

Another blow to toy industry

Mattel recalls more Chinese-made toys.

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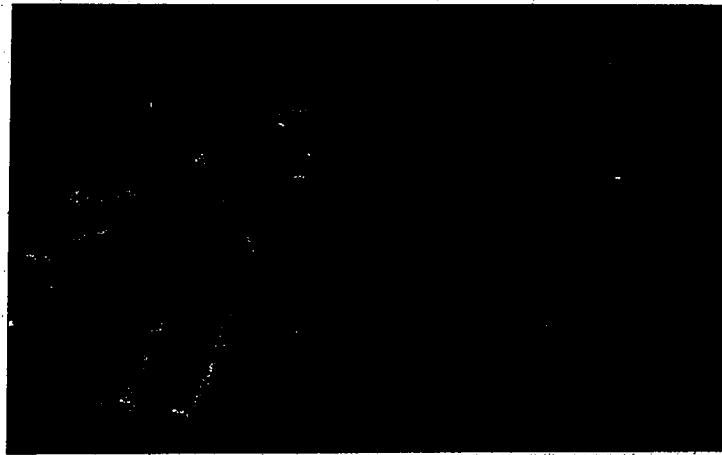
"When we look outside, it's very much like trying to look at the stars in Boise."

— Barbara Morgan, teacher-astronaut



Former Idaho teacher Barbara Morgan, back center, and other astronauts talk to students in Idaho Tuesday.

Way outside class



Lefty Sherman, second from left, and others at the Herrett Center planetarium in Twin Falls watch Morgan and fellow astronauts answer students' questions Tuesday afternoon. The College of Southern Idaho was one of four places in the state able to get the space shuttle Endeavour's satellite uplink.

Idaho teacher aboard space shuttle answers questions from students

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The questions ranged from the fun to the thoughtful. If you hit a baseball in space, how fast will it go? What would you do with one extra day in space? And, the children asked for

mer McCall teacher Barbara Morgan, how does being an astronaut relate to being a teacher?

Fairly well, it turns out. Both professions focus on exploration and sharing what one learns, Morgan said. As an astronaut, she just does it in space. "They are both absolutely

wonderful jobs," she said Tuesday during a question-and-answer session with students at the Discovery Center in Boise.

Morgan, joined by mission specialists Dave Williams and Alvin Drew and current International Space Station flight engineer Clay Anderson, took 15 questions from stu-

dents across Idaho, including two from Bellevue. Though only those in Boise could speak to Morgan and her peers on the shuttle Endeavour, Idahoans listened in from three other locations, including the Herrett Center for Arts and Science in Twin Falls.

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See the International Space Station where the shuttle Endeavour is currently docked, will pass over Idaho every night this week. For the times it can be seen in the Magic Valley, call the Herrett Center Information line, 732-4400, or visit www.herrettisidaho.com.

BLM worried about open burning

Agency reminds Idahoans to be careful when setting fires

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Bureau of Land Management is urging Idahoans to postpone open burns after a wildfire erupted last week near Fairfield. The Cow Creek Fire, which has burned 5,292 acres about 13 miles west of Fairfield, started when an open burn of vegetation appeared to be out, but reignited when embers floated over a manmade barrier meant



to prevent such an incident. It's just another instance of a surprise and quick-spreading wildfire caused by unpredictable winds, said the BLM. "This is a great example of how unpredictable the winds of southern Idaho are, and the role they play in starting and continuing to fan fires," said Chris Simonson, fire management officer for the Twin Falls District BLM. The Cow Creek Fire continues to threaten several homes and ranching operations as it

burns mainly on private lands. A significant portion of state land used for timber sales — valued at \$10 million — is being protected by fire crews from several federal and state agencies. About 155 firefighters are assigned to the fire.

The wildfire, about 50 percent contained, erupted amid a ban on open burning in Camas County, according to the Camas County Sheriff's Office. Most Magic Valley counties, including Twin Falls County,

have open-burn restrictions in place. Farmers there are allowed to ditch burn on weekdays from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. In other fire news, several lightning-caused blazes broke out Tuesday. They include:

- The Chapin Fire, west of Malin near Sublett, which has burned 800 acres.
- The Birch Creek Fire, southeast of Oakley, which has burned about 315 acres.
- The Gifford Springs Fire, east of Rupert, which has burned 600 acres.

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Bush signs bill enabling livestock lab

Dairy facility still requires work in state Legislature

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — President George W. Bush signed into law Monday a bill amending the 1890 law that admitted Idaho into the union, moving a highly-anticipated livestock research facility slated for the Magic Valley one step closer to construction.

The bill, sponsored by Idaho's congressional delegation, amends a provision of the Idaho Admissions Act that prohibits the proceeds from university lands to be

used for buying or constructing new buildings. More importantly, it pushed ahead plans for a \$25 million Idaho Center for Livestock and Environmental Studies.

The bill eliminates the need for Congress to amend the federal Morrill Land-Grant Colleges Act. Monday's action amended three provisions, one of which allows universities to sell endowed lands. In the facility's case, the University of Idaho, which will oversee the program, can now sell its property to Caldwell, which is adjacent to the Magic Valley one step closer to construction.

"It's always good when it's actually done and we have it wrapped up," said Rich Gurbur of the U of I.

Half the money from the Please see LAB, Page A3

Jerome County to work with state on pathogen study

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

JEROME — What a difference a week makes.

Just eight days after declining to ask the Idaho State Department of Agriculture and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality to study pathogens — micro-organisms that cause disease — Jerome County commissioners indicated Tuesday they'll ask the DEQ to study pathogens in relation to county, livestock operations.

The decision is a complete reversal from last week, when the board voted down a proposed resolution from Commissioner Diana Obenauer, who wanted to ask ISDA and DEQ to study pathogens before the county crafts a new livestock ordinance.

So what's different this time? Commissioners have cooler heads.

Obenauer was trying to Please see STUDY, Page A3



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Visit MagValley.com to see clips from Tuesday's meeting of Jerome County commissioners.

Many Idaho schools fail to make the grade

The Associated Press

COEUR D'ALENE — School districts across Idaho are getting poor grades when it comes to helping students improve test scores, according to a report from the state Board of Education.

Out of 626 public schools in the state, just 167 made "adequate yearly progress," during the 2006-07 school year, according to the report. The ATP scores are based on the results of the Idaho Standards Achievement Tests taken earlier this year.

"It is a barometer to show how our students are doing and whether we're meeting the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act," state board spokesman Mark Browning said. "Most of our schools in Idaho are tremendous. Parents should look at whether the area where a school is not meeting AYP

Impacts their child."

For instance, a school may only be failing in one or two areas, he said. If a school had failing scores among its students who speak English as a second language, students who learned English as their primary language may not be affected.

The federal No Child Left Behind Act requires states to implement their own standards for schools and issue yearly progress reports. Statistics are broken down by students' race and income level, and disabled students make up their own group, as do students learning English. If one group fails to meet standards, the whole school fails to make adequate yearly progress.

Falling short for one year puts a school on so-called "alert" status. Failure a second year, the whole school fails to make adequate yearly progress.

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TODAY'S FORECAST

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Today	Tonight	Thursday
Sunny with hot temperatures	Mostly clear and mild	Sunny with isolated thunderstorms possible
High 94	Low 64	93 / 60

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 Today: Mostly sunny with maybe a few clouds. Highs in the lower 90s.
 Tonight: A few overcast clouds with mild temperatures. Lows in the 50s.
 Tomorrow: Mostly sunny early, then a few clouds with afternoon isolated thunderstorms possible.

Complete weather report: See page B6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

BUSINESS

Mini-Cassia Service Providers Community Resource meeting, with presentations by Tonia Poulsen and Pam Howard of LIFE, Inc., Exit Center of Professional Truck Driving School and a hot lunch, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Comnor's Cafe, Interstate 84, exit 208 and Highway 27, Heyburn, 678-9165 or 677-4872 ext. 2.

EXHIBITS

"Mixed Media Work" by Lori Rieth in the Galeria Poquea and new works by member artists, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Full-Moon Gallery, Main Street Plaza, 132 Main Ave. S., Historic Downtown Twin Falls, no cost, 734-2787.
"Fishy Reflections," by Jason Hicks, noon to 5 p.m., the Elkhorn 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 parade at 10:30 a.m. and entertainment on the free stage gazebo, 4 to 7 p.m., Cassia County Fairgrounds, Burley/Heyburn, 679-4793 or www.minicassia-chamber.com.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
 Sun Valley City Council, 3 p.m., City Hall, 81 Elkhorn Road, 622-4438.
 Bliss City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 140 Kentucky St., 352-1117.
 Filer School Board, 7 p.m., elementary school library, 700 Stevens, 326-4369.
 Hagerman City Council, 7 p.m., Hagerman Senior Center, 140 E. Lake, 837-6636.

MUSEUMS

Centennial Observatory free solar viewing, 1 to 3 p.m.; and Faulkner Planetarium "Sky Quest," 2 p.m. (with live sky tour to follow), Heritage 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.
 Redfish Lake Visitor Center activities with Junior Ranger "Fish Food" at 2 p.m. and evening program "Mountains Under the Sea" at 7 p.m., Redfish Amphitheater, at the center, Sawtooth National Recreation area, five miles south of Stanley, no cost, (208) 774-3376.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for Gooding Middle School students, for those attending the school year beginning Aug. 22, 8:30 a.m. to 1 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@magicvalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83402-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of event.

FOUR-DAY PLANNER

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

AUG. 17 — The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary public dance, 8 p.m., DAV Hall, 455 Shoup Ave., Twin Falls, \$2 donation, 734-5208.
 AUG. 19 — Scott Rigdon performing, nationally known Christian musician, 6 p.m., Kimberly City Park, bring blankets and lawn chairs, no cost, 423-5334.
 AUG. 19 — "Music from Stanley," live concert/radio show series featuring Belinda Bowler with Jonah Shuo and Dave Manion, 4 to 7 p.m., Redfish Lake Lodge, near Stanley, no cost, 484-9117.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

AUG. 16 — Hot August Nite community picnic and auction, sponsored by Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, 5 to 9 p.m., Twin Falls City Park, \$10 tickets for large raffle prizes, 733-9974.
 AUG. 17 — The 1st annual National Wild Turkey Federation Ladies Banquet, includes live and silent auctions, raffles, games, prizes and sponsor table, 6 p.m., no-host cocktails and pre-dinner 7:30 p.m. dinner with auction to follow, Turf Club, 734 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, 734-9115, 733-8337 or 737-9900 for reservation information.
 AUG. 18 — Pancake breakfast, with a variety of other breakfast fare, 7 to 11:30 a.m., Minidoka County Senior Center, 702 11th St., Rupert, \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for children under age 10 and \$20 for a family of five, 436-9107.
 AUG. 18 — Merchant's market, includes yard sale, extra produce, crafts and children's books give-away, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wendell City Park, Save Our Sign fundraiser, 536-6159 or 536-6111.

CHILDREN'S DAY

AUG. 17 — Children's summer picnic with games, open to all local children; hosted by the Modern Woodmen of America Youth Service Club, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Dierkes Lake, Snake River Canyon, canned food donation to attend picnic, \$3 park entrance fee required, (208) 423-5088.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

AUG. 16 — SIR, Sons in Retirement, all retired men are invited to attend, 1 p.m., Wayside Cafe, Heyburn, no dues, 436-4911.
 AUG. 16 — Studio Eight Rug Hookers group, 1 to 4 p.m., 811 W. Eighth Ave., Jerome, 324-6605.

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4-H kids learn how easy pie can be

TWIN FALLS — Put 18 kids in a kitchen with bags of flour, Crisco and rolling pins and what do you get? A mess? Sure. But you also get six pretty impressive pies. At the Twin Falls County Extension Office on Third Avenue last month, 4-H students learned the basics of pie-making, from flour campandas to crumb crust for cheesecake. Many will put the skills they learned to the test this month, when they make a pie to be judged Aug. 25 at the Twin Falls County Fair.

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BLM urges people to avoid open burning

TWIN FALLS — The Bureau of Land Management is urging Idahoans to postpone open burns after a wildfire erupted last week near Fairfield.

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CORRECTION

Story named wrong source for weapon

Due to incorrect information provided to the Times-News, Sunday's story about guns in crimes listed the wrong source for one weapon. Adam Mower legally brought the gun he uses to shoot Idaho State Police Trooper Chris Glenn, from West Addison Sportsman Supply & Surplus at 101 Addison Ave. W.

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CLARIFICATION

Entrance fee required for Dierkes Lake picnic

A brief in Tuesday's Times-News did not include the park fee for the Modern Woodmen of America Youth Service Club picnic this Friday at Dierkes Lake.

The club asks children to bring a canned food donation instead of an admission fee. But the city still requires a \$3-admission fee (per vehicle) to the lake.

Dairy facility still needs work in Legislature

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T.F. canal company says shutdown unlikely

TWIN FALLS — Just a day after the North Side Canal Co. announced it would stop supplying water to irrigators for a week, the Twin Falls Canal Co. said Tuesday a shutdown for its users is unlikely.

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Pipeline company says leak didn't kill horses

MALTA — Northwest Pipeline, which discovered a leak in its natural gas pipeline near Malta last week, says it doubts that the leak killed 27 horses between Aug. 3 and 6.

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Bridge collapses in China, killing 29

BEIJING — The collapse of a bridge under construction left at least 29 people dead in a Chinese tourist town. Witnesses heard a rumble and saw stones fall from the structure Monday afternoon after construction workers removed scaffolding from the 140-foot-high, 880-foot-long vehicle and pedestrian bridge across the Tuu River in the southern town of Fenghuang.

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SPORTS

Special treatment for Idaho football team

MOSCOW — On Dec. 22, Robb Akey was introduced as Idaho's new head football coach. Within hours of his taking over the reins as Idaho's fourth head coach in five years, Akey had his assistants in mind. One area that past Vandal head coaches combined with the duties of several assistants, or even graduate assistants, was special teams. Akey pleased the Idaho faithful when he sought out Cornell's assistant and former Washington State player, Roderick Plummer, as his special teams coordinator.

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Christian Colonel goes on streak in Tulsa

TULSA, Okla. — The best bat in the Texas League once wore a College of Southern Idaho uniform. Christian Colonel, a Golden Eagles standout from 2001-02, was riding high on a 13-game hitting streak through Monday. The Class AA Tulsa (Okla.) Drillers' everyday third baseman and No. 3 hitter is averaging .317 with 13 home runs with 71 RBIs. Colonel led the Texas League with 143 hits through Monday.

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NASA studies whether to patch Endeavour

HOUSTON — A team of NASA experts are evaluating whether astronauts should fix a deep gash on the Endeavour's belly before the crew returns home. Another team of experts has been put together to pick and perfect the best way to fix the gouge and avoid extensive post-flight repairs. A decision is expected by today.

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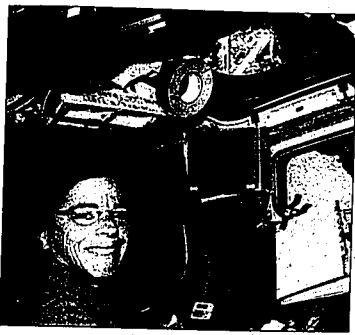
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This photo provided by NASA shows astronaut Barbara R. Morgan on the aft flight deck of the space shuttle Endeavour while docked with the international space station Sunday.

Space

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Through the crowd sprinkled throughout the center's planning room remained largely silent during the session, they left the room excited. John and Tina Bauer of Twin Falls brought their children to the session as an early family night event. The session, John Bauer said, was a fun way to teach his kids about space.

"Learning has to go outside the classroom," he said.

Susan Haurth, visiting from Anchorage, Alaska, was impressed by the ways astronauts have to learn to move in space — where something as simple as pulling a switch can send your body moving in the opposite direction.

"It's so easy for us just to move," she said.

Children, which brought her children, Alexis and Tiffany, after they heard about it

through a home-school network. The pair couldn't stop talking about what they saw.

"It's like I was in space," Alexis said.

Though Morgan didn't answer all of the questions, she managed to get in several comparisons to life in Idaho, even when it came to stargazing.

"When we look outside, it's very much like trying to look at the stars in Boise," she said.

The reason, she explained, is that the International Space Station — where the shuttle is docked — is lit up as brightly as a city's downtown, causing many of the stars to fade.

Though the Q&A session was the only one for Idaho students, Herrett Center production specialist Chris Anderson said it was only the first of several such sessions. He plans to show the

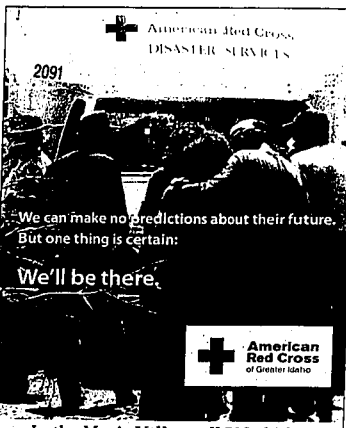
rest once he learns the times, he said.

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Teacher-astronaut turns shuttle into classroom.

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Lab

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land sale is expected to contribute to the university's pledge of \$10 million to the project. Earlier this year, the state Legislature approved \$10 million and the dairy industry will give \$5 million.

The U of I and state lawmakers hope to consolidate the various research facilities across Idaho into a central location in the Magic Valley. Jerome County has been central in the talks, and a state official recently said Hazelton is a possible location.

Project officials must bring the new changes back to the Legislature in 2008 since state funding is contingent upon money being raised by the industry. That effort is well under way, said Garber.

By amending the Admissions Act and not the Morrill Act, the changes needed for the facility were made without affecting other states.

The nonprofit facility, spread across 1,000 acres, will be a fully operational dairy with 1,500 cows and sell milk commercially. It will be self-sufficient with milk sales used

to continue the research and development.

State Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, who co-chairs the state's budgeting committee and is supportive of the facility, said despite the bill's passage, much work remains.

"This is just one of the steps," she said. "This lays the foundation."

Proponents have touted the nonprofit center as a groundbreaking entity to help students from the U of I and College of Southern Idaho learn about and solve environmental questions con-

cerning confined animal feeding operations.

But the facility drew skepticism from some lawmakers who wanted to be sure it would not encounter financial difficulties and that its devotion to research would not be misguided. Others wondered if the facility could remain self-sufficient in a region among large, successful dairies.

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Study

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bully the board into passing her resolution last week. Commission Chairman Charlie Howell said, so he voted against it. After thinking it over this week, and contacting the DEQ himself, Howell said he supports a pathogen study.

"I don't want to get Tm over, and I'm not going to be pushed around," he said of last week's meeting. "And I'm not going to make a decision in

one moment."

Obenaus said if Howell were better prepared for the meetings, he wouldn't be making spur-of-the-moment decisions. She said Howell probably supports the studies this week because of public outcry that came after last week's meeting.

But any support for the studies is a good thing, Obenaus said. "I'm pleased we're finally come to the conclusion there is a need to test, and we can

finally put this behind us."

Howell, who put the pathogen study back on Tuesday's agenda, said he spoke with DEQ Director Tom Hurdstey, who told him the agency is willing to tailor a study to the county's needs.

Commissioners must still iron out the specifics, as well as how they'll use the study results to update county law.

In related news, members of the county's planning committee will soon update commis-

sioners on progress toward rewriting the county's livestock ordinance. The planning committee has worked toward the ordinance since spring, when a moratorium was passed on new livestock operations. The update meeting is yet to be scheduled.

Times-News staff writer Matt Christensen covers the environment. He welcomes comments at 735-3243 and at matt.christensen@lee.net.

Schools

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second time means the school gets a "needs improvement label." Parents at failing schools can have their kids sent to other schools instead, and funding for the schools can be limited.

But even if they fail to clear the minimum statewide scores, schools and districts will be listed as having made adequate yearly progress if the number of failing students decreases by at least 10 percent compared to the previous year.

Post Falls showed the biggest decline among northern Idaho's largest districts. Each of its seven schools met standards previously, but none did this year.

"Certainly, we're not very pleased with that result," said Superintendent Jerry Keane.

State officials attributed the poor scores to tougher standards and a new version of the Idaho Standards Achievement Test.

"It was a tougher test," Browning said. "In years past, we had a test that was not completely aligned to our standards, but we do this (every) year."

Schools will have a chance to catch up: The standards won't increase again until the 2008-2009 school year.

"Many districts had not adjusted their curriculum to the standards yet," Browning said. "It's key to watch next year to see how many districts really are able to react and change their approaches."

St. Stephen's Superintendent Tom Luna said that while the scores have caused "some alarm, I am confident that we

as a state can rise to meet the challenges before us just like we have done in the past.

The state Education Department budget includes \$5 million to help districts tutor students struggling with the ISAT.

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NATION

New passport rules snare child support scofflaws

If you want to travel, you must pay

By Kevin Freking
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The price of a passport: \$311.491 in back child support payments for a U.S. businessman now living in China \$16,800 for a musician seeking to perform overseas, and \$45,849 for a man planning a Dominican Republic vacation.

The new passport requirements that have complicated travel this summer also have uncovered untold numbers of child support scofflaws and forced them to pay millions.

The State Department denies passports to noncustodial parents who owe more than \$2,500 in child support. Once the parents make good on their debts, they can reapply for passports.

Now that millions of additional travelers need passports to fly back from Mexico, Canada, the Caribbean and South America, collections under the Passport Denial Program are on pace to about double this year, federal officials told The Associated Press.

In all, states have reported collecting at least \$22.5 million through the program thus far in 2007. The money is then forwarded to the parent to whom it is owed.

Some people never learn. A boxer paid \$39,000 in back child support to the state of Nevada last year to get a passport, which he lost. This year, his promoter had to loan him \$8,930 so he could pay off his

Paying child support

Now passport requirements order noncustodial parents who owe more than \$2,500 in child support to pay their debts before they can receive a passport.

Methods of child support collection, FY 2005*

Wage withholding

\$20.1 billion

Federal tax offset

1.5

Unemployment offset

446 million

State tax offset

211

*Preliminary

Child access and visitation services received

40 thousand

Mothers

Fathers

Grandparents

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new child support debts and get a new passport to fight overseas.

