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A transition in care



Magic Valley needs inpatient-rehabilitation services, experts say



ABOVE: Sister-in-law 12-year-old Loraine McLain, 11, and her mother, Loraine McLain, out of her room recently at her Twin Falls home. Loraine had a hip replacement in May, then suffered a stroke last winter. She now needs intensive inpatient therapy at the Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Hospital in Boise. TOP: Loraine McLain had a tough decision to make after her stroke. She wanted to recover as quickly as possible, but that meant traveling to Boise for intensive therapy. After Oct. 1, inpatient rehabilitation will be available to patients in Twin Falls.

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — When Loraine McLain talks about her kids and grandkids, she leans forward, eyebrows raised, a smile creasing her cheeks. At her neatly kept Twin Falls home, family anecdotes crowd a console table and cover the wall above it, and until recently McLain was a regular baby sitter for her grandchildren.

Go when the 73-year-old, Twin Falls resident, underwent hip-replacement surgery in May, she looked forward to recovering quickly so she could watch her grandkids again. Two days after the surgery, however, McLain suffered a stroke.

"I'm a very independent person. I do everything for myself," McLain said. But

the stroke and hip surgery left her laid up, reliant on others. Her doctor said the best place to get better quickly was the Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Hospital in Boise, far from the family she loves. She could leave them to get intensive inpatient therapy, or stay near them in Twin Falls, where she likely wouldn't improve as much or as fast.

"It's a choice many Magic Valley patients have had to make. But that's about to change."

"My children said, 'Mom, it's up to you.' ... Their opinion was, go to the Elks; my doctor's opinion was, go to the Elks," McLain said. "I thought, 'I want to get better. I don't want to be dependent on my children.'"

So McLain spent several weeks in Boise getting between three and six hours of therapy a day. She talked to relatives by phone each day, but they visited only once or twice because of the time and costs of travel.

"I had no one to come in and say 'Mom, it's OK, you'll be all right,'" she said. "If I was hurting, I had no one to cry on my shoulders."

Today, back at her home in Twin Falls, McLain still uses a walker and cane, but she credits the intensive therapy in Boise with her rapid improvement. If she had stayed at a skilled-nursing facility in Twin Falls, like BridgeView Estates,

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Police ID victim, suspect in Hailey slaying

Teen confesses, police affidavit says

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

HAILEY — Police have released the names of a Hailey teen who was killed Friday night and the youth they say crashed her skull with a carpenter's hammer and lit her body on fire.



Yeliez

Margarita Guardado, a 16-year-old student at Wood River High School, was found dead near a trash bin just feet from her home early Friday morning, her body buried under a police affidavit.

Police arrested 17-year-old Freddy Yeliez, an acquaintance.

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A transition in care

This is the last of three days of coverage on the closure of the Transitional Care Unit at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, and its replacement with a new service.

SUNDAY: Why is the hospital closing its TCU, and what does that mean for patients? What do local doctors think of this change?

MONDAY: How does the TCU compare with other skilled-nursing facilities in the community, including BridgeView Estates and Twin Falls Care Center? Doctors and community members discuss remaining options available to patients needing skilled nursing during recovery.

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Find documents detailing national trends and statistics on skilled-nursing facilities and inpatient-rehabilitation facilities; also, the most recent information on Twin Falls' skilled-nursing facilities as collected by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.

Read letters to the editor about St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Transitional Care Unit. Watch videos of Dr. Cheryl Wiggins, who will direct the inpatient-rehabilitation unit that will replace the TCU at St. Luke's; Janis Humphrey, manager of the TCU and the planned IRU at St. Luke's; Barbara Wiley, who recovered at the TCU and says she wouldn't want to use any other skilled-nursing facility; and Loraine McLain, who had to choose between recovering near family and traveling to Boise for intensive therapy.

See a gallery of photos showing the TCU, Twin Falls Care Center and Magic Valley residents interviewed for these stories.

Find links to Health and Welfare sites.

NewsTracker

LAST WE KNEW: Xavier Charter School was under investigation for allegedly turning away a special-needs child.

THE LATEST: The Department of Education found that Xavier failed the school noncompliant with two regulations.

WHAT'S NEXT: The school must now implement three corrective actions, all by the end of September.

Xavier found in violation of state policy

Agency chastises charter school over special-needs kids

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Two weeks before it opens, a local charter school has been found in non-compliance with two state policies on enrolling and transferring special-needs students.

Following several weeks of investigation, the Idaho State Department of Education found that Xavier staff interfered with the school's enrollment process and failed to follow proper procedures for transferring students with special needs to other schools, according to a letter sent to school officials, the parent who made the complaint and the Idaho Public Charter School Commission.

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Quick facts about the new IRU

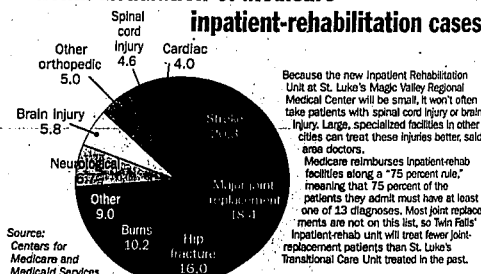
On Oct. 1, a new unit will take the place of the Transitional Care Unit at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Called the Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit, it will provide more intensive inpatient therapy than has ever been available in Magic Valley.

