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Task force to reform teacher salaries has yet to meet

Official predicts meeting will happen before 2008 session, but others skeptical

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

After state lawmakers proposed in March to increase teacher salaries in exchange for job security, they promised to form a task force and meet with educators and administrators. But no official meetings have been scheduled and with school starting next week and less than five months until the 2008 session, the status of one of the hottest issues in Idaho remains unknown. At the end of the 2007 session, Senate Pro Tem Bob Geddes, R-Soda Springs, and House Assistant Majority Leader Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, introduced legislation to allow teachers to either keep their "ongoing contracts" — referred to tenure — or concede them for incremental salary increases. Starting salaries would rise from \$31,000 to \$34,000 and top salaries could be around \$60,000.

The proposal was strictly for discussion and lawmakers promised to meet with the Idaho Education Association, the state teacher union for about 12,700 educators, before the legislation returned in 2008. A 10-member task force was assembled. But since the session ended more than four months ago, a meeting has yet to be scheduled. IEA President Sherri Wood recently told the *Times-News* she was "very disappointed," not only because no meetings are planned but also that no lawmakers have contacted the organization. "Our hope was that we'd all sit around a table. That was what we were led to believe," she said. "This is a plan that would affect every educator across the state."

The initiative, called a "career ladder" approach and not merit-based, is intended to reduce Idaho's teacher shortage and improve salaries, which are among the lowest-third in the nation, according to American Federation of Teachers. The AFT's most recent salary study saw Idaho drop from 32nd to 34th, with an average salary of \$40,864 in 2005. In essence, it is similar to how principals and administrators are paid by school districts. Last week, Geddes said that meetings for task forces and interim committees are difficult to hold since the state Legislature is part-time. There are more than 10 such groups, most of which have at least scheduled meetings, and

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GOOOOOOOAAAAAAL!



Bobby Jones, center, sends a hockey puck flying past his wife, Kimberly, while his son, Orwin, 7, watches Monday afternoon at Cascade Park in Twin Falls. Jones says his wife is a fantastic defender and she has a great shot. Once the weather starts to cool down, the family plays roller hockey most days and Bobby said it's a good workout skating with the gear on.

JEROME COUNTY Commissioners set hearing date for controversial feedlot

Meeting brings out heated exchanges

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

JEROME FALLS — Tempers roared again Monday as Jerome County commissioners scheduled a public hearing for a controversial feedlot application.

Commissioners set the hearing for Sept. 25 and 26, despite pleas from farmers who say they would be able to attend because of fall harvest. The farmers, most of whom oppose the feedlot, accused commissioners of bias for the applicant after the board deemed to schedule the hearing in October when more residents would be available to testify. Several residents also said the county's permit procedures are inconsistent and favor the applicant.

"This is totally unacceptable to me," said Dean Dimond, a farmer who lives adjacent to the proposed feedlot. "Why in the world would you schedule this during the harvest?"

It's the latest in an eight-month, often bitter debate over a proposed 15,000-animal feedlot from Don McFarland of Big Sky Limited Partnership.

The proposal is arguably

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See Video of Mayor's Jerome County commission meeting.

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one of the most hotly contested and unusual permit cases in county history. Commissioners have taken flak for why they were able to schedule the hearing in October when more residents would be available to testify. Several residents also said the county's permit procedures are inconsistent and favor the applicant. "This is totally unacceptable to me," said Dean Dimond, a farmer who lives adjacent to the proposed feedlot. "Why in the world would you schedule this during the harvest?"

The case could be headed for court, given the county's inconsistent procedural rules, said Rich Carlson, an attorney representing Dimond.

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Cleanup of INL expanded

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Crews have begun excavating Cold War-era weapons waste from a second burial site at the U.S. Department of Energy's Radioactive Waste Management Complex in the eastern Idaho desert.

Cleanup work at the facility, located within the 890-square-mile Idaho National Laboratory, began in 2005. So far, the recovery project has focused on excavating radioactive and hazardous wastes, repackaging the materials, then shipping them in trucks for permanent disposal at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in New Mexico.

The majority of the waste material came from the Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant near Denver. From the 1950s through 1970, the waste materials were shipped in drums to Idaho and buried in a 97-acre section of the INL facility. For the last two years, workers have concentrated on wastes buried in a single pit about 20-feet below the desert surface. Earlier this month, crews expanded the recovery to a second pit nearby, she said. The materials in both pits contain some of the highest accumulation of plutonium and other volatile organic compounds, which pose the greatest threat to the underlying Snake River Plain Aquifer.

Romney takes momentum to Elko

Candidate hits town after Iowa straw poll victory

By Doug McHenry
For the Times-News

ELKO, Nev. — Fresh off a win in a GOP straw poll Saturday in Iowa, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney filled the Great Basin College Theatre Monday morning as the Republican presidential candidate became the latest White House hopeful to campaign in Elko.

A polished speaker, Romney was obviously at ease and told several jokes to the audience. Romney walked largely unopposed as his name was called more than 310 times despite the early 7 a.m. hour. He was serious, however, when he said America is at a "critical point in its history." Romney said this race was "not just an election." He said the country is at one of a handful of "inflection points" in its history, such as early on when citizens were given sovereignty over the government, when the nation transitioned from an



ROMNEY (AP) The Daily Press: Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney speaks Monday morning to a crowd of about 300 at Great Basin College Theatre in Elko, Nev.

agrarian to industrial society, and today, when major issues warrant the nation's attention. Those issues are, he said, the "extraordinary value" of energy, radical Islamic jihad, and Asia's emergence in the global marketplace. These "converging points," he said, "all suggest change." And while he said he would work to end the polarization that has plagued Washington, D.C., in recent years, he didn't hesitate to criticize Democratic candidates. Joking there were more Republicans in the GBC theater than in his state of Massachusetts, Romney

said the nation will either "make a sharp left" or "plow ahead."

He said Democratic candidates Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton would make the sharp left turn. He criticized Clinton, saying her politics reeked of Karl Marx. "She couldn't get elected in France," he said, adding Clinton would raise taxes on people and corporations while he would work to keep taxes down.

On taxes

Romney would "kill" the death tax and make Bush administration tax cuts for the wealthy and corporations permanent, as well as provide new tax cuts for middle-income Americans.

On health care

A proponent of health care insurance for all Americans — Massachusetts has a form of universal coverage — Romney said private insurance could work nationally, without raising taxes or putting the government in charge.

"We don't want the people who handled the Katrina cleanup running health care," he said.

He quoted political satirist El. O'Rourke, who said, "If

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Sturgis motorcycle crash claims two local riders

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RAPID CITY, S.D. — Two Magic Valley residents were killed from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident near the infamous Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.

Fazel Miller, 59, of Hingerman, died Thursday night while riding as a passenger on a 2002 Honda trike driven by Paul Sales, 60, of Wendell, who died the next day. Sales' motorcycle went off Interstate 90 and down a steep embankment around 10:46 p.m., some seven miles east of Sturgis, according to a South Dakota Highway Patrol report from the Rapid City Journal. Miller was pronounced dead at the scene. Sales was

airlifted to Rapid City Regional Hospital with serious injuries. Although initially taken to a fair condition on Friday, Sales died just hours later at the hospital. Neither rider was wearing a helmet.

Sales and Miller were described as longtime biking enthusiasts, best friends and companions in an obituary in today's *Times-News* (see page D4). Miller and Sales were the fourth and fifth fatalities from the weeklong Sturgis rally. A sixth fatality was reported early Monday morning.

The Sturgis rally is an annual August gathering for over 60,000 motorcycle riders.

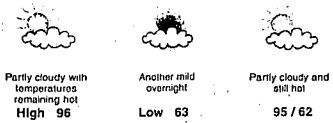
As of Saturday, the South Dakota Highway Patrol reported a total of 86 injury accidents.



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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS
 Today Tonight Wednesday



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Today: The heat will continue for today with partly cloudy skies. Highs in the 90s.
 Tonight: Passing clouds overnight with mild temperatures. Lows in the upper 50s.
 Tomorrow: Warm temperatures with a chance for afternoon thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s to lower 90s.

Complete weather report: See page B6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

BUSINESS

Ribbon cutting for Valley House, 2:30 p.m., 507 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls, 734-7736.
 Ribbon cutting for Twin Falls Care Center 20th Anniversary, 4:30 p.m., 674 Eastland Dr., 734-4264.

CLUBS

The Snake River Weavers' Guild August meeting, with Sue Carter as hostess, 1:30 p.m., 837-6525 or 734-5358.

EXHIBITS

"Mixed Media Work" by Lori Riehl in the Galeria Pequena and new works by member artists, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Full Moon Gallery, Main Street Plaza, 132 Main Ave. S., Twin Falls, no cost, 734-2787.
 "Fishty Reflections," by local artist Jason Hicks, noon to 5 p.m., the Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth St., Buhl, no cost, 543-5417.

FESTIVALS AND FAIRS

Cassia County Fair, with cowboy action, exhibits, carnival, vendors and featuring Little Texas and Restless Heart Concert at 8:30 p.m., Cassia County Fairgrounds, Burley/Heyburn, 679-4793 or www.minicassiafair.com.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
 Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700.
 Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission, 9 a.m., City Hall, 81 Elk Horn Road, 622-4458.
 Blaine County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Halley, 788-5500.
 Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Commission, 6 p.m., 505 Third Ave. E., 735-7267.
 Cassia County School Board, 7 p.m., central office, 237 19th St., Burley, 878-4367.
 Glenns Ferry City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 119 E. Second Ave., 366-7418.
 Gooding School Board, 7 p.m., district administration office, 507 Idaho St., 934-4321.
 Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A, 324-8189.
 Kimberly City Council, 7 p.m., community center, 120 Madison W., 423-4151.
 Dietrich School Board, 7:30 p.m., school's business room, 406 N. Park, 544-2102.
 Shoshone School Board, 7:30 p.m., district office, 409 N. Apple, 886-2038.

HEALTH AND RECOVERY

Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by the Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2977.
 Take Off Pounds Sensibly ID No. 3 Chapter of Twin Falls, weigh ins at 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., meeting from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Fellowship room, Magic Valley Church of Christ, 2002 Filer Ave. E., 738-7237 or 738-9282.
 "Overcoming Addiction and Anger," Theophostic Therapy basic training video, 6 p.m., Miracle Valley Ministry Center, 213 Third Ave. E., Twin Falls, donations, 734-9603.
 Mini-Cassia Shelter for Women & Children women's support group, 6 p.m., 123 S. C. St., Rupert, 436-0987.
 Road 2 Recovery, a 12-step program, 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the Building of New Beginnings, 1044 E. Main St., (next to Goode Motors across from First Federal Savings Bank), Burley, 670-2578.
 Celebrate Recovery, a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behaviors, 7:30 p.m., Magic Valley Evangelical Free Church, 624 H Ave. E., Jerome, 734-0557, 324-7237 or 326-7222.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Burley Bluegrass Jam, traditional bluegrass fiddle, all skill levels welcome, 7 to 10 p.m., the Chadwick Grill, 139 W. Main St., corner of Main and Oakley, Burley, (208)670-4888 or robcurtis2@gmail.com.

MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium "Sky Quest" at 2 p.m. (with live sky tour to follow); "Mysteria from the Depths of Space" at 7 p.m.; and "Outrageous Rock!" at 8:15 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, 732-6655.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for Gooding Middle School students, for those attending the school year beginning Aug. 22, 1 to 7 p.m., at the school, 1047 Seventh Ave. W., Gooding, required and optional fees, (new students to the district must bring legal birth certificate and immunization record), 934-8443.

To have an event listed, submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail at sbrowne@magvalley.com, by fax, 734-5538, or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83403-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

It all comes down to this for 4-H youth

JEROME — His stone-wash jeans are dusty, his plaid shirt wrinkled with wear. It's been a long week but Robert Brown is smiling. The Hazelton boy has a lot to smile about. He earned \$400 from selling his pig at the Jerome County Fair fat stock sale — and he will remember his other stellar fair accomplishments long after the cash has burned a hole right through his pocket. While the sun has long set on the Jerome County Fair, kids in Twin Falls are in ready for their turn to shine.

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T.F. council takes tour of possible office space

TWIN FALLS — Members of the Twin Falls City Council weaved between empty rooms, flipped light switches on and off, and judged if the doors were heavy enough. Then they talked in a kitchen with bright-orange linoleum. No, it was not a carnival funhouse or something from Alice in Wonderland (although there was a small door). The council on Monday toured the original American Legion building in downtown Twin Falls on Monday as they look for more office space.

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Search goes on for Jerome stabbing suspect

JEROME — Jerome County sheriff's deputies are still investigating who stabbed a teenage boy from Gooding on Aug. 4 at the Jerome County Fair. At 10:20 p.m., a brawl erupted involving an estimated 40 people. The crowd swarmed divided between residents of Gooding and some teenagers who were from Jerome, said Jerome County Undersheriff Jocelyn Nunnally. What sparked the fight remains unknown.

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Satellite images of Idaho to be available online

TWIN FALLS — Want a closer look at Idaho? Sit down at your computer. Researchers at Idaho's big three universities — the University of Idaho, Idaho State University and Boise State University — are developing an online Idaho database called IdahoView that will allow wildfire managers, municipalities and researchers access to satellite and aerial images of all corners of the state.

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North Side will stop water for a week

JEROME — The North Side Canal Co. announced Monday it will stop supplying water for a week to farmers and subdivisions. The canal company will stop supplying water from Aug. 13 to Sept. 8 to ensure there's enough water for farmers as it gets closer to harvest this fall.

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OBITUARIES

Gerald Eugene Rich, 80
 Dean Anthony Bower, 70
 Wynston Lucero Pearson, infant
 Paul Sales, 60
 Larry James Strickland, 63
 Audrey Reina Morales, 2

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SPORTS



No sign of miners in eighth day of search

HUNTINGTON, Utah — Video from a camera lowered deep into a shattered coal mine dimly showed pieces of equipment Monday but no sign of six miners missing eight days. "It's absolutely heart-breaking that we haven't found them alive," said Bob Murray, head of mine co-owner Murray Energy Corp.

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Details completed in Albion campus deal

ALBION — The Albion City Council reached an agreement last week with the buyers of the former Albion State Normal School campus. Jared Affleck and Troy Kent and Jared Mortensen — the investors who purchased the campus for \$810,000 at a June auction — had requested changes in several details of their contract with the city. Among their requests were permission to lower the insured level on the campus from the purchase price to \$500,000.

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Jerky company sends products into space

TWIN FALLS — Astronauts didn't have to struggle the beef jerky in their space suits this time. Last week, BeefJerky.com of Twin Falls sent its beef jerky into outer space on board the Endeavor Space Shuttle.

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BBB official cautions about business scams

TWIN FALLS — No matter who you are, what age, gender, race, nothing stops you from being taken advantage of. Except yourself. "Con artists are opportunists. They go where the opportunity is," said Norm Carpenter, president of the Better Business Bureau serving Southwest Idaho and Eastern Oregon. "Age, race, etc., is an opportunity, not a limitation."

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ON THE NET

See a video of the latest hearing by Jerome County Commissioners on the Big Sky cattle feedlot proposal.

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NASA takes close look at shuttle damage

CAPE CANAVERAL — NASA conducted a swift series of tests on the ground Monday to determine whether spacewalking astronauts need to fix a deep gouge in Endeavour's belly for re-entry, and assembled a special team to weigh the three repair options. The gouge is relatively small — 3½ inches by 2 inches — but part of it penetrates through the protective thermal tiles, leaving just a thin layer of coated felt over the space shuttle's aluminum frame to keep out the more than 2,000-degree heat of re-entry. The exposed area is 1 inch long and less than a quarter-inch wide.

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Romney wealth put as high as \$250 million

Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney's vast wealth is spread over a dizzying array of foreign and domestic investments that at times have been sold to avoid conflicts with his public stances, the trustee of his blind trust said Monday. Among the investments sold by trustee E. Bradford Malt were holdings in companies known to have interests with Iran, including French and Italian oil companies.

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Foldable, bendable battery made of paper

WASHINGTON — It's a battery that looks like a piece of paper and can be bent or twisted, trimmed with scissors or molded into any shape needed. While the battery is only a prototype a few inches square right now, the researchers at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute who developed it have high hopes for it in electronics and other fields that need smaller, lighter power sources.

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CORRECTIONS

Birth report gave wrong name for baby's father

A father's name in the Stork Report on Aug. 5 was wrong, due to incorrect information provided to the Times-News. Jonas Jeremy Van Sickle, born July 24, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, is the son of Jeffrey Raiston Van Sickle and Sandra Lee Van Sickle of Twin Falls.

Story identified wrong officer for drug test

Monday's story about a Jerome drug case that was dropped gave the wrong

He is Heisman to us

BOISE — Ian Johnson. Though the rumors will swirl and the hype shall buzz like a million bees, very few people in this country actually give Boise State's star a shot to win the coveted prize awarded annually to the best player in college football.