In one case last year, a man got his parents to pay his overdue child support — \$50,498 to the state of Illinois.

"For us, it's been amazing to see how people who owe back child support seem to be able to come up with good chunks of money when it involves needing their passport," said Adolfo Capestany, spokesman for the state of Washington's Division of Child Support.

"Folks will do anything to get that passport, so it is a good collection tool."

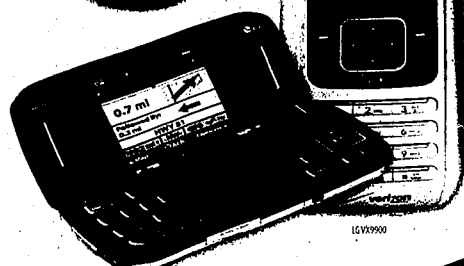
10-year-old Mass. boy gets himself locked in gun safe

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP) — Gun safes are supposed to keep children out, but a 10-year-old boy managed to lock himself in. Daniel Jancura and two other boys were playing with a safe on display at a Sam's Club on Monday when he became trapped inside. It was at least 15 minutes before firefighters and

store employees could get him out. "I was pretty scared," the Rutland boy said. "It was hot." Daniel's mother, Laura Jancura, had brought him, his older brother and a cousin on a shopping outing. The boys came across the safe — which is 5 feet tall, 30 inches wide and

22 inches deep — while she wasn't looking. Playing with the key pad on the lock, they somehow managed to open the door. Daniel crawled inside and the door locked behind him. Store employees were able to get an override code from the manufacturer.

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Medical panel seeks changes to pregnancy weight-gain guidelines

By Daniel Yee
Associated Press writer

ATLANTA — Before Jennifer Leptine became pregnant, she heard other soon-to-be moms say she should "eat for two."

But that conflicted with what her doctor told her. Consume only 300 extra calories a day and gain no more than 35 pounds.

The slightly overweight suburban Atlanta woman consumed 400 extra calories a day and watched what she ate after her first child. The 5-foot-2, 145-pound Leptine gained 35 pounds before her son Bryson was born last year. It took her four months to drop the extra weight through healthy eating and exercise.

An influential U.S. medical panel is considering changes to the medical guidelines for how much weight a woman should gain during pregnancy. It's acting on the insistence of doctors who say heavy moms are gaining too much weight and the current recommendations do not factor in the country's obesity epidemic.

Gaining too much weight while pregnant increases the risk of complications for mother and baby, including birth defects, labor and delivery problems, fetal death and delivery of large babies, according to the March of Dimes.

A revision is long overdue, said Dr. Paul Amal of the Saint Louis University School of Medicine.

"The reality is for too long we are telling pregnant women to take it easy during pregnancy, be confined and to eat for two," he said. "This has been one factor in causing the epidemic of overweight and obesity that we see in our country."

This fall, the Institute of Medicine, a private organization that advises the federal government, is expected to begin the lengthy process of gathering scientific evidence to decide if the guidelines should be changed, said spokeswoman Christine Stencel.

"The decision ultimately should be driven by real data ... but most of us think overall the

weight gain recommendations are too high and particularly for women who have high body mass indexes to begin with," said Dr. Charles Longwood of Yale University School of Medicine.

Under the institute's 1990 guidelines, those with a "normal" body mass index — a combination of height and weight — were encouraged to gain 25 to 35 pounds. Women with a higher BMI have a lower target — 15 pounds only for the most obese women. Women with a lower BMI should gain more weight during pregnancy — up to 40 pounds.

A study in the April issue of the "American Journal" of Obstetrics and Gynecology suggested that the current guidelines may raise the risk of mothers having overweight toddlers. Women in the study who followed the IOM's recommendations ran four times the risk of having a child who was overweight at age 3, compared to women who gained less than the advised amount.

Other countries, including Britain and France, have similar advice for pregnant women and weight gain. In Japan, doctors recommend a weight gain of about 10 pounds less than U.S. guidelines.

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NASA considers possible repairs for Endeavour's belly

By Liz Austin Peterson
Associated Press writer

HOUSTON — A team of NASA experts are evaluating whether astronauts should fix a deep gash on the Endeavour's belly before the crew returns home. Another team of experts has been put together to pick and perfect the best way to fix the gouge and avoid extensive post-flight repairs. A decision is expected by today.

The gouge is relatively small — 3/4 inches by 2 inches — and the damage is benign enough for Endeavour to fly safely home. 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. Fixing any resulting structural damage could be expensive and time-consuming.

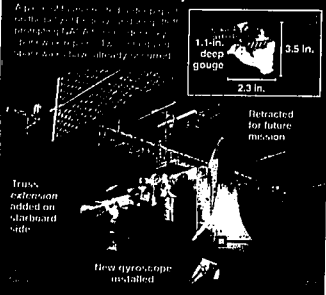
To patch the gouge, space-walking astronauts would have to perch on the end of the shuttle's 100-foot robotic arm and extension boom, be maneuvered under the spacecraft, apply protective black paint and then squirt in a caulk-like goop.

Mission Control told the crew late Monday that officials had ruled out a third repair technique involving a protective plate that could be screwed over the damage.

All three techniques were developed following Columbia's catastrophic re-entry and NASA has never attempted this type of repair on an orbiting shuttle. Only the black paint has been tested in space.

Astronauts Rick Mastracchio and Dave Williams have trained extensively on the ground and could perform any necessary repairs during the mission's fourth spacewalk, which is set

Spacewalk for tile repairs under review



for Friday but may be pushed back to Saturday. NASA managers are also considering extending the mission beyond 14 days to complete the repairs, if needed.

The astronauts' last tile-repair class was just three or four weeks before launch. "I think that regardless of what repair method is chosen over the next day or so, we could execute it if required," said John Shannon, chairman of the mission management team.

Covering the exposed white coated felt with black protective paint would keep heat from building up in the cavity, Shannon said. Squirting in the caulk-like goop from a tank attached to the astronauts' space suit backpack would provide extra protection. The spacewalkers would apply the goop stick.

If the repairs are ordered, astronauts on the ground will practice repairing a replica of the gouge underwater so they can create precise instructions for the space-

walkers and their crewmates. When an astronaut from the shuttle Atlantis' June mission had to staple up a thermal blanket that had peeled back during launch, the ground crew sent him 60 pages of instructions and four videos, Shannon said.

Mastracchio and Williams have already completed two spacewalks in three days. On Monday, they removed a 600-plus-pound gyroscope from the space station's exterior that failed last October. They installed a new one in its place that was carried up aboard Endeavour. The space station has four gyroscopes to keep it steady and pointed in the right direction.

Another task on the mission to-do list, installing a new storage platform on the space station, was completed Tuesday. Astronaut Barbara Morgan and her crewmates used Endeavour's robotic arm to pull the platform from the ship's cargo bay. Astronauts then passed it off to the station's robotic arm for installation.

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EDITORIAL

It's unacceptable to swap welfare for hunger

Remember the Welfare Mother, one of the villains of the 1980s? She's just about gone. Clinton-era welfare reform, a bipartisan endeavor, trimmed public assistance benefits to the bone. By the late 1990s, America still had plenty of poor people; they just weren't poor on the taxpayers' dime.

And it wasn't just a change of policy that made it happen: It was a change of heart. Lots of Americans — and especially Idahoans — are now temperamentally opposed to accepting charity.

But half of the nation's eligible poor aren't getting that food stamps to which they're entitled, a study released Tuesday found. In Idaho, it's 38.7 percent — fifth lowest in the nation, according to the National Priority Project, a nonprofit and nonpartisan research group that examines the local impact of federal budget policies.

In the Gem State, you can get food stamps within seven days of applying if your monthly income is less than \$150, or your assets less than \$100, or your monthly income plus assets less than your housing and utility costs, or you're a migrant or seasonal farmworker.

These are fairly tough standards to meet. What's more, rural Idahoans living in isolated areas may not be aware the food stamp program exists, may live too far from an Idaho Department of Health and Welfare office or may not have access to a computer to apply online.

The chief reason that hunger isn't worse than it is in Idaho is churches, the Mormons, the Catholics, and regional networks of various denominations provide a safety net of services to the very poor. Secular non-profits, such as South Central Community Action Partnership, take up the slack.

It's a good thing, too, because hunger hasn't receded much since welfare reform began with the passage of the federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996.

At last count, 35 million low-income Americans — about one-third of them children — lived in households that can't consistently afford enough to eat, according to the New York Times. Since 2005, the situation has most likely become worse. Last year, real wages for low-income workers were still below 2001 levels. This year, job growth is slowing and prices are rising.

And each year, the federal food stamp program — the bulwark against hunger for 26 million Americans — does less to help. A key component of the formula for computing most families' food stamps hasn't been adjusted for inflation since 1996, according to the Times. Overall, food stamps now average — per person per meal — \$1.05.

In Idaho, 17,377 families — 3.7 percent — had members who actually went hungry during between 2002 and 2004, according to the Idaho Foodbank. That makes Idaho the eighth-hungriest state in the nation. An average of 66,300 families — 14.6 percent — worried they couldn't afford food during the same period.

Idaho's welfare laws rate 51st compared to all other states and Washington, D.C., when ranked for their likelihood to encourage and support families' efforts to become economically self-sufficient, according to Tufts University's Center on Hunger and Poverty.

And the state was graded as having the worst post-welfare reform social safety net — tied with Indiana and Wyoming — among the 50 states, according to the Center for Third World Organizing.

No one should lament the decline of welfare, which is at heart a corrosive, demoralizing institution. But the federal government — and the state agencies that administer federal food stamp benefits — have an obligation to make sure those who need help actually receive the services that remain.

Health and Welfare says it's trying to get the word out about food stamps by partnering with county offices, food banks and other agencies in which people in need may seek assistance. That's good, but 61.3 percent of Idahoans who are on the outer limits of want aren't getting the minimal food assistance to which they're legally entitled.

That should be unacceptable to all Idahoans.

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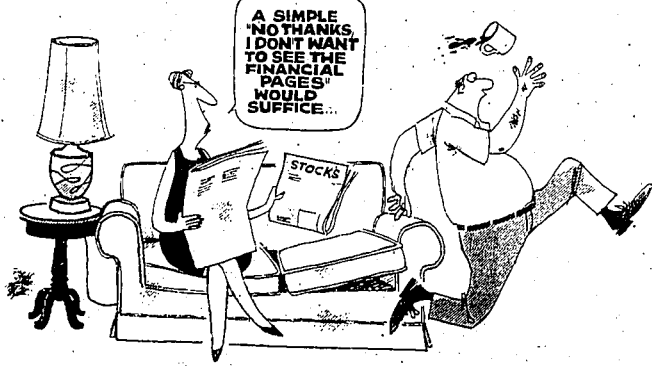
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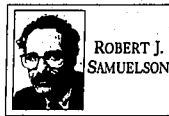
Global warming not a morality tale

W e in the news business often enlist in moral crusades. Global warming is among the latest. Unfortunately, self-righteous indignation can undermine good journalism. A recent Newsweek cover story on global warming is a sobering reminder. It's an object lesson of how viewing the world as "good guys vs. bad guys" can lead to a vast oversimplification of a messy story. Global warming has clearly occurred; the hard question is what to do about it.

If you missed Newsweek's story, here's the gist: A well-coordinated, well-funded campaign by contrarian scientists, free-market think tanks and industry has created a paralyzing fog of doubt around climate change. "This 'denial machine' has obstructed action against global warming and is still running at full throttle." The story's thrust: Discredit the "denial machine," and the country can start the serious business of fighting global warming. The story was a wonderful read, marred only by its being fundamentally misleading.

The global-warming debate's great unmentionable is this: We lack the technology to get from here to there. Just because Arnold Schwarzenegger wants to cut emissions 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050 doesn't mean it can happen. At best, we might curb growth of emissions.

Consider a 2006 study from



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the International Energy Agency. With present policies, it projected that emissions of global warming (a main greenhouse gas) would more than double by 2050, developing countries would account for almost 70 percent of the increase. The IEA then simulated an aggressive, global program to cut emissions based on the best available technologies: more solar, wind and biomass; more efficient cars, appliances and buildings; more nuclear. Under this admitted fantasy, global emissions in 2050 would still slightly exceed 2002 levels.

Even the fantasy would be a stretch. In the U.S., it would take massive regulations, high energy taxes or both. Democracies don't easily adopt painful measures in the present to avert possible future problems. Examples abound. Since the 1973 Arab oil embargo, we've been on notice to limit dependence on insecure foreign oil. We've done little. In 1973, imports were 35 percent of U.S. oil use; in 2006, they were 60 percent. We know the huge retirement costs of baby boomers. Little has been done. One way or another, our assaults against global warm-

ing are likely to be symbolic, ineffective or both. But if we succeed in cutting emissions substantially, savings would probably be offset by gains in China and elsewhere. The McKinsey Global Institute projects that from 2003 to 2020, vehicles in China will rise from 26 million to 120 million, average residential floor space will increase 50 percent and energy demand will grow 4.4 percent annually. Even with "best practices" energy efficiency, demand would still grow 2.8 percent a year.

McKinsey estimates that. Against these real-world pressures, Newsweek's "denial machine" is a peripheral and highly contrived story. Newsweek implied, for example, that Exxon Mobil used to think tank to pay academics to criticize global-warming science. Actually, this accusation was long ago discredited, and Newsweek shouldn't have lent it respectability. (Exxon Mobil says it knew nothing of the global-warming grant, which involved issues of climate modeling. And its 2006 contribution to the think tank, the American Enterprise Institute, was small: \$240,000 out of a \$20 million budget.)

The alleged cable's influence does not seem impressive. The mainstream media have generally been unsympathetic; they've treated global warming only tepidly. The first Newsweek cover story in 1988 warned "The Greenhouse Effect. Danger: More Hot Summers Ahead." A time cover in 2006 was more alarmist: "BE WOR-

RIED. BE VERY WORRIED." Nor does public opinion seem much swayed. Although polls can be found to illustrate almost anything, the longest-running survey questions show a remarkable consistency: In 1989, Gallup found 63 percent of Americans worried a "great deal" or a "fair amount" about global warming. In 2007, 65 percent did.

What to do about global warming is a quandary. Certainly, more research and development. Advances in underground storage of carbon dioxide, battery technology (for plug-in hybrid cars), biomass or nuclear power could alter energy economics. To cut oil imports, I support a higher gasoline tax — \$1 to \$2 a gallon, introduced gradually — and higher fuel-economy standards for vehicles. These steps would also temper greenhouse gas emissions. Drilling for more domestic natural gas (a low-emission fuel) would make sense. One test of greenhouse proposals: Are they worth doing on other grounds?

But the overriding reality seems almost un-American: We simply don't have a solution for this problem. As we debate it, journalists shouldn't resist the temptation to portray global warming as a morality tale — as Newsweek did — in which anyone who debates it, grants or proposes solutions may be ridiculed as a fool, a crank or an industry stooge.

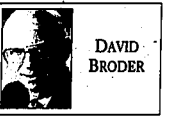
Dissent is, or should be, the lifeblood of a free society.

Thompson hoping to make major splash

When Fred Thompson makes his long-delayed entrance into the presidential race, he will not tiptoe quietly. Instead, he will try to shake up the establishment candidates of both parties by depicting a nation in peril from fiscal and security threats — and prescribing tough cures he says others shrink from offering.

In a two-hour conversation over coffee at a restaurant near his Virginia headquarters, the former senator from Tennessee said that when he joins the battle next month, he "will take some risks that others are not willing to take, in terms of forcing a dialogue on our entitlement situation, our military situation and what it's going to cost" to assure the nation's future.

"After spending most of the last few years on TV's 'Law and Order' and starting a new family with two children under 4, the 65-year-old lawyer says he finds himself motivated for the first time to seek the White House. "There's no reason for me to run just to be president," he said. "I don't desire the emoluments of an office. I don't want to be a lie and a mess my way to the nomination or election. But if you can put your ideas out there — different, more far-reaching ideas — that is worth doing."



DAVID BRODER

Thompson, like many of the others running, has caught a strong whiff of the public disillusionment with both parties in Washington — and the partisanship that has infected Congress, helping to speed his own departure from the Senate.

But he says he thinks that the public is looking for a different kind of leadership. "I think a president could go to the American people and say, 'Here's what we need to be doing, and I'm willing to go half-way.' Now you have to make them (the opposition) go half-way."

Medicare, a \$17 trillion add-on to a program that's going bankrupt," he is fighting the bipartisan judgment of the last Congress.

When he says the FBI is perhaps incapable of probing itself into the smart domestic security agency the country needs, he is attacking another sacred cow.

Thompson repeatedly cites two texts as fueling his concern about the country's future. One is "Government at the Brink," a two-volume report he issued as chairman of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee at the start of the Bush administration in 2001 and handed to the new president's budget director as a checklist of urgent management problems in Washington.

The difficulties outlined in federal procurement, personnel, finances and information technology remain today, Thompson said, and increasingly threaten national security.

Thompson readily concedes that he does not know "where all those chips are going to fall" when he starts challenging members of various interest groups to look beyond "the status quo."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What are all these chemicals doing to us?

Precautions for a few, distraction for the masses? News warns the public about the planned (tiny area) spot spraying of remote Wood River trails. A large (6-inch by 8-inch) paid-for newspaper advertisement warned: "Alert! The Wood River Trail Weed Control Program to commence July 12." This alert included the following important information: "Toxicus weeds will be spot sprayed on both sides of trails. Areas being sprayed will be identified with signs. Material Data Safety sheets are available. Chemicals used will smell for days. And, in bold letters—Keep pets out until odor is gone." In sharp contrast in the Magic Valley hundreds of residential yards and hundreds of square miles of air, land and America's food products are treated repeatedly with toxic herbicides, fungicides, pesticides, insecticides, pathogenic aerosols, liquids and solids year after year. Such applications can occur at any time and without even an advance whisper to the public, not even to lovable pets. Could pervasive multi-cides

be one reason why teenage suicide attempts in Magic Valley have been increasing rapidly in recent years and are now averaging almost 1½ huggable sons and daughters a day? Childhood cancer cases being treated by the Mountain States Tumor Institute are rising to about 30 percent over last year. Teenagers are dropping out of school and having children. Obesity is ballooning immune systems and intelligence are declining. Juvs are being with anger and hate. People are tattooing and piercing their bodies and frying their brains in frustration. Ever more people are experiencing collective harsh reality by withdrawing ever further into the hills or into fantasy and drugs. Society is becoming ever more chaotic in spite of or because of growing numbers of programs are substituting personal responsibility. When will we halt the ultimate program, a "benevolence" to save us? ARMIN STUTTELLIN Hagerman



'Crossing' festival story read better than the event

I would like to comment on the article written by Jared S. Hopkins. "A river runs through it." I arrived at Glens Ferry at 10:45 a.m. to watch the re-enactment of the river crossing. I joined the other 200 (maybe) people to watch this event. The re-enactment of the river crossing was great, and I commend the people doing it. To quote Mr. Hopkins: "The

crossing is the highlight of a three-day event that kicked off Friday with a parade from the Elmore County Fairgrounds to Three Island State Park. On Saturday, music, food and various art shows followed the river crossing." As for the craft and art booths in the park, yes there were some, which took all of 10 minutes to check out. The Mountain Man display, which is usually really great, consisted of two tents manned by an individual from Boise. As for the music, etc., that went

on during the day, I cannot comment on for I was on my way to Boise on the interstate by 11:45 a.m. I would have much rather attended the re-enactment that Mr. Hopkins attended and really enjoyed the day instead of spending \$10 to buy a pass (for two), which I might add does go for a good cause, and the \$10 for gas from Twin Falls to see what I saw. Really other people that I know have made the same comment about "next year we are going with this reporter and watch what he switches, for we will have a better time." The historical information he presented was great and

Kudos to all involved in summer concerts

Kudos to the Twin Falls Municipal Band for its summer concerts in the park. The people from all over Magic Valley have been enjoying their artistic talent for more than 100 years. Kudos also to the city council, the parks department and many businesses for providing assistance. May this Thursday evening concert continue for another 100 years. BOBBIE SHERWOOD Twin Falls

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Saturday 18th of August at the First Christian Church in Gooding from 2 to 4 p.m. Friends and family are invited. The family requests no gifts. Melvin Brooks of Fairfield and Beulah Johnson of Bellevue were married on 17th August 1957. The event will be hosted by their two sons, Daniel and David

Two Marines innocent in Haditha

Innocent until proven guilty is a favorite, if sometimes ignored, American trope.

We are reminded of that once again with charges being dropped against two Marines in the so-called "Haditha Massacre" of November 2005. As well, we are reminded of the difficulty in applying civilian perceptions and standards to military conduct.

Those executed, Lance Cpl. Justin L. Sharratt and Capt. Randy W. Stone, were among eight (seven Marines and one sailor) charged in the deaths of 24 Iraqi civilians after a roadside bomb had killed a Marine.

Sharratt, 21 at the time of the incident, was charged with three counts of unpremeditated murder and faced life imprisonment. Stone, a military attorney, was charged with two counts of dereliction of duty and one count of violating a lawful order for allegedly failing to properly investigate the killings.

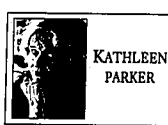
Other Marines involved in the incident, including one charged with 13 counts of unpremeditated murder, are either awaiting hearings or dispensation of their cases.

Haditha is one of those wartime horror stories that rivets and divides nations. There's no question that Iraqi civilians, including women and children, were killed during what appears with hindsight—and from the comfort of American living rooms—to have been a gratuitous rampage.

Allegations also were made that the U.S. military tried to cover up the killings and mischaracterized them as collateral damage during the roadside bombing and ensuing skirmish, rather than as the result of a "shoot first, ask later" order.

From a civilian perspective, the case seemed clear-cut. How does one ever justify intentionally killing civilians? The answer is: We don't.

Americans struggle with the horror of civilian casualties, while insurgent and terrorist



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forces in Iraq devise ways to effect more, not fewer, civilian deaths. What we deplore—and punish—they celebrate. And replicate.