Where it is: The new unit will occupy many of the rooms previously used for the TCU, on the west end of the main hospital building's third floor at 650 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

Who it helps: Patients will be pre-screened for admission to the IRU. For the unit to qualify for Medicare reimbursement, 75 percent of patients must have at least one of 13 defined diagnoses, and must be able to withstand three hours per day of intensive therapy (physical, occupational and speech). Participating in this pre-screening will be a rehabilitation patient care coordinator at St. Luke's; the director of the IRU, Dr. Cheryl Wiggins; and the admission coordinator of the Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Hospital in Boise, who has experience matching potential patients to the regulations that limit admission to inpatient-rehab facilities.

For more information, Contact Janis Humphrey, IRU manager: 833, Box 409, Twin Falls, 83403; 737-2827; janleh@rmmc.org.

National distribution of Medicare inpatient-rehabilitation cases



Because the new Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center will be small, it won't often take patients with spinal cord injury or brain injury. Large, specialized facilities in other cities can treat these injuries better, said area doctors.

Medicare reimburses inpatient-rehab facilities along a "75 percent rule," meaning that 75 percent of the patients they admit must have at least one of 13 diagnoses. Most joint replacements are not on this list, so Twin Falls' inpatient-rehab unit will treat fewer joint-replacement patients than St. Luke's Transitional Care Unit treated in the past.



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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS

Today Tonight Wednesday

Mostly sunny to partly cloudy High 84 Low 58 85 / 57

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Today: Mostly sunny to sunny skies. Highs, lower 80s. Tonight: A few clouds to mainly clear skies. Lows, lower 50s. Tomorrow: Abundant sunshine. Highs, lower 80s.

Complete weather report: See page B6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Big Sale at the Bargain Shop, includes racks of clothing, skeins of yarn, puzzles, and paperback books (10/\$1), other items 4/\$1, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St. W. (across from Depot Grill), proceeds to the center, 733-1711.

EDUCATION

Filer Elementary School registration, for new students to the district in grades kindergarten through fifth grade, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Filer Elementary School, 700 Stevens St., \$10 for kindergarten (proof of current immunizations and legal birth certificate required) and \$8 for first- through fifth-grade, 8:26-4:59 p.m. Twin Falls High School Band beginning rehearsal, for all new, former and prospective members, 7 to 9 p.m., Twin Falls High School Bandroom, 733-1079.

EXHIBITS

"Mixed Media Work" by Lori Rieth in the Galeria Pequena and new works by member artists, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 10 Main Gallery, Main Street Plaza, 132 Main Ave. S., Historic Downtown Twin Falls, 733-2187. "Flashy Reflections," by local artist Jason Hicks, noon to 5 p.m., the Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth St., Buhl, no cost, 543-5417.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068. Blaine County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Hailey, 788-5500. Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700. Buhl School Board, 6:30 p.m., district office, 920 Main, 543-6436. Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1401 Overland Ave., 878-2224. Caldwell School Board, 7 p.m., school library, 500 W. Main, 537-6511. Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A, 324-8189. Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 624 F St., 436-9600. Shoshone City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W., 806-3030. Wendell School Board, 7 p.m., high school library, 750 E. Main, 536-6318. Filer City Council, 7:30 p.m. council chambers, 300 Main, 326-3000.

HEALTH AND RECOVERY

The Burley Community blood drive, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Burley LDS Stake Center, 2050 Normal Ave., Burley, 878-4140 to schedule an appointment. Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2977. Magic Valley Parkinson's Support Group meeting, with speaker Dave Peterson on "wellness secrets no matter your age," 1:30 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St. W., (optional \$4.50 noon lunch), 734-5084. The Old Pounds Sensibly ID No. 3 Chapter of Twin Falls, weigh ins 11:45 to 5:30 p.m., meeting from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Fellowship room, Magic Valley Church of Christ, 2002 Filer Ave. E., 736-7237 or 736-9282. "Overcoming Addiction and Anger," Theophostic Therapy basic evening video, 6 p.m., Miracle Valley Ministry Center, 213 Third Ave. E., Twin Falls, donations, 734-0603. Mini-Cassia Shelter for Women & Children women's support group, 6 p.m., 123 S. C St., Rupert, 436-0987. Road 2 Recovery, a 12-step program, 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the Building of New Beginnings, 1044 E. Main St., (next to Goodie's), 736-2588. "Mentis across from First Degree Brownie" Burley, 670-2578. Celebrate Recovery, a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behaviors, 7:30 p.m., Magic Valley Evangelical Free Church, 821 H Ave. E., Jerome, 734-0557, 324-7237 or 326-7222.