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Akey holds first Vandals scrimmages

MOSCOW — The cool breeze and fall-like days of the first week of fall camp gave way to mid-80s temperature and still air for Idaho's first full-fledged scrimmage of fall camp. The mid-afternoon event drew about 100 Vandals faithful, curious to see how position battles were being contested. And since head coach Robb Akey had moved the first scrimmage from its Thursday date to the weekend, feeling more time was needed, spectators expected a few fumbles, blown assignments and that steep learning curve challenging the large contingent of new comers.

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ISU football veterans yearning to win

POCATELLO — You can see it on the faces of the veterans. Look deep in their eyes as they stand on the sidelines, bathed in sweat. It's a determination to do everything they possibly can to avoid another embarrassing season like last year's.

Idaho State's 29 record in 2006 cut deep to the bone of a football program that hasn't had much success over the last 30 years. It was deep enough to get a head coach fired and to get the losses, for the most part, never even close.

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Judge's name mispelled in opinion piece

A reader comment in Sunday's Opinion section mispelled the name of U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Van Allen. The Times-News regrets the errors.

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 Geddes conceded there are like-minded members.
 Still, he said, it is important teachers offered comments when the bill was presented. But those generally reflected frustration and the teachers complained that they are being hung out to dry.

Peggy Hoy, a sixth-grade teacher at Sawtooth Elementary and regional director for the IEA who criticized the proposal in March, said her opinion has not changed.

"I still feel it's not good for education," she said Monday.

It's unclear what lies ahead. Bedke said that a conference call will be held soon to set a meeting. State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna, who called the proposal "a good start" to improve teacher pay, said Friday he plans to meet with the IEA this week. Geddes predicted a meeting before the 2008 session.

Jim Weatherby, a retired political science professor at Boise State University, said that given there are just over four months until the 2008 session, it could be tough to hold a meeting. Let alone produce substantial recommendations. "It's getting late. It's not impossible, but it does make you wonder about what kind of work program they can have at the point," he said. "It makes you wonder about priorities."

Rove played a major role in Bush's successes — and his failures, too

By Ron Fournier
 Associated Press writer

Analysis

WASHINGTON — Karl Rove deserves as much credit for spoiling George W. Bush's presidency as he does for creating it — which is to say he had a lot to do with both.

The strategist's political genius helped make Bush president.

His arrogance helped make Bush a lame duck.

Rove is the model for all future presidential advisers — disciplined, smart and personally tight with the commander in chief. With that power comes all of the negative baggage when policy and governing failures erupt out of control," said Republican consultant Scott Reed. "He has kept remarkably cool as the GOP has spiraled out of control the last 10 months."

Reed was pointing to the 2005 midterm elections that cost Republicans control of Congress and destroyed any chance that Rove would achieve his lifelong ambition of creating a governing coalition that would outlast the Bush presidency.

That goal was on Rove's horizon in 2000, when he helped Bush overcome long odds to defeat a slating vice

president, Democrat Al Gore won the popular vote, but Bush won Florida and the majority of the electoral votes when the Supreme Court voted 5-4 to end the states' recount.

In the first summer of the presidency, Rove's polling showed that Bush was adrift politically — that is until the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks galvanized the nation. It was Rove's idea to use 9/11 to sharpen the differences between Republicans and Democrats on national security, a hard-knuckled strategy that helped Republican gain seats in the 2002 elections despite a history of midterm losses by a president's party.

Rove stuck to his script in the 2004 re-election campaign, using the latest technologies to target and communicate with Republican-leaning voters who might otherwise stay home on Election Day or consider backing Democrats.

Bush, a disciplined candidate with a clear vision for his presidency, defeated Democrat John Kerry, a weak candidate with a fractious campaign.

Karl Rove leaving Bush administration at end of month

ROVE RESIGNING: Karl Rove, President Bush's chief political strategist, announced Monday he will leave the White House at the end of August.

TRENDY MOVE: He joins a lengthening line of senior officials leaving in the final 1 1/2 years of the administration. THINKING IT OVER: He first floated the idea of leaving to Bush a year ago, according to a newspaper interview.

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 you think health care is expensive now, just wait until it's free."

On immigration

Romney said the country was built on immigration, but illegal immigration is a problem. He suggested giving legal immigrants a card to show potential employers, so their resident status could be checked. That employer would be sanctioned if he hired an undocumented worker.

Amnesty is not an option and federal funding would be withheld from so-called "sanctuary" cities. He said he mostly supported the recent Immigration bill, but would have voted against it due to the fact amnesty language included.

On 'radical' jihad

The Muslims involved in terrorism represent a "narrow" slice of Islam, said Romney, a narrow slice that wants to topple moderate Muslim-dominated nations in the Middle East, Asia and Africa and replace them with a radically interpreted version of Sharia, or Islamic religious law.

"There will be a war waged and won against the terrorists," he said.

He said some liberals believe the source of America's strength lies within the federal government, but the nation's culture is its strength. "A strong America is the best ally of peace," he said.

Jerome

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 Carlson asked commissioners why they would schedule the hearing for the end of September when they know it presents a conflict with the federal election. It indicates commissioners are trying to limit opposing testimony.

Commission Chairman Charlie Howell said the federal comments into consideration. The hearing has already been postponed several times, including in this year. McFarland said he'd be unable to attend a hearing scheduled for Jan. 23.

In related news, commissioners will revisit Idaho State Department of Agriculture of the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality to study pathogen-resistant strains that cause disease — in relation to area dairies. The board decided last week not to pursue a study.

The pathogen meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. today at the Jerome County Courthouse.

On families

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The popular youth-oriented Internet site MySpace.com, he said, attracted 29,000 convicted sex offenders, which have since been "kicked off, you're ours," he said of prosecuting child predators.

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Dow drops as Fed adds more money

(AP) NEW YORK — Wall Street gave up a moderate gain in late trading and closed marginally lower

Monday after the Federal Reserve and other central banks added more cash to their banking systems.

Dow Jones Industrials -3.01
13,236.53

Nasdaq composite -2.65
2,542.24

Standard & Poor's 500 -0.72
1,452.92

Russell 2000 -0.97
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MONEY BRIEFS

Fairfield mining company announces new board members

FAIRFIELD — Advanced Mineral Technologies Inc., a silver and gold exploration company, today announced the appointments of H. Phillip Cash, Clejvis Rogers, and Peter Short to the company's board of directors.

Cash was president of three mining companies, Raw Materials - Export Corporation, P&WR and Continental Industrial S. A. He also serves as president and CEO of Advanced Mineral Technologies Inc.

Rogers has operated several medium-sized mining operations and currently deals in used mining equipment. He is also vice president of operations for Advanced Mineral Technologies Inc.

Idaho Real Estate Commission to hold regular meeting

BOISE — The Idaho Real Estate Commission will hold its regular monthly meeting August 16 at the HREC's office in Boise.

The commission will review several reports on real estate in Idaho, as well as specific enforcement and audit stipulations. The meeting, which will convene at 9:30 a.m. at 633 North Fourth St. in Boise, is open to the public.

For more information about the meeting, call (208) 334-3205 or visit the HREC website at www.hrec.idaho.gov.

Regence BlueShield of Idaho announces new drug program

BOISE — Regence BlueShield of Idaho has introduced a Generics First Antidepressant Program. The program encourages the use of generic medications that have proven track records.

The program was created to help curb the rising cost of antidepressant drugs, which have prompted some employers to eliminate certain prescription plans.

"Because generics" can meet the needs of most patients, new prescriptions for name-brand drugs Cymbalta, Lexapro, Paxil CR, and Effexor XR need prior authorization beginning in September.

— From staff reports

The skinny on scams



Things to watch for from Traveling Pavers

Officials caution consumers about business scams

By Jami Whitte
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — No matter who you are, what age, gender, race, nothing stops you from being taken advantage of. Except yourself.

"Con artists are opportunists. They go where the opportunity is," said Nora Carpenter, President of the Better Business Bureau serving Southwest Idaho and Eastern Oregon. "Age, race, etc., is an opportunity, not a limitation."

On average, Carpenter reports, BBB serves about 40,000 consumers and their families each month throughout southern Idaho.

"The BBB receives calls from

Idaho consumers with reports of scams, or with information which leads to the discovery of a scam every day," she said.

Once the bureau becomes aware of a scheme from a consumer, investigators track down information about the company.

"As the BBB is often the first to hear about problems in a community, local law enforcement is frequently cooperative with us to help us identify and perhaps discourage, or even stop questionable activity," Carpenter said.

A current scheme, "Traveling Pavers," is a great example she added.

"They have been using the same tactics and same pitch

for more years than any of us can remember," she said.

The Traveling Pavers scheme basically consists of the seller claiming to have materials left over from a previous job and offers the homeowner what they claim is a bargain price if they pay for work to begin immediately, states a BBB press release. In other cases, homeowners are quoted one price, but the final cost is double or triple the original quote.

"Use caution and common sense to avoid doing business with fly-by-night operators," Carpenter said. "They may offer great deals, a lifetime guarantee — whatever it takes to get your money — but often the quality of material used

and its application are inferior. By the time you realize you have a problem, the driveway paving crew will be long gone."

But that's not the only way scam artists make money. The BBB reports that the top five schemes include foreign lottery schemes, work from home schemes, identity theft, home improvement scams and counterfeit check schemes.

"... (they) all stay at the top, and unfortunately take thousands, sometimes millions of dollars out of our communities," Carpenter said.

"And unfortunately there is little restitution. Once a person gets ripped off by a scam, the victim doesn't usually get their money back. But the con artist

may be reprimanded.

"The outcome varies widely," Carpenter said. "The consequences may range from a public scolding to law enforcement action — fines, loss of business licenses, restitution or jail time."

Scams come through in a variety of ways, mail, e-mail, phone, they'll use whatever method works, any avenue, or any way they can. It just depends on the scam, Carpenter said.

The best way to play it safe is to just be plain cautious. "Double check everything. Don't be lazy. Contact the BBB for information and assistance," Carpenter suggests.

Details of Albion campus purchase completed

By Sven Berg
For the Times-News

ALBION — The Albion City Council reached an agreement last week with the buyers of the former Albion State Normal School campus.

Jared Affleck and Troy, Kent and Jared Mortenson — the investors who purchased the campus for \$810,000 at a lane auction — had requested changes in several details of their contract with the city.

Among their requests were permission to lower the insured level on the campus

from the purchase price to \$500,000.

Council members ultimately consented, but they were hesitant of the request because the city is financing the purchase on a 24-month term. Because of this, the city will be liable for any damages to the property if the buyers default on the contract.

But it was pointed out that the campus' 30 acres of land are worth more than \$300,000 — the difference between the purchase price and the proposed insured level. Also in the city's favor

is a \$100,000 deposit the buyers paid upon agreeing to purchase the campus.

The buyers requested the ability to lease or rent the campus' facilities without prior consent from the city.

Council members allowed this provision, however, they instructed City Attorney Kerry McMurray to include in the contract that any lease agreements entered by the buyers would terminate if the buyers default on the contract. This, they said, would protect the city from the terms of any undesirable leases or leasees.

The final frontier

T.F. jerky company sends products into space on shuttle



business

Name: BeefJerky.com
Location: Twin Falls
Operations: The business sells beef jerky that is produced in California on its Web site, www.BeefJerky.com.
Revenues: Not disclosed.
Notes: BeefJerky.com was acquired by a subsidiary of Orbital Development, which held extensive contacts in the space industry.

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Astronauts didn't have to smuggle the beef jerky in their space suits this time.

Last week, BeefJerky.com of Twin Falls sent its beef jerky into outer space on board the Endeavor Space Shuttle.

It's the fourth time that the online business has seen its product go where most men and women have never gone before — and, surprisingly, it all came about by coincidence.

"I named it Final Frontier Jerky because the whole space theme fit in with the online crowd, which is how we market and sell the jerky," said Gregory Nemitz, owner of BeefJerky.com, whose independent-label jerky is manufactured by a Los Angeles factory. "But after some of the astronauts were able to try it, they started asking for it."

One astronaut, he said, even smuggled the jerky into space by stuffing it into the pocket of his space suit.

Nemitz said BeefJerky.com this year donated about 2

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— Gregory Nemitz, owner of BeefJerky.com

pounds of jerky to NASA, which repackaged it into 2-ounce packages for the crew — part of a strict safety policy.

"They had to repackage it because there might have been a safety hazard," he said. "If the black pepper got loose it could get into their eyes."

Fed finds banks tightening standards on subprime mortgages

The Washington Press

WASHINGTON — A majority of the nation's banks have tightened lending standards on subprime mortgages, the Federal Reserve said Monday in a survey that provided further evidence of the spreading problems in mortgage lending.

The Fed said it found that 56.3 percent of banks responding to a survey reported that they had tightened their lending standards for subprime mortgages, loans offered to borrowers with weak credit histories.

The survey found that 40.5 percent of banks responding said they had tightened loan standards for so-called nontraditional mortgages that defines this category as adjustable-rate loans with

How does the subprime mortgage problem affect you?

- Potential buyers might have trouble getting loans because of tighter lending standards.
- A development that many economists fear will make the housing slump even worse.
- Home buyers and sellers can be affected by the issue, as well as the construction and real estate industry.

multiple payment options, interest-only mortgages and products referred to as "Alt-A" loans that offer such features as limited verification of incomes.

The Fed survey found that even on prime loans, which offer traditional payment options such as 30-year mortgages to borrowers with strong credit histories, 14.3 percent of the banks responding said they had tightened their lending standards "somewhat."

The Fed's latest quarterly survey of bank loan officers found them respond-

ing to growing troubles in subprime mortgage lending. The Mortgage Bankers Association reported recently that the percentage of subprime loans that were 30 or more days past due climbed to 15.75 percent in the first three months of this year, a record high and up from 14.44 percent in the final three months of last year.

The crisis in subprime lending has sent shock waves through other parts of the financial system and caused big drops in the stock market.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Con Agra	25.88	▼ .09	Dell Inc.	26.70	▲ .25	Idacorp	32.90	▼ .98
Lithia Motors	19.74	▼ .73	Micron	11.97	▼ .24	Supervalu	41.38	▼ .58

COMMODITIES

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Live cattle	90.75	▲ .53	Sept. Oil	71.62	▲ .15
Sept. gold	672.10	▼ .70	(Light sweet crude by barrel)		

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COMMODITIES REPORT

Table of mutual fund performance with columns for Name, Div, Last, Chg, and various fund categories like Domestic, International, Bond, and Money Market.

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AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Table of American Stock Exchange activity, listing various stocks and their prices.

EDITORIAL

Too many tests, too little creativity

Mr. No Child Left Behind saying that Idaho's schools might be giving too many tests? That's news. State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna, whose previous job was working on the federal No Child Left Behind Act at the U.S. Department of Education, made that observation to the *Times-News* editorial board last week when talking about the future of Idaho's classrooms.

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, which was designed to make schools more accountable, has transformed public education in America. Schools now pay much more attention to preparing students to pass standardized tests, such as the Idaho Standards Achievement Test.

Critics argue that "teaching to the test" is no way to educate kids. NCLB forces teachers to focus on a limited subset of skills to boost test performance rather than concentrating on deeper understanding of the material, they say.

It's a fair argument, and although Luna is still a supporter of NCLB, it's significant that he's willing to at least consider tweaking the system to make it more responsive.

For responsiveness is what NCLB is supposed to be all about. It's standards-based education, which is supposed to mean that schools, teachers and students are held accountable.

That's the goal, but using very similar methods to achieve it in every school in the country is folly.

Talk to school board members and some educators around south-central Idaho, and you get a pervasive sense that local control is ebbing. Testing, and especially the make-or-buy ISAAT, has locked classroom teaching into a pretty narrowly-focused paradigm.

At the same time, the Property Tax Relief Act of 2006, passed by the Idaho Legislature, signed by then-Gov. Jim Risch and endorsed by the voters last November, reduced property taxes by \$260 million by eliminating the public schools' maintenance and operation levy on Idaho real property. The sales tax was raised from 5 percent to 6 percent.

It was a tax shift, and as a consequence the state will be making some spending decisions that used to be made by local school boards.

It's unlikely that Idaho's public school curriculum will look much different if NCLB is reauthorized this year or next (the law expires next month, but could be kept in effect temporarily by congressional resolutions). Yet within its requirements, Luna would be wise to encourage flexibility.

Our view:
The pendulum has swung too far: It's time to give Idaho schools some flexibility about standardized testing. **What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.**

The subprime pain and gain

WASHINGTON — The meltdown in financial markets may seem scary or mysterious, but it's part of a time-honored story. In Chapter One, a new financial instrument makes capital available to a new class of borrower, and the result is profits for the innovator along with gains for consumers. In Chapter Two, a group of not-so-smart investors misunderstands the novel instrument and bids its price up too enthusiastically; when the inevitable bust follows, the instrument is denounced as inherently dangerous.

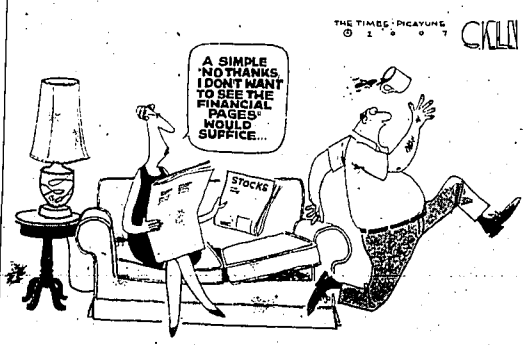
SEBASTIAN MALLABY

Then, in Chapter Three, the complaints blow over. The not-so-smart investors learn their lesson and the new instrument stabilizes. Financial Innovation turns out to be beneficial without being scary, but by that time another financial instrument has emerged to frighten people, and finance is hailed before the court of public opinion — again.