There is a difference, one that is both our strength and our weakness. Through some Americans, like other mortals, are capable of inhumanity, our national conscience compels us to examine the impulses that will degrade our character and purpose.

Our attention to moral warfare—always our goal, if not always met—also nourishes our enemies, who suffer no such burden. They know that demoralization and flagging commitment tend to follow our moral introspection.

War does not become us. We simply don't like killing as much as our enemies seem to, though you wouldn't know it to have read early reactions to Haditha. After Time magazine first reported the incident, sparking an investigation, other breathless stories followed that all but convicted the Marines of atrocities.

The perception of guilty-as-charged gained traction when former military men such as Rep. John Murtha, who served in the Marine Corps, said the Haditha Marines had killed civilians "in cold blood."

From video and photographs of unarmored families apparently killed at close range, it was easy to infer that we were witness to yet another My Lai-type massacre.

But did the Marines kill in cold blood? Or were they under fire from insurgents, some of whom hid among civilians in their homes, as the accused Marines claimed? Or were some guilty as charged and others not?

Those questions are being answered in part with the dropping of charges against Sharratt and Stone. Sharratt did kill three men, there's no dispute there. But he testified that he shot only after one of the men pointed a gun at him. Investigators apparently found his defense compelling.

Lt. Gen. James Mattis, commander of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force who decided against court-martialing Sharratt and Stone, wrote Sharratt explaining his decision. Noting the difficulties in applying civilian standards to military circumstances, he quoted the late Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr., who served as an infantryman in the Civil War and described war as an "incommunicable experience."

Holmes also said that "detached reflection cannot be demanded in the presence of an uplifted knife."

Mattis was most eloquent in describing the unique challenges in Iraq, posed by "a shadowy enemy who hides among the innocents, people, does not comply with any aspect of the law of war, and routinely targets and intentionally draws fire toward civilians."

"As you well know, the challenges of this combat environment put extreme pressures on you and your fellow Marines," Mattis wrote.

"Operational, moral, and legal imperatives demand that we Marines stay true to our own standards and maintain compliance with the law of war in this morally bruising environment."

Other Haditha investigations may yet lead to findings of guilt in some cases. Meanwhile, second-guessing how Marines should act under hostile fire before the facts are known is not only unfair, but dishonors the immense courage required to survive in the midst of such an incommunicable experience.

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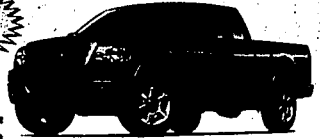
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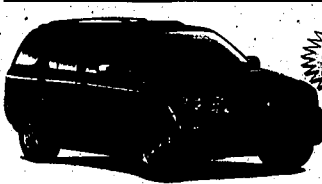
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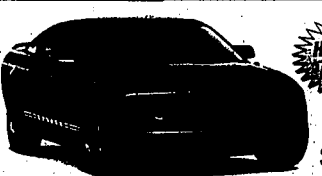
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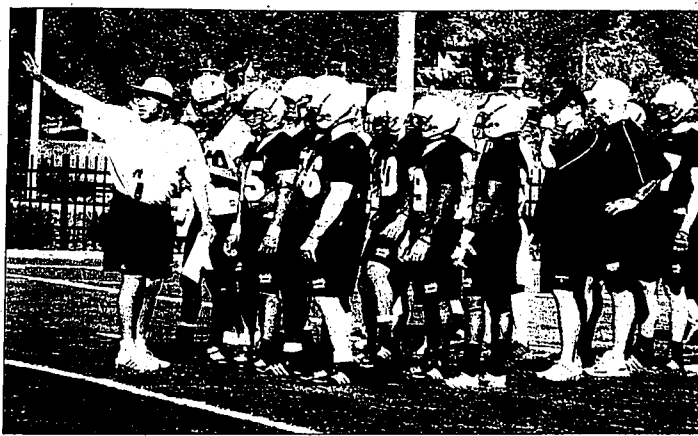
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Special treatment



Special teams coach Roderick Plummer instructs the kickoff team as head coach Robb Akey (white cap) and assistant coach Patrick Libbey (black cap) look on in Moscow. Idaho is dedicating more time to special teams this year.

Vandals give special teams extra attention in fall camp

By Grant Ido
Times-News correspondent

MOSCOW — On Dec. 22, Robb Akey was introduced as Idaho's new head football coach. Within hours of his taking over the reins as Idaho's fourth head coach, in five years, Akey had his assistants in mind. One area that past Vandal head coaches combined with the duties of several assistants or even graduate assistants was special teams. Akey pleased the Idaho faithful when he introduced Cornell's assistant and former Washington State player, Roderick Plummer, as his special teams coordinator.

"I'm fired up about Rod," Akey said. "He brings passion to special teams play." Akey also made it clear that he and his staff would support Plummer in all phases of special teams play. After 10 days of fall camp it is easy to see that translating into each practice session.

Since graduating from WSU in 1993, Plummer has coached with two NFL teams and six collegiate programs. After 14 years moving between the Pacific and Atlantic coasts Plummer is now back in the Palouse.

Vandal camp: special teams notes

Returning returner: Wes Williams who returned kicks last year is back on campus watching practices. The center/truck/football speedster had a serious bout with staff infection after last season and had to return home for recovery. The sophomore is expected to join the team this spring.

Extra points: Tino Amanolo is a perfect 23-of-23 in PATs last season. His longest field goal in 2006 was 49 yards.

Kicking off: Vincente Rizo is a left-legged kicker and has a high school record of a 57-yard field goal.

Position change: TJ Conley was recruited as a quarterback out of Coles High School (Walla Walla, Wash.) before becoming the Vandal punter. He averaged 45.3 yards per punt last season with a long of 64 yards. His younger brother, Nick, is a sophomore wide receiver.

Special records: Idaho's longest punt is 82 yards, a feat accomplished by Filip Kleffer in 1953. ... Idaho's longest field goal is 56 yards by Mike Hollis in 1993. Hollis went on to a playing career in the NFL. ... Idaho's longest punt return is 91 yards by Vern Bernard in 1998.

full pads — you can get more special team emphasis as well as individual emphasis on both offense and defense ... and more teaching."

Plummer echoed Akey's words about the multiple roles players should expect to fill. And with 26 walk-ons, Plummer likes how hungry the fall camp prospects are toward special team assignments. "We are making strides. Ray (Fry), Stanley

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Prep schedules, rosters needed

The Times-News sports staff asks that all area varsity football coaches who have not turned in schedules, rosters and questionnaires please do so by noon Thursday. The Times-News will publish its annual football preview magazine Aug. 22. Schedules, rosters and questionnaires are

needed from varsity volleyball, soccer and cross country coaches by Monday, Aug. 20 for publication in a preview magazine Aug. 29. The Times-News sports staff thanks all the area coaches and officers for their help and cooperation as the fall season nears.

CSI IN THE MAJORS

Colonel goes on streak in Tulsa

Latham notches first save in minors

Times-News

TULSA, Okla. — The best bat in the Texas League once wore a College of Southern Idaho uniform.

Christian Colonel, a Golden Eagles standout from 2001-02, was riding high on a 13-game hitting streak through Monday. The Class AA Tulsa Oiler, Dilliers' everyday third baseman and No. 3 hitter is averaging 317 with 13 RBIs on the season, but has struck out in 15 of his last 35 at bats, while walking only once.

Class AA

Kody Kirkland, 3B, Blue Rocks (Royals) (Tigers)

Colonel's former roommate at CSI, Kirkland continues to play solid, if unspectacular ball for Erie. He is hitting .213 with 12 home runs and 45 RBIs on the season, but has struck out in 15 of his last 35 at bats, while walking only once.

Class A advanced

Brandon Duckworth, SP, Wilmington (N.C.)

Blue Rocks (Royals) — Duckworth struggled in his second rehab start with Wilmington, allowing four earned runs off four hits and four walks in Friday's 5-1 loss to the Frederick (Md.) Keys. He pitched 1-2-3 innings. Duckworth is 0-1 with a 9.00 ERA in two appearances with the Blue Rocks, and 2-3 with a 2.94 ERA with the parent Kansas City Royals this season.

MLB

Scott Eyre, RF, Chicago Cubs

Eyre's streak of consecutive scoreless innings pitched was ended in Saturday's 15-2 loss to the Colorado Rockies. Eyre allowed two earned runs in three hits in 1-1-3 innings pitched. Eyre previously pitched 8 1-3 innings over 10 appearances without yielding an earned run.

The Cubs reliever is 0-1 with

Kiel Thibault, C, Wilmington (N.C.)

Blue Rocks (Royals)

Thibault has gone through a slight slump, hitting .139 over his last 10 games, but is still connecting at a .259 clip on the season. The former Jerome High School standout caught for Duckworth on Friday. Thibault has connected on four home runs and 29 RBIs this season.

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Yankees' Hall of Fame shortstop, broadcaster Phil Rizzuto dies at 89

By Ben Walker
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — His speed and spunk made him a Hall of Famer.

"Holy cow!" made Phil Rizzuto famous.

Popular as a player and beloved as a broadcaster, the New York Yankees shortstop during their dynasty years of the 1940s and 1950s died Monday night. "The Scooter" was 89.

Rizzuto had pneumonia and died in his sleep at a nursing home in West Orange, N.J., daughter Patricia Rizzuto said Tuesday. He had been in declining health for several years.

"I guess heaven must have needed a shortstop," Yankees owner George Steinbrenner said in a statement. "He epitomized the Yankee spirit — gritty, hard charging — and he wore the pinstripes proudly."

Rizzuto was the oldest living Hall of Famer and his Cooperstown plaque noted how he "exceeded diminutive size." At 5-foot-6, he played over his head, winning seven World Series titles and an AL MVP award and becoming a five-time All-Star.

"When I first came up to the Yankees, he was like a big — actually, small — brother to me," said Hall of Famer Yogi Berra, who frequently visited

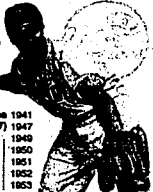
Mourning a legend

New York Yankees' Hall of Fame shortstop and broadcaster Phil Rizzuto died Tuesday.

He played 1941-62, 1948-55

Career statistics
Batting average: .277
Hits: 1,588
Runs scored: 673
World Series titles: 1941

Highlights
► All-Star 1942, 1950-53
► MVP 1950 (234 BA, 92 BB, 125 RS)
► Led the league in singles (150) 1950
► Elected to Baseball Hall of Fame 1984 1983



SOURCE: New York Yankees

Rizzuto in his later years.

Rizzuto's No. 10 was retired by baseball's most storied team, and the club will wear his number on its left sleeves for the rest of the season.

The flags at Yankee Stadium were lowered to half-staff Tuesday before Rizzuto's game against Baltimore and a bouquet was placed by Rizzuto's plaque at Monument Park. The team planned a moment of silence and a video tribute.

Yet it was after he moved into the broadcast booth that Rizzuto reached a new level of celebrity with another generation of Yankees fans.

Rizzuto delighted TV and radio listeners for four decades, his voice dripping with his native Brooklyn. He loved his favorite catchphrase — exclaiming "Holy cow!"

when Roger Maris hit his 61st home run — and often shouted "It's a buckle-buckle!"

In an age of broadcasters who sport statistics, Rizzuto was a storyteller. He liked to talk about things such as his fear of lightning, the style of an umpire's shoes or even the prospect of outfielder Dave Winfield as a candidate for president.

"He didn't try to act like an announcer," Hall of Fame teammate Whitey Ford said. "He just said what he thought. It added fun to the game."

Rizzuto liked to acknowledge birthdays and anniversaries, read notes from fans, talk about his favorite place to get a cannoli and send messages to old cronies. Once he

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Have we seen the last of Vick?

Right about now, Michael Vick would probably gladly trade a chance to rid himself of dog-fighting charges. He was never going to play this season anyway, not if Roger Goodell, Arthur Blank and thousands of animal-rights activists have anything to say about it.

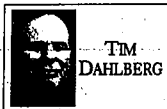
The question now becomes whether Vick will ever play in the NFL again, and even the bravest Las Vegas bookie wouldn't offer odds on that happening.

Hard to imagine Blank or the home-town fans would feel about an alleged puppy killer leading their offense.

Not that it much matters anymore. Because Vick has a lot more to worry about than whether he'll ever play for money on a Sunday again.

Finding a way to stay out of prison is now his No. 1 concern.

News that two more of his co-defendants will enter plea bargains is the worst news yet for the man who allegedly ran the home-town fans would feel about an alleged puppy killer leading their offense.



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people indicted on charges they ran a dog fighting ring. Now he stands alone.

His lawyers still talk bravely about a Nov. 26 trial, but that may be purely wishful thinking.

The New York Times quoted a source Tuesday as saying Vick's attorneys have been given a few more days to decide whether he should enter a guilty plea. They're playing hardball because if Vick doesn't agree, he could face even more charges in a superseding indictment the government says it plans to bring in the case later this month.

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to imagine much worse than the stomach-turning tales of blood and death in the initial charges.

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He's basically left with two choices, neither of them very appetizing: Plead guilty and hope for less than the five years; go to trial. Listen to his former buddies tell it, and risk even more prison time.

He might have been willing to take his chances at trial, against the testimony of one of his co-defendants. But now all three can be expected to occupy the witness stand if Vick goes ahead with a trial.

And to think that just a few months ago all Vick had to worry about was a funny-smelling water bottle at the airport and a few one-fingered salutes to fans.

There's little doubt the feds are making an example out of Vick to send a message that they have little tolerance for something so gruesome. He's not the first athlete to face charges associated with dog fighting — the NBA's O'Neal Woodley pleaded guilty in January 2005 to animal abuse, and former NFL player Todd McNaught was also charged in separate cases. But he is certainly the highest

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SPORTS

Cox sets ejection mark, Braves win

ATLANTA — Bobby Cox set a dubious record. Barry Bonds was in Hank Aaron's home city for the first time since breaking the Hammer's record. And, oh yeah, the Atlanta Braves pulled out a 5-4 victory over the San Francisco Giants.

Chipper Jones doubled home the winning run in the ninth inning after the Atlanta Braves pulled out a 5-4 victory over the San Francisco Giants.



Atlanta's cantankerous manager was tossed after the fifth for arguing a called third strike on Jones — the 132nd ejection of his career to break the mark originally set by Hall of Famer John McGraw.

Steve Kline (1-1) walked Willie Harris leading off the Atlanta ninth, and Kelly Johnson reached on a throwing error by Kline while hunting the runner along Randy Messenger came on to give up Jones' game-winning hit, which split the gap in left-center.



Atlanta Braves third baseman Chipper Jones, center, is mobbed by his teammates from left, Kelly Johnson, Matt Diaz, Vinny Escobar and Andrew Jones after driving in the winning run with a double in the bottom of the ninth inning against the San Francisco Giants in Atlanta, Tuesday, Atlanta won 5-4.

Bad actors: Dodgers' play has the sparkle of has-been star

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Los Angeles Dodgers batter Nomar Garciaparra, right, is restrained by first base coach Mariano Duncan after he was ejected by home plate umpire Tom Halloran for arguing against the Houston Astros in Los Angeles, Monday.

and Derek Lowe is winless since June 22.

Then there's Jason Schmidt, the team's big offseason acquisition. The right-hander signed a three-year, \$17 million contract and went 1-4 with a 6.31 ERA before undergoing season-ending shoulder surgery.

Randy Wolf, another offseason pickup, hasn't pitched since July 3 and won't again until next month at the earliest because of a sore left shoulder.

Mark Hendrickson and Brett Tomko have been disasters when promoted to the rotation. Hendrickson was sent back to the bullpen after a disastrous outing Sunday in St. Louis, when he allowed 11 hits and eight runs in 2-2-3 innings, leaving the team in need of a starter for Friday night's series opener against Colorado.

"As a team, you got to keep pulling for each other and playing the game the right way," Juan Pierre said. "If we had the answer, we'd definitely be doing it."

At last month's trading deadline, the Dodgers didn't pull off a major deal. All they got was reliever Scott Proctor from the New York Yankees.

Marlin 14, Diamondbacks 5

MIAMI — Dontrelle Willis earned his first win since May 29, striking out 11 in seven innings and Florida's bats do the rest in a victory over Arizona.

Willis (8-12) had one out in nine innings. His teammates came to the rescue, building a 14-1 lead by the time he took the mound in the fifth inning.

Mets 5, Pirates 4

PITTSBURGH — Moises Alou's two-run single in the eighth inning put New York atop the Mets finally figured out how to win in Pittsburgh.

Carlos Beltran, who doubled to set up the two-run eighth, hit a solo homer and drove in two runs as the Mets won in PNC Park for only the second time in nine games. The Mets were swept by the pitace Pirates in a three-game series last September when they needed to win only once to clinch the NL East.

Reds 6, Cubs 5

CHICAGO — Aaron Harang allowed four hits, including three homers, but still outpitched Carlos Zambrano as Cincinnati's season suddenly reeling Chicago to its seventh loss in nine games.

Harang (12-3) gave up three solo shots in seven-plus innings — back-to-back homers to Derrek Lee and Aramis Ramirez in the fourth and one to Jacque Jones in the sixth. David Weathers earned his 23rd save.

Cardinals 12, Brewers 4

MILWAUKEE — St. Louis tied a season high with 19 hits and scored six runs in the fifth inning to rally past Milwaukee.

spelling the Brewers' 1992 World Series team reunion.

After a sluggish start that relegated them to fifth place in the NL Central by mid-May, the reigning World Series champions have clawed their way back into the division race. With Tuesday's victory, St. Louis trails Milwaukee by 4½ games, and second-place Chicago by three.

Phillies 3, Nationals 2

WASHINGTON — Russell Branyan's pinch-hit, two-run homer keyed an eight-inning rally and Philadelphia's best Washington to remain three games behind the New York Mets in the NL East.

Trailing 2-0 entering the eighth, Jayson Werth hit a one-out grounder to third which Ryan Zimmerman then drove in for a two-base error. Carlos Ruiz followed with a single off Jon Rauch (8-3) to score Werth. Branyan, in his first at-bat with the Phillies after being acquired on Aug. 9 from Cleveland, tied a 1-0 pitch into the mezzanine in right field for his eighth home run of the year.

American League

Tigers 6, Indians 2

CLEVELAND — The staggering Detroit Tigers have the AL Central all to themselves — for at least one day.

R. Maglio Gonzalez hit a three-run homer in Detroit's fourth-inning 10th inning. Detroit moved one game ahead of Cleveland in the up-for-grabs division with a 6-2 win over the Indians.

On Cleveland's end, a shot to left off Joe Borowski (2-5), broke it open for the Tigers, who, were missing two regulars because of the flu and had been playing lately as if their whole roster had come

down with something.

Rangers 5, Royals 3

ARLINGTON, Texas — Gerald Laird and Michael Young homered and Kevin Millwood struck out nine in seven innings to lead Texas to a victory over Kansas City.

The Royals had taken a 3-1 lead in the sixth, scoring twice on Rangers first baseman Jarrod Saltamonte's double error, but the tigers answered with a fourth-run sixth capped by Laird's three-run homer.

Blue Jays 4, Angels 1

TORONTO — Roy Halladay pitched his major league-leading fifth complete game and Toronto took advantage of four errors to beat the Los Angeles.

Red Sox 2, Devil Rays 1

BOSTON — Coco Crisp singled in the winning run in the bottom of the ninth, three batters after Mike Lowell had tied the game with a homer, and Boston beat Tampa Bay.

Eric Gagne (3-0) struggled in his two previous outings but he struck out the side in the ninth for his first since being traded by Texas on July 31.

Orioles 12, Yankees 0

NEW YORK — Aubrey Huff hit a grand slam, Daniel Cabrera pitched two-hit ball into the seventh inning and Baltimore cooled off the New York Yankees.

Cabrera's effort and the death of Hall of Fame shortstop Phil Rizzuto led to somber atmosphere at Yankee Stadium. Rizzuto had pneumonia and died Monday.

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Former NBA ref plans Rizzuto to plead guilty in court

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NEW YORK (AP) — Former NBA referee Tim Donaghy planned to plead guilty in federal court on Wednesday to charges alleging he wagered on games he officiated, a person familiar with the betting scandal told.

Donaghy was to surrender at Brooklyn federal court, the person said on condition of anonymity because Donaghy hadn't turned himself in yet.

NBA spokesman Tim Frank told, the AP the league was informed Tuesday that Donaghy would plead today but was given no further information.

Donaghy's attorney, John Lauro, and federal prosecutors declined to comment. NBA commissioner David Stern said last month the referee's lawyer told him his client was contemplating a plea.

Besides allegedly placing his own wages, investigators also examined whether Donaghy provided information to his clients, including referees' schedules. The referee had a gambling problem and was approached by low-level mob associates through an acquaintance, a law enforcement official said.

noticed old teammate Bobby Brown — then the American League president — sitting in a box seat and hollered down, trying to get his attention.

"He would keep getting in trouble with WPIX for announcing birthdays and anniversaries," Rizzuto recalled.

And if Rizzuto missed a play, he would scribble "w" in his scorecard box score. That, he said, meant "wasn't watching."

His fans and colleagues never mind. Because with a simple shout of "Hey, White!" to long-time broadcasting partner Bill White, it was time for another sale.

Rizzuto's popularity was such that at a recent auction a Rizzuto

cap embedded with a vial of chewing gum sold for more than \$80,000. In the New York area, Rizzuto's antics became a staple for TV ads. Nonbaseball fans got to know him, too, when his voice appeared on Max Leaf's rock hit "Paradise by the Dashboard Light."

"Phil was a unique figure who exemplified the joy of our game to millions of fans," commissioner Bud Selig said.

Rizzuto was a flashy player who could always be counted on a perfect bunt, a nice slide or a diving catch in a lineup better known for its commerce sluggers.

He played 13 seasons alongside the likes of Joe DiMaggio and Mickey Vernon in a career interrupted by Navy service in World War II.

Often overshadowed by Hall of Fame teammates, it may be that Rizzuto was the first "mystery gadget" on the old game show "What's My Line?" in 1950.

A tendril man with quick feet that earned him his nickname, Rizzuto was a staple on the Yankees teams that won 11 pennants and nine World Series between 1941 and 1956.