MUSEUMS

"Mingle in the Jungle" free review, 6 p.m., Herrett Center rain forest, CSI, no cost, 732-6655. Faulkner Planetarium "Sky Quest" at 2 p.m. (with live sky tour to follow); "Mysteries from the Depths of Space" at 7 p.m.; and "Outragous Rock" at 8:15 p.m., Herrett Center, CSI, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, 732-6655.

SPORTS

Hansen Booster Club meeting, 6 p.m., Hansen High School teachers' lounge, 293-7047.

To have an event (including on-going events) listed in the September monthly calendar, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number by no later than Sunday, August 19, to: Gail Brownie, g-brownie@magicvalley.com; by fax 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548.

How to deal with Idaho's most annoying varmints

Country living is not always synonymous with tranquil living. Many a homeowner wages war against pesky pests like gophers, skunks and coonrads.

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Xavier Charter School cited by the state

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Suspect charged in Hailey teen's death

HAILEY — Police have released the names of a 16-year-old student at Wood River High School, was found dead near a trash bin just feet from her home early Friday morning, her body badly burned. SEE PAGE A1

Castle Rock Fire expands near Ketchum

KETCHUM — The Castle Rock Fire grew by about 3,000 acres Monday morning, prompting more Wood River Valley residents to flee their homes near Ketchum. The fire, which has burned about 11,000 acres, is threatening more than 100 homes west and north of Ketchum, where residents gathered near city police headquarters to hear the latest from U.S. Forest Service officials — and to share stories of frenzied evacuations. SEE PAGE D1

President Beck touts prosperity of CSI

TWIN FALLS — The good times are getting even better for the College of Southern Idaho. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, CSI will spend nearly \$33 million, an increase of 6.29 percent from the previous year. Much of the increase comes as a \$12.7 million appropriation from the state, \$1 million more than last year, thanks to a productive budget session with the Legislature. SEE PAGE D1

Jerome County keeps Big Sky hearing as is

JEROME — The Jerome County commissioners decided Monday not to reschedule a public hearing for a proposed controversial feedlot, despite pleas from local farmers who said the full harvest will keep them from attending. The afternoon decision followed a morning request by Commissioner Joe Davidson for the county to consult with the attorney representing Big Sky Limited Partnership, the business owned by Eden businessman Don McFarland, before the hearing date was changed from Sept. 24 and 25 to mid-October. SEE PAGE D1

OBITUARIES

Lucille Mae Kenyon Smith, 97 Doris Darlene Lawrence, 72 SEE PAGE D2

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Hurricane Dean bears down on Mexico

TULUM — Tens of thousands of tourists fled the beaches of the Mayan Riviera on Monday as monstrous Hurricane Dean roared toward the ancient ruins and modern oil installations of the Yucatan Peninsula. Mexico's state oil company, Petrosol de Mexico, said it was evacuating all of its more than 14,000 offshore workers in the southern Gulf of Mexico, which includes the giant Cantarell oil field. SEE PAGE D5

Officials want to reduce U.S. combat role in Iraq

U.S. military officials are narrowing the range of Iraq strategy options and appear to be focusing on reducing the U.S. combat role in 2008 while increasing training of Iraqi forces, a senior military official told The Associated Press on Monday. The military has not yet developed a plan for a substantial withdrawal of forces next year. But officials are laying the groundwork for possible overtures to Turkey and Jordan on using their territory to move some troops and equipment out of Iraq, the official said. SEE PAGE D5

Painkiller drug abuse on rise last eight years

Retail sales of five leading painkillers nearly doubled over the last eight years, leading a surge in use by patients nationwide who are living in a world of pain, according to a new Associated Press analysis of federal drug prescription data. The analysis reveals that oxycodeone usage is migrating out of Appalachia to areas such as Columbus, Ohio, and Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and significant numbers of cocaine users are filling in many suburban neighborhoods around the country. SEE PAGE D5

Last remains of missing found in bridge collapse

MINNEAPOLIS — The remains of the last person missing after a bridge collapsed into the Mississippi River nearly three weeks ago have been found, authorities said Monday, bringing the official death toll to 13 and relief to the only family still awaiting word on a missing loved one. SEE PAGE A3

Hotel magnate Leona Helmsley dies at 87

NEW YORK — Leona Helmsley, the cutthroat hotel magnate whose title as the "queen of mean" was sealed during a tax evasion case in which she was quoted as snarling "only little people pay taxes," died Monday at age 87. Helmsley died of heart failure at her summer home in Greenwich, Conn., said her publicist, Howard Rubenstein. SEE PAGE D5

Roadside bomb kills Iraqi governor

BAGHDAD — A roadside bomb killed a governor in southern Iraq on Monday, the second provincial boss assassinated in nine days and a likely prelude to an even more brutal contest among rival Shiite militias battling for control of some of Iraq's main oil regions. Iraqi police blamed the attack on the powerful Muhi Army, whose fighters are nominally loyal to radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr but have recently splintered as breakaway factions set their own course. SEE PAGE D5