This is likely to be the story with the current subprime mortgage meltdown, just as it was with subprime's close cousin, the junk bond.

Junk bonds, you will recall, are a way of getting loans to companies that stand a big chance of defaulting, much as subprime mortgages enable people with questionable credit to buy homes. During the 1980s, the value of junk bonds in circulation went from nothing to around \$200 billion, enabling dozens of fringe companies to innovate and experiment. Then, in the early 1990s about one in 10 junk borrowers lived up to their names and defaulted, and junk bonds were widely denounced. But the fuss was over quickly. By 2000, the value of the junk bond market had soared to \$600 billion.

Nobody doubted that fringe companies should have access to finance, provided that they compensated investors for the risk that they might fail. The subprime story began in the late 1990s, around the time that junk bonds had become boringly respectable.



There's more pain to come in this shakeout. Now that financial markets are panicking, bystanders who never touched a subprime mortgage may get trampled.

European banks. There's more pain to come in this shakeout. Now that financial markets are panicking, bystanders who never touched a subprime mortgage may get trampled. The European Central Bank led an international effort to pump money into the banking system last week, because private lenders were yanking back their money for fear that banks might be harboring unannounced subprime losses. Nobody knows where subprime trouble may be lurking, so every financial player has a hard time borrowing. All sorts of operations that depend on easy credit — from private-equity buyouts to the leveraged trading strategies of hedge funds — threaten to unravel.

Lenders figured out that there was no reason to deny mortgages to households with a history of poverty or unemployment; they should be welcome to borrow provided that they paid a premium to reflect their high risk of default. By 2006 subprime mortgages accounted for a fifth of all home loans, and the social consequences were marvelous. The home ownership rate, which had been stuck around 65 percent between the mid-1950s and the mid-1990s, hit 69 percent. Some 12 million new homeowners emerged, roughly half of them members of racial minorities. The American dream had been extended as never before.

But there was a mysterious feature to this story: Some subprime mortgages did not so much relax normal lending standards as abolish them wholesale. It's one thing to inspect a borrower's track record and forgive periods of unemployment or late credit card payments; it's another to suspend inspections — which was effectively what the notorious "no-doc" loans were all about. The

mystery was not that mortgage companies were happy to be reckless, since they resold the mortgages to investment banks that packaged them into securities: They were not going to be holding the baby if the homeowner went bust. The mystery concerned those not-so-smart investors who bought the investment banks' securities. Were they blind, or what?

Every boom-and-bust cycle has its expert enablers. The tech bubble was fueled by Wall Street analysts who talked up stocks they knew to be worthless; the Enron-WorldCom-Adelphia bubble was inflated by auditors who signed financial statements that were full of lies. In the case of the subprime delusion, the enablers were the ratings agencies. Standard & Poor's and Moody's, which assigned ratings to no-doc loans that failed to advertise the risks involved. When the tech bubble imploded, the chief victim was the day trader. In the mortgage market, we are discovering, the rating agencies' victims included unsuspecting

But whatever the immediate turmoil, the eventual conclusion to the subprime story seems reasonably clear. When the dust settles, investors will have learned not to put blind trust in rating agencies, which are paid by bond issuers and so have an incentive to exaggerate how safe bonds are. And when the dust settles, the market for subprime mortgages will revive and thrive in dull obscurity. With financial innovation, it was ever so.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Blame for fires placed at BLM's doorstep

I don't agree with the Bureau of Land Management cutting the grazing allotments on our public lands. It doesn't take a scientist with a degree to realize that there would have been less fuel to burn if there had been more cattle on our ranges. The BLM is another federal agency that has become, "too big for their britches."

They forget who they work for. They work for us, the people. We need to remember that wildfires when it comes time to vote. It's time for a change for whoever manages our range here in the Magic Valley. The ranchers need someone who they can work with and will stand up under political and environmentalist pressure and not BLM's attitude. It seems they don't want the cattle to have the grass, so we'll let it burn. Now the places I roamed as a young man are nothing but cinders. The trees that my siblings and I carved our names into on deer noses are forever gone. The deer are gone too, burned alive

with no safe place to run. Never again in my lifetime will I be able to see my places of peace and serenity as they were. I didn't mind the cattle when I went to these places. They never bothered me and I knew they were part of the picture. I can't see how BLM has made things better or even kept it on an even keel. I travel most of the U.S.A. on a regular basis. The Magic Valley is dry, even Wyoming looks better this summer. Since the BLM has control and authority over our ranges, blame can only be placed at their doorstep.

They have the authority and therefore reap the blame. No matter what their political maneuvering or their slippery scientific blabbering. They are the ones who have control and it didn't work. All blame aside, it doesn't take a scientist to come to the conclusion that when a range fire starts it needs to be put out as soon as possible. I think that when the fires are small would be a good time to do this. I'm not a BLM scientist though! DANNY CRAFTON Hansen

Enrichment at overseas military cemeteries

WASHINGTON — Muslims are obliged to make at least one trip to the holy city of Mecca during their lifetime. This pilgrimage is known as the Hajj, a mandatory for men, voluntary but encouraged for women. A basic dress code ensures that there's no visible difference between rich and poor, weak and powerful. This simple requirement unites the faithful.

I started thinking about the Hajj in the spring when my wife and I visited nine American military cemeteries in Europe. With the exception of the Normandy American Cemetery, which attracts thousands, others are virtually devoid of visitors, especially American visitors. I wondered: What if every American who is able to do so made an effort to visit at least one American military cemetery overseas

CHARLES A. KROHN

during his or her lifetime? Most of the cemeteries are in Europe, holding the remains of service members killed during World Wars I and II. Altogether, about 125,000 graves are maintained by the American Battle Monuments Commission, and 95,000 missing soldiers are commemorated on bronze or stone. I work for the commission, yet nothing prepared me for the experience of seeing row upon row of crosses and Stars of David, maintained in absolute splendor. Walking with a cemetery superintendent, who tells the stories of the fallen, my soul churned as I absorbed the extent of their sacrifice. I'm an old soldier with combat experience. I appreciate the

notions of valor and sacrifice. Still, my emotions were overwhelmed while I heard them and their exploits described so simply. There is no high-brow language. The superintendent says: "Here's what happened, this is what we know about him, and this is what he was doing when he was killed."

The dead are buried without regard to rank. My gratitude flowed as I realized how many of the fallen were barely past adolescence. We also visited several German cemeteries, including one from World War I near our Alamo-Marne-American Cemetery not far from Chateau Thierry and Belleau Wood, outside Paris. With no superintendent on location, we picked up a brochure. It suggests that if visitors listen carefully, the tombstones will talk to them. Americans visiting our overseas military cemeteries will

find themselves enriched in ways I can only partially explain. At a minimum, the visit will prompt a renewed, and awesome, appreciation of those who sleep in the dust below. Such experiences help put into perspective how our nation benefits from the sacrifice of those willing to put their lives on the line. Without such devotion to a dangerous duty, the United States has little to hold itself together. Prosperity is not enough. Our history is based on service, costly service. The notion of an American Hajj has long eluded me. Now, but the thought of an activity or sacrifice that draws us together has merit, and we need this coming together now more than ever.

Charles A. Krohn is deputy director of public affairs for the American Battle Monuments Commission.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Those who speak English being discriminated against

Here we are speaking of sickening discrimination against native-born English-speaking Americans in its purest form. Many, many potential employees who only speak English cannot even apply for jobs in some public and private enterprises, if they must speak Spanish. This is a crock of stinky manure. Us English-speaking only

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Americans will soon be a minority, and where will affirmative action be? This second-language requirement for employment must be stopped now by some group in a class action lawsuit that goes all the way up to the big boys in the U.S. Supreme Court. If we do not act now, the

pimple will only grow larger. I urge some credible and critical group to step up to the plate and hit a grand slam. Be a Teddy Roosevelt! And most last to say, shame on all employers who hire Spanish-speaking only employees. Why were these new recruits not required to be bilingual in English? This is our country, and when you are in Rome, do as the Romans do. JON BAKER Twin Falls

The Mike Gerson I know



CAL THOMAS

I have had people plagiarize my work. Rather than saying nothing, or waiting to write a book like Matthew Scully, I immediately contacted the individuals and demanded that they publicly repent.

Former White House speechwriter Michael Gerson has been accused of self-aggrandizement and taking credit for speeches he did not fully write, stealing the lines of others and making them his own. The accusations come from his former speechwriting colleague, Matthew Scully, in the September issue of the Atlantic magazine.

I have known Mike Gerson for 20 years and have never seen him display symptoms of the twin viruses of arrogance and pride that often infect people who work in politics, government and the media in Washington.

Once, at our home for a dinner, Mike was asked by a person not as familiar with the profiles of the well placed and powerful what he did for a living. "I work at the White House," he said quietly. There is a way to say this, hoping the questioner will ask for more details so that the person being asked can appear self-effacing, even while he revels in the prestige of the job. That was not the case with Mike. As the questioner probed for more information, which Mike was reluctant to offer, I jumped in and said, "He's the president's chief speechwriter." Mike appeared to blush. He preferred to talk about the president, not himself.

When he worked for then-Senator Dan Coats, Indiana Republican, he occasionally helped me with research for speeches and wrote some. He declined payment and recognition for them, but after leaving Coats' office, I insisted on paying him and I recommended him to others. Though he is married and the father of two, to this day I cannot get him to call me by my first name. These are not attributes of a man full of himself whose chief aim is self-promotion.

On my first visit to his White House office, I expected to see pictures of him with President Bush, testifying to his access

and status. There were none. Instead, he had a cluttered desk in an ordinary-looking office with bare walls. I heard he later got an "upgrade" and maybe there were pictures in that office, but Mike never seemed to me to be the puffed-up type.

He quietly campaigned for programs to fight AIDS and poverty issues not often associated with a Republican administration and unlikely to gain many votes for a party that focuses mostly on abortion, opposition to same-sex marriage and tax cuts. He frequently traveled to Africa to see firsthand the effects of government programs on victims of AIDS and reported his findings without fanfare to the president.

All presidential speeches are collaborative efforts. No one person can meet the needs of a president, who must often speak several times a day to different audiences. Most major speeches, such as the State of the Union Address and those about policy initiatives and decisions, must travel through the cabinet agencies as well as numerous advisers.

In Gerson's case, the issue isn't whether the president's speeches were fashioned by a team, but whether Gerson took the work of others, made them his own and took the

credit to himself. He has sufficient knowledge and talent not to plagiarize others.

I have had people plagiarize my work. Rather than saying nothing, or waiting to write a book like Matthew Scully, I immediately contacted the individuals and demanded that they publicly repent. Gerson tells me that Scully never spoke to him about any of the things he writes in the Atlantic article.

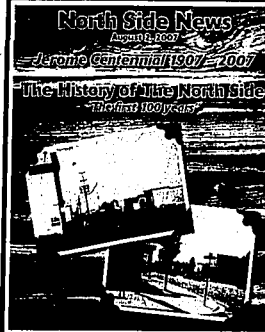
The man Scully has profiled is not the Mike Gerson I know. Over two decades, one would expect to see signs of an over-active ego and the sin of pride if they exist. I never did. At the 2000 Republican Convention in Philadelphia, I saw Mike at a reception sponsored by National Review. Knowing he had written Gov. George W. Bush's acceptance speech, I asked him if he would be in the hall for its delivery. He said he would not, preferring to walk alone outside. He might have embraced the glory. Instead, he deflected it to the nominee.

That was one of many examples I have witnessed of his humility and character. I don't know what motivated Scully to write what he did. It can only help him among the Bush-haters. It can't hurt Mike

Gerson, who is a man of integrity and one whose faith, intellectual curiosity and example I admire.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Boat Scooting Club has moved from senior center

I am Galen Slatter, the founder of the Boat Scooting Club.

I saw in the paper on Aug. 7 a picture of my club that was taken in 2003, which I was not in because I was taking care of my father that was sick with cancer. I did not like the picture being used with a heading of "Treading a fine line" because the club is doing fine.

The question I have is why that picture is representing the senior citizens center, seeing how the club has not been there since 2003, when I was told by Jacky that I needed to pay more to teach dance there each week and also that from time to time we could not use the center the times I requested because she was using it for seniors.

I never understood that because most of the members of the Boat Scooting Club were seniors.

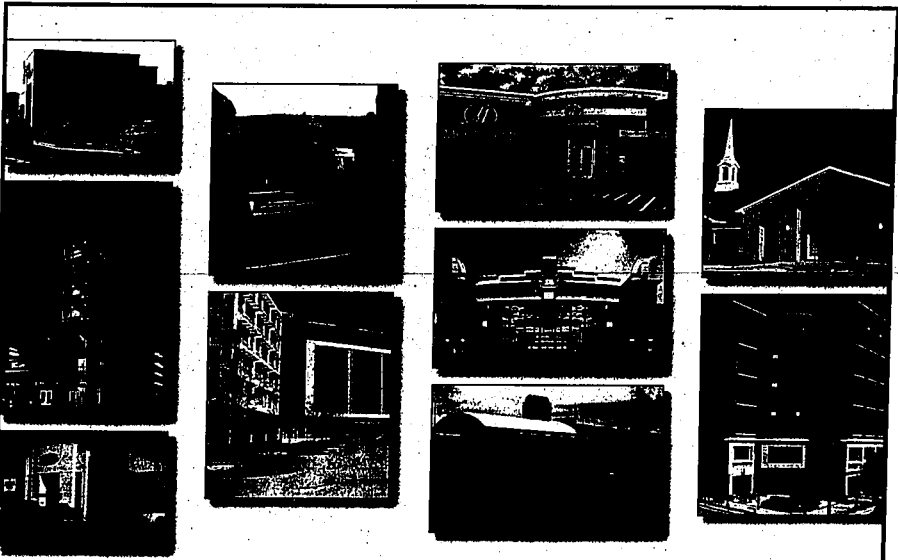
I did enjoy teaching at the center, but felt I was being told to move on.

We moved around a lot trying to find a new location and found one at the YMCA, where we have been for the last two years.

I did not know the senior center was having problems, but why did they not take a picture of the dance on the Sundays when they dance or a picture of serving dinner or the people that take food to the seniors at homes or any of the other activities that they do?

GALLEN SLATTER

(Editor's note: A story Aug. 7 about the Twin Falls Senior Center's financial problems was published with a file photo of dancing at the center as one of the many activities that happen at the center.)



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Why are hearing aids so expensive and what can be done about it?



by Weston Harris
BC-HIS

As the price of technology plummets, the price of hearing aids should come down as well.

Today's digital technology is good and inexpensive. Hearing aids should be the same.

In 1967 it took a computer that filled a whole room and cost literally millions of dollars to have the computing power you now hold in your \$49 cell phone.

During the same year, hearing aids were bulky, uncomfortable things that didn't work very well, made everything sound strange and cost thousands of dollars.

Over time technology has improved as well as miniaturization techniques. It soon became possible to fit all of the electronics inside a device custom-molded to the patient's ear.

Sound quality was better and the device was not quite as obtrusive. These new hearing aids fit entirely inside the ear, but were still quite bulky. Time consuming custom fitting and adjustments were still required. This was an improvement over the past, but the cost remained high.

The price remained at \$6,000 - \$10,000 a pair, and sadly, after making such a substantial investment, many devices just wound up in the night-stand drawer. Today's hearing aids are highly miniaturized, nearly invisible, provide high-fidelity natural sound and can be as comfortable to wear as eyeglasses. But for the most part they still cost thousands of dollars to buy.

Why?

Today's high prices are ridiculous. It doesn't have to be that way. Now you can hear much better for half the money--or less.

Unfortunately, there is no legitimate reason for the cost of hearing aids to have remained so high.

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So why have prices remained so high? Because the major hearing aid manufacturers want them to remain high. That's why.

Think about it. If you could cut your production costs in half, but didn't need to lower your prices, all that extra profit would go directly in your pocket. No wonder the current manufacturers continue to maintain today's high hearing aid pricing.

With the dawn of the digital age, hearing aids took a major leap forward. Now hearing specialists can provide hearing aids that work better than ever and are so small they're virtually invisible--and the quality has never been better.

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At least one national manufacturer of hearing aids threatens to topple the industry's house of cards. Harris Hearing, one of the country's top manufacturers is now providing its products direct to the public and to retail hearing centers, without a middle-man. Direct-from manufacturer pricing is allowing hearing impaired people to get custom-fit hearing aids for roughly half of traditional pricing.

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With this revolutionary development, hearing clinics are opening up all over the nation, including within many existing pharmacies and other major retail locations. These centers are providing this new generation of products at unheard of prices, to people who could never have considered getting help with their hearing before. These new products are being made available at open houses at these centers, usually in an area near you.