"He was a Yankee all the way," Indians Hall of Famer Bob Feller said. "He knew the fundamentals of the game and he got 100 percent out of his ability. He played it hard and he played it fair," he said.

Rizzuto came to the Yankees in 1941 and batted 307 as a rookie. After the war, he returned in 1946 and became the American League MVP in 1950.

Leyse, Lutz win titles at Jerome CC

Special

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Jerome Country Club Championships

Women's Club champion: Sally Leyse (gross); Lydia Varden (net). Men's Club champion: Bob Lutz (gross); Jeff Dunn (net).

Below are flight winners.

(Franks), Eric (Hunter) and Shilo (660) are tied return players. But not necessarily starters much good special team players. That's where we're getting strong efforts from the two and three.

One key attribute that Plummer pointed to was Idaho's veteran long snapper Joel Pumper.

The 6-foot-1, 230-pound junior from Longview, Wash., and came to Idaho to major in business finance. Donating the Vandals gold-and-black football gear was the farthest thought in Jones' mind.

After several assistants observed Jones hiking the pigskin with friends outside the Kibble Dome, his skill, accuracy and ball speed could not be left to waste. Now on full scholarship, Jones is the entire staff's coach Plummer to special teams.

"I really like Coach Plummer's approach to everything," said the coach. "You know, he's really effective with his coaching techniques. He makes things really

simple. Pre-practice is a lot more organized. He's a great guy and fun to play for."

Jones feels that the chemistry among the kickers is a huge positive. Field goal kicker Tino Amancio and punter T.J. Conley are Juniors and three have bonded.

Injury? Vandal faithful can give a sign of relief. "Ben Keller from Las Vegas will back me up. He's a great back up. He's a solid snapper and can get it back there faster."

Akey and Plummer are using the strong leg of senior Vincente Rico for kickoff duty. Starting this season the kickoff will be teed at the 30-yard line instead of the 35 and Rico has proven he can get it into the end zone.

"Right now, it's Rico, with his strong leg doing kick-offs and Tino doing field goals. Tino will also be our back up punter," said Plummer.

Baseball

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Class A

Zach Simons, RF Asheville (N.C.) Tourists (Rockies)

Simons picked up the win in his most recent outing, allowing one run in two innings pitched during Sunday's 11-7 win over the Lake County (Ohio) Captains. The former Gresham Ferry standout was on the season with a 4.66 ERA. In 13 relief appearances, he has struck out 51 batters over 58 innings pitched.

Ryne Neyosmo, RP Rome (Ga.) Braves

Neyosmo was a hard-luck loser on Saturday. The former Wood River High School standout walked the only batter he faced. That batter, Cameron Blair, later scored on an error in the

bottom of the 13th inning, giving the Hickory (N.C.) Crawdads a 6-5 victory.

Reynoso is 2-4 with a 3.00 ERA for Rome, and has struck out 65 batters in only 52 innings of relief work.

Class A short season

Jordan Latham, SP Boise Hawks (Cubs)

Latham picked up his first win in his second outing Monday, closing the door on Yakima (Wash.) in the Hawks' 12-3 win. The former CSI ace pitched four complete innings, allowing one earned run on four hits. Latham is 1-0 with a 2.10 ERA in 15 relief appearances. He has struck out 33 batters in 34 1/3 innings.

Sean Van Elderen, RF Salem-Kelzer (Ore.) Volcanoes (Giants)

Van Elderen has gone on a doubles binge, collecting

BSU individual game tickets on sale Thursday

BOISE — Individual Boise State football home game tickets go on sale Thursday at 10 a.m.

Tickets range from \$26-\$42 for adults, \$17-\$27 for high school age and younger. A maximum of six tickets per game will be allowed for purchase.

Tickets may be purchased on the Web at www.id-hotels.com, by phone at (208) 426-4737 or (208) 426-1494, in person at the athletic ticket office or at any Albertsons Select-A-Seat outlet.

Someone missing?

Let us know. Email sports writer Eric Larsen at elarsen@magical.com

on seven two-baggers over his last 10 games to bring his season total up to 23.

The former Buhl High School and CSI slugger is hitting .314 with four home runs and 28 RBIs for first-place Salem-Kelzer, which was 44-10 through Monday.

Nick Carr, SP Brooklyn (N.Y.) Cyclones (Mets)

Carr didn't factor in the decision of his last start, a 4-3 loss to the Auburn (N.Y.) Doubledays. He pitched a 2-3 innings, allowing three earned runs off four hits and three walks while striking out seven.

Carr is 4-0 with a 3.49 ERA in 10 starts this season. In 49 innings pitched, he has struck out 63 batters.

Down slides
200 points

(AP) Wall Street pulled back sharply Tuesday as investors worried about economic prob-

lems as well as the ongoing fallout from the credit market and stock volatility.

Dow Jones Industrials -207.81
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Nasdaq composite -43.12
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Standard & Poor's 500 -28.38
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Russell 2000 -16.94
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Smooth transition

Smoothie industry going from niche to mainstream

By Elizabeth M. Gillespie
Associated Press writer

SEATTLE — When Anne Kessler strolls to her neighborhood smoothie shop, she's looking for a treat. Her usual is the Medici Bliss, one of the more indulgent items on the menu at Emerald City Smoothie. "It just tastes good," she said, sipping down a tall one on a recent afternoon.

But far her 2-year-old daughter, Kessler will only order off the low-sugar menu, usually a banana-strawberry-papaya concoction that has less than half the calories as her chocolate favorite.

Once frequented mostly by avid health nuts, juice and smoothie bars have gone mainstream, drawing in a much broader cross-section of customers — from dessert fiends who don't worry about their waist lines to religious calorie counters who tally every gram of fat and carbohydrate.

Emerald City Smoothie — a Seattle-area chain that's gearing up to expand beyond a handful of Western states into Hawaii and New York — caters primarily to fitness buffs.

The smoothie industry has grown tremendously in recent years, and many chains big and small have are opening new stores right and left.

In 1997, there were just under 1,000 juice and smoothie bars in the U.S. that pulled in an estimated \$340 million in revenue. Today, there are roughly 5,000 of them, with 2007 sales projected at \$2.5 billion, according to Juice Gallery Multimedia, a publishing and consulting firm that provides support services for smoothie businesses.

While indulgent blends aren't disappearing from menus, smoothie companies seem to be focusing most of their marketing muscle on winning over the ultra-health-conscious consumer — especially those trying to keep their sugar intake low.

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A Jamba Juice employee pours a smoothie into a cup for a customer in Seattle. Once frequented mostly by avid health nuts, juice and smoothie bars have gone mainstream, drawing in a much broader cross-section of customers.

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centage that are, and we think that number's growing all the time," said Jim Beckett, Emerald City Smoothie's executive president of business development.

Smoothies sell on hot summer days in Twin Falls

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Seattle isn't the only place where fruit smoothies are taking off.

The Java Jungle & Juice, which is located on Addison Avenue and was open a second coffee shop on Washington Street North in early October, has been offering fruit smoothies along with the coffee drinks for more than five years.

"For some people who don't drink espresso, the smoothies are an alternative," said Dawn LeBaron, manager of The Java Jungle & Juice. "But for others it's a spur of the moment type of thing."

She said the coffee shop still sells more coffee drinks than smoothies, but during the summer, the fruit smoothies are in high demand.

Although the Associated Press reported that a growing number of people are buying smoothies as a healthy alternative to other beverages, LeBaron said coffee is still the preferred drink at The Java — she said fruit smoothies are just another option.

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— Dawn LeBaron, manager of The Java Jungle & Juice

Another blow to toy industry

Mattel recalling more Chinese-made toys

By Natasha Metzler
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Toy-making giant Mattel Inc. issued a second round of recalls Tuesday for about 9 million Chinese-made toys that contain magnets children can swallow or which could have lead paint.

The recall includes 7.3 million play sets, including Polly Pocket dolls and Batman action figures, and 253,000 die cast cars that contain lead paint. Nancy A. Nard, acting Consumer Product Safety Commission chairman, told a news conference no injuries had been reported with any of the products involved in the new recall.

"The scope of these recalls is intentionally large to prevent any injuries from occurring," she told the news conference.

At least one U.S. child has died and 19 others have needed surgery since 2003 after swallowing magnets used in toys, the government said. Several injuries had been reported in an earlier Polly Pocket recall last November.

Mattel, in a full-page ad Tuesday in some U.S. newspapers, said the company was "one of the most trusted names with parents" and was "working extremely hard to address your concerns and continue creating safe, entertaining toys for you and your children."

Tuesday's recall was the latest blow to the toy industry, which has had a string of recalled products from China. With about 80 percent of toys sold worldwide made in China, toy sellers are worried shoppers will shy away from their products.

It was also the second recall involving lead paint for Mattel in two weeks. Earlier this month, consumers were warned about 1.5 million Chinese-made toys that contain lead paint.

Lead is toxic if ingested by young children, and under current regulations, children's products found to have more than .06 percent lead accessible to users are subject to a recall.



Fisher-Price toys subject to recall including 'Go Diego Go Mountain Rescue,' and 'Birthday Dora,' right, are seen on a store shelf Aug. 1, in Alexandria, Va. Toy-making giant Mattel Inc. issued recalls Tuesday for about 9 million Chinese-made toys.

Ada County home prices rise despite sales slump

By Joe Estrella
The Idaho Statesman

BOISE — Ada County's median home price rose 2 percent in July despite the 12th consecutive month of slumping single-family home sales, according to industry data released Monday.

Canyon County prices dipped 0.63 percent.

The Intermarket Multiple

Listing Service said the median price for an Ada County homesite at \$239,004, up from \$235,090 a month earlier. Canyon County's median price in July was \$159,000, down from \$160,000.

One real estate agent predicted area housing prices will come under pressure as these Ada County sellers who must sell begin to get desperate.

"We're talking about that 20 per-

cent of the people who are being transferred, or are getting divorced, or facing foreclosure because of these adjustable rate mortgages," said Shaun Tracy, an associate broker with Re/Max Capital City.

The bad news for sellers and real estate agents is that housing sales have now fallen below the 2004 level. Many agents have cited 2004 as a typical sales year in the Valley — not 2005 and the first half of 2006,

when sales soared and prices followed.

According to the MLS, the 958 home sales reported in the Treasure Valley last month represented a 26 percent drop from the 1,301 sales recorded in July 2004.

"It's official," Tracy said. "We're in the middle of a correction. The market is holding its own, but I'd characterize it as dull. If we're looking for a wild ride, we're not getting it."

Wal-Mart's 2Q earnings grow

Increased earnings overshadowed by dismal forecast

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Wal-Mart Stores Inc.'s second quarter net income rose almost 50 percent from a year ago, fueled by an increase in earnings.

However, the results reported Tuesday were overshadowed by reports from Wal-Mart executives that profits will fall below expectations this year as consumers rein in spending.

"Although some people will report that Wal-Mart has had robust sales and earnings, our underlying operat-

ing performance this quarter is not what we expected of ourselves," said Lee Scott, president and CEO of Wal-Mart Stores Inc., in a statement Tuesday afternoon.

He added that consumers continue to be under pressure economically.

Wal-Mart, which operates a supercenter in Jerome and is planning to build another supercenter in Twin Falls, earned \$3.1 billion, 76 cents per share, for the quarter ended July 31, compared with \$2.08 billion, or 72 cents a share, a year ago.

The company recorded second-quarter revenues of more than \$3 billion from sales and memberships — including revenues from stores located outside the United States.

But operating costs also

increased during the second quarter compared to the previous year by more than \$7.5 billion.

The company forecasts store sales to increase 1 percent to 3 percent in the United States for the third quarter of fiscal year 2008.

However, it also changed its initial forecast for earnings per share from about \$3.15 per share to \$3.05 per share.

"The company's current earnings guidance reflects the need to improve our underlying operating performance," said Tom Schewe, executive vice-president and CEO of Wal-Mart Stores Inc., in a statement. "This guidance also reflects the economic trends that have developed in many of our major markets."

MONEY BRIEFS

Hot August Nite event Thursday

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce is making its final preparations for the annual Hot August Nite event on Thursday.

The event, which will take place from 5 to 9 p.m. at Twin Falls City Park, will host a picnic-style dinner, games, live and silent-auctions, as well as the annual Hot August Nite raffle.

Anyone interested in attending the event should contact the chamber at 733-3974 for tickets.

Required labor law posters available

BOISE — Idaho business owners are legally required to display posters on labor laws,

but they are not required to pay for them. All required posters are available free of charge from the Idaho Department of Labor Web site, labor.idaho.gov.

Idaho Labor Director Roger B. Madson said taxpayers fund this service, yet every year the agency hears from businesses contacted by individuals or companies offering the same service for a fee. Some go so far as to send business owners second and third notices that threaten legal action and criminal penalties if they refuse to pay.

Idaho law requires employers to provide employees information on employment laws and other work-related matters. Employees are encouraged to place the state-mandated posters on safety, wage and discrimination in the workplace in a physical

location where they can easily be seen by employees.

Idaho Consumer News now available

BOISE — The State of Idaho, Office of the Attorney General has released the summer issue of Idaho Consumer News.

The publication outlines the most common consumer complaints in Idaho.

This year's most common complaints reported to the Office of the Attorney General included:

- Nigerian e-mail scams.
- Fake caller identification.
- Early termination fees.

The seasonal publication is written to inform the public about consumers issues in Idaho. It is available online at <http://www2.state.id.us/ag/consumer/>.

— From staff reports

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Con Agra	25.98	▲	.10	Dell Inc.	26.46	▼	.24	Idacorp	32.33	▼	.57
Lithia Motors	18.81	▼	.93	Micron	11.52	▼	.45	Supervalu	40.08	▼	1.30

COMMODITIES

Live cattle	91.01	▲	.28	Sept. Oil	72.38	▲	.76
Sept. gold	670.9	▼	1.2	(Light sweet crude by barrel)			

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Advertisement for American Stock Exchange featuring a table of stock prices and the text 'AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE'.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: A sunny and hot Wednesday. Highs in the lower 90s. Tonight: Mostly clear and very mild overnight. Lows in the lower 60s.

Tomorrow: Skies will be sunny with afternoon clouds and a chance for isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the low 90s.

BURLEW/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly sunny with maybe a few clouds. Highs in the lower 90s.

Tonight: A few overcast clouds with mild temperatures. Lows in the 60s.

Tomorrow: Mostly sunny early, then a few clouds with afternoon isolated thunderstorms possible.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Warm conditions will continue in the area for the next few days.

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Temperature: High 94, Low 64. Precipitation: 0.01". Humidity: 63/80. Barometric: 30.01. Sunrise: 6:43 AM. Sunset: 8:33 PM.

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GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

The greatest good you can do for another is just to share your own. - Buddha

Gregg Middlekauff, 74, is a former professional football player and coach.

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Raiders move while coach Kiffin recovers

NAPA, Calif. — Oakland Raiders coach Lane Kiffin underwent more tests in the hospital Tuesday as he missed another practice while recovering from a viral infection.

Kiffin has been at the Queen of the Valley Medical Center since Monday morning for tests and observation. The hospital is not giving out information on his condition and the Raiders have only said Kiffin "has been back soon."

He is expected to return in time to coach Saturday's exhibition game against the San Francisco 49ers.

Kiffin, 32, is the youngest coach in the NFL, making his health problems even more of a surprise to his players.

Quarterback Andrew Walter said his coach would "have to be pretty sick not to be out here," and the team would try to go on like nothing had changed.

Walter said, "We miss having him out here. I hope he's doing better. He definitely sets the tempo for us. He would want us to have good practices even though he's not out here and that's what we're trying to do."

Offensive coordinators Greg Knapp and defensive coordinator Rob Ryan again run practices, but most of the drills had been planned out by Kiffin well in advance.

Practice appeared to be sharper Tuesday morning than it was previous days, Kiffin's first away from the team.

The Raiders had another practice scheduled for Tuesday night and the team didn't know when Kiffin would return.

"Training camp is really structured from the get go," Knapp said. "We plan it out before we get here quite a bit. We will tweak it as time goes on."

"There's a good plan in place so you don't have to have a lot of adjustments right now. And even these first couple of practices, we've been in training camp mode not in game plan mode. It's planned out pretty well ahead of time with Kiffin's absence."

Kiffin's absence was easy to hear about usually the loudest coach on the field, yelling out instructions and creating competition between his offense and defense. He also, frequently

orders players out of drills after they commit penalties or fumble the ball.

Knapp tried to play Kiffin's role by yelling, "get me a new tight end!" after one false start by Tony Stewart, but the atmosphere was clearly different from usual.

Bush to appoint Dundy to council on service

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — Tony Dundy has a Super Bowl title, a best-selling book and now a presidential appointment.

On Tuesday, President Bush announced his intention to appoint the Indianapolis Colts coach to the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. The term runs for two years.

After the announcement in Washington, Dundy told reporters at training camp he was first asked about taking the

position when the Colts visited the White House in April, a traditional honor for Super Bowl champions.

Indianapolis beat Chicago 29-17 in February, winning its first title since moving from Baltimore in 1994.

"You have to fill out a lot of paperwork, and they love to do some checking, that sort of thing. That came through OK," Dundy said. "It's a great honor, and it's something

we always talk about with our team — how to serve your community and make your community better."

Dundy, a devout Christian, has said most of the proceeds from his No. 1 selling book "Quiet Strength: The Principles, Practices, and Priorities of a Winning Life" will go to charitable organizations. He has not, however, identified which charities would receive money.

— The Associated Press

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McAllister hopes to be a Saint for a while

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — A life-size cardboard cutout of Deuce McAllister wearing a Saints' outfit shined on this week on the Mississippi College campus, where the New Orleans Saints are holding training camp.

The Saints' star running back was showing off a new sandwich he helped create (grilled chicken with melted cheese and a honey-mustard Creole sauce) for a local restaurant chain with a name — McAllister's Deli — much like his but for one letter.

It was the latest example of how McAllister, beloved in the region since he starred at Ole Miss nearly a decade ago, is extending his roots even farther with yet another business venture. There are car dealerships, a historic hotel renovation in downtown Jackson, his Catch 22 charitable foundation, and soon, his own McAllister's Deli franchise.

Now if only he can extend his playing days with the Saints.



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Easy as pie

4-H kids learn the pastry arts

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Put 18 kids in a kitchen with bags of flour, Crisco and rolling pins and what do you get?

A mess? Sure. But you also get six pretty impressive pies.

At the Twin Falls, County Extension Office on Third Avenue last month, 4-H students learned the basics of pie-making, from flaky empanadas to crumb crust for cheesecake. Many will put the skills they learned to the test this month, when they make a pie to be judged Aug. 25 at the Twin Falls County Fair.

"It's really fun, it's really simple and in the end it tastes pretty good," said Rena Davidson, 14. "If you follow the instructions, you'll be pleased in the end."

Davidson, whose favorite thing about pie is — take a guess — eating it, said she

thinks pie-making is a good skill "for kids to learn. 'Pies aren't for old people," she said.

The class instructors agree, noting that pies are a great thing for kids to learn to make at home because they are tastier, more nutritious and more versatile than store-bought pastry.

Mary Davidson, Rena's mother, who was assisting at the class, said Rena has impressed her friends with her pie-making skills.

"She loves being able to make a treat for her friends and present it," Mary Davidson said. And not just for dessert. "You can have it for breakfast, as well as lunch and dinner."

The club leaders noted that because many kids have busy, working parents, who rarely have time to cook at home, the 4-H class is giving them the opportunity to learn a skill that might otherwise be lost.

"It's a thing I think everybody should know," said Michael Schroeder, 13, who is considering studying the culinary arts when he gets older. "Pies can be easy, you can throw them together for any occasion, and they're really good."

At the four-hour 4-H course, the students were split into groups of three, and each assigned a type of pie to make. Including apple, lemon meringue, pecan, chocolate cream, cheesecake and quiche. They learned about basic flaky crusts, crumb crusts, mayonnaise pastry, master mixes and oil pastry, and the chemistry behind pies. Including thickening agents, how pastry can be frozen and why the peaks in meringue get stiff.

Potential pie-makers shouldn't be intimidated by all these details, said Laree Jensen, a club leader who taught the class.



4-H students work on an apple pie crust during a class last month. The kids will use their new-found skills to make pies for the Twin Falls County Fair, Aug. 25 to Sept. 3.

"The youth of today seem to feel pies are something difficult, when in fact they're very easy," Hansen said. "It does take a little bit of mixing together; it's not an instant food."

After all, she said, there's a reason people say things are "easy as pie."

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Juicy nectarines and plump blackberries cavort merrily in a lattice-top pie. A pinch of black pepper adds an intriguing dark note to the crust.

Fruit pies sweeten the taste of summer

By Susan LaTampa
and Donna Deane
Los Angeles Times

As blueberries ripen in Maine, peaches blush in Idaho and olallieberries turn purple in Washington, a cook's thoughts fill with visions of summer fruit pies.

Thanks to the abundant fruit of orchard and bramble, pies that we make at this time of year can be a glorious blend of flavors — honey-sweet apricots and winy cherries together under one flaky-crisp crust, a trio of berries thickened into a jam-like filling in another, the rich "sour" flavors of nectarine and blackberries playing off each other in a third.

Some of our best-loved pies are single-ingredient classics, but there's great reason to mix and match: The more complex interplay of flavors in a two- or three-fruit filling is set off by the sweet flakiness of pie crust.

And you don't have to peel apricots. Or blanch nectarines before peeling. For baking, nectarines should be firm but not hard; they should give when pressed with your thumb.

Use less sugar and a smaller amount of thickening agent (such as tapioca) than called for in the past. With the wide availability of farmers market produce, it's best to use both sparingly and allow the true fruit flavors and textures to be enjoyed. Which is not to say these pretty pies are plain-line creations in any way. Well-chosen details give them originality and oomph.

A pinch of black pepper in the crust of a nectarine-blackberry pie adds an intriguing dark note; vanilla bean enriches an apricot-cherry filling.