SPORTS

U of I football coach likes what he sees

MOSCOW — The pounding aches and pains of two-a-days are history and classes are in full swing on the University of Idaho campus. Change is good. Production has increased. Idaho head coach Bob Akey likes what he has seen in the past two scrimmages of fall camp on both sides of the ball. The head coach who always sees the glass as half full came off of Saturday's scrimmage pleased with where his Vandals are with only nine practices prior to their opener against the University of Southern California Trojans. SEE PAGE B1

Burley tops Wood River in boys soccer

BURLEY — The Burley Bobcats boys soccer team got an early test as far as Great Basin Conference West competition goes when the Wood River Wolverines came to town Monday. And to hear Bobcats coach Wes Nyblade tell it, the game was a lot closer than the 5-2 final score indicated. SEE PAGE B2

Vick to plead guilty to dog fighting charges

RICHMOND, Va. — More than football, Michael Vick's freedom is the question now. With three associates prepared to testify that he brutally executed dogs and hunkered gambling, the NFL star agreed Monday to "accept full responsibility" for his role in a dogfighting ring and plead guilty to federal conspiracy charges. SEE PAGE B1

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- See interviews and a photo gallery, and view documents and links for A Transition in Care series.
• Read the official results of the investigation into Xavier Charter School.
• See an interview with a woman who had to leave her Ketchum-area home because of fire and see a photo gallery.
• See a video from a Blaine County law enforcement news conference about the murder of a teenager.

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Murder

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of Guardado, Saturday evening after discovering what detectives think is dried blood on his car, according to police records.

Tellez confessed to killing Guardado, a police affidavit says, and he was arraigned Monday afternoon in Blaine County Court on a charge of first-degree murder. His bond was set at \$2 million.

According to the affidavit, Tellez also confessed to setting the body on fire. He threw the hammer and the lighting fluid out the window as he drove home after dumping the body, the report says. Police have said little about the details of the case and would not say if they have recovered the hammer.

Tellez waived his Miranda rights before questioning, police said.

An autopsy performed Saturday in Boise revealed Guardado died of blunt-force trauma to the head. She was likely dead before being buried, Steve Harkins, a Blaine County Sheriff's detective, said in the affidavit. Since the body was unrecognizable to authori-



Detective Steve Harkins of the Blaine County Sheriff's Department, left, listens to questions during a news conference on the murder of 16-year-old Margarita Guardado, Monday in Halley.

ties, police used a photograph of a ring found on the body to confirm the identity with the victim's family.

The killing is rocking the Wood River Valley, especially Halley, where Guardado's mother, Maria Mares, is a custodian for the city. "We've shed tears on this," said left Gunter, Halley police chief. "Every morning when I go to work,

she's the first person I see. This one really hits home."

A memorial fund for the victim's family has been established. Contact the Mountain West Bank in Halley, 578-0449, for more information.

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

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Remains of last missing person in bridge collapse are found

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The remains of the last person missing after a bridge collapsed into the Mississippi River nearly three weeks ago have been found, authorities said Monday, bringing the official death toll to 13 and relief to the only family still awaiting word on a missing loved one.

Gregory Jolstad, nicknamed "Jolly," was on the construction crew that was resurfacing the Interstate 35W bridge when it fell Aug. 1 during the evening rush hour. Jolstad, 45, was driving a skid loader.

"There aren't a lot of smiles here tonight," said Hennepin County Sheriff Rich Stanek, who was overseeing the search. "We all have very heavy hearts. It weighed on a lot of people, both personally and professionally."

Divers found Jolstad's body around 6:15 p.m. Monday, Stanek said. The discovery ends what has been called the recovery phase, clearing the way for contractors to begin moving the massive pieces of bridge wreckage lying in the river and along its banks.

Xavier

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The school came "perilously close to coaching" Twin Falls resident Heidi Conner into withdrawing her children, at least one of whom has special needs. Xavier staff decided to transfer Conner's child to another school without consulting the child's individualized education plan team or, at the very least, notifying Conner in writing, the letter said.

"While their enrollment was not in fact denied, the actions of Xavier staff towards actively discouraging (Conner) cannot be considered a dispute resolution coordinator. Bill Elvey wrote in the letter sent out Aug. 16.

The investigation came in response to a complaint from Conner, who alleged Xavier Director Cindy Fulcher threatened to send her children to the nearest public elementary school if they stayed enrolled at the charter school. Conner said Monday she was happy her claims were validated, but disappointed the department didn't require more in the way of corrective actions.

As punishment, the board must develop procedures and a plan for informing parents and staff about both the school's responsibility as a public institution to educate all students and its special education referral process. The first action plan must be given by Sept. 14 and the second by Sept. 28. The school must also decide by Aug. 31 whether it will use the existing educational plan for Conner's child or develop a new one. That's assuming Conner's children remain enrolled — Conner said she's been looking at private schools as well, worried that the investigation created a hostile environment for her children.