The new hearing technology will allow you to hear better, closer to the way you used to years ago. Your friends and family won't even know you're wearing a hearing instrument except that you will be hearing them much better. You'll avoid much of the time-consuming fitting and re-fitting processes of the past and begin hearing better quickly. In addition, you'll be able to do it all about half of what it would have cost you, just a year or two ago.

So all of the reasons you may have given yourself to not get help for your hearing have now been eliminated. Why not make an appointment to get back this incredibly important, life-enriching facet of your life right now?

For more information about this new technology, log on to www.harrishearing.com

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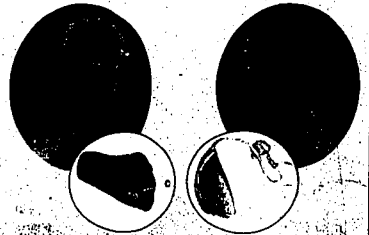
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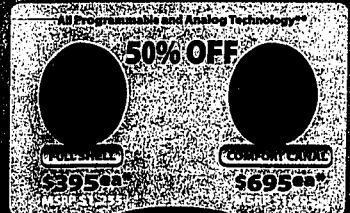


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Akey's take on scrimmage: 'I'm glad it wasn't against USC'

By Grant Joki
Times-News correspondent

MOSCOW — The cool breezes and fall-like days of the first week of fall camp gave way to mid-80s temperature and still air for Idaho's first full-fledged scrimmage of fall camp. The mid-afternoon event drew about 100 Vandal faithful, curious to see how position battles were being contested. And since head coach Robb Akey had moved the first scrimmage from its Thursday date to the weekend, feeling more time was needed, spectators expected to see jitters, fumbles, blown assignments and that steep learning curve challenging the large contingent of new comers. In the post-scrimmage media circle, Akey's first comment generated a few chuckles: "I'm glad it wasn't against USC. I think that was a good thing." But with

the youth his team possesses, Akey knew expectations for certain levels of play might not reach the marks set by hungry fans and the players themselves. The 150-minute session was indeed a mixed bag of the good, the bad and the ugly. "This is to be expected when you have your first scrimmage," continued Akey. "I would say that the defense obviously had the upper hand today. Obviously, we're going to charge the offense to get after them. They need to respond and recover a little bit." Akey liked the fact that only three penalties were called during the scrimmage. "That tells me some things we're doing, their minds are right. Now, it's again growing in regards to executing when it is a combative situation." Linebacker Jo Artis Ratti was

all smiles after the scrimmage. He saw his black-clad defenses consistent in stopping the run, and for all but a few breakdowns by some of the younger players. "Overall, I think this is the best practice we've had so far." Forty-four rush attempts by the offense netted only 71 yards for a 1.6 average. Defensive lineman Ben Alexander, a four-year veteran, had a smile to match that of Ratti. "Yeah, I liked the way the defense flew around real good. I liked the way the linebackers are flying," said Alexander, who plays more up and off the line, covering receivers in Idaho's 3-3 front. Even though it the defensive dominated, Akey made it clear he was not satisfied with the inconsistency of his down line-

ment: "I want to see that defensive line get it stepped up. That's a necessity. Ben Alexander is playing his tail off, but the rest of them are far too inconsistent." Akey mentioned that a mean-spirited nose guard is needed to be able to knock around the center. He may have been suggesting that individual is in camp. That could be junior college transfer Marcus Fedro, who finally got his paper work in and suited up Saturday, but did not see contact. The Fullerton (Calif.) Junior College standout arrives with impressive credentials and his 6-foot-1, 270-pound frame may be what Akey is looking for to elevate the intensity and consistency of play on the line. Running back Devon Sturdivant, a sophomore out of Boise's Timberline High School,

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Quarterback Nathan Enderle (10) hits running back Brian Flowers on a swing pass drill in Moscow.

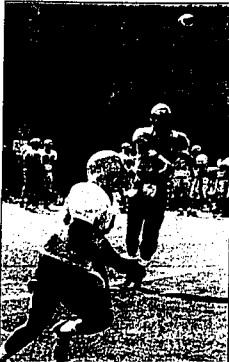


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Boise State running back Ian Johnson is pictured last season. Johnson, who became one of college football's darlings last season, may be a legitimate Heisman Trophy candidate in 2007.

ISU veterans yearning to win

By Mark Liptak
Times-News correspondent

POCATELLO — You can see it on the faces of the veterans. Look deep in their eyes as they stand on the sidelines, bathed in sweat. It's a determination to do everything they possibly can to avoid another embarrassing season like last year's. Idaho State's 2-9 record in 2006 cut deep to the bone of a football program that hasn't had much success over the last 30 years. It was deep enough to get a head coach fired. Because the losses, for the most part, weren't even close. As fall practice opened Monday on the field next to Holt Arena, new head coach John Zamberlin and his staff did what they were supposed to do to motivate, cajole and at times reprimand. However, the veterans are the ones who appear to be taking direct responsibility to see that things are done right. They simply don't want to go through the agony of another season like 2006 again. "I hate losing and I've hated it since I was about three years old," says senior center George Yarno. "Last year is always in the back of your mind because you don't want to go through that again but it is what it is. It's happened. Now we move forward." Dedicated doesn't accurately describe the motivation to go through what these players do in the month leading up to the season opener. Temperatures were in the mid 90s, and coming off a summer of work the intensity was thick enough on Day 1 to cut with a knife. It's not only the physical effort and coping with the pain involved in playing the game, but also the mental pressure. Zamberlin has a new system in place and lurking in the shadows of the field is that 900 pound gorilla — the fact that the Bengals went a dismal 2-9 in 2006.

Zamberlin knows last year will be a factor. "I wasn't here but the kids had to live through it. We're not going to dwell on it but hopefully it's a motivating factor," he said. "The guys are hungry. And when you're hungry you work harder." As far as the new season, Yarno sees one other change from the past. "We've always been a close team but this summer we really came together," he said. "A lot of guys stayed around and we worked three or four times a week." The first practice went over two hours and is the start of ramping up for the opener at home on Sept. 8 vs. Southern Oregon. The first fall scrimmage is set for 3 p.m. Sunday. For Yarno and the other seniors it's the last chance to forget about 2006 and end their college careers on a positive note. "I think about this being my last year every day," he said to cut with a knife. "This is the last fall practices I'll ever go through. I've never had a winning record in college. This year I want to have a good time playing and win. That's what it's all about."

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Heisman to us

Johnson become's Idaho's sports icon

By Destin Lapray
Times-News correspondent

BOISE — Ian Johnson. Though the rumors will swirl and the hype shall buzz like a million bees, very few people in this country actually give Boise State's star a shot to win the coveted prize awarded annually to the best player in college football. You literally cannot spell Heisman without Ian. Cheesy? Sure. A decent campaign? Possibly. It was a whirlwind season for the standout

halfback last season. He won the Fleeta Bowls and led the nation in scoring. He proposed to his wife Chrissy in the most dramatic fashion he could have thought of, except that whole part where Chris Myers blew it and ruined her surprise — just recall that look flashed from Johnson as he took a knee. Last season Ian Johnson became a sports icon. This season it's different. "It's back to normal," Johnson said. "I was eager to be there with the coaches and everything, but we were out here all summer so don't take anything from me. It was just good to be back in a structured, organized environment like we are now." Johnson and the rest of the Broncos took part in player-led practices all summer, during which time the coaches are not allowed to coach the team. So he worked out all summer and he got married. Seldom does marriage, or any per-

sonal affairs of athletes get into the news, but the stage was so gargantuan it became one of the stories of the year. "It's over now. It's all about ball now," Johnson said. "We're loving it. It went off without a hitch. Now it's the season's time to go off without a hitch." The honeymoon is on hold. "Right now it's just forgetting everything about the past and worrying about football," Johnson said. "This team has a lot of worries, mostly because the players who will fill the gaps vacated by graduated seniors are untested, but quality players. One thing for sure is that Johnson will have a lot more help in the backfield this season. "We've still got the same good guys, so they're the guys you like to go out there and

Cutler sharp in Broncos win over 49ers

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Alex Smith and Jay Cutler both looked ready to shoulder the big responsibilities they'll carry this season. Smith went 4-for-5 for 58 yards passing while leading two first-quarter scoring drives for the 49ers, and Cutler was sharp in limited action for Denver in the Broncos' 17-13 preseason victory over San Francisco on Monday night. Neither team scored in the

final 19 minutes, and the Broncos' defense stopped the 49ers at the Denver 3 with 1:21 to play as the clubs finally played the NFL's last exhibition opener, a full eight days after the Hall of Fame game kicked off the preseason. Cutler led a 67-yard scoring drive while playing just two series for Denver. After claiming the starting job from Jake Plummer with five weeks left last season, Cutler believes he'll find it easier to take charge of the offense with a strong training camp behind him. "Last year there were a lot of

'ifs.' Cutler said. "I was learning the playbook, the new teammates, the new city. This year I'm a little more established, a lot more confident, so it's a whole different ballgame." **Ravens 29, Eagles 3** BALTIMORE — Steve McNair took Baltimore 93 yards to a touchdown on his only drive of the game, and the Ravens dominated the depleted offense of the Philadelphia Eagles in a 29-3 preseason victory Monday night.

The Eagles played without quarterback Donovan McNabb, who had surgery on a torn ligament in his right knee on Nov. 28. Coach Andy Reid said McNabb would make his preseason debut Friday night in Philadelphia's second preseason game, at home against Carolina. McNair went 6-for-8 for 73 yards, including a 6-yard TD pass to tight end Quinn Spryniewski, in Baltimore's opening march of the preseason. Now in his second year with the Ravens, the 34-year-old McNair took a seat after the 12-play drive.



Denver Broncos running back Travis Henry gets away from San Francisco 49ers linebacker Tully Banta-Cain (95) in the first quarter of Monday's NFL preseason game in San Francisco.

SPORTS

Davis, Pace take Rupert Amateur

Times-Herald

RUPERT — Sam Davis topped both Terry Spackman and Bruce Draper in the first hole of a sudden-death playoff Sunday to win the Rupert Amateur at the Deer Creek Golf Club.

Breanna Pace of Burley won the women's championship, finishing in 178 strokes, while Brenda Sanford carded a second-place 195.

2007 Rupert Amateur

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Tie for 4th: Steve Dyer 149; 5. Tom Wilson 150.
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Women's Championship
1. Breanna Pace 178; 2. Brenda Sanford 195.
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Tie for 4th: Kelly Smith 215; 5. Amy Smith 216.

- Chad Clark 189
1. Terry Spackman 152; 2. Bruce Draper 148.
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Area golfers to compete in Carter Cup

BOISE — Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course professional Mike Hamblin and other pros and amateurs will converge on Hillcrest Country Club in Boise for Wednesday and Thursday 2007 Carter Cup matches.

The Rocky Mountain Section PGA event will feature a field of 10 professionals and 10 amateurs. The 54-hole Ryder Cup-style team event will be played in alternate shot, four ball and single match play formats, starting at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday. The event pits professionals against amateurs. In 2006, the pros, taking 27 matches to the amateurs' 17.

Taylor, Freed best at High Desert

By Diane Phillips

Times-Herald writer

FILER — Not even the hot temperatures and dirt could slow down the action of the Fourth Annual High Desert Iron and Field Friday through Sunday at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in the Shouse Arena. The competition was tough, but behind the booming voice of radio announcer Hal Coburn, his young and good natured was ever-present.

There were a total of 252 cowboy and stock saddle competition divisions, senior (Age 45-18), junior (9-13) and peewee (5-8). The senior girls all-around winner was Shelby Freed of Pocatello, while Drew Taylor of Filer was the top senior boy, in the Junior Division. Synthyia Corder of Filer was the girls' all-around winner, while Bubba Boats of St. Anthony won the saddle on the boys side. Miranda McKay of Middleton was the top peewee girl and Cody Craig of Wendell the top boy.

Darby Fox of King Hill bought her pole horse, Cody, from District V graduate Larnah Lappin of Kimberly in May. The pair combined for a time of 22 seconds to place second in Thursday's event. "This was a lot of fun. The heat was the hardest part," said Fox.

Another junior cogwirl, Kyndal Stradley of Twin Falls, has had a good summer rodeo season. Stradley recently won the senior reserve all-around girl in a junior rodeo in Wells, Nev. in July.

"I think the competition was tougher here because a lot of people hit barrels and poles," Stradley said. "You get to see people from other districts."

Fourth Annual High Desert Rodeo
Hosted by the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Filer.
(Submitted to the Times-Herald by the High Desert Rodeo Association.)

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Vandals

showed promise with 15 carries for 79 yards. He showed both strength and speed on one 40-yard dash. Sturdy and true freshman sensation Corey Taylor (U) showed the defense that he is a positive. Starting redshirt freshman quarterback Nathan Enderle (6-0-12 for 69 yards and two interceptions) stepped up after the afternoon as "so-so for the offense." Although plagued with his 41-yard scoring strike to a streaking Lee Smith, Enderle was particularly happy with the way he played. We need to start faster than we did and not fade. The rest of the country these days, it's a big deal everybody's going to throw-back uniforms. We are going to throw-back football. So we have some guys playing both ways — kind of like they did in the old days. This may be an opportunity for us to put a little more speed on the field at Akey. Akey was pleased with special teams improvement, especially in field goals. Junior veteran kicker Tino Amancio Vincerico Rico was effective (5 of 5 yards) and 2-for-2 in extra points. "Tino is doing a nice job. He's a guy who will be a nice weapon." Senior Vincerico Rico was effective as the left-legged kicker split the air up rights for 32 yards. "We were perfect on his PATs." Said Akey: "We're going to watch film tonight. We're going to have a nice list of things for both sides that we can improve on. We just go from there and get some life into it."

Idaho Vandals camp notebook

Injured: Running back Jayson Bird (mild concussion), defensive back Brayon Williams (mild concussion), RB Denote Jackson (foot), DB Quinn Ashley (high ankle) were out. All but Ashley, are expected to return to action this week. Note to new starting back Brian Flowers and defensive line Marcus Pedro has reported to camp, but did not have enough practice to take part in Saturday's scrimmage. More QBs: Two more quarterbacks arrived in camp in freshman Ed Wilkins (Clarksville, Tenn.) and Andrew Dreesback (Rockford, Wash.) Next scrimmage: Wednesday at 7 p.m. Turf update: Idaho's new turf in the Kibbie Dome is on schedule to be completed by Aug. 20. Making a statement: The Vandals have 29 players from California, 26 from Washington and 12 from Idaho. Other numbers include: Oregon (5), Texas (5), Nevada (2) and one apiece from Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, North Carolina, Tennessee and Nebraska. Roly Lombala comes to Moscow from Calgary, Alberta, Canada. He said it: "Right now we're definitely focused on USC. You really don't know. You surely can't look past them." — Quarterback Nathan Enderle.



San Francisco Giants left fielder Barry Bonds watches a video tribute by the Pittsburgh Pirates between games of a two-night doubleheader in Pittsburgh, Monday.

Pirates honor Bonds

PITTSBURGH — Put this

down as one of the unexpected moments of home king Barry Bonds' historic season: a standing ovation in Pittsburgh, the town that once booted him mercilessly.

Bonds, possibly playing his final game in his former home city, singled in three at-bats as the Giants lost the first game of a makeup doubleheader to the Pirates 3-1 on Monday. Bonds sat out the second game as the Giants won 10-3 behind Ryan Klesko's grand slam, their first victory against Pittsburgh in five games over four days.

Noah Lowry (13-7) gave seven runs and six hits over seven innings as the Giants avoided a rare occurrence: being swept in multiple-game series on consecutive days, and in two cities. The Pirates finished off a three-game sweep in San Francisco by winning 6-0 Sunday. Bonds, 1-for-3 made him 6-for-10 against his former club this season, but Paul Maholm (8-14) pitched a three-hitter in the opener to avoid becoming the major league leader in losses.

Bonds, booed in Pittsburgh for 15 years because of his play-off failures with the Pirates from 1990-92, received a brief standing ovation as he took the field in the bottom of the first and a louder one during a video tribute between games.

Bonds, who broke Hank Aaron's career record of 755 homers a week ago, tipped his cap, bowed once and waved in response to a loud ovation from the crowd of 25,434. There also were several signs in Bonds' honor — a break from the past, when the bannermen usually were derisive. "That was nice, really nice," Bonds said. "It was nice. It was great. I was happy. After all the



years you played here and you come back and get that kind of welcome, it's nice." Though he will be remembered mostly for his long Giants career, Bonds said that, deep down, he's a Pirate ro.

"I'm always going to be," he said. "This was my first team." This is the team that gave me my first shot, the team that drafted me.

It was by far the warmest ovation that Bonds has received since he left Pittsburgh in 1992 following seven seasons, three of them in St. Louis. The Pirates haven't had a winning season since he left.

American League Athletics 7, Tigers 2

DETROIT — Mark Ellis homered, Marco Scutaro drove in three runs and Chad Gaudin struck out a career-high nine, leading the Athletics to a 7-2 win over the Tigers.

The Tigers won the two previous games and had a chance to win a series for the first time since sweeping Minnesota from July 17-19. Since then, they are 8-17. The latest loss dropped Detroit into a first-place tie in the AL Central with the Cleveland Indians.