To bring the combination of raspberries, blackberries and blueberries to their full expression of flavor, add a little Muscat de Beaumes-de-Venise, the sweet peach-scented wine from the southern Rhone region of France. You could also use another sweet white wine such as Sauternes or Monbazillac.

A few notes on technique are helpful, even if you're an experienced pie maker. Use glass pans to make fruit pies; they won't react with the acid in the fruit. And chill the dough before rolling it out. If you've gotten distracted and left it in the fridge longer than an hour, let it sit at room temperature

for about 15 minutes before rolling it out.

Don't shy away from making lattice or cutout crusts — they're not hard to master and it's so rewarding to see the glowing colors of caramelized summer fruit revealed through the windows of golden brown crust.

NECTARINE-BERRY PIE WITH BLACK PEPPER CRUST

Serves 8

This pie recipe is from Donna Deane, director of the Test Kitchen at the Los Angeles Times. You can substitute Demerara with any large-crystal sugar, such as Sugar in the Raw, Deane says.

Total time: About 2 hours.

- 2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon salt, divided
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup cold butter, cut into 1/2-inch pieces, plus 1 tablespoon butter cut into 1/4-inch pieces, divided
- 4 tablespoons ice water
- 10 nectarines (about 3 pounds), peeled and cut into 1/2-inch slices
- 2 cups blackberries
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/4 cup corn syrup
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 tablespoon Demerara sugar

Combine the flour, 3/4 teaspoon salt and black pepper. Add the 2/3 cup of butter pieces and toss to coat. Use a pastry blender or your hands to work the butter into the dry ingredients until the flour-butter mixture resembles coarse ground meat with no large pieces of butter visible.

Sprinkle the ice water over the flour mixture and stir with a fork until the dough holds together and forms a ball. On a lightly floured surface, cut the dough in half and shape into 2 equal disks. Wrap the dough in plastic wrap and refrigerate until firm, about 1 hour.

In a large bowl, toss together the nectarines, blackberries and lemon juice. You should have about 4 cups of fruit. Let stand while rolling out the dough.

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EMPANADAS DE QUESO

- 1/4 cup raisins
- 14 oz. empanada dough, made into 20 rounds (may be pre-made or homemade)
- 2 tbs. milk
- 1 egg, beaten

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Combine cheese, celery, green olives, raisins and toss well. Place 2 tablespoons of filling just below center of each empanada round.

using pastry brush or finger dipped in water, moisten bottom edge of round and fold top over filling.

Press edges to seal in filling and prick tops with a fork. Add milk to beaten egg and stir well.

Onto lightly greased baking sheet, place empanadas and brush the top of each with egg wash. Bake 15 to 18 minutes, until golden brown.



Rena Davidson, left, 14, makes a pie crust with Katie Higley, 11, and Jaka Anderson, 10, during a 4-H class at the Twin Falls County Extension Office last month.

Finally, a crust you can trust

By Russ Parsons
Los Angeles Times

"Can a pie crust recipe really change your life? I guess it depends on how much you hate making crust. I really love eating pie, but I really hated making crust, at least until I found the perfect recipe.

Now I can make pie whenever I want. I'm even improvising pies from whatever ingredients I have on hand — just like real cooking.

Homey double-crusters, oh-so-cosmopolitan fruit tarts — they're all pies in my book. And there are few things more delightful. The combination of crisp and melting textures, the sweet filling and buttery, wheaty crust — a piece of pie is one of the great pleasures in life. (And maybe even beyond. There must be pie in heaven, right?)

I worked for years trying to learn how to make a good pie crust. In fact, I devoted most of one summer to the project — pie wizard Nancy Silverton, then still bak-



A simple tart is a great way to feature strawberries.

ing at Campanile in Los Angeles. My pie crust skills did improve under her tutelage, but not nearly enough that you'd notice.

Even after all that, there still would be times when the dough would be either so dry it crumbled, or so wet it would stick to

everything it touched. And sometimes even when the texture felt perfect, it would roll out looking like a map of Africa or South America instead of the neat Antarctica I was hoping for.

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FOOD & HOME

College food that makes the grade

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Cooking at college has often meant adding water to ramen noodles, pouring milk into a bowl of Lucky Charms for dinner, or nuching cheese on a chicken patty in the dining-hall microwave.

Aside from gaining the infamous "freshman 15," the food just didn't taste good and lacked the nutrition needed to study.

Dorette Schaal, who has two college-aged daughters, will teach ways to create tasty treats that double as brain food.

"College Cookery: Thinking Outside the Pizza Box" runs from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise, 147 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls. Cost is \$30 (\$25 with student ID).

To sign up, call Rudy's at 733-5477.

On the menu: Breakfast burritos, French toast with caramel syrup, Asian chicken salad, "Stick Day Soup," grilled chicken and rotini dinner. Schaal has cooked in Zurich with her aunt, a chef, and has been in charge of hospitality at her church. She catered events large and small.



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Nutrition crash course

By Chelsea Martinez
Los Angeles Times

Most of us look back on our college years as some of the best years of our lives — or some of the healthiest, at least. But students at the University of New Hampshire are learning that they are not as healthy as they think.

Undergraduates enrolled in a course called "Nutrition 400" at the Durham, N.H., campus kept an online food journal, analyzed glucose and lipid levels and calculated their bone densities.

Their results, presented in May at the annual meeting of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology, indicate that college students don't get enough fruit, vegetables, fiber or exercise. More than 50 percent of female students surveyed were lacking folate (which prevents birth

defects during pregnancy), while the majority of male students had higher-than-recommended LDL cholesterol levels. Although 81 percent of males and 90 percent of female students were "very important" to them, more than 40 percent of the students skipped at least four meals a week.

And 12 percent of students already displayed three of the five symptoms of metabolic syndrome, putting them at risk for cardiovascular disease and diabetes. Course instructor Jesse Morrell says UNH hopes to offer the program as a model to other universities.

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Neighbors leave the backyard to socialize by the street

By Annie Groer
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — From her childhood in Cartagena, Colombia, Gala Rodriguez remembers "rocking chairs on front porches and doors that don't lock." She smiles while recalling racing with her playmates from one porch to another as neighbors and relatives sat outside and savored the coastal air.

Now Rodriguez has recaptured that cherished sense of community. Three years ago she and her husband, Alfredo, bought a Capitol Hill rowhouse in a neighborhood long on street-side socializing. Following the lead of neighbors up and down the tree-lined block, the couple bought two benches to set on the sidewalk just outside their front door near a pair of potted hydrangeas and two stone lions. In the mornings, after work and on weekends, people stop and chat while walking the dog or pushing a stroller. Weather permitting, they sit a spell.

"In the morning I will drink my coffee here," says Rodriguez, office manager for the chief administrator of the House of Representatives. "And on nice nights, we are out here. The front is more open than the back yard; you can see the neighbors, say hello."

More typically, Americans seclude themselves behind their homes: on patches of grass, on decks or patios, often protected by fences, hedges and trees to ensure their privacy. Some, however, have bucked that tide and oriented themselves streetward. From

verdant suburbs to gritty urban enclaves, they socialize in plain view, observing and greeting the passing parade.

That makes sense to Vermont-based garden designer Julie Moir Messery, co-author of "Outside the Not So Big House."

"Anywhere you can get a space, especially when you are just starting out, you use. This was true for the old tenement neighborhoods, the walk-ups, and even Capitol Hill and (Boston's) Beacon Hill. As space gets to be more of a premium, especially in cities, and as people learn to value the little bit of space they have, more of this will happen."

Even people with back yards have good reason to switch. Messery says, "Doing something with the front yard is showing off who you really are, your sense of fun, if you are a plant person, a statutory person."

As newcomers to Herndon, Va., last year, Joanna Wilbur says she and her husband, Chris, found that sitting outside was "a way to make friends and connect ourselves more with the people living on our cul-de-sac. After work, people would come up to the porch and introduce themselves, or w/d say hi to them as they walked down the street. One couple would bring their daughter over to play on the porch swing."

The porch sealed the deal for the couple — she's a credit union retirement specialist, he's an Army translator — because it strongly evoked her Midwestern childhood. "I was a big-time porch monkey in St. Louis. Everyone was outside on the stoop until long after the streetlights came on."

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Getting the Most Out of Your Garage

Over the last decade, the idea of the "family car" has shifted greatly. Whereas station wagons used to be the norm, nowadays those dinosaurs have given way to minivans and sport utility vehicles (SUVs). While that shift has certainly impacted drivers' wallets when it comes time to fill up the gas tank, it's also led to a more subtle change in the way drivers use their homes.

With cars becoming bigger and bigger, garages have become less and less usable. Unless a home was built in the last decade, chances are the garage isn't big enough to fit today's average SUV or minivan. That's led many homeowners to seek ways to utilize their garage in other ways. When it comes to renovating the garage, the options are endless. However, there are things to consider before tackling such a big project.

* Electricity: The great thing about converting a garage is that it's similar to an open canvas for an artist, offering endless possibilities and few restrictions. Garages have been converted into rec rooms, home offices, workshops ... the list goes on and on. Regardless of what you'll be doing to your garage, you'll need ample electricity, both to convert the garage and to utilize it once it's completed. Be sure to install enough outlets so bulky extension cords will be unnecessary as possible. A general rule of thumb is to install one outlet every three feet. This will allow you to easily rearrange the room down the road or even convert it to something else should you so choose.

* Storage: In addition to tools, many garages are brimming with old coffee cans full of nuts and bolts and a host of other items on shelves that serve very little purpose. However, some of the items on these dusty shelves are important, and can't really be discarded. The problem is these items are often unshelved, even more so when the garage is being converted to a home office or rec room. In such instances, much like renovating a kitchen, you might want to consider having cabinets installed. That will still allow the garage to serve as a storage facility but one that looks much better.

* Flooring: Exactly how you floor your new garage will be dictated by the purpose it's serving. Whatever that purpose is, chances are the concrete flooring will have to go, or at least be covered up. In the case of a home office, you'll likely want to install carpeting. In a rec room or crafts room, vinyl flooring might be the best route to take. It's best to let the room's function dictate its flooring.

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David and Sharon Huskell of Huskell's Hog Haven know a good thing when they see it. Sharon has been raising hogs for about 10 years now. David makes maple and chocolate bars fresh, and he can't keep up with the line waiting for them at the Mini-Cassia Farmers' Market.

Under a blue canopy, Sharon serves up samples of her many sausages. She sells pepper sticks, a Polish-type sausage in either mild or spicy, bulk breakfast sausage and link sausages made from her own pigs. They are lean and light, she said.



The Huskells mainly sell by telephone order. Huskell's Hog Haven is at 870 E. 300 S. in Declo. The couple can be reached at home at 654-2813. Sharon's cell phone at 431-2562, or David's cell phone at 431-2566.

They sell custom orders based on a whole or a half hog, with weaner pigs and full-sized hogs available year-round. Their 4-H and FFA hogs are raised in not only Idaho, but Utah, Wyoming and Nevada. All the meat they sell is processed at a USDA-inspected facility.

The couple also takes orders at the Mini-Cassia Farmers' Market at Gossner's Magic Valley Chale, 1200 Seventh St., Heyburn. The market is open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Maple and chocolate bars are 50 cents. Polish sausages are \$4.50, 2-ounce link sausages are \$4 per pound, rolled pork roasts are \$3 per pound, and pepper sticks are 75 cents each.

This feature will appear weekly in Food & Home this summer. To nominate an individual who produces food in Magic Valley for sale to local consumers, send an e-mail to ariel.hansen@lee.net with "Local foods" in the subject line. Or call 735-3376.

Sharon also offers samples of a pork roast, but you have to get there early because she runs out fast.

"We haul our hogs to Blackfoot now," Sharon said, describing how far she has to go to process the pork. "It's the closest USDA-inspected facility for us."

Her husband, David, gets up about 4 a.m. to start the tender yeast dough for maple and chocolate bars.

At the market, he fries up the dough in a Dutch oven over a camp stove. As soon as the bars cool, he spreads them with frosting. The couple sells from a tidy blue-topped booth, where David said they tend their tasty goods as much to meet nice folks as to bring income.

—Correen Hirth

BOOK REVIEW

Simple solutions for change

Newsday Editor Eduardo Xol identifies and fixes house problems by adding new colors, rearranging furniture and changing accessories.

Xol, designer for "ABC's Extreme Makeover: Home Edition," tackles problem areas, such as small bathrooms or boring bedrooms, and offers ideas, through dozens of photos.

"Home Sense: Simple Solutions to Enhance Where and How You Live" (Rayo, 224 pp., \$24.95)

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BOOK REVIEW

Helpful tips keep it in the kitchen

By Bonnie S. Benwick
The Washington Post

"What's a Cook to Do? 484 Essential Tips, Tricks, Techniques, & Tricks (Artsian, \$15.95) presents its information in a simple way that beats Web surfing.

You can't do much better for an authoritative source than James Peterson, a longtime

cooking teacher and cookbook author who lives in Brooklyn.

His descriptions do not rely on cookbooks; within "How to Beat Egg Whites," for example, photos accompany the following:

• Soft peaks: Peaks are frothy but don't adhere to the mixer or hand whisk.

• Medium peaks: Whites stick out from the end of the whisk when it's held sideways, but

they sag at the end.

Stiff peaks: Peaks are rigid and adhere to the whisk."

Go it.

Other fruits of his expertise include a section on "How to Roast a Rack of Pork," which Peterson writes is a cut that "most of us never think" to use; a comparative listing of the volume of different-size baking pans; what to do (and not do) with leftover spinach; how to use sorrel; and which

foods start off better in cold or hot water.

There's even a little restaurant etiquette and wine-ordering strategy at the end of the book — just enough to remember so that the guide can stay where you'll need it most.

Mattress safety standards revised

By Kathleen Horn
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Beginning July 1, all new mattresses and mattress sets must meet revised fire-safety standards according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission. The commission's new guidelines do not make mattresses fireproof. But the mattresses are expected to slow fires by controlling the spread of open flames, decreasing fire intensity and delaying what is called flashover, when the entire mattress is engulfed in flames. Under the current standards, that fearsome point can be reached in less than five minutes.

Most mattress fires are caused by children playing with open flames, according to the CPSC. The commission estimates that at least 240 mattress fire-related deaths and more than 1,000 injuries will be prevented with the new rules, by giving people more time to escape.

Manufacturers can comply by coating mattresses in chemicals or by making them with fire-retardant materials. New mattresses that meet the guidelines will carry a mandatory label referring to the commission's new rule, 16 CFR Part 1633. Look for the label, because stores will not sell non-compliant mattresses they had in stock before the rule took effect.

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Fruit

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Heat the oven to 400 degrees. Remove the dough from the refrigerator and allow it to stand 10 to 15 minutes. Roll out half of the dough on a lightly floured surface into a 12-inch circle about 1/8-inch thick. Roll the dough around the rolling pin. Carefully lift the dough onto a 9-inch pie plate and gently press it into the bottom and up the sides, leaving excess dough hanging over the edge.

Roll out the second round of dough into a rectangle about 13 inches by 10 inches and 1/4-inch thick. Cut the dough lengthwise into 8 strips about 1 inch wide.

In a bowl, combine the sugar, cornstarch and remaining 1/4 teaspoon salt. Pour the mixture over the fruit, stirring to coat. Then stir in the corn syrup. Fill the pie shell with the fruit and juices. Sprinkle over the remaining 1/4 teaspoon cup-up butter.

Lay half the strips of dough over the top of the pie. Lay the remaining strips of dough diagonally over the top of the first strips. Or weave the strips by laying 4 strips over the top of the pie, fold the first and third strips back (about 3/4 of the way across the pie), then place a strip across the second and fourth strips. Unfold the first and third strips over the second and fourth strips back; add another strip across the first and third strips. Now unfold the second and fourth strips. Repeat with 2 more strips of dough, working your way across the pie.

Pinch the edges of the dough together and fold the edges under to fit the pie dish. Pressing the rim of the dough between two fingers, flute the edges.

Brush the crust with the beaten egg and sprinkle with Demerara sugar. Place the pie on a baking sheet and bake for about 50 to 55 minutes until the pie is well-browned and bubbling. Let the pie cool to warm before serving.

NUTRITION — Each serving: 444 calories; 7 grams protein; 70 grams carbohydrates; 6 grams fiber; 12 grams fat; 19 grams saturated fat; 67 milligrams cholesterol; 315 milligrams sodium.

APRICOT-CHERRY PIE
Serves 8
The recipe for the crust is from "Local Flavors" by Deborah Madison. You can substitute any large-crystal sugar, such as Sugar in the Raw, for Demerara. From test kitchen director Donna Deane.

Total time: About 2 hours.
2 1/4 cups flour
1/2 teaspoon salt



A slice of apricot-cherry pie.

3/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons cold butter
1/2 teaspoon white vinegar
1 egg yolk
Scant 1/2 cup ice water
1 1/2 pounds firm ripe apricots, pitted and quartered, about 3 cups
1 1/2 pound cherries, pitted
1/2 large vanilla bean
3/4 cup sugar
3 tablespoons cornstarch
1 1/2 teaspoon lemon juice
1 tablespoon butter, cut into small pieces
1 egg, beaten
1 tablespoon Demerara sugar

Place the flour in a food processor with the salt and pulse to mix. Cut the three-fourths cup plus 2 tablespoons butter into 1-inch chunks and add them to the flour. Pulse four to six times to break up the chunks of butter. Combine the vinegar and egg yolk in a measuring cup and add enough ice water to bring the volume up to one-half cup. While pulsing, add the liquid in a steady stream until the flour looks crumbly and damp. You may not use all of the liquid (we used one-

fourth cup), between 25 and 30 pulses should be enough. Don't let the dough form a ball. The crumbs should adhere when you gather them in your hand. If not, add a few more drops of ice water. Divide the dough into two parts. Wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate 30 minutes to 1 hour.

Alternatively, the dough can be made by hand. Combine the flour with the salt in a large bowl. Cut the butter into 1-inch chunks and add them to the flour, using a fork, a pastry blender or your hands to break up the butter into the flour so the mixture resembles coarse meal.

Combine the vinegar and egg yolk in a measuring cup and add enough ice water to bring the volume to one-half cup. Drizzle the liquid, a few tablespoons at a time, over the mixture and stir with a fork until the flour looks crumbly and damp. Again, you may not use all of the liquid.

Combine the dough with your hands to form a single ball. Divide the dough in half and cover each half in plastic

wrap. Refrigerate 30 minutes to 1 hour.

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Heat the oven to 400 degrees. In a large bowl, lightly toss together the apricots and cherries. Use the tip of a knife to scrape the seeds from the vanilla bean onto the fruit and toss to coat. In a small bowl, mix the sugar and cornstarch and pour over the fruit. Toss to coat evenly. Stir in the lemon juice. Let stand while rolling out the dough.

Roll out half of the dough on a lightly floured surface into a 14-inch circle about one-eighth-inch thick. Roll the dough loosely around the rolling pin and carefully lift the dough onto a 9-inch deep-dish pie plate. Gently press the dough onto the bottom and sides of the pie plate, leaving the excess hanging over the edge.

Roll out the second round of dough into a 12-inch circle about one-eighth-inch thick. Use a 1 3/4-inch round cutter to cut a circle out of the center of the dough. Using the same cutter, cut five other circles out of the dough around the

large circle. Fill the pie shell with the fruit and juices. Sprinkle over the remaining butter. Fold the second round of dough (with cut-outs) into quarters. Place the folded dough on top of the pie so that it is centered when you unfold it to cover the pie. Pinch the edges of the dough together and fold the edges under to fit the pie plate.

Pressing the rim of the dough between two fingers, flute the edges. Brush the crust with beaten egg and sprinkle with Demerara. Put the pie on a baking sheet and bake for about 1 hour until the crust is golden brown and the filling is bubbly. If the crust browns too quickly, loosely tent the top of the pie with foil. Let cool on a wire rack.

NUTRITION — Each serving: 509 calories; 7 grams protein; 71 grams carbohydrates; 4 grams fiber; 23 grams fat; 14 grams saturated fat; 108 milligrams cholesterol; 160 milligrams sodium.

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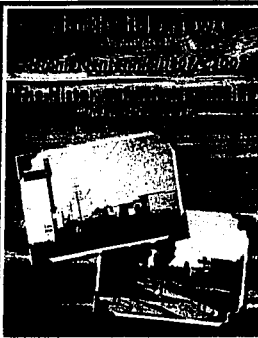
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Crust

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It was through to make me throw up my hands and shout, "I'll just make a crisp!"

But then a couple of years ago, I found my pie-crust nirvana. It came when I was working on a story about quiches and tried the basic pate brissee crust in Thomas Keller's "Bouchon" cookbook.

It was love at first roll — this dough works like a dream. It comes together quickly, handles easily, rolls out like silk and bakes crisp and gorgeous brown. Although Keller intended it as a savory shell, it works equally well for sweet fillings with the addition of just a little sugar for not: Keller says he likes a sugarcust crust for desserts, too.

It works so well I've started making pies just for fun. Seriously, this crust, slice some fruit, warm a sweet glaze, scatter some nuts — there's nothing to it.

It's not sure exactly why this recipe works when others fail. The proportion of ingredients for most of these doughs is basically the same — roughly half as much butter as flour by volume and then just enough ice water to bring everything together.

The combination of flour and water creates sheets of gluten — just as it does in bread. The fat is the waterproof proof of the flour so that the sheets are tender, not tough.

The difference between a flaky crust and a short (crumbly) crust is the extent to which the fat is mixed into the flour. When the flour and the fat are thoroughly mixed, the crust is crumbly. If you leave the fat in little chunks, the crust will be flaky: The pieces of fat melt during baking, giving off steam that leaves behind tiny pockets in the pastry. But getting a good, flaky crust is the kind of thing that takes a special touch.

The trick with Keller's pastry must be in the technique, but even that is only slightly unusual. Unlike most pie dough recipes where you mix the butter with the full amount of flour, this one has you mix the butter and only half the flour, then beat in the remaining flour only after that mixture has been thoroughly amalgamated.