"It's pretty much a slap on the wrist," Conner said of the corrective actions.
The school's board of directors announced in a press release Monday that it is already working on the corrective actions and expects to complete the letter on Conner's child on time. The board refused further comment, claiming it was prohibited from doing so by state and federal law due to personnel matters and student privacy.
The school will host a meet-and-greet session for parents with Wayne Bagwell, its new special education specialist, on

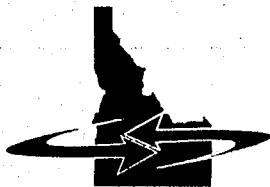
Thursday. Bagwell's position was created as part of the school's charter, Fulcher said, and is unrelated to the investigation.

Melissa McGrath, spokeswoman for the Department of Education, said the Xavier complaint is only the second in the state about charter schools to prove true since 2001, and only the fifth complaint received.

Tamara Baysinger, charter schools program manager for the Idaho Public Charter School Commission, said commissioners have not yet read the letter and plan to consider it at their Sept. 27 meeting. If they feel a "defect" has occurred, they will issue a notice of defect similar to the Department of Education's letter and ask for their own corrective actions, Baysinger said.

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Stocks fluctuate on investor relief

(AP) Stocks fluctuated Monday as investors appeared relieved that more bad news didn't emerge about

risky mortgages and tightening in the credit markets. The major indexes alternated between gains and losses.

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Researchers say economy may pick up

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A gauge of future economic activity inched up in July, a research group said Monday, indicating economic growth may pick up slightly in coming months despite turmoil in the housing market.

The Conference Board's Index of Leading Economic Indicators rose 0.4 percent in July, as analysts were expecting. The index fell 0.3 percent in June, after rising 0.2 percent in May.

The report is designed for forecast economic activity over the next three to six months.

The Conference Board report tracks 10 economic indicators. The advancing components in July were consumer expectations, vendor performance, unemployment claims, real money supply, stock prices and manufacturers' orders for consumer goods and materials.

The negative contributors housing permits, manufacturers' new orders for non-defense capital goods and interest rate spread. Weekly manufacturing hours held steady.

Over the past few months, the rise and fall of the index "reflects the yo-yo situation in terms of the overall economy," said Brian Bethune, an economist with Global Insight.

MONEY BRIEFS

Advertising group to hold trade show

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Advertising Federation will present its first MVAAd Ad Fest on Sept. 11 at the Shilo Inn.

Small business owners will be able to review advertising opportunities available in their local market. Representatives from TV, radio, print, and other agencies will have booths.

The trade show is free and it will be open to the public from 12 to 6 p.m.

During the show, there will be two workshops. The workshops will discuss the future of the Magic Valley economy and an interactive seminar to help small business owners focus on their strengths.

Pre-registration for the workshops is \$15 for one and \$25 for both. Registration the day of the seminar is \$40. Call Debbie Currier at (208) 735-0823 for more information.

Rates on short-term Treasury bills decline

WASHINGTON — Interest rates on short-term Treasury bills fell in Monday's auction, with rates on three-month bills sliding to the lowest level in more than two years.

The Treasury Department auctioned \$21 billion in three-month bills at a discount rate of 2.850 percent, down from 4.630 percent last week. Another \$17 billion in six-month bills was auctioned at a discount rate of 3.850 percent, down from 4.710 percent last week.

— compiled from staff and wire reports

A first for Murtaugh

New subdivision could double city's population

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

MURTAUGH — Surrounded by sky and buoyed by small-town hospitality, Steve Camp of Salt Lake City immediately fell in love with Murtaugh.

After Camp's mother sold his family's 17-acre Utah County farm, the banker, who yearned to shed city life and return to his rural roots, journeyed to find a place he could call home.

"I thought I would have the farm to return to," Camp said. "After coming through Murtaugh I was impressed with how friendly the town was and decided to stay."

Instead of merely moving to Murtaugh, Camp decided to invest in the town and is, "the money behind the project" — the town's first subdivision, "The Legacy."

A ground-breaking ceremony the subdivision took place Saturday with many of the 140 townspeople in attendance.

"Ninety-five percent of the people here are here for one reason: Their parents or grandparents settled here and they love to live in this community. We see this as a first to many good things happening in Murtaugh," said Mayor Dee Hunsaker. "When all of the homes are built, it will basically double the city's population."

The city is ready for the growth, Hunsaker said. Murtaugh just recently dug a new well and plans to renovate its wastewater system. Although the costs are not yet known the city is planning on a November bond election to see the project through.

"Our school is prepared and ready for some new students. We have an awesome superintendent and great staff," Hunsaker said.

The developers decided to name the subdivision's streets after five families that were pivotal to Murtaugh's existence — Egbert, Moyes, Silvers, Tolman and Turner.

The intent is to continue the legacy of goodness and the positive attitude that they brought to Murtaugh," said Louise Ward, broker with InterMountain Properties. "Lot sizes range from one to three-and-a-half acres so we capture the wide open feel of the community. They will be animal and kid friendly but balanced with some regulation to protect property values."

Susan Egbert said that her late husband, Gordon Egbert, would be excited to see growth coming to the eastern Twin Falls county town.