Red Sox 2, Devil Rays 0

BOSTON — Tim Lincecum led Tampa Bay hitters into the seventh inning, and Julio Lugo had three hits for slumping Boston. Wakefield (14-10) struck two hits in eight innings, allowing six and walking two to improve to 18-2 lifetime against the Devil Rays. The only batter to reach second or third base against him was Carl Crawford, who spoiled the no-hit bid when he led off the seventh with a hard grounder between the first and second basemen.

Yankees 7, Orioles 6

NEW YORK — Melky Cabrera came home on Derek Jeter's grounder in the ninth inning to lift New York. Baltimore tied it in the top of the ninth against Mariano Rivera but couldn't stop streaking New York, which has won four straight and nine of 10.

Chad Bradford (1-5) hit Cabrera with a pitch with one out and pinch-hitter Jason Giambi then singled to right, advancing the speedy center fielder to third. Jeter followed with an infield tap that Bradford couldn't bring in. Second baseman Brian Roberts rushed in to pick up the hit but Cabrera was already crossing home.

Royals 6, Blue Jays 2

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Mark Taillon homered for the first time in more than two months and Kansas City took advantage of three Toronto errors.

Taillon, who led the Royals with 18 home runs in 2006, hit his sixth home run in the first inning, ending a drought of 250 at-bats without a homer. The Royals took advantage of fielding errors by Aaron Hill and Lyle Overbay in the third to score two unearned runs and grab a 3-2 lead.

Heisman

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We have great wide-outs and we will be fine.

Great confidence spews from this young man. He is on track to graduate in the fall of 2008. He only needs about 30 credits to graduate in entrepreneurial management, but "We aren't just here for football, we are here to learn. This is a great opportunity. They're pretty much sign you a check for \$10,000 when you sign a letter of intent." That's a check for education, room and board, to clarify. Football players do get a lot of things given to them: their education, which is worked and worked, and their opportunities, which are challenged daily. So much of the talent resides in men like Johnson and Ryan Clady, both of whom reach beyond the blue, and into the world of young men who dare make a difference to the world in which they live.

COMICS

B.C. By Johnny Hart

THEY SAY I SUFFER FROM SHORT-TERM MEMORY LOSS.

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Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

JOE: WOULD YOU PLEASE MAKE HUNNING GET IN THE TUB?

SURE.

THANK YOU.

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YOU SAID UNDESIRABLE UNLESS MOVING IN A SISTER.

Baldo By Hector O. Caniu and Carlos Castellanos

AND THE ANSWER IS... RED.

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Brevity By Guy & Rodd

AND THIS IS THE POOL WHERE WE KEEP THAT LEPROUS STARFISH WE FOUND LAST YEAR.

Dilbert By Scott Adams

RATBERT, I WANT YOU TO BE MY VICE PRESIDENTIAL RUNNING MATE.

YOUR JOB IS TO BE SO UNPOPULAR THAT NO ONE WILL WANT TO ASSASSINATE ME.

I CAN DO THAT!

SERIOUSLY, STOP CAMPAIGNING ON MY SHOE.

Doonesbury By Garry Trudeau

I'M WINDING UP A PROPOSAL TO REFORM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

YOU KNOW WHAT HUPP? POINT IS, YOU'RE RIGHT.

POWER POINT?

MR. CRANE, COME FROM A SMALL, PEAKED MOUNTAIN VILLAGE, BEHIND NO ROOMS, AND WANTS TO BE A PART OF OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.

VERY GOOD. WELCOME. LET ME EXPLAIN.

MR. DODD, I'M SORRY. I'M NOT SURE I CAN DO THIS.

The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

Wow. Nice Apples.

Dah.

Did Jerry give you these?

Mr. Jerry, from fruit and salad, Dah.

Do you're, like, totally Jerry's girlfriend.

Tahoo girl be viching tone, before Lulu'll ripme the tail from your head with big magnet.

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

HELLO THERE, IT'S ME!

I BOUGHT YOU A LAST CHRISTMAS GIFT. A HUNDRED POUNDS OF FRODO BAGGINS TONIC.

UNLESS HE DOESN'T WANT TO TAKE IT.

NO!

AGE TWO?

ATTENTIVELY.

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

DOES SHE HUNT OR GATHER?

OO.

SHE GATHERS HUNTERS.

Luann By Greg Evans

I WONDER IF BEN HAS CONFLICTS BETWEEN HIS BIRTH PARENTS AND HIS ADOPTIVE PARENTS? DOES HE FEEL CLOSE TO HIS MOM AND DAD?

I THINK BOTH.

HIS BIRTH PARENTS GAVE HIM LIFE. HIS ADOPTIVE PARENTS GAVE HIM A LIFE.

WOAH, YOU JUST SAID SOMETHING REALLY HOW'D THAT HAPPEN?

I DUNNO. IF IT JUST GAVE OUT.

Mallard Fillmore By Bruce Tinsley

KIM JOONG IL... FIDEL CASTRO... HUGO CHAVEZ... DARTH VADER... VOLDEMORT...

SENATOR OBAMA, IS THERE ANY POWER-HUNGRY MEGALOMANIAC YOU WOULDN'T MEET WITH AS PRESIDENT?

YOU'RE TAKING OTHER THAN HILLARY, RIGHT?

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

ZEBRA IS SUED BY THE CROCS.

HELLO, COUNSELOR. SETTLE OR I FIREBOMB YOUR OFFICE.

SETTLE OR I BEAT YOU SILLY.

THAT DIDN'T GO WELL.

Pickles By Brian Crane

ONE BRE, EARL.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

OUT TO LUNCH WITH THE RED HAIR LADIES.

IN PURPLE PANTAMAS? ARE YOU ALLOWED TO DO THAT?

SURE, WHY NOT? WHO'S GOING TO STOP US?

SHE'S GOT A POINT. THOSE GALS SCARE ME TO DEATH.

Rose Is Rose By Pat Brady

OH-OH! SERIAL KIDNAPERS ARE APPROACHING LIFE!

WHOA! BOARDING AND GEMBERS ARE INDICATING HEAVY!

I'M BEING POLLED DOWN! MY SAFETY STABILITY IS BEING COMPROMISED! COMMAND CENTER, PLEASE ADVISE!

DREAMSHIP PILOT AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS.

NO GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS WANTED!

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

I WISH YOUR FATHER AND I HAD AN ANNOUNCEMENT WED LIKE THIS.

WE'RE PREGNANT!

NO WIFE NOT PREGNANT, HERE.

HERE, MARRY TO ANOTHER COUNTRY.

ACCEPTING A CHINESE ORPHAN? CONSIDERING TO BUYING INTO THE FITNESS PROMOTION PROGRAM?

WE'RE CHANGING BRANDS OF POLE POSITION.

NO OFFENSE, BUT YOUR ANGRY COMMENTS LEAVE A LITTLE TO BE DESIRED.

IT'S BEHIND ME! I'M HERE! I'M HERE! I'M HERE!

Non Sequitur By Wiley

IT'S NOT IMPORTANT IF YOU CAN READ IT OR NOT. WHAT MATTERS IS THAT IT ALL FITS ON THE PAGE.

HOW TO TELL YOUR OPTOMETRIST IS A FORMER EDITOR...

Strange Brew By John Deering

PICKUP WINDOW.

WHY DO YOU PEOPLE ALWAYS ASSUME I WANT TO SUPERBIZE MY ORDER?

Scorpio's sexy smile can win someone's heart

HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

and investments.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Passions play a role. Your sexy smile can win someone's heart and lead to long hours of amorous delight. A good friend might put business matters in proper perspective or provide advice.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Successful seductions should be on your schedule. Although you exude an ample amount of allure all day and through the night, you could misread the fine print in a letter or phone call.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The best of everything could be your motto. Purchasing expensive or luxurious things might serve to build up your ego or give you a chance to boast of success. Make every penny count.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): It is always worth taking a shot at love. Tensions thaw as a chilled relationship heats up. Make the most of any opportunity to reaffirm the bonds of affection with a special someone.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Make compromise an objective. Those you work with will be eager to dive into any group project you propose.

IF AUG. 14 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: New horizons are in sight — especially during the last half of October and first half of November. That is a prime time to ask for assistance, launch your projects or put important plans in motion. In December you may turn toward a more introspective lifestyle or become more linked to the world consciousness through meditation or study. It is important to surround yourself with upbeat, optimistic people during the first half of 2008, as you may become more sensitive to the atmosphere that surrounds you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A moody loner could turn on all your buttons. Someone you thought was formal and unapproachable might be willing to let his or her hair down. Your can-do attitude brightens the workplace.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Exude animal magnetism to capture prey. The time could be ripe to go on the prowl for a passionate pairing. You and a friend may have an avid interest in moneymaking activities.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Open wide and say "ah." Let others see what lies within. A loved one should be more affectionate and passionate than usual. Put business maneuverings on the back burner today.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Possession is nine-tenths of the law or so the old saying goes. You may want to hold to what you have, whether it is money or affection.

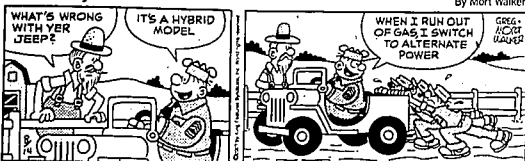
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Shed your hesitations and let down your guard. It is a good time to share your deepest feelings. You and a special someone can rear with pleasure under tonight's flirtatious heavenly arrangement.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Manipulate money; make it stand up and do tricks. Although this isn't a good time for promises or written proposals, you do have a knack for turning a certain sows ear into a silk purse.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Set the stage for love and romance. Someone's hormones might be stirred under these celestial conditions. You may be obsessed over pursuing your objectives in business matters

COMICS

Beetle Bailey



By Mort Walker

Blondie



By Dean Young & Stan Drake

The Born Loser



By Art Sansom & Chip

Garfield



By Jim Davis

Hagar the Horrible



By Chris Browne

Hi and Lois



By Chance Browne

Classic Peanuts



By Charles M. Schulz

The Wizard of Id



By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

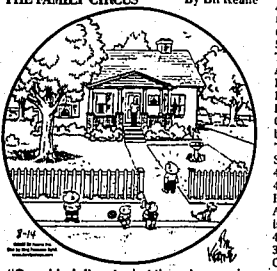
Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



To fix her leaky faucet, wife must take wrench by the handle



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am an avid Dear Abby reader, but I must question your answer to "Drippy's Wife" (June 3). She was frustrated by her husband's lack of motivation in repairing the leaky faucets around the house. Why didn't you tell her to get up and do it herself? If she doesn't know how, she can learn.

Now I have to admit that as the "man around the house," I enjoy showing off my masculine ability to replace leaky faucets, unclog the drains, etc. But in those rare moments of glaring honesty, I face the fact that my wife would be just as capable as I am, if not more so, in doing all those "manly" chores.

If something needs to be done, just do it. What's the worst that can happen? If the house gets flooded, at least the floor has been washed.

—MAN AROUND THE HOUSE

DEAR MAN AROUND THE HOUSE: Many readers agreed with you. They, too, felt "Drippy's Wife" should take the wrench by the handle and fix the leaky faucet herself. Read on:

Plumbing may not be as much fun as whining, but surely ending a source of marital conflict is worth 10 minutes and less than a dollar per hour.

Home maintenance isn't just for men. I was widowed unexpectedly and very young, and I took responsibility for my home. I have given my best opinion of doing things myself or discussing them intelligently with a contractor (and spitting a con man in a burry).

—C.H. IN ACWORTH, GA.

DEAR ABBY: I got the distinct impression that "Drippy's Wife" was more upset that her husband didn't do projects she decided were "his" than bothered by the leaking faucets. If she did a little research, she would find that changing a washer is fast, cheap and easy — especially since her husband "has all the new tools,"

DEAR ABBY: No amount of begging or nagging would get my husband to repair the leaky faucet in our bathroom. So I had an inspiration. I placed a bucket under the faucet, timed how long it took to get a cup (8 ounces), multiplied that by the minutes in a day (times 30 days in a month, etc. Well, you get the picture: When I told my husband how many gallons of water had dripped down the drain each month and how it equated in dollars and cents down the drain, he got the drip fixed pronto. If it doesn't work for "Drippy's Wife," maybe the plumber's estimate will do the trick.

—DRIPLESS IN TEXAS

DEAR ABBY: Not having read Monday's paper, I was confused when two of my children and a good friend called me at work to ask if I had written a letter to Dear Abby. That morning, I read your column. I laughed so hard, I nearly cried!

"Drippy's Wife" is living my life with two exceptions. Her husband reads your column. Improvement shows and has plans of someday doing a project.

My "handyman" watches do-it-yourself programs on Saturday, and imagines he has done and finished every project he has seen on TV. The only thing my "Gard" has finished in 37 years is the food on his dinner plate.

—STILL LAUGHING IN MENTOR, OHIO

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 14, the 226th day of 2007. There are 139 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On Aug. 14, 1945, President Harry Truman announced that Japan had surrendered unconditionally, ending World War II.

On this date:

- In 1849, the Oregon Territory was created.
- In 1900, international forces, including U.S. Marines, entered Beijing to put down the Boxer Rebellion, which was aimed at reducing China of foreign influence.
- In 1917, China declared war on Germany and Austria during World War I.
- In 1935, President Franklin Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act into law.
- In 1947, Pakistan became independent of British rule.

In 1969, British troops went to Northern Ireland to intervene in sectarian violence between Protestants and Roman Catholics.

In 1973, the U.S. bombing of Cambodia came to a halt.

In 1980, workers went on strike at the Lenin Shipyard in Gdansk, Poland, in a job action that resulted in the creation of the Solidarity labor movement.

In 1981, Pope John Paul II left a Rome hospital three months after being wounded in an attempt on his life.

In 2003, a huge blackout hit the northeastern United States and part of Canada: 50 million people lost power.

Ten years ago: An unrepentant Timothy McVeigh was formally sentenced to death for the Oklahoma City bombing. Two cosmonauts (Vasily Tsibilyev and Alexander Lazurkin) made it safely home to Earth after a luckless six-month mission aboard the Mir space station.

Five years ago: Mexican President Vicente Fox angrily canceled a scheduled meeting with President George Bush hours after Texas executed a Mexican national for killing a Dallas police officer. Fox and pioneer Larry Rivers died in Southampton, N.Y., at age 78.

One year ago: Israel halted its offensive against Hezbollah in Lebanon, two months after being wounded in an attempt on his life.

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BIRTHDAYS

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Russell Baker is 82. Singer Buddy Greco is 81. Actress Alice Ghostley is 81. Singer Dash Croft is 67. Rock singer David Crosby is 66. Country singer Connie Smith is 66. Former jockey Robyn Smith Astaire is 63. Comedian-actor Steve Martin is 62. Actress Susan Saint James is 61. Actress Singer musician Larry Graham is 61. Actor Antonio Fargas is 61. Author Danielle Steel is 60. "Far Side" cartoonist Gary Larson is 57. Rock singer-musician Terry Adams (NRBQ) is 57. Actor Carl Lumbly is 56. Film composer James Newton Howard is 51. Actress Jackie Hays is 51. Actress Marcia Gay Harden is 48. Former basketball player Earvin "Magic" Johnson is 48. Singer Sarah Brightman is 47. Actress Susan Olsen is 46. Rock musician Keith Howland (Chicago) is 43. Actress Enmanuelle Béart is 42. Actress Julia Roberts is 41. Actress Catherine Bell is 39. Rock musician Kevin Cadogan is 37. Actor Scott Mitchell Campbell is 36. Actress Lalanya Masters is 35. Actress Mila Kunis is 24.

Texas man looking for 'filthy thief' who took \$10,000 boots

SAINT JO, Texas (AP) — One of the most renowned boot makers in Texas said "a varmint," a "low-life scum" or "a filthy thief" is responsible for swiping a pair of world-winning cowboy boots worth \$10,000.

Featuring scenes of busting broncos and a cattle drive, the green full-quill ostrich bottoms, the hand-tooled leather boots were most valuable pair in the store until someone walked away with them.

A man in his 20s came into Trail Town Custom Leather last week wearing a pair of tennis shoes but left in the valuable boots, said John Glaze, an apprentice to craftsman Carl Chappell, who made the boots.

Glaze said he answered some of the man's questions about having his boots repaired, but got distracted by a phone call. Then he noticed the man exiting the store, tennis shoes in hand and the custom-made boots on his feet.

"By the time I made it to the door, he was already gone around the corner," Glaze said. "And by the time I got to the corner, he was in his white pickup driving away."

Glaze got the missing pair is well known. They won an award at the 2003 Boot and Saddle Makers Trade Show Roundup, appeared in boot books, magazines and on the cover of the specialty publication Shop Talk.

Chappell and Glaze have pinned up reward posters along U.S. Highway 82 and posted notices on custom cowboy boot Web sites. They reckon a \$1,000 reward might be enough to entice a posse to get the thief.

The poster says, "Anyone wanting to turn this piece of trash in should contact the Saint Jo PD."

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

"Home is any four walls that enclose the right person."

— Helen Rowland, American writer, journalist and humorist (1876-1950)

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy with scattered showers... Tonight: A few clouds with a continuation of the mild temperatures...