The result is a flaky pie crust that couldn't be easier to make. Keller's recipe calls for a stand mixer — and I do think that slow motion does yield the most tender crust — but it also works well when made with a food processor. Lacking either of those, you could even make it by hand, mixing the butter and flour with a pastry cutter or a couple table knives.

Keller says he learned his method years ago, when he was starting out and working in the Catskills. He, too, felt pastry-deficient, and so he enrolled in a cooking class given by Francis Lorenzini, pastry chef at the old New York restaurant Le Cygne (he now teaches at New York City College of Technology). "It was nothing fancy, a typical cooking class," Keller remembers. "I was the only professional, and the only male in the whole class. It was a real hoot, but I've been using that dough recipe ever since. There's just something about the texture and the way it handles."

As easy as this dough is to work with, there are a couple of pointers — what Keller likes to call "points of finesse."

The first, and most critical is that the crust should be baked thoroughly. A well-baked pas-



For an orange tart, layer fruit and nuts in a simple crust.

try crust is golden brown, not beige — and not just on its rim. It is only then that you lose the taste of raw flour and get that wonderful well-browned flavor.

Also, be sure to give the dough plenty of time to chill. This lets the gluten strands relax so the pastry doesn't twist and pull in awkward ways. Give it an hour or more after mixing it and then at least 20 minutes after it's in the pan.

Once the pastry has been made, the filling can be as complicated or simple as you wish.

I like the idea of fresh strawberry pies, but too often find they're coated in gloopy starch-thickened jelly. So I took that idea and turned it around slightly, using just a little raspberry jam, thinned with orange juice and perfumed with zest. Scatter toasted sliced almonds over the top for a contrasting crisp texture. This makes a fresh strawberry pie that really, tastes fresh.

A similar treatment works just as well with citrus. Peel and slice navel oranges and warm them in rosemary-scented honey — use about a half teaspoon of rosemary with one-quarter cup honey and a table-spoon of water. You want them to soften just barely and begin to release their juices.

Scatter chopped pistachios over the top. These pies can be dressed up quite easily for an elegant dinner party — just take a couple minutes arranging the fruit. They're every bit as delicious as an everyday pie, with the fruit simply mounded in the center.

Everyday pie — I like the way that sounds.

BASIC TART SHELL

Makes 1 (9-inch) tart shell or a (9-inch) deep-dish pie crust
 Note: Adapted from "Bouchon," by Thomas Keller.

Los Angeles Times.

- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 2 cups flour, divided, plus a little more for rolling
- 1 cup (2 sticks) chilled unsalted butter, cut into 1/4-inch pieces

Place 1 cup flour, sugar and salt in a food processor. Pulse the processor a few times to incorporate.

Add the cubed butter and pulse to combine thoroughly. When the butter has been thoroughly mixed in, add the remaining 1 cup flour and pulse to combine.

Add one-fourth cup ice water a little at a time, pulsing between additions, just until the dough starts to gather together and pull away from the bowl. It should feel smooth, not sticky.

Remove the dough from the processor and check to be certain there are no visible pieces of butter remaining; if necessary, return the dough to the processor and pulse briefly again. Pat the dough into a 7- to 8-inch disk and wrap in plastic. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour or up to a day. (If the dough does not rest, it will shrink as it bakes.)

Place the dough on a floured work surface and rub on all sides with flour. Flatten it into a larger circle using a rolling pin or the heel of your hand. Roll the rolling pin back and forth across the dough a few times, then turn it 90 degrees and roll again. Continue to turn and roll until the dough is one-fourth inch thick and about 14 inches in diameter. (If the kitchen is hot and the dough has become very soft, move it to a baking sheet and refrigerate for a few minutes.)

To lift the dough into the tart pan, place the rolling pin across the dough about one-quarter of the way up from the

bottom edge, fold the bottom edge of the dough up and over the pin, and roll the dough up on the rolling pin. Lift the dough on the pin and hold it over the pan, centering it. Carefully lower the dough into the pan, pressing it gently against the sides and into the bottom.

Trim any dough that extends more than an inch over the sides of the pan and reserve the scraps. Fold the excess dough over, doubling the thickness of the sides of the shell. Place in the refrigerator or freezer for at least 20 minutes to resolidify the butter.

Place a rack in the middle of the oven and heat the oven to 375 degrees. Line the shell with a 15-inch round of parchment paper or aluminum foil. Fill the shell with pie weights or dried beans, gently guiding the weights into the corners of the shell and filling the shell completely. Place the tart pan on a sheet pan, and bake the shell until the edges of the dough are lightly browned but the bottom is still light in color, 35 to 45 minutes.

Carefully remove the parchment and weights. Return the shell to the oven until the bottom is a rich golden brown, 15 to 20 minutes. Remove from the oven and allow the shell to cool completely before filling.

Total Time: About 1 1/2 hours, plus resting time

NUTRITION — Per serving: 320 calories; 4 grams protein; 25 grams carbohydrates; 1 gram fiber; 23 grams fat; 14 grams saturated fat; 60 milligrams cholesterol; 144 milligrams sodium

ORANGE TART WITH ROSEMARY, HONEY AND PISTACHIOS

Serves 6 to 8
 Total time: About 25 minutes

- 3 to 3 1/2 pounds navel oranges (6 large oranges)
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/2 teaspoon chopped rosemary
- 1/4 cup chopped pistachios
- 1 basic tart shell

Peel the oranges using a sharp, thin knife. Cut an even slice from the top and bottom and sit the orange upright on the board.

Cut one vertical strip from the orange, beginning at the point where you see the white pith meet the orange flesh, and following the natural curve of the orange. Repeat, working your way around the orange. It will take several cuts. With each slice, use the newly exposed vertical line between pith and flesh to guide you.

When all of the peel has been removed, carefully slice away any bits of white pith that remain.

Warm the honey, 1 table-spoon water and rosemary in a large saucepan until the honey melts and the mixture flows easily, about 3 minutes.

Arrange the warm orange slices in the baked tart shell. You can do this neatly in overlapping rows or simply by arranging them by a mound. Spoon some of the honey mixture over the top. Sprinkle with the chopped pistachios. Serve at room temperature.

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Gemini spreads sunshine with phone call

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Solid financial strategies include knowing when to stand pat. Although others view you as being well-versed in your field, that doesn't mean you should offer an opinion or solution.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Thoughts are things. Keep your thoughts from straying toward an interest in convoluted business games that could eat up your profits. Spread sunshine with a cheery phone call or email message.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Do what is good for you, not what other people do that is good for them. People who have a knack for wheedling and deuling could cast a long shadow over your prospects if they emulate them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Let your head rule your heart. Partners or friends may urge you to make a change or they may invite you to share in an investment venture. Other people might not be on the right track.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Revealing discussions can put things back into perspective. Convince a loved one that sticking with the tried and true may be in everyone's best interest. Don't negotiate a deal today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You and a trusted partner can develop your own support system. When things are going well for one of you, play big and make the other person it. Take turns with key decisions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Stripes usually clash with plaids. In much the same way idealism and street smarts don't always make a pleasant combination. Avoid flaunting two contrary attitudes in public.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Strive for long-term serenity and serenity. Don't be impressed by the world of business moguls and don't let them dictate your actions. Your playing field is much more peaceful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Consider becoming a "freeman." Instead of being a vegan who cooks vegetable foods, you can avoid commercialism and economize by looking for freebies. Keep your cash safe.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your business savvy is got as good as you think. This isn't a good time to change jobs or embark on a new investment strategy. Get the best advice from the best sources.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Avoid the subcurrents. The value of any good deed decreases in direct proportion to how badly you need to celebrate good will. If sympathy isn't genuine, it will undermine your efforts.

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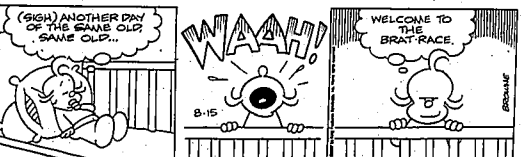
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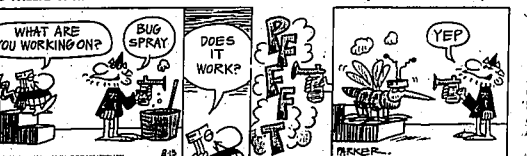
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Cynical husband disapproves of wife's friendship with man



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to "Tim" for almost seven years. I have a male co-worker, "Chad," who is a good friend. I think that a man is friends with a woman only if he wants something from her.

Quite frankly, I am hurt that Tim doesn't think I am interesting enough to be friends with and feels that I can be seen only in "that way." Chad has never once hit on me or given me the slightest reason to doubt his platonic feelings.

How can I convince my husband that my friend is not trying to seduce me or use me? I have tried inviting Tim to hang out with us so he can get to know Chad better; he always declines. I'm at my wits' end because Lidslike upstaging my husband, but I refuse to give up a good friend.

DEAR PULLING: There is no way to convince your husband that your co-worker isn't trying to seduce or use you because that is the way your husband's mind works. In other words, when Tim says that men are friends with women only for

amount from your high horse, the happier your relationship with your future son-in-law will be.

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DEAR TRADITIONAL MOM-IN-LAW-TO-BE: Yes, it is. Your daughter has long since reached the age at which she is entitled to decide for herself whether to give or withhold her hand — or anything else. And the sooner you dis-

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 15, the 227th day of 2007. There are 138 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On Aug. 15, 1945, Emperor Hirohito announced to his subjects in a pre-recorded radio address that Japan had accepted terms of surrender for ending World War II.

On this date:

In 1057, Macbeth, King of Scots, was killed in battle by Malcolm, the eldest son of King Duncan, whom Macbeth had slain. In 1769, Napoleon Bonaparte was born on the island of Corsica. In 1914, the Panama Canal opened to traffic. In 1935, humorist Will Rogers and aviator Wiley Post were killed when their airplane crashed near Point

Barrow, Alaska. In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces landed in southern France in Operation Dragoon. In 1947, India became independent after some 200 years of British rule.

In 1948, the Republic of Korea was proclaimed. In 1969, the Woodstock Music and Art Fair opened in upstate New York.

In 1971, President Richard Nixon announced a 90-day freeze on wages, prices and rents. In 1998, 29 people were killed by a car bomb in Omagh, Northern Ireland; a splinter group calling itself the Real IRA claimed responsibility.

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One year ago: Israel began withdrawing its forces from southern Lebanon. The Arkhuni Dame Te Atirangiakauhu, the queen of New Zealand's indigenous Maori population, died on Motu Island, New Zealand, at age 75.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Actress Rose Marie is 84. Political activist Phyllis Schlafly is 83. Actor Mike Connors is 82. Jazz musician Oscar Peterson is 82. Actress Lori Nelson is 74. Singer-producer Bobby Byrd is 73. Civil rights activist Vernon Jordan is 72. Actor Jim Dale is 72. Actress Pat Priest is 71. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer is 69. Musician Peter York (Spencer Davis Group) is 65. Author-journalist Linda Ellerbee is 63. Songwriter Jimmy Webb is 61. Britain's Princess Anne is 57. Actress Tess Harper is 57. Actor Larry Mathews is 52. Actor Zeljko Ivanec is 50.

Rock singer-musician M. J. Johnson (The J. The) is 46. Movie director Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu ("Babel") is 44. Actress Debi Mazar is 43. Country singer Angela Rae (Wild Horses) is 41. Actress Debra Messing is 39. Actor Anthony Anderson is 37. Actor Ben Affleck is 35. Singer Mikee Graham (Boyzone) is 35. Actress Natasha Henstridge is 33.



Affleck

THOUGHT

"Life has taught me to think, but thinking has not taught me how to live."

— Alexander Herzen, Russian author (1812-1870)

Modesty compromised for nighttime swimmer

LONG BEACH, N.J. (AP) — A man who decided to go for a late night swim in the buff was found hours later by rescue crews, hiding under a pier not far from where he jumped in the water, authorities said Sunday.

Neal Mello, 37, of Brooklyn, was found around 5:30 a.m., and appeared to be in good

physical condition but was without the benefit of a swimsuit, the Coast Guard said in a release.

"Mr. Mello's modesty may have been harmed, but he could have done himself worse by not swallowing his pride and showing himself to rescuers when he did," Lt. Douglas Miller said.

Mello had stripped off his clothes and went in the water around 9:20 p.m. Saturday, the U.S. Coast Guard said. When he was still gone at 10 p.m., a friend called for help, and rescuers were dispatched.

The search extended about 5 miles offshore and involved boats and a helicopter.

Buddhist ritual doesn't bring peace to N.J. officials

PATERSON, N.J. (AP) — Members of a Buddhist sect bought hundreds of eels, frogs and turtles and set them free in the Passaic River, hoping they would survive in the once-polluted water and realize their karmic potential. The act did nothing for the

karma of the state Department of Environmental Protection, which said the Amitabha Buddhists did not have a permit and may be subject to fines up to \$1,000.

Permit are required for releasing critters into the wild, and New Jersey is reluctant to

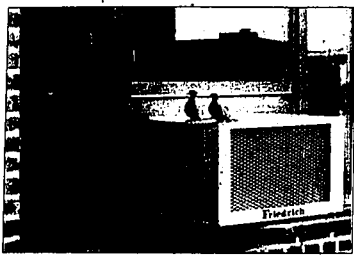
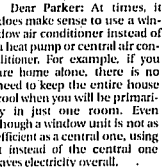
issue them for anything beyond stocking fish ponds because of concern that non-native species could harm the local ecosystem.

"We're dead-set against it," DEP biologist Mark Borio told the Herald News of West Paterson.

FOOD & HOME

Conditioning your wallet as well as the air

DEAR JIM: I thought about installing a window air conditioner instead of using my central heat pump to cool the entire house. Does this make sense to do and what window unit features should I look for? — Parker N.



This quiet window air conditioner has a protective grille over the outdoor coils and an insect trap in the condensation drain pipe from the evaporator.

SENSIBLE HOME
James
Dulley

Dear Parker: At times, it does make sense to use a window air conditioner instead of a heat pump or central air conditioner. For example, if you are home alone, there is no need to keep the entire house cool when you will be primarily in just one room. Even through a window unit is not as efficient as a central one, using it instead of the central one saves electricity overall.

During mildly hot weather, running a window unit may adequately cool much of the house because the total cooling needs are low. The same is true during the winter if you install a window heat pump model instead of a cool-only model. I use a heat pump model which vents through the window in my home office.

The efficiency of window air conditioners and heat pumps are called EER (energy efficiency ratio). Some window air conditioners have an EER as high as 12. Central systems are rated by SEER (seasonal energy efficiency ratio) which is somewhat similar and some have a SEER as high as 20.

When selecting your window air conditioner, sizing it properly is important. The size of an air conditioner or heat pump is rated by its output in Btu/h (Btu per hour). If a window model is too small for the room or area, it will run almost

constantly and not be able to adequately cool the room on the warmest days.

If the model is too large and you live in a humid climate, it may not have to run long enough so the room will not be adequately dehumidified.

This creates a cool muggy feeling similar to a damp basement. Most retail outlets have charts with recommended cooling capacities for various room sizes. Factor it up a bit if your room has many windows or faces the sun.

The features you select should depend upon your budget and how it will be used. Select the highest efficiency model with perhaps fewer features even if it costs a little more initially. Interesting, the EER from 8.5 to 9.5 can save as much as about \$400 over 10 years in northern climates to about \$750 in southern climates.

If you plan to use the window model in a bedroom, quiet operation is important. A model with a soft-start reduces the sound each time it cycles on. A nighttime setting feature on some models operates the

air conditioner on a slower, but more continuous mode.

For the most electricity savings, select a model with an option so the blower cycles on and off with the compressor. Also consider a feature which varies the cooling output as the cooling needs of the room change.

The following companies offer window air conditioners: Fedders, (908) 604-8686, www.fedders.com; and Friedrich, (800) 541-6645, www.friedrich.com; Frigidaire, (800) 374-4432, www.frigidaire.com; General Electric, (800) 626-2005, www.geappliances.com; and Whirlpool, (800) 253-1301, www.whirlpool.com.

DEAR JIM: We are having a house built and it will be energy efficient. I know I can take the energy tax credit for improvements to an existing house. Can I take the tax credit for efficiency items installed in our new house?

— Bob J.

Dear Bob: You will realize the energy tax credits for a new house. The builder can take

them when the house is being built and hopefully pass the savings on to you. These savings may already be figured into the building cost quote. If the builder does not take

the tax credits, you can take them in the year when you actually move into the house as your primary residence. This may be a year after the energy-efficient equipment

was actually purchased.

Send inquiries to James Dulley, 6906 Royalgreen Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45244 or visit www.dulley.com.

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Hot Prices?

Heartford has rustic look, modern layout

By Associated Designs

Stone veneer columns and decorative roof supports draw eyes to the Heartford's lofty vaulted entry.

Shingle siding and stone veneer wainscoting give a rustic look to this otherwise thoroughly contemporary home. A wealth of uniquely shaped multi-paned windows spans across the front and rear walls, creating gathering spaces that are exceptionally bright.

In the dramatic vaulted foyer, light spills in through sidelights and transom windows, while more washes down through a bank of clerestory windows above. The rear wall of the great room is almost entirely glass, as is the side wall of the dining area. Windows flank the fireplace, and yet another wide window fronts the kitchen sink.

All of the gathering spaces cluster together in the wide central section, with the apex of the vaulted ceiling running down the middle, front to rear. The owners' suite in the left wing is an adult retreat, well isolated from the busy areas. Garage and secondary bedrooms are in the right wing.

The spacious kitchen is almost completely open to the great room. Its raised eating bar and flat, 13-foot ceiling mark the boundary. Counters wrap around four sides, and storage cabinets are in plentiful supply. The handy work island and large walk-in pantry add yet more useful space.

Utilities are close by. In a pass-through room that connects to the garage.

Amenities in the Heartford's luxurious owners' suite include two large walk-in closets (one almost double the size of the other), and a vaulted master bathroom, outfitted

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with a spa tub, oversized shower, vanity and linen hutch.

The den/office has a stately stepped ceiling. It could be built with (or without) doors that link it to the owners' suite.

For a review plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations, section and artist's conception, send \$25 to Associated Designs, 1100 Jacobs Dr., Eugene, OR 97402. Please specify the Heartford 10-420 and include a return address when ordering. For more information visit our website at www.AssociatedDesigns.com.

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Power tools and the men who smuggle them

My wife won't let me have a chainsaw. Something to do with missing digits and limbs.

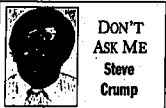
So I'm gonna have to go out and buy one on the sly. Have to, it seems to me. Our tree-choked yard looks like Upper Amazonia. Plus we have hedges and lilac bushes the size of a bus, all of which is just a whole lot more fun to maintain with a Husqvarna 142.

A chainsaw is not discreet. How am I gonna hide all those decibels?

I could, of course, use it only when Victoria is out, but what happens when she returns home?

"What was that racket I heard when I pulled into the driveway?"
"The leaf-blower has a cold."

But the Crump family doesn't have an enviable record, exactly, when it comes to chainsaws.



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

My cousin LeVon was cutting firewood one fall on Scout Mountain near Pocatello. He took his truck, borrowed a trailer — and headed for the hills by himself.

LeVon was accumulating a formidable stack of pine logs when the saw kicked back and described a 7-inch-long divot in his right thigh, severing the femoral artery and launching a gusher of Type-O negative.

When my cousin figured out that his red bandanna wasn't adequate first aid, he fashioned a tourniquet of sorts out of his suspenders and started driving for help, with the trailer behind his truck shedding firewood all the way. About halfway down the mountain, he lost his footing in the lower half of his right leg, so he couldn't keep pressure on the accelerator.

He lifted his right leg up onto the seat, put his foot on the gas pedal and drove on, facing the passenger-side window and steering with his left arm wrapped around the wheel.

That didn't work so good, and LeVon failed to negotiate the last switchback on the mountain, careened off the main road and slammed into the rear of a parked truck. It belonged to a game warden, who was checking fishing licenses along Mink Creek. So LeVon still has his right leg, but he hasn't been allowed to operate any power tools since the Kennedy administration.

LeVon's dad, Leon — a former Arbon Valley — took a chainsaw to a stand of Russian olives growing on his place.

In rural southern Idaho, Russian olives are known as "ironweed." It's not an affectionate nickname.

Russian olives are covered with thorns (which are particularly fond of truck tires), but once you get beneath the thorns there's bark the consistency of a bank vault door.

The only way to cut it effectively is to do so at an angle. But on this particular day, Leon attacked a Russian olive trunk head on.

My uncle was about a quarter-inch from the back when the saw kicked back, rocketed out of Leon's hands and sailed

Gas officials doubt leak killed 27 horses

Malta horse owner, his lawyer, disagree

By Sven Berg
For the Times-News

MALTA — Officials for Northwest Pipeline, the company that discovered last Wednesday a leak in its natural gas pipeline near Malta, say it is doubtful the gas caused the deaths of 27 horses between Aug. 3 and 6.

"When you look at the properties of natural gas it's very unlikely that the gas would affect them," said Northwest spokeswoman Michele Swaner. She said the kind of natural gas

pumped through Northwest's pipeline is not toxic and therefore would not seriously affect horses in open spaces. She said the danger of natural gas is that it "displaces oxygen," which can cause dizziness and even asphyxiation, but "that's only in an enclosed space."

"The moment you get out of that situation, the dizziness would go away and you'd be fine," Swaner said.

But Richard Greenwood, a Twin Falls-based attorney retained by Cameron Tuckett, one of the owners of the dead horses, said he simply doesn't believe Swaner's assessment.

"It certainly is hard for me to imagine what could have killed those animals other than the gas leak," he said. Swaner said Northwest personnel

reported that the horses had no access to water when they first discovered 16 dead horses on Aug. 3. Greenwood declined to discuss several details of the case in order to protect Tuckett's attorney-client privilege, but he said Northwest's accusations are unfounded, and he suspects they are designed to conceal the gas leak's effect on the horses.

"That has all the sound of somebody trying to point their finger elsewhere," he said. "It seems odd if they had a lack of food and water that they would all die in the same spot."

Greenwood also said Northwest should ensure its reports are accurate before accusing his client of not properly caring for his livestock.