"He died in March but felt that the new homes and families would be a blessing to Murtaugh," she said. "Having them decide to name streets after our historic families is good thing. My people remember the past."

"Ninety-five percent of the people here are here for one reason: Their parents or grandparents settled here and they love to live in this community. We see this as a first to many good things happening in Murtaugh."

— Murtaugh Mayor Dee Hunsaker



Community members and developers break ground during a Saturday ceremony for Murtaugh's first subdivision, The Legacy.

total to Murtaugh's existence — Egbert, Moyes, Silvers, Tolman and Turner.

The intent is to continue the legacy of goodness and the positive attitude that they brought to Murtaugh," said Louise Ward, broker with InterMountain Properties. "Lot sizes range from one to three-and-a-half acres so we capture the wide open feel of the community. They will be animal and kid friendly but balanced with some regulation to protect property values."

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Susan Egbert gets some help by her grandson, Chandler Jones, 3, during the groundbreaking ceremony for The Legacy, Murtaugh's first subdivision.

Drought strains midwest crops Farmers boost harvest by planting more



Corn stalks, turning brown earlier than normal as the plants devote all resources to the ear, are seen on a farm recently in Hecker, Ill. Dry, hot weather has been the rule over much of the Midwest the past couple of weeks, and in some spots, the whole summer.

By David Mercer
Special Advertising writer

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — So little rain has fallen on Dale Richter's southwest Illinois corn and soybean fields this summer that he has no good remembering when the stems passed through.

"It's been five weeks since we've had any rain," Richter, 42, said last week from his farm in St. Rose, Ill., about 40 miles east of St. Louis. "We went from the first week of May to July Fourth weekend ... Then that's the last we had."

Dry, hot weather has been the rule over much of the Midwest the past couple weeks — and in some spots, the whole summer. That's stalled development of large portions of this year's corn crop and raised questions about the region's other staple, soybeans.

Because U.S. farmers planted so much corn this year — 92.9 million acres, 16.6 percent more than last year — a huge harvest still is expected, according to crop experts and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Farmers planted more corn to meet demand for the corn-based fuel additive ethanol.

The USDA earlier this month projected that U.S. farmers will average a strong 153 bushels an acre.

But the weather has those experts wondering if the agency's expectations might be a bit too rosy.

Parts of Iowa, the country's top corn producer, have been too dry and others too hot at the wrong time, when corn plants were developing tassels, Iowa State University corn specialist Roger Elmore said. Other areas had brief, powerful storms that eroded fields and strong winds that damaged crops.

The USDA nonetheless says 64 percent of the crop is in good or excellent shape, and projects about 180 bushels an acre across Iowa. That would be one of the state's best years ever.

In Illinois, the USDA says 73 percent of the corn crop good to excellent. But next door in Indiana, where an unusually dry summer parched most of the state, the corn crop clearly is in worse shape.

The USDA this week said a quarter of the Indiana crop is in poor or very poor shape, and only 43 percent is in good or excellent condition. The USDA considers more than half of Indiana to be in the middle of a drought.

The big picture

HD DVD players outside Blu-ray players by nearly 2-to-1 in the second quarter. U.S. market share for high-definition video players* HD DVD 61% Blu-ray 30%

U.S. sales of game consoles that play HD DVD and Blu-ray* Xbox 360 (requires attached play) 55% PlayStation 3 16% Wii 15% Xbox 360 launched November 2005, PlayStation 3 launched November 2006. SOURCE: NPD Group

Paramount, DreamWorks end support for Blu-ray DVD format

Technology race leaves consumers unsure, confused

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Paramount Pictures and DreamWorks Animation SKG Inc. will offer next-generation DVDs in the HD DVD format and drop support for Blu-ray, further complicating the race between the competing technologies.

Monday's announcement affects the coming DVD release of the blockbuster "Shrek the Third" and all movies distributed by Paramount Pictures, Paramount Vantage, Nickelodeon Movies and MTV Films, as well as movies from DreamWorks Animation, which are distributed exclusively by Paramount Home Entertainment.

Paramount previously released movies in both formats. "Part of our vision is to aggressively extend our movies beyond the theater and deliver the quality and features that appeal to our audiences," said Brad Grey, chairman and CEO of Paramount Pictures, a unit of Viacom Inc. "I believe HD DVD is not only the affordable, high-quality choice for consumers, but also the smart choice for Paramount."

The competition between Blu-ray and HD DVD has kept confused consumers from rushing to buy new DVD players until they can determine which format will dominate the market.

Studios and retailers have been choosing sides. "Spider-Man 3" will only be available in the Blu-ray DVD format when it is released, said Brad Grey, while people with Blu-ray players won't be able to enjoy the action-thriller "The Bourne Ultimatum," which Universal Pictures will release only in HD DVD.

With Paramount dropping Blu-ray support, Time Warner, Inc.'s Warner Bros. remains the only major studio releasing movies in both formats.