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: The heat will continue for today with partly cloudy skies... Tonight: Passing clouds overnight with mild temperatures...

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS. Temperatures will be warm for the week. We will see an increase in moisture over the area...

Regional forecast map showing weather for Boise, Burley, and other Idaho locations. Includes a small map of Idaho with location markers.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, City. Shows temperature ranges and weather icons for Twin Falls and other cities.

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Weather statistics including Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, and Moon Phases.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table showing weather forecasts for various regional cities like Boise, Burley, and Pocatello.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table showing weather forecasts for various national cities like Denver, Phoenix, and San Francisco.

WORLD FORECAST

Table showing weather forecasts for various international cities like London, Tokyo, and Sydney.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP. A map of the United States with weather icons indicating conditions like rain, sun, or clouds across different regions.

REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

...what are you looking for? ...that are here to stay up to the neck and start...

CANADIAN FORECAST

Table showing weather forecasts for Canadian cities like Calgary, Edmonton, and Vancouver.

Tiger takes the suspense out

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — The stars were aligned for Tiger Woods to win the final major of the year. So were the flags. It's not like Woods needed any help at the PGA Championship. He had a three-shot lead going into the final round...



Tiger Woods holds up the Wanamaker Trophy after winning the 89th PGA Golf Championship at the Southern Hills Country Club in Tulsa, Okla., Sunday. Tiger won his 13th major tournament with an 8-under-par.

Woods' season is not over, but it sure felt that way as he hoisted the Wanamaker Trophy, the heaviest prize among the four majors. All that remains for him is the conclusion of the FedEx Cup, the Presidents Cup, a trip to Bermuda for the PGA Grand Slam of Golf...

PGA Grand Slam of Golf being contested by Zach Johnson, Angel Cabrera, Padraig Harrington and Woody Austin? and not so good for the PGA Tour. It's hard to imagine the winner of the FedEx Cup trumping anything Woods has done in the traditional golf season...

And then after that, we'll re-evaluate the whole situation." Riley's 1,195 regular-season victories trail only Lenny Wilkens (1,532) and Don Nelson (1,232) in NBA history. Only two men — Phil Jackson and Red Auerbach — have led more teams to NBA championships than Riley, whose title with the Heat in 2006 was his fifth as a head coach.

Canadian Weir added for Presidents Cup

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — That big blast coming from the Great White North was a nation exhaling. Canada will be hosting the Presidents Cup next month, and on Monday it was assured of having its biggest star. Former Masters champion Mike Weir was picked as a wild card for the International team, ending months of speculation...

Ernie Els, who didn't play in the 2005 matches while recovering from surgery, led the top 10 players, who qualified for the international team through the world ranking. The others were Adam Scott, Vijay Singh, Geoff Ogilvy, Rory Sabbatini, Ki Chan, Retief Goosen, Angel Cabrera, Immelman and Appleby.

U.S. captain Jack Nicklaus used his two picks on two promising young players who have never played in any cup — Lucas Glover and Hunter Mahan, who has not finished out of the top 25 all summer. Weir was 11th in the U.S. standings, while Mahan finished at No. 14.

Mahan turned his season around with a 63 during U.S. Open qualifying and he stopped. He won the Travelers Championship in Hartford for his first PGA Tour victory.

Riley says he's committed to coaching Heat for three more seasons

MIAMI (AP) — Pat Riley vowed months ago to demand a bigger commitment from the Miami Heat this coming season. And he didn't just mean from the players, either. He meant from Riley said Monday that he plans to coach the Heat for three remaining years on his contract, an announcement that ends months of speculation about his immediate future. He'll remain in the dual role of team president as well.

"We finally have come to the decision that this is what I love doing," Riley said. "It also works best for us right now and so I'm just going to keep moving forward with it." The announcement means Riley will coach through the 2009-10 season — matching the length of Shaquille O'Neal's contract with Miami. Dwyane Wade, the 2006 Finals MVP, can also opt out of his contract following that season.

"And then after that, we'll re-evaluate the whole situation." Riley's 1,195 regular-season victories trail only Lenny Wilkens (1,532) and Don Nelson (1,232) in NBA history. Only two men — Phil Jackson and Red Auerbach — have led more teams to NBA championships than Riley, whose title with the Heat in 2006 was his fifth as a head coach.

TWIN FALLS GUN CLUB FALL LEAGUE TEAM SHOOT. RUNS 6 WEEKS ON THURSDAYS. SIGN-UP AUGUST 16TH, 2007. SHOOTING AUGUST 23RD, 2007.

..his final season — publicly implored Riley to return last Monday — who is entering mourning.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE SALMON TRACT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT PROPOSED 2007-2009 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET OCTOBER 1, 2007 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

INCOME:	
Ad Valorem Taxes	53,381.00
Tax Levy	200.00
Other Income	200.00
Carryover	34,150.00
TOTAL INCOME	85,531.00
EXPENSES:	
Maintenance & Operations	87,531.00
Insurance	6,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	85,531.00

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of the Salmon Tract Rural Fire Protection District will meet on Monday, August 15, 2007 at 8:00 AM at the Helena Fire Station, 2411 E. 2400 N. Hollister, Idaho.
Linda Bentley, Secretary/Treasurer
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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for todays puzzle on page C8.

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MANX KITTENS \$35 Slimease kittens. \$35, shots, wormed, dewclaws removed. Call 326-6694
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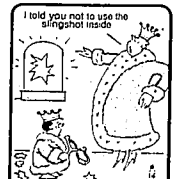
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Answer: LOYCE, ORXYP, REBARN, ENTAIN



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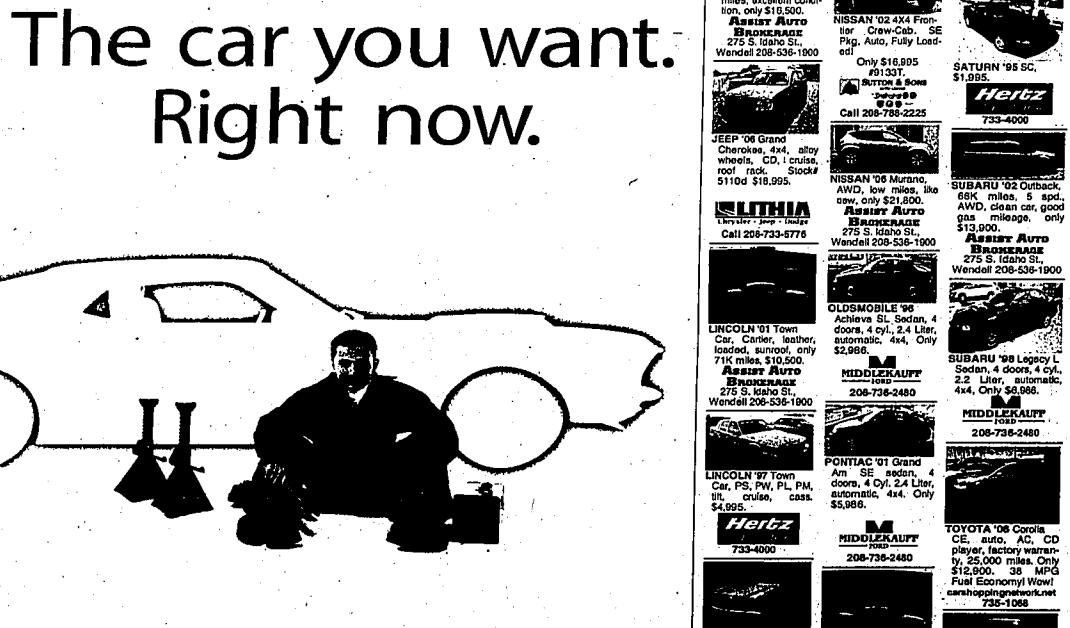
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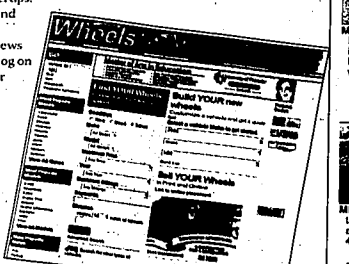
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FULL CIRCLE

4-H youth learn from raising, auctioning animals

Photos and story by Blair Kóch
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — His stone-wash jeans are dusty, his plaid shirt wrinkled with wear. It's been a long week but Robert Brown is smiling.

The Hazelton boy has a lot to smile about. He earned \$400 from selling his pig at the Jerome County Fair fat stock sale — and he will remember his other stellar fair accomplishments long after the cash has burned a hole right through his pocket. "Pigs are kind of tough. Sue was a lot harder to train than I thought she would be," Robert said. "But we did good."

The youngster is quite mod-

est. His father, Dennis Raposo, finally coaxes out the rest of the story.

"I was named the reserve grand champion in showmanship," he finally says. "But I want to do even better next year."

Trophies and money aside, Raposo said he has seen his son make giant strides during his first 4-H year.

"He gets so much more involved in projects now and sees them through. Robert

has an appreciation of all animals, domesticated and wild, and he respects them. His year in 4-H really opened things up to him and I hope to see him continue that growth through perhaps taking rabbits, steers or horses to the fair," Raposo said. "This really lets us get involved and enjoy what we have in this little city."

The Jerome County Fair marked the culmination of Rachel Miller's second sheep project as well.

Miller, 11, worked hard to make sure prospective buyers at the sale noticed her and her lamb Harley. Prior to entering the sale ring she groomed Harley for the last time.

"I guess its almost time to say goodbye," she said. "But it shouldn't be too hard."

Her worked paid off with Harley bringing in \$5 a pound at the sale. At 139 pounds, the lamb was sold for almost \$700.

"She's learned a lot. We had some feeding issues early in the year but she worked through it and is now a lot more independent and responsible. Rachel also learned about the finances behind this project," said Carla Miller, Rachel's mom.

Part of her earnings will pay for next year's lamb, which the Jerome girl is already planning for.

"Oh, I'm going to work my sheep a lot more. Harley wasn't trained as much as he needed to be so next year I'll start earlier and work the sheep more," she said.

While the sun has long set on the Jerome County Fair, kids in Twin Falls are in ready for their turn to shine.

With just two weeks remaining, the Guinn family in Buhl is on high alert to see if their pigs will make weight in time for the fair.

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— Robert's father Dennis Raposo



Beauty in a bottle. Preston Miller, 13, uses a spray designed to bring out the shine in steer Slugger's coat. The sheen spray also helps repel dirt.



Robert Brown, 10, of Hazelton, shows off his pig Sue during the Aug. 4 fat stock sale at the Jerome County Fair.

"They need to weigh 230 pounds for the weigh-in," said mom Susan Guinn. "It'll be close for some of them. The heat this summer — the pigs just haven't wanted to eat."

It's a Catch-22 — the pigs need to weigh enough but they also need to be trained and fit for show. A change in diet, like supplementing with a high fat and high protein milk replacer, may be used for pigs with sluggish weight gain.

"We haven't wanted to work them much because they get tired and can lose weight," said Samantha, 16, who is striving to have her project pig place well in overall quality. "But they can't just look fat — I need to walk them a bit so they are trim."

Samantha and Garrett attended an animal judging camp earlier this summer and are chomping at the bit to incorporate the tips they learned into their project.

"Now we know better what



Garrett Guinn, 13, of Buhl, especially likes his pig Gung.

the judges are looking for, even though each judge has its own particulars, it's a happy medium we're going for," Samantha said.

It's a good thing pigs are smart, Garrett said, who is confident that plenty of time remains to get his pig looking like a prize.

"I really want to do well in showmanship this year — that's what I am working on," he said. "Oh, and selling my pig too."

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Rachel Miller, 11, wipes Harley's nose in an attempt to get the lamb looking his best before he is sold to the highest bidder during the fat stock sale at the Jerome County Fair on Aug. 4.

Jackpot girl wins trip to Kentucky horse farm

Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

JACKPOT. Nev. — Kyllian Genzmer is no stranger to horses. The girl, who turned 14 yesterday, lives on a farm halfway between Jackpot and Wells, Nev., where she has several mounts to choose from and hundreds of thousands of acres to ride on.

She also has a subscription to Young Rider magazine, which is where, last March, she saw a small

ad soliciting essays to win a week at a Kentucky horse farm. So Kyllian entered.

"I forgot all about it, actually," she said.

Forgot about it until July 2, that is, when she found out she was one of three winners nationwide.

It was a horse-loving girl's dream come true.

Ten days later, Kyllian was in an airplane, on her way to Shamrock Farms in Kentucky. She had never been to the state, which she

described as green, full of trees, and humid.

"She kept saying, 'My hair went FWING,'" said Brooke Genzmer, Kyllian's mother, holding her hands out from the sides of her head.

For Kyllian, who is homeschooled, the trip wasn't only a chance to learn more about horses — including how to ride on an English saddle — it was an opportunity to open her eyes to the wider world.

"I'm a firm believer in the best way to get a child to motivate themselves is to expand their horizons," Brooke said.

She was pleased that Kyllian had earned her way "out there in the world, instead of on our ranch, where we see maybe three people a month, and most of them are related to us."

A petite redhead with a quick smile, Kyllian wants to Please see TRF, Page D2



Kyllian Genzmer, 14, of Jackpot, with one of the horses she rode during a trip she won to a Kentucky horse farm.

"I'm a firm believer in the best way to get a child to motivate themselves is to expand their horizons."

— Brooke Genzmer, mother of Kyllian Genzmer, who won a week-long trip to a Kentucky horse farm

COUNTRY ROADS

Three basic elements will attract birds to backyard

Natural plants, the right food and available water will have birds flocking

By Joel M. Lerner, AP/D
Special to The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Homeowners often ask for a landscape design that will attract birds to their back yards. It usually turns out that they want both birds

and butterflies. A well-designed landscape will naturally attract local fauna, especially if it includes the three major elements that all creatures need: food, water and shelter. It helps if the plants are those that evolved naturally with native birds and insects, and if the landscape is kept as natural as possible.

Birds are not only entertaining to watch and enjoyable to hear, but also valuable to have in the garden. They help pollinate plants and eat insects and rodents. Ornithologist Roger Tory

Peterson discovered that birds are bio-indicators. Their presence, absence or behavior can reflect major changes in the environment. They are an important part of the food chain.

But too many events are interfering with bird health and habitat. What the Environmental Protection Agency calls "habitat fragmentation" due to expanding agriculture and construction is reducing bird populations. "Patchy habitats" mean birds have less ability to forage on familiar ground, migrating



Put up birdhouses for 'cavity nesters,' such as purple martins, bluebirds, chickadees, wrens, sparrows, finches and nuthatches. This one has a standard 1 1/2 inch entrance hole.

birds have fewer places of refuge and birds forced to live on the edge of a habitat have less protection from predators. Of the estimated 9,000 species of birds in the world, 12 to 15 percent occupy the United States and its territories. Ninety bird species are listed as endangered or threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act, and 11 more are being considered for the list. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service cites 112 species considered to be "of management concern."

Human activities such as wilderness hiking and camping and possibly even cellphone use also make bird habitats less safe. Increased human encroachment on wild lands is forcing birds to find less-disturbed surroundings. Bill buildings and cellphone towers endanger them. Pollution, pesticides and nonnative species also threaten populations. (The snow geese and cowbird are tabling over habitat required by other species.)

Invasive, nonnative plants are also a threat because they do not provide the kind of shelter or nourishment that native populations need. The Fish and Wildlife Service estimates that 4,300 acres of habitat are taken over each day by nonnative plants — more ground than is lost to urban sprawl.

Although these facts are disturbing, there are things you can do to make your landscape

inviting to birds and provide a more energy-efficient environment for people.

According to the Baltimore Bird Club, a chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society, careful placement of your conifers and deciduous trees can attract birds, increase your property value and reduce energy costs. You can conserve soil by planting ground cover or having leaf cover that doubles as a buffet for birds. If you're planting shrubs to attract them — birds and people like a lot of the same foods — plant a berry patch for you and your feathered friends. And you can also introduce children to the wonders of nature.

Leave blueberries to ripen

By Scott Aker
Special to The Washington Post

Q: I have five blueberry bushes, about 10 years old. I get a large crop of berries, but they are very sour, even in a sunny location. What can I do to sweeten them?

A: Be more patient. Blueberries turn blue many days before they develop their full complement of sugars. The longer the berries remain on the plants, the sweeter they will be.

In very hot weather, the accumulation of sugars is slowed. High night temperatures, in particular, result in a loss of carbohydrates through respiration and fewer remain to sweeten the fruit. The production of the blue pigment is also slowed in these conditions, and fruit may be slow to ripen if it encounters a hot interlude. It is also important that through respiration and moisture when the berries are growing and ripening.

Leaving the berries on the plant after they have begun to turn blue means they are more vulnerable to birds, and you will have to securely cover the plants in bird netting until they are fully ripe.

Scott Aker is a horticulturist at the U.S. National Arboretum.

