and therefore needs five diamond tricks. As one spade trick must inevitably be lost, it might as well be the first, as a continuation could help declarer form a picture of the distribution.

So South ducks, and wins the second spade. East showing out. Declarer might well reason that as West had seven spades, East is likely to be longer in diamonds, so he will finesse East for the diamond queen.

But there is no need to make a hasty decision. The distribution can be tested further by cashing the heart and club winners. When West is shown to hold exactly two cards in each of these suits, he must have exactly two diamonds. So declarer can safely cash the ace and king.

Vulnerable: Neither
 Dealer: South

The bidding:

South West North East
 1♦ 2♣ 3♠ Pass
 3NT Pass 4NT* Pass
 6NT All pass
 *Quantitative

Opening lead: Spade king

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:
 ♠ 8 6 2
 ♥ A Q 9
 ♦ A J 9 2
 ♣ A K 4

South West North East
 Pass Pass Pass 1♦

ANSWER: Double one diamond, planning to bid one no-trump at your next turn. This sequence shows 18-20 points. Although it would not be wrong to overcall one no-trump directly (showing 15-18), your good diamond intermediates entitle you to take a rory view of this hand.

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