Sony Corp.'s Sony Pictures, News Corp.'s Twentieth Century Fox, Walt Disney Co., and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer are releasing only in Blu-ray. Universal, owned by General Electric Co., backs HD DVD exclusively.

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EDITORIAL

Conner case a bad start for Xavier Charter School

So what is a charter school, exactly? A private school? No, but certainly a school with considerable autonomy about administration and curriculum. A public school? Yes, but not a public school in the traditional sense. It's this neither-fish-nor-fowl ambiguity that evidently tripped up Xavier Charter School of Twin Falls, which interfered with its own enrollment process and failed to follow proper procedures for transferring special-needs students, according to an Idaho Department of Education investigation.

Xavier, which will hold its first classes later this month, came "perilously close to" coercing Twin Falls resident Heidi Conner into withdrawing her children, at least one of whom has special needs. And Xavier staff decided to transport Conner's child to another school without consulting the youngest's individualized education plan team or notifying Conner, according to the investigation report released Monday.

"While their enrollment was not in fact denied, the actions of Xavier staff towards actively discouraging (Conner) cannot be condoned," dispute resolution coordinator Bill Elvey wrote.

Our view: Xavier Charter School's pressuring a parent to withdraw her special-needs children violated the spirit on which the school — and all Idaho charter schools — were founded. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

The probe came in response to a complaint from Conner, who charged that Xavier Director Cindy Fuler threatened to send Conner's children to the nearest public elementary school if they stayed enrolled at the charter school.

Charter schools are supported by the taxpayers' money. That makes them accountable not only to parents and students, but to the law.

And in the Conner case, two laws — Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Those statutes prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in any educational program or activity supported by federal funds.

And under Idaho law, students are entitled to a "free and appropriate education." That applies to Xavier as much as to any other public school in Idaho.

Charter schools, which have been in business in Idaho only since 1998, are very much a work in progress. State officials say most parents don't know that charter schools are required to follow the same laws as public schools.

According to the Department of Education, the Xavier complaint is only the second that the state was able to substantiate since 2001, and only the fifth complaint it's received.

As punishment, Xavier's board of directors must develop procedures and a plan for informing parents and staff about both the school's responsibility to educate all students and its special education referral process.

Tamara Baysinger, charter schools program manager for the Idaho Public Charter School Commission, said commissioners plan to consider the Conner case at their September meeting. If they feel a "defect" has occurred, they will issue a notice similar to the Department of Education's letter and ask for their own corrective actions.

Simply put, charter schools can't cherry-pick the students they educate simply because some students are inconvenient.

Xavier's own handbook says, "All children can learn no matter what labels are placed upon them, whether it is learning disabled, low socio-economic status, unstable home life, inner-city or rural."

In the Conner case, Xavier violated not only the spirit of the law, but its own charter.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Be more tolerant of music others enjoy

For the person who wrote in last week and was complaining about a concert that was so loud that it made the windows rattle and it was not needed in Twin Falls.

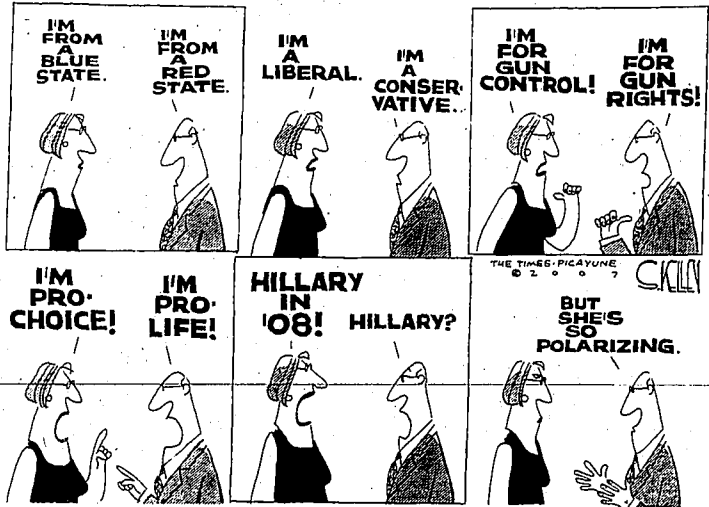
Well, I work three blocks away and it wasn't loud, and I live nine blocks away and I could not hear anything. I feel sorry for people who feel the need to complain about things that they don't

like. The people who went to the concert are taxpayers. They bring entertainment to Twin Falls.

I'm sorry if all this person has to do is complain. Maybe next time they have a concert, they can just turn up the TV and enjoy "The Price Is Right" or another game show.

This country was born on fresh ideas. It's what makes our country great.

MARTIN FOWLER
Twin Falls



Jerome County Fair was safe, successful

To Cassidy Friedman: The article dated Aug. 14 paints a grim picture of the Jerome County Fair. Conner continues to get a bad wrap and it seems any time the *Times-News* sees fit to cover a story in Jerome, it is negative. Quite frankly, I am tired of it. Articles such as this do not help the image of this city. The article on our event was unfair when you consider that we have a nine-day event which 30,000 people frequent. I would like to let people know that we had a safe and successful fair. One scenario does not a fair make! The Jerome County Fair is a free event, which anyone can visit. The group that was written about, however, do not even reside in Jerome. How can the

READER COMMENT Kathleen Diederich

Times-News print such nonsense! I do not recall a fight in 2006 and only one in 2007. I hardly call that a staple of the fair.