Ten ways to welcome birds

By Joel M. Lerner, AP/D
Special to The Washington Post

Here are 10 things you can do to make your property attractive to birds and butterflies:

1. Plant flora that provides food. Lists vary from species to species, so plant a variety of shrubs, grasses, flowers and trees that provide nectar, acorns, nuts, seeds and berries, such as serviceberries and viburnums. Vines, such as grape, trumpet vine and honeysuckle (*Lonicera sempervirens*), and perennials such as agastache and echinacea provide both food and shelter. Use only native species to attract native birds.

2. Provide water. A pond will attract birds (as well as insects and amphibians), but if you don't have room for a pond, a birdbath will do. Leave open space around it so birds can see predators coming.

3. Provide shelter. Birds need places to build nests, as well as environments where they can take cover in bad weather. American holly, Fester's holly, whitey dogwood and corkscrew offer good shelter.

4. Reduce lawn space. Lawns are largely useless to birds — no food, no place to hide, no shelter. If you must have some lawn, keep it detached and well watered to encourage earthworms.

5. Plant a hedge instead of building a fence, and don't shear it into a wall. Choose shrubs that are naturally thorny, such as common boxwood. Another idea for screening wildlife is to use a plant that tends to colonize, such as staghorn sumac. This allows birds to come and go easily.

6. Help nesting birds build



This thicket, dried leaves and grasses help nesting birds, such as this robin.

7. Put up birdhouses for "cavity nesters," such as purple martins, chickadees, wrens, sparrows, finches and nuthatches. Use only nontoxic paints or stains on the outside. Don't use bright colors; they can catch the attention of predators. Keep the outside as natural-looking as possible. Different birds have different needs, so research to find out what kind of house local birds might like.

8. Improving the natural landscape is more desirable than feeding birds outright, but most people want birds in their yard so they can watch them. That's something a feeder provides. Again, do your research to find out what kinds of foods different birds like. Make sure the feeder is secure, not too close

to places where predators could lurk and protected from squirrels. As a start, it should be freestanding, not hung in a tree. Clean it periodically to prevent spread of disease and so you won't attract rodents.

9. Reduce hazards. The National Audubon Society says birds are commonly the cause of death associated with feeders is birds flying into windows. Reduce reflections by closing the shades or blinds, especially when you're asleep or away. Window decals work only if there are enough of them and they are properly spaced to break up reflections. That generally interferes with people seeing out of the windows. The best solution is to put the feeder at a distance and use binoculars. And keep your cat indoors. Cats are natural predators who are hardwired to stalk and kill prey even when they are not hungry.

10. Participate in a citizen science project. Join the National Audubon Society and Cornell University in the Great Backyard Bird Count or Project FeederWatch; get information at www.birdsource.org. Recent observations helped scientists at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology discover a correlation between snowfall and robin distribution: They don't like snow covers of more than five inches. You can find other citizen science projects at www.birds.cornell.edu/Lab/Programs/CIS/ID/index.html. For more information about birds, the landscape and the environment, check out ballroombirdclub.org, www.epa.gov/owow/birds and the American Bird Conservancy site at www.abcbirds.org.

Time for lawn renewal

The Washington Post before grass seeding. Avoid herbicides that will impede seed germination for extended periods. Generally, lawns that are mostly weeds now are candidates for complete renewal in September.

Apply a treatment of glyphosate in August for lawns in total need of renovation in a month. This will allow time for the herbicide to break down before grass seeding. Avoid herbicides that will impede seed germination for extended periods. Generally, lawns that are mostly weeds now are candidates for complete renewal in September.

Trip

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is a military veterinarian when she gets older. (To combine a love of travel with a love of animals), the trip strengthened her desire to explore the world.

At the Kentucky farm, Kyllian enjoyed learning how to harness a single pony for a cart — at home, the family has a team of draft horses they harness in the winter — how to ride saddle seat and how to properly groom a horse that spends its days in a barn.

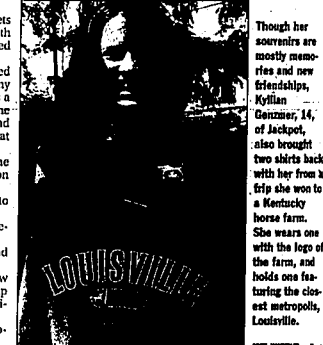
She also came to appreciate the advantages she has had growing up on an Idaho ranch.

"Lots of people didn't know how to ride Western, and I did," Kyllian said. "They were saying they all ride in arenas," Brooke said.

"And I'm used to sagebrush and wide-open spaces," Kyllian added.

She hopes that some of the new friends she made at the farm's camp will be able to come to Idaho to experience that difference.

"I said we can do an exchange program," Brooke said.



Though her souvenirs are mostly memories and new friendships, Kyllian Gonzalez, 14, of Jackpot, also brought two shirts back with her from a trip she won to a Kentucky horse farm. She wears one with the legs of the farm, and holds one featuring the closest metropolitan, Louisville.

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WANTED: MORE SPACE

Twin Falls council tours building for possible purchase

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Members of the Twin Falls City Council leaved between empty rooms, flipped light switches on and off, and judged if the doors were heavy enough.

Then they talked in a kitchen with bright-orange linoleum.

No, it was not a carnival funhouse or something from Alice in Wonderland (although there was a small door). The council on Monday toured the original American Legion building in downtown Twin Falls on Monday as they look for more office space.

"I was shocked. You just keep going," Mayor Lance Clow said in the basement. "It's big."

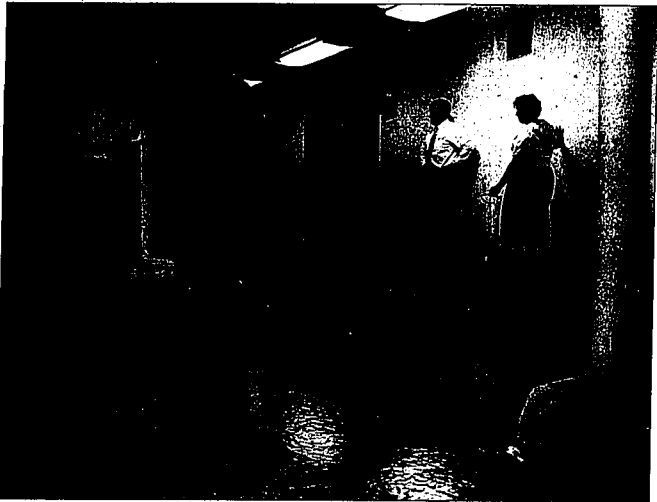
The city, which for several years has been looking to relieve crowded offices, is considering purchasing the building, located at 324 Hansen St., as a "one stop shop" for its engineering, building and planning departments.

The city desperately needs more conference rooms, officials said, and the building is just a few blocks from other government offices. The building, with an upstairs and basement, would house about 25 city employees.

The council toured the facility — the former home to the South Central Head Start program run by the College of Southern Idaho — in generally good spirits. Walking into small offices, Trip Craig quipped, "It's cozy, isn't it?" Shawn Barigar said part of the basement reminded him of his parent's fruit cellar. When a door was turned around and revealed some unfinished painting, Don Hall joked, "This is urban rustic."

They decided to table a decision whether to enter negotiations with CSI until it receives a copy of the most recent appraisal. According to a city report, CSI is willing to sell the building for \$500,000, though city staff estimates a current appraisal would value the building at \$230,000.

The city would use it temporarily — five years, said Community Director



Twin Falls City Council members concluded Monday evening's meeting with a tour of the former South Central Head Start program building. The city is considering buying the building to facilitate its engineering, building and planning departments.

Mitch Humble — as it continues to look for a permanent facility. Once bought, the city could move in within a month, Humble said, although more than \$100,000 of structural and technological improvements are needed.

Councilwoman Glenda Dwight said that using the building would not only help the city, but it would also continue the use of a building in downtown, which struggles to keep tenants. The council has looked at

other privately-owned buildings, but they agreed this was the best one.

Parking would be located at a nearby lot currently leased to the Business Improvement District.

Business from earlier in the night included:

• An ordinance approved by a 4-2 vote to combine City Council salary and benefit payments into a single amount and allow each official to choose to designate a portion into a Section 125 program.

The overall monetary amounts will remain the same. Mayor Lance Clow receives a combined \$1,410 monthly salary and the six council members receive \$1,160.

• A preliminary budget adopted for 2008 and set Aug. 27 for a budget hearing. The budget is \$41.1 million.

• A preliminary budget adopted for the BID. Barigar, who is president of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, which manages the BID, recused himself.

Search goes on for stabbing suspect

Youth wounded in fight involving 40 people at fair

By Cass Friedman
Times-News writer

JEROME — Jerome County sheriff's deputies are still investigating who stabbed a teenage boy from Gooding on Aug. 4 at the Jerome County Fair.

At 10:20 p.m., a brawl erupted involving an estimated 40 people. The crowd seemed divided between residents of Gooding and some teenagers who were from Jerome, said Jerome County Undersheriff Jocelyn Nunnally. What sparked the fight remains unknown, she said.

Jerome County Deputy Cpl. Rick Cowen responded to the fight and arrested two juvenile males: a 17-year-old on charges of obstructing an officer and disturbing the peace, and a second teenager on charges of disturbing the peace.

As Cowen led the suspects to his patrol car, a teenage boy approached Cowen. He presented a stab wound on his thigh that had bled onto his pants and underwear. The boy was treated at the hospital and released, Nunnally said.

"We interviewed several people that were involved in the fight, and of course everyone denied seeing anyone get stabbed," Nunnally said.

At the hospital, deputies interviewed the stab victim who said he could not identify or describe his aggressor because of the commotion.

No one else was injured in the melee, Nunnally said.

Fights at the annual fair, however, have become almost as much of a staple as its cotton candy and carnival rides.

"There are fights every year at that fair," Nunnally said. "We expect it."

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Wildfire burns area west of Fairfield

By Trey Spanking
For the Times-News

FAIRFIELD — The smoke blowing into the Wood River Valley Monday came from the Cow Creek Fire, located approximately 11 miles west of Fairfield.

The fire started at approximately 3:30 p.m. Saturday. It is believed to be human-caused.

This fire is in very rough terrain, preventing fire trucks from being able to get close enough to fight the flames. The fire doubled in size on Sunday and was estimated at 5,000 acres but had no GPS reading as of Monday morning.

The fire moved northward into the tall timber and threatened timber owned by the Idaho Department of Land

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valued at \$10 to \$20 million. Helicopters and planes dropped fire retardant Saturday and Sunday and have established containment lines, and the fire was 30 percent contained on Monday. Six homes and six commercial properties were threatened.

The Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Camas County, and contracted crews — a total of 110 personnel — are fighting the fire.



BLM crews and a water tanker truck hit hot spots along Road 1100 West South, about 13 miles west of Fairfield. It appears that much of the southern portion of the fire is contained, but there was still a lot of smoke on the northern edge of the fire, where all roads were closed.

Here's looking at you: Satellite-images of Idaho will be available online

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Want a closer look at Idaho? Sit down at your computer. Researchers at Idaho's big three universities — the University of Idaho, Idaho State University and Boise State University — are developing an online Idaho database called IdahoView that will allow wildfire managers, municipalities and researchers access to satellite and aerial images of all corners of the state.

It's part of a national program, AmericaView, developed by the U.S. Geological Survey. The program is already in place

See for yourself

Visit <http://www.boisestate.edu/~idv/> to see how a satellite database soon coming to Idaho works in Montana.

In several Western states, including Montana, and it won't be long before Idahoans have easy access to hard-to-find images.

"Many of our local government agencies make little use of satellite or aerial image datasets in their planning activities because they do not have the expertise or funds for acquisitions and analysis of imagery," said Paul Gessler,

associate professor of remote sensing and spatial ecology at the U of I. IdahoView will enable better-coordinated, statewide education and training programs to meet our burgeoning training needs."

IdahoView is similar to Google Earth, a computer program that uses satellites to map the Earth. But unlike Google Earth, IdahoView images will be downloadable and easily accessed.

"In a lot of ways, it's like a public-access server," Gessler said. IdahoView will host images that are currently scattered on computer servers at several agencies. Come next year,

they'll be combined on one server that's easier to access.

The database is still likely a year from completion. First, Idaho must join the national program and wait one year for funding. But the universities are already developing the Web site and programs that will power the database.

A preliminary meeting about the program will be held this fall. For more information, contact Gessler at paug@uidaho.edu.

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North Side stops water for a week

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

JEROME — If Idahoans needed any more evidence of this summer's ultra-dry conditions, it came Monday when the North Side Canal Co. announced it would stop supplying water for a week to farmers and subdivisions.

There simply isn't enough water to go around because of high temperatures and a low spring snowpack. The canal company will stop supplying water for one week to ensure there's enough water for farmers closer to harvest this fall.

The shutdown will last from Aug. 31 until Sept. 8.

North Side already decreased the amount of water it supplies to farmers

and neighborhoods in July when it cut flow from five-eighths of an inch to a half-inch. The numbers are a measure of flow 50 inches of water equals one cubic foot per second that's applied to 60 acres.

The North Side Canal Co. supplies water to about 3,200 shareholders. Irrigators in the company represent about 156,000 acres of farmland, mostly on the north side of the Snake River.

On the south side, the Twin Falls Canal Co. has yet to stop supplying water, though it hasn't ruled out the possibility of a shutdown.

Its board of directors meets this morning, and company manager Vince Alberdi said more information could be made available later today.

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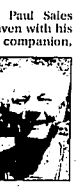


RICHFIELD — Dean Anthony Bower, 70, of Richfield, Idaho, passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Health Center in Twin Falls after a brief battle with cancer.

He was born March 28, 1937, in Nampa, Idaho, to Ralph Anthony Bower and Marian Murray Bower. He was the youngest of three boys. His older brothers, Donald and Wallace preceded him in death as did his parents.

Dean was raised on a farm in the Nampa area and graduated from Nampa High School. He took a job at Sears Roebuck and Company in Caldwell in 1955. He continued to work for Sears in Caldwell, the Lake City, Twin Falls and Boise until his retirement in April of 1994. Dean married Margaret Ierry in 1957 and had one son, Gordon Duane.

Paul Sales



WENDELL — Paul Sales retired into heaven with his best friend and companion, Hazel Miller, on Aug. 10, 2007, as the result of a motorcycle accident in Sturgis, S.D., where they were attending a motorcycle rally.

Paul was born in Salinas, Calif., on March 7, 1947. From very early on, he was bitten crazy and would race anyone. He started hill climbing at the age of 12 and, by the age of 17, he was into flat track racing and ready to start professional racing. He was stopped at that point with a very serious accident but never lost the desire for motorcycles. When he recovered as much as pos-

sible, he went to work driving a tractor for the Salinas Valley for Bruce Church and later, Bengard Farms. He retired at 50 and moved to Wendell. He fished, camped and hunted and enjoyed many conversations over coffee at the Farmhouse with friends. He went back to the motorcycles with a trike. He and Hazel went many hours on that three-wheeler. They were in several shows with the bike and won several awards.

Paul is survived by his mother, Pearl; his sister, Barbara (Harold) Gines of Jerome and Judy (Lino) Finat of Salinas, Calif. A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, at the Living Waters Presbyterian Church in Wendell. Interment will be at a later date in Salinas, Calif.

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Larry James Strickland



GOODING — Larry James Strickland, 63, of Gooding, returned to live with his heavenly father on Saturday, Aug. 11, 2007. He was born April 18, 1944, in Laredo, Texas.

He married Phyllis Peters on Oct. 23, 1967. Dean loved riding motorcycles, hunting with his son, photography, and having fun with life in general. Dean is survived by his wife, Phyllis; his son, Gordon (Lindy) Bowers; his granddaughter, Marissa; his sisters-in-law, Rose Bower and Helen Bower; his stepchildren and grandchildren, Shelley Peterson, Christensen, Peterson, Lindsay Christensen and Amber Christensen; as well as many nieces and nephews. His graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, at the Kohlerhorn Cemetery, Sixth Street North in Nampa. Funeral services are under the direction of the Nampa Family Home, Yragtum, Chapel.

The family suggests memorials be made to the St. Luke's Cancer Treatment Emergency, in care of the MVRMC Foundation Fund, 650 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

motorcycles, giving his grandchildren four wheelers and boating. He was a ride and generous person and was always willing to help out anyone in need. He was active in the LDS Church and was a great example to all who knew him.

Larry is survived by his wife, Strickland; his children, Brenda (Joy) Maxwell and Allen Strickland of Pocatello, Idaho, Steve (Marianne) Strickland of Idaho Falls and Connie (Dale) Shaw of Gooding; seven grandchildren; and his siblings, Kay Bonning and Debbie (Frank) Accomando of Gooding and Sharon (Harold) Blackside of Burley, Idaho. He was preceded in death by his parents; and infant grandson, Kolby Worcel.

The funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Gooding, Idaho. Burial and grave dedication will be held immediately after the funeral at the Wendell Cemetery in Wendell, Idaho. Viewing for family and friends will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, at Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel, in Gooding prior to service Thursday at the church.

Wynston Lucero Pearson

RICHFIELD — Wynston Lucero Pearson, "Our Little Morning Star," infant son of Joe Pearson and Candace Lucero of Richfield, went peacefully to be with his heavenly father on Aug. 10, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Wynston was here for only a short time but so much. Wynston impacted those around him by being so active in his mommy's belly. His brothers and sisters were so excited for him to join at home. Wynston is now working his magic in heaven looking down on us smiling. Don't cry for me, mommy and daddy. I am in a better place. Wynston will be missed and loved by all.