"They need to be cautious about that — running around making allegations about cruelty to animals," he said. In recent tests conducted by veterinarians, he said, Tuckett's horses had been "given a clean bill of health."

Swaner said the hole in the 24-inch underground pipeline was about one-eighth of an inch in diameter, which would allow only a very small amount of gas to escape. She said Northwest has not yet pinpointed a date when the leak began, and so is unable to calculate the total amount of gas that was leaked.

"We obviously are quite interested in that sort of thing, but we don't have any idea how long the gas had been leaking," she said.

"A lot of it's just surreal. It's like watching a movie. Maybe that's my defense mechanism."
— Tim Davis, father of U.S. Army Spc. Adam Davis who was killed last month in Afghanistan

GRIEF AND PRIDE



The Davis Tuesday afternoon at Java in Twin Falls. His son, U.S. Army Spc. Adam Davis, was killed last month while serving in Afghanistan.

Father of Spc. Adam Davis reflects on his loss

By Cass Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — One by one, friends and acquaintances shuffled to the table where Tim Davis was seated. The pony-tailed Java coffee house regular was back.

Reclining on a plastic chair outside the building, Davis sipped from a paper cup and blew cigarette smoke over his laptop. The 46-year-old behavioral therapist is known among friends for his strong opinions and poignant insights. At work, he supports patients in recovery of facing life challenges. But today it is Davis who needs his friends' support.

It's enough for people to

ON THE WEB

See a slideshow of Spc. Adam Davis at magicvalley.com

reach for his hand and ask how he's been. It builds the pride Davis feels for his son. And it serves a practical purpose, as it overrides the pain he's felt since July 23 when the enemy in Afghanistan killed the bright-eyed 19-year-old, U.S. Army Spc. Adam Davis.

"I deal with emotions all the time," Davis said. "I have to face the pain for Adam. With these stages of grief I

think I'm on track. There's going to be worse to come." But in the past three weeks, Davis has run the gamut of bereft emotion.

Davis entered his first hour of numbness shortly after 8 p.m. July 23 when a chaplain and soldier knocked at the door of his Twin Falls home. As he recalls it now, a wall had formed around him, blocking out the two men who had come into his home. He asked them questions — without feeling. They told him very little. An hour later, it was over.

When they left, that's when Davis first felt the need to cry. "I was a complete mess," Davis said. He contacted no one — not his son TJ, who is

stationed with the Army at Fort Hood, Texas, nor his ex-wife and Adam's mom Tracy Carrico. Davis did not tell them what he knew. Instead, Davis somehow managed to fall asleep. When he awoke the next morning he fully convinced himself for a moment that it had all been a nightmare.

"A lot of it's just surreal," Davis said. "It's like watching a movie. Maybe that's my defense mechanism."

That day, Davis, who had previously quit smoking, burned through a whole pack of cigarettes. A recovering alcoholic, he drank not a drop. Deprived of false

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TFCC says shutdown unlikely

Farmers should have water through harvest

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Just a day after the North Side Canal Co. announced it would stop supplying water to irrigators for a week, the Twin Falls Canal Co. said Tuesday a shutdown for its users is unlikely.

The Idaho Department of Water Resources has ensured TFCC access to 1,075,900 acre feet of water owed to them by groundwater pumps. An acre foot is enough water to cover one acre in water one foot deep.

The access is good news for irrigators, who worried the TFCC could run out of water before crops are out of the ground.

TFCC plans to continue to deliver five-eighths of an inch of water to farmers and subdivisions mostly south of the Snake River. That number is a measure of flow: 50 inches of water equals one cubic foot per second that's applied to 80 acres.

"It appears that amount will be available," IDWR Director Dave Tutill said.

Though conditions are dry, more water than expected is appearing in the springs of the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer, an underground water system linked to the surface water relied on by the canal company.

Between Aug. 1 and Aug. 12, about 10,000 acre feet more than that appeared at the springs, Tutill said regional rains could have contributed.

North Side Canal Co. said Monday it would stop supplying water to irrigators between Aug. 31 and Sept. 8 to ensure water was available near harvest.

Times-News staff writer Matt Christensen covers the environment. He welcomes comments at 735-3243 and at matt.christensen@lec.net.

Uncovering treasures

Now's the time to dig out your history for Twin Falls County Fair

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

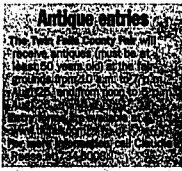
FILER — A postcard from historic downtown Twin Falls, an old high school annual or a map from the city of Berger.

Do you have relics lying around? If so, now's the time to enter them at the Twin Falls

County Fair. To help commemorate the county's centennial, the Twin Falls County Centennial Committee has donated \$500 for premium payout to be distributed in the special "Twin Falls County Centennial" section in the fair's antique department.

The fair runs Aug. 29-Sept. 3, but those wishing to enter special items for the centennial can register their entries now. The antique barn is the fair's largest cultural department, said department Superintendent Claudia Reese.

"We want as many items as we



can get to help share our history of Twin Falls County," Reese said.

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Claudia Reese, superintendent of the Twin Falls County Fair antiques department, shows examples of what people can enter in the fair. Items shown include an old coffee mill, a Bahi rodeo program, leather boots, a oval box and a child's toy.

OBITUARIES/COMMUNITY.

George Manuel Alves

JEROME — George Manuel Alves passed away Sunday, Aug. 12, 2007.

He was born April 23, 1946, in Dos Ribeiros, Terceira, Azores, Portugal. He moved to California with his family when he was 19 and married his beautiful wife, Mary Lou Toste when he was 27. In 1983, he was given the opportunity to move to Jerome, Idaho, and after the birth of his only daughter, Melanie, he moved to Jerome in 1984. He was born, she was daddy's little girl. They were always two peas in a pod; she always wanted to be like Dad.



George loved simple things: His family, a good meal, dairy farming, gold and travel. He wanted to experience all life had to offer with his family and friends around him. His best memories were trips (part of the moment or planned) and outings with the Ole Blue Gull Group, of which he was a proud member. He leaves behind many wonderful friends. George was honest, proud and stubborn, but would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it. He had a heart of gold. There was nothing he would not have done for

his family and friends.

He leaves behind his wife of 32 years, Mary Lou, and his daughter, Melanie. He is survived by his brother, John and his wife, Elmira Alves; his sisters, Lucia Rodrigues, and Maria and her husband, Gerard Batista of Chino, Calif.; sister, Dorothy and her husband, Luciano Costa of Fresno, Calif.; sister, Raulina and her husband, Celestino Dutra of Azores, Portugal; mother-in-law, Teresa Toste of Jerome; sister-in-law, Barbara and her husband, Al Rocha of Wendell; brother-in-law, Frank Toste and wife, Terry of Moreno Valley, Calif.; sister-in-law and nephew, Susie and Brian Avila of Jerome. His godchildren were Teresa Rodrigues, Kathy Costa, Mark Batista, Bernadette Chandler, Frank Toste Jr. and Woody Roberts. He had numerous nieces and nephews, but was very close to him. He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Florida and Manuel Alves; father-in-law, Frank Toste; and brothers-in-law, John Avila and Jose Rodrigues.

Please join us for a rosary at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, and funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 17, at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, with Father Ron Wekerle officiating. All are welcome at both services. Arrangements are under the care and direction of our great friends at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Gerri Parke-Kimzey

TWIN FALLS — After a lengthy illness, Gerri Parke-Kimzey passed away Monday, Aug. 13, 2007.

Gerri was born in Halley, Idaho, on Oct. 1, 1937, to Rula and Hall Parke. She attended Halley High School and graduated in 1955. Shortly after, she moved to California and married Roy Chavez, and they had two children, Toni and Mike. Gerri and Roy eventually divorced and, years later, she married Ray Kimzey. Gerri worked for the Pacific Candle Company in Hayward, Calif., and as a real estate agent in Fremont, Calif. After moving to Sonora, Calif., Gerri worked at the Sonora Community Hospital as the office manager and volunteered more than 1,000 hours for the local hospice association. She received awards for personal communication and her outstanding customer service. Gerri's hobbies included crafts and ceramics, and



she loved to fish and camp with her girlfriends whenever possible. The greatest loves of her life were her family, friends and grandchildren. Gerri returned to Twin Falls five years ago and enjoyed being back home in Idaho with all of her wonderful childhood friends.

She is survived by her son, Mike; daughter-in-law, Corinne; grandson, Daniel; granddaughter, Laura; brother, Larry Parke; stepmother, Evelyn Parke; niece, Vicki Davis; nephew, Dennis Parke; and lots of granddaughters and nephews. Gerri was preceded in death by her parents; her daughter, Toni; and her husband, Ray.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, at White Mortuary, 136 Fourth Ave. E. in Twin Falls. An inurnment will be at a later date in Fremont, Calif. In lieu of flowers, Gerri requests donations to the Heart and Lung Association or the Salvation Army in her memory. An acknowledgement can be sent to Mike Chavez, 4124 Whispering Oaks Lane, Danville, CA 94506.

Hazel Irene Miller

STURGIS, S.D. — Irene Miller, age 57, passed away Thursday, Aug. 9, 2007, in Sturgis, S.D.

Hazel was born June 15, 1949, in Deer Lodge, Mont., one of three children born to Wilfred and Elsie (Forman) Haacke. She married Charles Jess Quickenden, and to this union were born five children: daughters, Lisa, Tamitha, Kimberly and Christine; and son, Charles Jess Jr. They later divorced. She married Leonard Miller on July 28, 1987, in Reno, Nev. He passed away June 3, 2004. Hazel attended the Twin Falls Assembly of God Church in Twin Falls and was dearly loved by all. She was traveling with her very good friend of two years, Paul Sales,



at the time of her death. She was having the time of her life riding with her friends to Sturgis. Hazel loved the outdoors, which included travel, camping, fishing and spending time with family and friends. "Our mother will be greatly missed by all," she loved you.

Hazel is survived by daughters, Lisa (Walter) Wardlow of Boston, Mont., Tamitha (Dan) Istro of Caldwell, Idaho, Kimberly Snodgrass ofampa, Idaho, and Christine Bingham of Eden, Idaho; and one son, Charles Jess Quickenden Jr.; one brother, Jesse Haacke of Oregon; one sister, Virginia Haacke of Texas; 15 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, at The Twin Falls Cemetery. All arrangements are under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Anthony Vincent Puka

TWIN FALLS — Anthony Vincent Puka, 90, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Aug. 9, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Anthony was born July 19, 1917, in Elyria, Ohio, to John Michael and Antonina Matucsyak Puka. On June 23, 1940, he married Dorothy Mary Sponser. Tony spent most of his life doing all types of construction. In 1956, Tony and his son, Tom, became business partners, building new homes and doing electrical wiring in Phoenix, Ariz. Tony retired in

Twin Falls, Idaho, where he enjoyed fishing and gardening.

Tony is survived by his son, Tom of Twin Falls; daughter, Donna of Arizona; sisters, Hattie of Florida, Bernice of Ohio and Mary of Idaho; five granddaughters and 17 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy in 2000; a son, James in 1957; and three brothers, Joe, Jud and Steve. At Tony's request, there will be no service. Cremation was under the direction of White Mortuary and Crematory in Twin Falls.

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 3 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place a message in an individual online guestbook, go to www.magvalley.com and click on "Obituaries."

SERVICES

Gerald Eugene Rich of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Chapel, 710 Sixth St.; friends and family may call one hour before the funeral at the mortuary.

Dean Bower of Richfield, graveside service at 1 p.m. today at the Kohler-Lawn Cemetery on Sixth Street North in Nampa (Nampa Funeral Home, Yroguan Chapel).

Wynston Lucero Pearson, graveside service at 3 p.m. today at the Richfield Cemetery; a dinner will follow at the Richfield Senior Center (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Larry James Strickland of Gooding, funeral at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the Gooding LDS Church; friends and family may call from 4 to 7 p.m. today at Demany Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel, and one hour before the service Thursday at the church.

Audrey Reina Morales of Burley, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Little Flower Catholic Church, 1601 Oakley Ave. in Burley; vigil service with recitation of the rosary at 7 p.m. today at Hansen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Terrance McCombs of Branson, Mo., and formerly of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Heyburn LDS 2nd Ward Church; friends and family may call one hour before the funeral at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Paul Sales of Wendell, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Living Waters Presbyterian Church in Wendell; interment will be at a later date in Salinas, Calif.

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

DEATH NOTICES

Michael D. Hessler
WENDELL — Michael Duane Hessler, 59, of Wendell, died Sunday, Aug. 12, 2007, at his residence.
No funeral is planned. Arrangements are under the direction of Demany Funeral Service, Wendell Chapel.

Michael B. Wetzstein
WENDELL — Michael B. Wetzstein, 69, of Wendell, died Monday, Aug. 13, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.
Arrangements are under the direction of Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

James T. Killinger
BUHL — James T. Killinger, 56, of Buhl, died Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2007, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.
Arrangements pending and will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Grace Shaw
RUPERT — Grace Shaw, 83, of Rupert, died Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2007, at the Genesis Regional Medical Center in Burley.
Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Rupert man celebrated 80th birthday
RUPERT — Dale Butler of Rupert celebrated his 80th birthday Aug. 10.



He was born Aug. 10, 1927, in Melba, Idaho. Cassia and has lived in the area all his life. He has built several homes in the area and is an accomplished cabinet maker. He still works and spends time working in the Scouting program. His children include Shella,

Kim, Mark, Maureen, Karla, Brent and Susan. He has 37 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren with two more on the way.

Fire rehab discussion is tonight in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — Scientists from the Bureau of Land Management, Farm Service Agency and Natural Resource Conservation Service will discuss fire rehab efforts at a public meeting, 6 to 9 p.m. today at the KMYT Community Room, 1100 Blag Lakes Blvd. N. The open house will center on how to best reintilitate southern Idaho land, and the public is encouraged to attend.

Community resource meeting today

HEYBURN — The Minicassi Service Providers Community Resource meeting will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at Connor's Café, Interstate exit 208 and Highway 27, Heyburn. The event will be a no host lunch and will include presentations by Pam Howard and Trinia Poulson of LIFE, Inc. and Red Garner, Professional Truck Driving School. Next month's meeting will be Sept. 19. For more information, call Mary Ely Tubbs at 678-9165 or Kitty Andrews at 677-4872 ext. 2.

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Davis

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comforts, anger consumed him.

Adam had repeatedly told his father he was proud to be where he was, although he disagreed with the war. He and his father had found the U.S. native in believing that by staying longer it can bring about an American brand of freedom in Afghanistan and Iraq.

On July 24, the Army reached T1 and his mother, who had recently moved from a suburb of Phoenix to Tucson, Ariz., and they arranged to fly home.

On July 30, the Army flew Davis' coffin by charter jet into Twin Falls airport.

Davis walked onto the tarmac holding hands with several family members. He half-expected his son to wander out of the side-door — the hero returning home, proudly waving and smiling. But that never happened. Instead, a coffin draped in the American flag emerged from the side of the plane into the hands of an honor guard. "I couldn't stand it and stayed behind at the gate."

On Aug. 2, a funeral procession from Twin Falls to a Jerome cemetery taught Davis what his son's sacrifice has meant to the community. Crowds totting American flags swelled along either side of the procession. Davis had little energy, but he was so touched he rolled down the window from the back seat, leaned for-

ward and waved back at each person. He felt overwhelming pride for Adam.

"God's not the one that starts wars," Davis said. "I have to look at the fact that (Adam) wanted to be there. I told him, 'Well, you can get out of this.' He said, 'No way,' he wasn't about to do that."

A day or two later, Davis got a call from Afghanistan. It was Adam's company commander. An Afghan truck driver posing as a friend of the U.S. Army tricked Davis and three other U.S. soldiers into an early grave, the commander explained. The Army guessed the route they were on through the Patika province was safe. It had not been ambushed since the Russian occupation. The man stalled for an hour and then escorted their nine-vehicle convoy on a detour along a river bank and over six pounds of dynamite.

The dynamite detonated under Adam's armored Humvee, which ran second to last in the line. The Humvee flew onto its side, killing four and wounding a fifth. Soldiers arrested both the driver and a second man who allegedly detonated the bomb and placed them in a military detention center.

By being proud of his son, Davis had ended his anger. "I'm not worried about him," he said. "I figure if I live my life the right way, the way God intended me to, I'll see him again."

Leon lost his chainsaw again, but that was OK. At least it wasn't available to DeVona when she finally caught up with him.

Times-News columnist Steve Crump can be reached at 735-3223, or write to him at scrump@magicvalley.com.

Elko deputy arrests his own wife, also a deputy, for DUI

ELKO, Nev. (AP) — This might make for a tense time at home.

An off-duty sheriff's deputy was pulled over and charged with driving under the influence — by her husband, a fellow deputy.

Charlotte-Moore, 36, a jail

deputy and 11-year veteran, was driving her 2004 Pontiac Grand Am when she was pulled over by her husband, Elko County Sheriff's Deputy Mike Moore, a police report said.

She allegedly left before being administered a portable

breathalyzer test, the *Elko Daily Free Press* reported.

Mike Moore pulled her over again and called the Elko County Police Department for backup. He left shortly after officer Shane Diaz arrived. Elko County Sheriff's Deputy Mike Moore said. Neither Mike nor Charlotte-Moore was available for comment Monday, the paper said.

Charlotte-Moore was released at 1:47 a.m. on Sunday and placed on paid administrative leave, Elko County Under-Sheriff Rocky Gonzalez said.

Fair

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This centennial will only happen once and we hope to get antiques entered from all the towns of Twin Falls County, both past and present."

Section lots for items entered in the centennial class include: the cities of Amsterdam, Berger, Buhl, Clover, Filer, Hansen, Hollister, Kimberly, Milner, Murtagh, Rock Creek, Rogerson and Twin Falls.

Another class has been designed for items from previously existing towns — Abney, Artesian City, Austin, Dry Town, Mudbarville, Roseworth, Salmon Falls, Springtown and Waterburg.

"I have had the opportunity to carry through with the centennials of Twin Falls city, Kimberly, Buhl, Hansen and Filer in my department. This county centennial is like a culmination of the previous years," Reese said. "This is the chance to bring all your treasures from every city in the county that ever existed. There are no limits on the number of items you wish to enter in the

centennial section this year."

Volunteers are also needed to help with entering antiques. Charles Applewhite, 13, will lend a hand during what is sure to be a busy receiving period.

"I like the showiness of it, and like looking for antiques," he said. "I think helping out at the fair will be nice. Our fair didn't have the opportunity for showing antiques like the Twin Falls County Fair."

His father, Mark Applewhite, said his son is hooked on the possibility of finding a treasure.

"This is the first year we'll help Claudia at the fair, and I'm excited to see what everyone brings out," he said.

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into nearby Rattlesnake Creek. The current carried it maybe 25 yards downstream, where it lodged in a beaver dam.

Leon waded into the stream and tried for 15 minutes or so to pull the saw out of the tightly-constructed fortress of

sticks. Failing that, he decided that the job might be easier if he started the chainsaw.

Worked like a charm. It also breached the beaver dam, sending a waist-high wall of water downstream, swamping Leon's barley crop — and my Aunt DeVona's freshly-planted garden.

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Topics include: cesarean deliveries, non-conforming labors, hospital procedures, and pain management. Pre-registration required, call 732-3148. Free. Thursday, August 16 and Tuesday, August 21 6:30-9pm. St. Luke's Downtown Campus, Lobby 660 Shoshone Street East

Happiest Baby on the Block
Learn step-by-step how to help baby sleep better, and how to soothe even the fussiest baby in minutes. Pre-registration required, call 732-3148. \$20. Wednesday, August 22, 6:30-9pm. St. Luke's Magic Valley Downtown Campus, Lobby 660 Shoshone Street East

Safe Kids Buckle Up!
Car seat inspection and child passenger safety events conducted by certified car safety seat technicians, courtesy of SAFE KIDS of Magic Valley. Call 737-2433 for more information. Free. Saturday, August 25, 10am-1pm. Team Con Paulos, Twin Falls

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Parkinson Disease Exercise Group
The program uses "soft" exercise to help delay the progression of symptoms and provide for a more active and comfortable life. Call 737-2126 for information. Free. Tuesdays and Thursdays, August 16, 21, 23, 28, and 30, 11am-noon, Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive North

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Classroom and hands-on practice in emergency procedures for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, chest compression, and choking. Call 737-2007. \$50. Saturday, August 18, 8am-1pm. St. Luke's Education Center, Sage Room 588 Addison Avenue West

Diabetes Education Classes
A series of three classes on diet therapy, medication administration, foot care, and more. Pre-registration required, call 736-6218. Fee is billed to insurance. Wednesday, August 22, 10am-noon. Dr. Emery's office, 526-D Shoup Avenue West

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Wildfires in central Idaho chase residents from homes

BOISE (AP) — Dozens of people were ordered to evacuate from small central Idaho towns on Tuesday as an 88-square-mile group of fires moved in their direction.

Gov. Cl. "Butch" Otter ordered the evacuations of Yellow Pine and Johnson Creek at the request of Valley County Sheriff Patti Bolen.

In neighboring Montana, a new fire burning in a subdivision sent fire crews and residents of 60 homes scrambling, said Ken Mesch of Stillwater County disaster and emergency services. There was no estimate on the size of the blaze between Columbus and Park City in south-central Montana.

Across Idaho, hundreds of

homes are threatened by wildfires that have blackened more than 500,000 acres, or 701 square miles, the National Interagency Fire Center said.

Although the National Weather Service said temperatures in the 70s and light wind were expected Tuesday, thunderstorms also were forecast in central Idaho, with only a 20

percent chance of rain. A caravan was being organized to lead residents of Yellow Pine and Johnson Creek over a closed road to McCall, about 30 miles to the west, dispatcher Stacie Brunum said. That road had been closed because of fire danger but was passable at times, said fire information officer Susan Murzec.

Residents also had fled from around the central Idaho towns of Warm Lake in the Boise National Forest and Seesh, Warren and South Fork in the Payette National Forest, where more than 150 homes, five commercial properties and nearly 300 other structures were threatened by a 95-square-mile complex of fires,

spokeswoman Kris Eriksen said.