Wynston is survived by his parents, Joe Pearson and Candace Lucero of Richfield, Idaho; brothers and sisters, Anton Pearson, Brianna Pearson, Allena Pearson and Rich Pearson of Caldwell, Idaho, and Hudson Lucero of Richfield, Idaho; grandparents, Ed and Christa Lucero of Richfield, Idaho, and James

and Peggy Pearson of Wendell, Idaho; great-grandparents, Eunice Powell of Richfield, Idaho, Fran and Evangelina Lucero of Albuquerque, N.M., Harley and Garry Sanders of Oakley, Idaho, and Ruth Beatty of Winnemucca, Nev.; and also by numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

A service will be held 3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, at the Richfield Cemetery. A dinner will follow at the Richfield Senior Center. Arrangements have been entrusted to White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

Be sweet, my little Wynston, sleep tight and goodnight. If you can't go to sleep, ask God to listen on a small light. Mommy and Daddy will be with you soon; you don't have to be scared.

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(Written by his mother, Candace Lucero) Special thanks to all the doctors and nurses at St. Luke's Magic Valley who cared for all of us during this difficult time.

Gerald Euzene Rich

BURLEY — Gerald Euzene Rich, 80, of Burley, died Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2007, surrounded by his family.

Gerald was born Sept. 8, 1926, in Standardville, Utah, to many other uncles, aunts, and cousins and friends. Audrey was preceded in death by her cousin, Xander; maternal grandparents; and five uncles. The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley. The funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, at the Little Flower Catholic Church, 1601 Oakley Ave. in Burley, with the Rev. Father Gerald Novazquez as celebrant. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

20 years, retiring in 1979. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and peeing for gold and was a member of the Elks and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Gerald is survived by his wife, Doris of Burley; children, Beck (Ananda) Rich of Hildrey, Bandy (Rissy) Rich, Ripper, Suzette (Steve) Dameron of Heyburn, Barry (Angie) Rich of Falls, Idaho, He graduated from Oakley High School in Oakland, Calif. He studied business in California and Utah. Gerald enlisted in the Army Air Corps after high school. He served in the Occupation of Japan, the Korean War and the Berlin Crisis. He served in the 116th and 145th Engineering Combat Battalion. He served in the National Guard Reserve for 19½ years, reaching the rank of major. He has resided in the Mini-Cassia area since 1961. He was assistant manager of the Bank of Commerce in Ashton, Idaho, and owned C.R. Equipment in Paul, Idaho, for

A funeral will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, at the Hanson Mortuary Ruppert Chapel, 710 Sixth St. A visitation for family and friends will be from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow the service at the Paris Cemetery in Paris, Idaho.

Brooke Astor, who gave away \$200M, dies at 105

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Brooke Astor, the civic leader, philanthropist and elite society figure who gave away nearly \$200 million to support New York City's great cultural institutions and a host of Zambler projects, died Monday, she was 105.

Astor, who recently was the center of a highly publicized legal dispute over her care, died of pneumonia at 110ly Hill, her Westchester County estate in Briclifield Manor, family lawyer Kenneth Warner said.

"Brooke was truly a remarkable woman," longtime family friend David Rockefeller said. "She was the leading lady of New York in every sense of the word."

Although a legendary figure in New York City and feted with a famous gala on her 100th birthday in March 2002, Astor was mostly interested in putting the fortune that her husband Vincent Astor

left to use helping others. Her efforts won her a Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor in 1998.

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DEATH NOTICES

Irene E. Beltz

BURLEY — Irene Elizabeth Beltz, 56, of Burley, died Monday, Aug. 13, 2007, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Terrance McCombs

BURLEY — Terrance McCombs, 62, of Branson, Mo., and formerly of Burley, died Friday, Aug. 10, 2007. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, at the Heyburn LDS 2nd ward building, with Bishop Berkey Oulton officiating.

SERVICES

Betty Lou Carter of Burley, graveside service at 11 a.m. today (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Lloyd W. Knodel of Kula, Hawaii, funeral at 3 p.m. today (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

George Alves

JEROME — George Alves, 61, of Jerome, died Sunday, Aug. 12, 2007, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Aldrich Ernest Bowler of Bliss, memorial service and life celebration at 3 p.m. Saturday at American Legion Hall in Hagerman.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Jerome high student registration starts today

JEROME — Jerome High School registration will be held from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to noon, 1 to 3 p.m. and 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday at the Jerome High School. Fees can be paid at this time and activity cards will be issued.

M.V. High registration begins Thursday

TWIN FALLS — Students at Magic Valley High School can register for the 2007-08 school year this week, beginning with freshman students. Ninth-grade student registration is scheduled for

Thursday by appointment only and a parent must be present. Registration for new and returning students in grades 10, 11 and 12 will take place on Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

New students are required to see a counselor from the school they last attended to obtain a copy of their transcripts and a recommendation to make sure they are eligible to attend MVAHS as a "at-risk" student as defined by the Idaho State Board of Education. New students must also present birth certificates and immunization records. There is a \$30 registration fee for all students. Magic Valley High School is located at 512 Main Ave. N., Twin Falls. The first day of

school is Aug. 27. For more information, call the school office at 733-8823.

Woodmen to hold picnic Friday at Dierkes Lake

TWIN FALLS — The Modern Woodmen of America Youth Service Club will host a summer picnic with games from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at Dierkes Lake.

The picnic is in honor of the fraternal organization's 125th anniversary and is open to all children in the local area. In

lieu of an admission fee, children are asked to bring a canned food donation. For more information, call Krist Downs at 423-5088.

Mini-Cassia Democrats meet Thursday in Paul

BURLEY — The Mini-Cassia Democrats will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Paul Fire Hall. The agenda includes planning for the September Water Forum. For more information, call Joey Bryant at 679-7793.

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WASHINGTON

Romney wealth may be as high as \$250 million

Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney's vast wealth is spread over a dizzying array of foreign and domestic investments that at times have been sold to avoid conflicts with his public stances, the trustee of his blind trust said Monday.

Among the investments sold by trustee R. Bradford Matt were holdings in companies known to have interests with Iran, including French and Italian oil companies, Romney earlier this year called for state pension systems to divest themselves of Iran-related stocks.

Romney and his wife, Ann, had assets worth between \$190 million and \$250 million, his advisers said. The campaign released details of his wealth Monday in a personal financial disclosure report filed with the Federal Election Commission and the U.S. Office of Government Ethics.

The value of assets in federal disclosure reports are listed in ranges, making a precise figure impossible to discern.

Romney reported that he and his wife have joint interest in accounts worth between \$1 million and \$5 million and \$25 million and a money market account between \$1 million and \$5 million. Both also have Individual Retirement Accounts. But the bulk of their money is in two blind trusts, which Matt said are divided evenly between husband and wife.

Blind trusts are designed to prevent public officials from controlling their investments, thus avoiding potential conflicts of interest. Under federal rules, the Romneys were not required to report a blind trust in the name of their children, which Matt says is valued at about \$100 million.

America loses its status as tallest country

Pundits often opine that America's stature is declining on the global stage. It turns out that Americans — literally — are no standing tall, compared to the rest of the world, as they used to.

U.S. adults lost their position as the tallest people on Earth to the Dutch, who on average about two inches taller than the typical American. In fact, American men now rank ninth and women 15th in average height, having fallen behind many other European nations.

"Americans, who have been the tallest in the world for a very long time, are no longer the tallest," said John Komlos of the University of Munich, who has published a series of papers documenting the trend. "Americans have not kept up with western European populations."

FLORIDA

NASA conducts tests to assess shuttle damage

CAPE CANAVERAL — NASA conducted a swift series of tests on the ground Monday to determine whether space-walking astronauts need to fix a deep gouge in Endeavour's belly for re-entry. The assembly of a special team to weigh the three repair options.

The gouge is relatively small — 3 1/2 inches by 2 inches — but part of it penetrates through the protective ther-

mal tiles, leaving just a thin layer of coated felt over the space shuttle's aluminum frame to keep out the more than 2,000-degree heat of re-entry. The exposed area is 1 inch long and less than a quarter-inch wide.

Mission managers expect to decide by Wednesday whether astronauts should go out and patch the gouge. The damage is benign enough for Endeavour to fly safely home. It's more a matter of avoiding expensive post-flight repairs to avoid possible structural damage, said John Shannon, chairman of the mission management team.

"This is not a catastrophic loss of orbiter ease at all. This is a case where you want to do the prudent thing for the vehicle," Shannon told reporters Monday evening.

NASA has never attempted this type of repair on an orbiting shuttle, and two of the three remedies — all developed following Columbia's last shuttle re-entry — are untested in space.

Engineers are uncertain whether it was foam insulation that came off Endeavour's external tank and struck the shuttle at liftoff.

MISSOURI

Church shooting stuns usually peaceful town

GOODMAN — The first man shot in the rural Missouri church sanctuary was a grandfather of three who had shepherded the local community of Micronesian immigrants for about 15 years.

His uncle started apologizing to the gunmen in an attempt to defuse the situation, a witness said. Instead he was shot next.

Members of the tightly knit Micronesian community struggled Monday to comprehend why a gunman stormed into their church service, killed three religious leaders, and wounded five others. All of those who died were Micronesian immigrants and pastors or associate pastors, family members said.

"He was a very generous, outgoing person," Lou Rehobson-Manuel said of her brother, Kernal Rehobson, the first man killed in the Sunday rampage. "He was kind of a shepherd for all our sheep."

Eliken Elam Saitmon, 52, pleaded not guilty Monday to three charges of first-degree murder, four counts of assault, one count of felonious restraint for holding the congregation hostage, and one count of armed criminal action. A fifth charge of assault was pending.

— compiled from wire reports

Rescuers see underground space but no miners

By Chris Kahn
Associated Press writer

HUNTINGTON, Utah — Video from a camera lowered deep into a shattered coal mine dimly showed pieces of equipment Monday but no sign of six miners missing eight days.

"It's absolutely heartbreaking that we haven't found them alive," said Bob Murray, head of mine co-owner Murray Energy Corp., adding that nothing was being spared in what officials continued to call a rescue effort.

The video recorded Sunday evening showed water dripping in front of the lens as light faintly illuminated objects — a chain, a twisted conveyor belt, a tool bag — 10 to 15 feet away, Murray said he believes the tool bag belongs to one of the miners, who may have been hundreds of feet away from the bag while working.

The images were released as rescuers prepared to drill a third hole in an effort to locate the miners. A 2 1/2-inch-wide hole and a nearly 9-inch-wide hole drilled last week have found no sign of

life where the miners were working when a collapse hit the Granddall Canyon mine Aug. 6.

Twelve of the 40 miners working on the rescue have asked to be reassigned because they were frightened by what Murray "tectonic activity."

"We have had some miners that have been working in the rescue effort that have asked to be relieved. They've been somewhat frightened."

Meanwhile, suggestions of trouble at the mine earlier this year surfaced in a memo from an engineering firm to the mine operators concerning earth movement that damaged a different underground area.

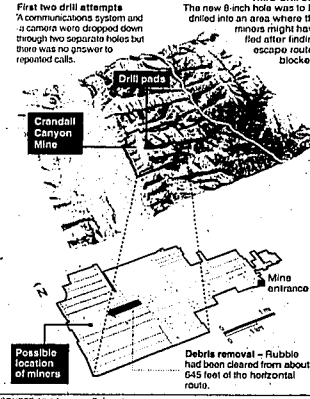
The video was shown earlier in the day to families of the miners, who gather daily at a school in Huntington to be briefed by rescue officials.

"We spent considerable time with them explaining all the detail," said Richard Slicker, head of the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration.

"The families are holding up better than you can imagine," Murray said.

Third hole planned in mine search

Searchers decided to drill another hole in an attempt to find six trapped miners. Officials expected to have the drilling up in place by Monday.



First two drill attempts: A communications system and a camera were dropped down through two separate holes but there was no power to reported calls. Third drill site: The new 8-inch hole was to be drilled into an area where the miners might have fled after routine escape routes blocked.

Foldable, bendable battery made of paper developed

By Randolph E. Schmid
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — It's a battery that looks like a piece of paper and can be bent or twisted, trimmed with scissors or molded into any shape needed.

While the battery is only a prototype a few inches square, right now, the researchers at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute who developed it have high hopes for it in electronics and other fields that need smaller, lighter power sources.

"We would like to scale this up to the point where you can imagine printing batteries like a newspaper. That would be the ultimate," Robert Linhardt, a professor at the Center for Biotechnology and Interdisciplinary Studies at RPI said in a telephone interview.

The development is reported in this week's edition of Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Unlike other batteries,

Linhardt explained, it is an integrated device, not a combination of pieces.

The battery uses paper infused with an electrolyte and carbon nanotubes that are embedded in the paper. The carbon nanotubes form the electrodes, the paper is the separator and the electrolyte allows the current to flow.

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AROUND THE WORLD

CHINA

Head of toy company at center of U.S. recall kills self

BEIJING — The head of a Chinese manufacturer whose lead-tainted Sesame Street toys were the center of a massive U.S. recall has killed himself, a state-run newspaper said Monday.

Cheung Shu-hung, who co-vented Lee Der Industrial Co., committed suicide at a warehouse over the weekend, apparently by hanging himself, the Southern Metropolis Daily reported.

"When I rushed there around 5 p.m., police had already sealed off the area," the newspaper quoted a manager summoned Liu as saying. "I saw that our boss had two deep marks in his neck."

Though the report did not give a reason for Cheung's apparent suicide — the newspaper declined to discuss the matter — Lee Der was under pressure in a global controversy over the safety of Chinese made products. It is common for disgraced officials to commit suicide in China.

This month, Mattel Inc., one of the largest U.S. toy companies, was forced to recall 367,000 plastic preschool toys made by Lee Der because they were decorated with paint found to have excessive amounts of lead. The toys, sold in the U.S. under the Fisher-Price brand, included likenesses of Big Bird and Elmo, as well as the Dora and Diego characters.

Days later, Chinese officials temporarily banned Lee Der from exporting products. The Southern Metropolis Daily, citing unidentified Lee Der workers, said the recall cost the company \$30 million.

IRAQ

Full force of troop surge targets militants in raids

BAGHDAD — Helicopter gunships attacked suspected insurgent hide-outs and U.S. and Iraqi soldiers staged simultaneous raids across Iraq on Monday as coalition forces unleashed the full force of the U.S. troop buildup with Operation Phantom Strike.

The U.S.-led commando operations targeted al-Qaida in Iraq and Shiite Muslim militants by striking at reported safe havens, weapons caches and bomb-making sites here and in other violence-plagued areas throughout the country.

At least 17 suspected insurgent leaders were captured, and dozens of improvised explosive devices were seized and disarmed, military officials said.

The operation was touted by U.S. military officials as the beginning of the deployment of nearly 30,000 more U.S. troops into Iraq in recent months. It followed recent coalition offensives aimed at pushing militants from their support zones, disrupting supply lines and capturing or killing "high-value" suspects.

"The intent is to keep the pressure on the insurgents," Gen. Rick Lynch, whose Task Force Marine waged strikes on insurgent nests in the volatile

Tigris and Euphrates river valleys.

U.S. officials blame foreign fighters and Shiite militias allegedly aided by Iran for the violence that every month kills nearly 100 American soldiers and thousands of Iraqi troops, police and civilians. Witnesses in Tikrit, Ramadi, Fallujah, Mosul and Samarra reported seeing helicopters sweep over suspected insurgent hide outs, blasting them with rockets. A senior Iraqi army officer in Fallujah said 15 insurgents were killed but that at least 60 others escaped.

The U.S. military did not disclose casualty figures.

PANAMA

U.S., lawyers argue over where to send Noriega

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Noriega wants U.S. officials to send him back to his home country when he finishes his drug trafficking and racketeering sentence next month, but American prosecutors are pushing for him to be extradited to France to face another trial.

Noriega, 72, appeared in federal court Monday as attorneys debated the ongoing question of where he will be sent when he finishes his sentence in a Miami prison on Sept. 9.

During the hearing, Noriega wore a military uniform and his dark hair slicked back, pausing at points to put on glasses and read documents, and conferring with an attorney. He used a headset to follow a Spanish translation.

His lawyers say because he is a prisoner of war, he should be sent to Panama, where he wants to fight a conviction in

the slayings of two political opponents. U.S. prosecutors, meanwhile, are pushing for him to be extradited to France, where he was convicted in absentia in 1999 on money-laundering charges.

"The government of the U.S. for its own reasons, very much wants to see Gen. Noriega sent to France," Noriega's attorney Jon May told Senior U.S. District Judge William Howeeler.

Federal prosecutors did not respond to those allegations either in court or afterward.

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He has recently returned to Twin Falls to bond with his new niece and nephew. You can find him at Utopia Salon on Fillmore, next to Claude Sports. There he specializes in haircuts, hair color and blow-out styles. He also specializes in educating you on your hair so you can say "goodbye" to the bad hair days forever and "hello" to up-to-date hair fashions.

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