Another group of fires southeast of McCall in the Boise National Forest had spread across more than 134 square miles, fire managers said. Officials were forced to shut off power lines between Scott Valley and Yellow Pine, leaving hundreds without power.

Former elk rancher accused of violating private game reserve rules

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF Agriculture has accused former eastern Idaho elk rancher Elx Rammeil of violations in the way he operated a private game reserve over a three-year period. The state seeks more than \$55,000 in fines. The agency issued a 10-page order Friday accusing Rammeil of infractions ranging from failing to submit annual inventory reports to illegally transporting quarantined elk and violating state officials when more than 100 elk escaped his pens near Hebering last August.

Rammeil, a former veterinarian who in June declared his candidacy for the U.S. Senate, suggested the state's legal action is premature because of a pending lawsuit for a \$1.3 million lawsuit he filed against the state earlier this year challenging the way officials responded to the escape.

"They must be feeling the heat a little bit," Rammeil told the Post Register on Monday.

Under state law, Rammeil has 14 days to respond, request an administrative hearing or agree to settlement negotiations.

Rammeil is expected to immediately return telephone messages left Tuesday by the Associated Press.

For the state, the order is the latest development in its ongoing conflict with Rammeil's business, Elk Country Trophy Bulls, which was located about 10 miles from the southeastern border of Yellowstone National Park.

The dispute reached a climax last September after about 110 elk broke through a fence, raising concern among state wildlife biologists that the domestic herd could spread disease or reduce the genetic purity of wild elk in the region.

Then-Gov. Jim Risch issued an executive order that approach of the animals be killed. Risch responded under a state law that calls for the slaughter of domestic elk that are on the loose for more than six days.

Rammeil was later arrested, accused of trespassing with weapons and sharpshooters assigned the job of killing his elk.

Rammeil has twice been acquitted of any criminal charges related to the escape and none of his elk tested positive for any diseases.

Frustration mounts over slow pace of mine rescue

By Paul Foy and Jennifer Talheim Associated Press writers

HUNTINGTON, Utah — As frustration mounts over the slow pace of the digging to free six trapped miners, more questions arose Tuesday about whether risky mining methods may have left parts of the coal mine dangerously unstable.

Some mining companies consider the "retreat mining" methods used at Utah's Crandall Canyon so dangerous, they will leave behind coal rather than risk the safety of their workers.

Video images taken early Tuesday showed miners working to clear a heavily damaged mine shaft. They were only a third of the way to the presumed location of the trapped miners — eight days after a thunderous collapse blew out the walls of mine shafts.

A top mining executive estimated the digging would take up to another week.

"It's not fast enough for me," said Bob Murray, chief of Murray Energy Corp., co-owner and operator of the Crandall Canyon mine. "It's very painful."

Miners had advanced another 50 feet in the rubble-filled tunnel by Tuesday evening — but they still have more than 1,200 feet to go, Murray said.

The slow pace is especially painful for a mechanic who usually works with the trapped miners but was called away shortly before the collapse to fix a truck.

"We don't want to lose 15 more going after six," Jameson Ward said in his first detailed interview since the Aug. 6 collapse. "I hope there has to be a way to go faster. It's just too slow."



In this photo released by Utah American Energy Inc., an unidentified worker reinforces the main shaft as rescue workers clear the mine passageway of the Crandall Canyon Mine in an effort to reach six trapped miners inside the mine, northwest of Huntington, Utah, Tuesday.

Ward, 24, said he was about a quarter-mile from the men when he heard the thunderous collapse and felt the mountain tremble. It was a force he had never experienced before, the bounce and the force of the rushing air so strong it nearly pushed his pickup sideways, he said.

"This was like a whistling air, lots and lots gusting toward you," he said.

"I went nose down and just heard it howl, thinking, 'What

the hell was that?'"

When he jumped out of his truck, the dust was so thick that his headlamp was worthless. "I almost turned right back around to go in there, but then I figured, 'better not go into a bad situation by myself,'" he said.

He drove toward the mine entrance. After a rendezvous with three others, they alerted mine officials to a problem and headed back inside with rescue equipment, he said.

Wildfire eases, Yellowstone east entrance reopens

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) — A wildfire that had forced the closure of the park's east gate eased up Tuesday, enabling tourists to get into Yellowstone from that approach for the first time in two days.

The Columbine fire continued to burn just a few miles from the east entrance, however. As of Tuesday, the fire had blackened some 12,000 acres, or more than 15 square miles.

Firefighters said they had yet to begin carving a fire break around the fire.

With the east entrance closed, the only other option for Cody-based tourists to get into Yellowstone was a 29-mile detour to the park's northwest entrance on the Montana line.

Tourists staying at lodges along the North Fork of the Shoshone River faced an even farther drive. But a forecast for continued cooler weather with higher humidity played a role in reopening the gate.

"We and the team really worked to reassess the situation so that we could resume access as soon as we could do so safely," park spokesman AJ Nash said Tuesday.

"We certainly have ongoing concerns regarding the Columbine fire," he said. "But it poses no threat to visitors or travelers."

Bradshaw-Packham Wedding

Cliff and Sylvia Ann Bradshaw are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Lara Marie, to Aaron Eugene Packham, son of Garth and Sherry Packham, on Friday, the seventeenth of August, two thousand and seven, in the Boise Idaho Temple. A reception will be held in their honor that evening from 7:30-10:00 p.m. at the Kimberly Idaho Stake Center. Receiving line 7:30-8:45p.m. Dancing 8:45-10:00 p.m.

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By Colleen Long
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — A member of the Rutgers women's basketball team sued Don Imus and CBS on Tuesday, claiming the radio personality's sexist and racist comments about the team damaged her reputation.



Imus

Kia Vaughn filed the lawsuit alleging slander and defamation of character in state Supreme Court in the Bronx the same day Imus settled with CBS Radio in a deal that pre-empted his threatened \$120 million breach-of-contract lawsuit against CBS.

The settlement allows him to make a comeback bid at a new station. Vaughn's lawsuit, believed to be the first by a player in the case, says Imus and his co-host Bernard McGuirk, along with CBS Corp. and CBS Radio, are legally responsible for damage done to her character and reputation.

There is no dollar amount listed in the suit. Vaughn was humiliated, embarrassed and publicly mocked for the comments, the lawsuit claims. Her attorney, Richard Ancowitz, said: "The full effect of the damage remains to be seen."

"This is about Kia Vaughn's good name," Ancowitz said. "She would do anything to return to her life as a student and respected basketball player — a more simple life before Imus opened his mouth on April 4."

Imus referred to the basketball players as "nappy-headed hos" on his nationally syndicated radio program in April, becoming the target of heated protests led by the Rev. Al Sharpton. He was fired shortly after.

Meanwhile, Imus overcame a major obstacle Tuesday in his widely expected comeback bid, reaching a settlement with his former employer that allows him to return to the airwaves at a new station four months after he made a sexist and racist remark about the Rutgers women's basketball team.

Imus and CBS Radio agreed to a settlement that pre-empted the fired radio personality's threatened \$120 million breach-of-contract lawsuit against CBS, the company and Imus' attorney said in a statement Tuesday.

Terms of the settlement were not disclosed. Just before his dismissal, Imus signed a five-year, \$40 million contract with CBS.

Island residents brace for Pacific hurricane after earthquake

By Audrey McKay
Associated Press writer

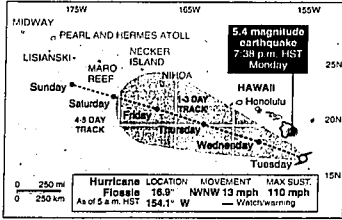
KEALAKEKUA, Hawaii — Hours after getting jolted by a moderate earthquake, Hawaii's big island residents held up for a different force of nature Tuesday: Hurricane Flossie, expected to deliver up to 10 inches of rain, waves as high as 25 feet and strong winds in a powerful but glancing blow.

Schools and many businesses closed and shelters opened in anticipation of the hurricane, which was downgraded to a Category 2 with 100 mph sustained winds of 105 mph.

The eye of the storm was passing within 85 miles of the island between 2 and 3 p.m. Hawaii time (8-9 p.m. EDT), and wind speeds on land were expected to exceed 40 mph.

The storm comes on the heels of a 5.4-magnitude earthquake centered 25 miles south of Hilo. The quake Monday night caused a small landslide, but there were no reports of injuries or structural damage, said Tom Brown, a spokesman for Hawaii County Civil Defense.

More than two dozen aftershocks followed, the largest



SOURCES: ESRI; NOAA; NWS; USGS

measuring magnitude 3.2, said Jim Kauahikaua, scientist in charge at the U.S. Geological Survey's Hawaiian Volcano Observatory.

Anticipating Flossie, the Federal Emergency Management Agency dispatched a 20-person advance emergency response team that arrived in Hawaii on Monday, spokeswoman Kim Walz said. The team includes specialists in areas of transportation, aviation, public works and health.

"Instead of waiting for an actual disaster and then going in and providing support, we want to be ready," she said.

"We've begun to move resources into place ahead of time to be prepared."

The National Weather Service placed the Big Island under a hurricane watch and a tropical storm warning because of the storm, which was supposed to affect the island through Wednesday. A flash flood watch was also issued for the island.

At 8 p.m. EDT, Flossie was about 160 miles south-southeast of Hilo and 340 miles southeast of Honolulu, the Central Pacific Hurricane Center said. The storm was moving west-northwest at about 9 mph.

'Pants suit' judge to appeal verdict

By Henri E. Casvin
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A day after the dry cleaners he sued tried to make peace, D.C. Administrative Law Judge Roy Pearson filed official notice Tuesday that he plans to appeal the verdict against him to the District's highest court.

The owners of Custom Cleaners had hoped to head off Pearson by filing court papers withdrawing their demand for tens of thousands of dollars in attorneys fees and prevailing on him to let the case lie.

But Tuesday, a day before the deadline for filing his notice of appeal, Pearson — whose \$54 million suit arose

from a dispute over a pair of pants that he claimed went missing — submitted the requisite paperwork to the D.C. Superior Court.

So, for now at least, the case of Pearson v. Chung will remain alive, sustained by a two-page filing and a \$100 fee. The filing does not guarantee Pearson will follow through. The case could be settled before either side ever finalizes its filings and long before arguments in court.

It could be a while, though, before the two sides are ready to talk, after Pearson spurned

the olive branch offered by the Chung family on Monday. The Chungs said they had raised enough money from supporters to cover the legal costs and they saw little reason to keep the case alive and asked Pearson to forego an appeal.

In the meantime, Pearson has his job to worry about. Since his initial two-year term expired earlier this year, Pearson has been in limbo awaiting a decision on his application for a full, 10-year term.

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WORLD

China bridge collapse kills 29; questions about construction quality

By Alex Olesen
Associated Press writer

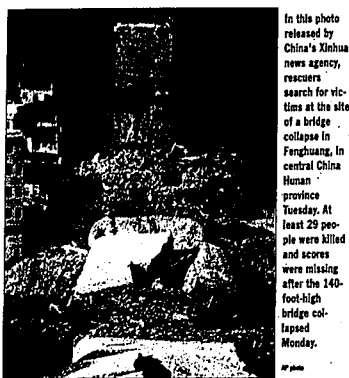
BEIJING — The collapse of a bridge under construction that left at least 29 people dead in a Chinese tourist town rekindled concerns Tuesday about such shoddy building amid the country's economic expansion.

Witnesses heard a rumble and saw stones fall from the structure Monday afternoon after construction workers removed scaffolding from the 140-foot-high, 800-foot-long vehicle and pedestrian bridge across the Liu River in the southern town of Fenghuang.

"The whole thing collapsed," said Nong Maohong, one of two survivors in a 12-man construction team working under the bridge.

"There was no time to warn the other workers and I just managed to run a few steps before I was covered under the stones," Nong said in a telephone interview from the Fenghuang Chinese Medicine Hospital where he was being treated for pain in his abdomen. "I crawled to the road nearby and an ambulance came in 10 minutes. I was rescued."

The accident came less than two weeks after the collapse of a bridge in Minnesota that drew attention to aging trans-



In this photo released by China's Xinhua news agency, rescuers search for victims at the site of a bridge collapse in Fenghuang, in central China Hunan province Tuesday. At least 29 people were killed and scores were missing after the 140-foot-high bridge collapsed Monday.

port infrastructure in the United States. Nine people were confirmed dead in that collapse, and divers are still searching the bodies of four missing motorists presumed killed.

In China, rescuers managed to save 86 people, including 22 who were injured, many from the 123 workers on the site at the time of the collapse, the government's Xinhua News

Agency reported. The death toll rose steadily as rescuers with trained dogs and bulldozers sifted through mounds of toppled concrete.

Police detained two officials from the builder, the state-owned Hunan Road and Bridge Construction Co. Xinhua said, even as the Work Safety Administration of Hunan province, where Fenghuang is

located, said the accident's cause was under investigation.

The collapse was likely to fuel already deep public concerns about the quality of construction in a country undergoing breakneck economic development and where corruption among contractors and officials is common.

The state-run China Daily, in a report Tuesday, said that the

Ministry of Communications last year deemed 6,300 bridges as dangerous because of serious damage to their "structural components." It quoted a prominent engineer as warning that many poor bridges were poorly designed and built and that China needed to heed the Aug. 1 collapse of a bridge in Minnesota that killed at least nine people.

China should "learn a lesson" and accelerate the inspection of unsafe bridges, the newspaper quoted Xiao Rucheng, secretary-general of China's Institute of Bridge and Structural Engineering, as saying. Premier Wen Jiabao called for a thorough investigation into Monday's collapse, saying those responsible would be "severely dealt with."

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AROUND THE WORLD

IRAQ

Military says 175 killed in four car bombings

BAGHDAD — Four suicide bombers struck at communities of a small Kurdish sect in northwestern Iraq with nearly simultaneous attacks Tuesday, killing at least 175 people and wounding 200 more in military and local officials said.

The death toll was the highest in a concerted attack since Nov. 23, when 215 people were killed by mortar fire and five car bombs in Baghdad's Shiite Muslim enclave of Sadr City. And it was most vicious attack yet against the Yazidis, an ancient religious community in the region whose members are considered infidels by some Muslims.

The bombings came as extremists staged other bold attacks, leveling a key bridge outside Baghdad and abducting five officials from an Oil Ministry compound in the capital in a raid using gunmen dressed as security forces.

The U.S. military, meanwhile, sought to press its gains against guerrillas. Some 16,000 U.S. and Iraqi soldiers began a sweep through the Euphrates river valley north of Baghdad in pursuit of Sunni insurgents and Shiite militia fighters driven out of strongholds in recent weeks.

N. KOREA

Floods force thousands from homes, kill 200

SEOUL, South Korea — Torrential rains in North Korea have forced thousands of families from their homes and left at least 200 people dead or missing, an aid official said Tuesday, adding that the worst floods there in a decade will worsen Pyongyang's already precarious ability to feed its people.

To cope with damage from

the storms that began last week, the North has asked the United Nations to assess the situation in affected regions as part of a preliminary request for assistance — an indication of the dire situation in the impoverished nation.

North Korea struggles to provide for its people, and as many as 2 million people have died from famine that began in the mid-1990s. The government blamed the famine on natural disasters, but it was also caused by outdated farming methods and the loss of the country's Soviet benefactor.

Because of the food shortages, regular North Koreans seek to use all possible arable land in the mountainous country to grow crops — denuding vast hillsides of natural vegetation and therefore increasing the risk of landslides when heavy rains strike.

The latest floods began last week. North Korean state media reported that "hundreds" were dead or missing, without giving further details on casualties.

ISRAEL

Netanyahu in position to contest premiership

JERUSALEM — Benjamin Netanyahu swept the race to lead Israel's hardline Likud Party, a party official said, launching his ambitions to reclaim the country's premiership.

Netanyahu, crowned in recent polls as the front-runner for Israel's top job, faced off against far-right West Bank settler Moshe Feiglin, who would bar Arabs from Israel's parliament and favors their emigration. A partial tally gave Netanyahu 73 percent of the vote to Feiglin's 22 percent, party executive director Gad Arbeli said. World Likud Party Chairman Danny Danon trailed with 4 percent.

While a Netanyahu victory had been all but assured, a strong Feiglin showing could have shored up Israel's extreme right and hurt Netanyahu's efforts to rehabilitate Likud after it was trounced in elections last year.

A telegenic politician and avowed hawk, the M.I.T.-educated Netanyahu speaks flawless, American-accented English. He's tough on defense issues and hands-off on the economy, and in recent months has been trying to position himself somewhere in the political center.

— The Associated Press

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- Duties include:
 - Stocking shelves
 - Building displays
 - Customer service
 - Frequent lifting

In order to apply, you must bring:

- Proof of auto insurance
- Current 3 year driving record

Route Driver

- Responsibilities include:
 - Delivering product
 - Filling shelves & coolers
 - Building displays
 - Invoicing
 - Frequent lifting

Qualified applicants will have:

- Good driving record
- CDL (class A or B)
- Ability to pass a background check and drug test

Apply in person with a current 3 year driver's license record

Swire Coca-Cola offers:

- Base + commission
- Full benefits package
- Retirement & 401K
- Tuition Reimbursement
- Paid vacation
- Opportunities for advancement

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398 Victory Ave.
Twin Falls, ID.
(208)733-3833
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Industrial Mechanics

Seneca Foods has two full-time maintenance positions available at our facility in Buhl

- Commitment to work in a Team Environment, including communication skills.
- Strong Awareness of Safe Behavior.
- Self Supervision Skills and Supervision of seasonal employees.
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Industrial Maintenance experience and aptitude for skill advancement.

One position will utilize 2-3 years industrial maintenance experience with emphasis on ammonia freezer engine room systems.

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430 7th Ave. S.
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213 Professional
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213 Professional
PROFESSIONAL
 PSR Worker, needed to work with children & adults. PT & FT avail. Benefits avail. Send resume to 834 Falls Ave Ste 1050 Twin Falls, ID 83801 or fax 736-0599

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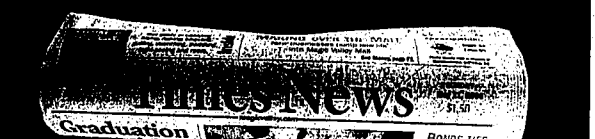
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COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO NOTICE OF ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING

The College of Southern Idaho will have a budget hearing for the fiscal year 2008 budget on Monday, August 20, 2007 at 5:30 pm in Room 245 (SUH 248) of the Taylor Administration Building...

Questions concerning the budget, the hearing or the regular meeting should be directed to Mike Asst. Sec. 208-522-9203. John M. Mason, Secretary/Treasurer

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEES SALE T.S. No. 077087 Title Under No. W33020143

A.P. No. RPT5101000090A Notice is hereby given that, First American Title Insurance Company, Successor Trustee, will on 10/20/2007 at 11:00 AM (recognized local time)...

The Trustee has been informed that the address sometimes associated with said real property is: 1588 Ponderosa St Twin Falls, ID 83301 Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances...

IMPORTANT! Deed re-recorded on 12/29/2007 as Instrument No. 1997-0200126, records at Twin Falls County, Idaho...

Deadline for legal ads: 3 days prior to publication. Thursday for Monday, noon on Friday for Tuesday and Wednesday, noon on Monday for Tuesday and noon on Tuesday for Friday and Saturday.

NOTICE OF CORRECTION OF ASSESSMENTS OF SOUTHWEST IRRIGATION DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Directors of SOUTHWEST IRRIGATION DISTRICT have set the 22nd day of August, 2007, at 4:00 o'clock P.M. as the time to meet to correct...

The Levy for the District to compensate for professional services, to pay expenses of the District to obtain the same, and generally to pay obligations of the District...

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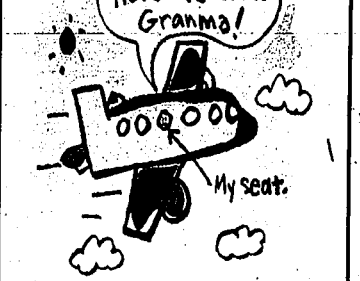
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Lost and Found

FOUND A spur on Hwy 70, North of Shoshone on 7/26. Call 509-226-4700

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff "The past is a foreign country; they do things differently there." -L.P. Hartley

When you are playing in a foreign country, your problems go beyond confusing the kings and the jacks. Sometimes you have no idea how good your opponents are.

Playing in three no-trump on the lead of the spade six, you should duck the first spade and win the continuation with dummy's king. Assuming spades are 5-3, which looks likely, it all depends on the location of the missing ace. If West has them both, you have no chance; if East has them both, you have no problems; if they are divided, you need to knock out West's ace first.

At the table, declarer started by playing a diamond to his king. This held the trick, but what next? In the event, he decided that West would have won the diamond ace if he held it, so East must have it. Accordingly, his next play was a club to dummy's queen. But East won the ace and cleared the spades. West still had the diamond ace to get in with.

Had declarer known that his opponents were national champions, he would have succeeded. Incidentally, although West certainly did well to duck his diamond ace smoothly, declarer should have reassured that hand East held that card, the correct play would have been for him to rise with it on the first round and clear the spades, thus protecting his partner's entry wherever it might be.

NORTH ♠ K 4 ♣ 7 6 3 ♠ K Q 10 4 WEST ♠ Q 10 7 6 3 ♣ 9 ♠ A ♠ 7 6 5 2 EAST ♠ J 9 2 ♣ A K 10 8 5 ♠ A ♠ 10 9 8 4 SOUTH ♠ A 8 5 ♣ A K 4 3 ♠ K J 2 ♣ J 9 3

Vulnerable: East-West Dealer: South

The bidding: South West North East 1 NT Pass 3 NT All pass

Opening lead: Spade six

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds: ♠ K 4 ♣ 7 6 2 ♠ K Q 7 6 3 ♠ K Q 10 4

South West North East 1♥ 1♠ 2♥ 2♠

ANSWER: Do not guess which minor to bid; you have a better course of action. Your double of two hearts here will suggest the minors and be for takeout. If you had spades, you would bid them, so this sequence suggests clubs and diamonds.

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