I wonder why the *Times-News* does not write about the countless families that frequent and look forward to the Jerome Fair every year. Why the *Times-News* does not report on the hundreds of events that are hosted at the fairgrounds all year that benefit the community, such as Cowboy Church, Computers For Kids, Good Sam rallies, 4-H Seminars, Boy Scout

camp, weddings, baptisms, birthday parties, horse shows, fundraisers, and community benefits. Just to name a few. These events seemed to get brushed under the rug.

I have reported to the *Times-News* about the upgrades made at the fairgrounds this year. However, these were never published. We have made numerous improvements to our facility, such as lighting, fencing, landscape, structural and electrical upgrades to make our fairgrounds a safer place for everyone. All of which have been supported by our county commissioners in Jerome. Of course, the *Times-News* doesn't want to write anything positive about our county commissioners either! All three

county commissioners, Charlie Howell, Joe Davidson and Diana Oberbauer, have been very supportive of the fairgrounds for their community. But the *Times-News* won't report on an event that portrays the commissioners agreeing on something or working together. The *Times-News* only reports the negative that adds to Jerome's sinking reputation.

I hope the new editor of the *Times-News* can identify this problem and try to help fix this issue. Believe it or not, we are working, getting along and being productive on the north side of the river!

Kathleen Diederich is the manager for the Jerome County Fair.

The economics of back-to-school shopping

Human nature often entails putting off unpleasant things. One of those often-unpleasant things is back-to-school shopping that can leave parents feeling frustrated and befuddled. But understanding the economics of this traditional conflict can help ease parents' trepidation.

GARY GALLES

price. But children paying none of the bill will weigh the value they place on goods against the nonmonetary price they will pay (the "price" being the exertions involved in whedding, whining, extorting or arguing their parents into it).

Because many back-to-school items aren't worth their cost to parents but are worth more than zero to children, the kids want to spend more than their parents do. They want more, newer, better and "cooler" things. And parents trying to teach their child "the value of a dollar" will have little luck convincing them otherwise — because the parent's money, not the child's, is on the line.

Parents and children often divide on the benefit side as well. Parents see clothing, shoes, backpacks and the like largely through utilitarian eyes. But their children's perspective is dominated by where those items will put them in their school's social pecking order. So parents, who see many

good alternatives to a particular purchase, often end up in disputes with their children who, under the influence of peer pressure, insist there is no substitute. Such conversations are liberally punctuated with the phrase, "You just don't understand."

Indeed, back-to-school shopping often involves strict confrontations because of the large gaps between the values parents and children place on the items in question and the substantial amount of money involved. But this doesn't signify anything nefarious. In fact, it is not different in kind from many other conflicts that arise from the differing incentives facing parents and children.

Why are young children more likely to misbehave in a store checkout line than at home? Because their benefits (candy, gum) are higher and their costs lower (they are less likely to be punished in public).

Why are teens so eager to borrow Dad's car? Because they get the benefits without the costs (illustrated by how frequently the car returns with an empty tank).

Why do kids want to eat out,

despite its added expense? Because it is not their money. Why do some want their favorite clothes washed almost daily? Because it is not their time and effort.

In contrast, why are children so resistant to doing chores, cleaning their rooms or washing dishes? And why do parents want them to study more than they do? Because in those cases it is the children's time and effort.

Understanding back-to-school shopping as a temporary, annual peak in parental-child conflicts will not make them go away. But it can help parents think about ways to minimize such conflicts.

Giving children a fixed budget for new clothes means they are spending their own money, rather than rugging you to spend more of yours. This can help maintain parental sanity and reduce despair about what has been deemed to be formerly "good" children.

Then you can save your stress for getting them to do their homework.

Gary Galles is professor of economics at Pepperdine University.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

National Guard is needed back home to fight fires

The National Guard is needed at home. We are at the beginning of a war in Idaho that has the potential to become catastrophic. Every mountain hamlet and town in the West is under extreme alert conditions. The wildfire season is here.

The Murphy Complex Fire happened because we are

experiencing the worse drought since 1874. Grass, brush, and stands of pine and spruce are bone dry and have almost no moisture content.

We are about to enter this war ill-equipped. Manpower will be needed like never before. As an ex-U.S. Forest Service Hot Shot fire crew foreman, I know of what I speak. Huge fires are contained and eventually controlled on the ground by

hand crews. In the past, we could call out the National Guard when a large fire broke out.

The Guard in Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, Utah, Oregon and Washington, which organized together with their heavy equipment, present a huge fire fighting force.

Sadly our Guard numbers are depleted. The armories are empty of bulldozers and

other firefighting tools.

I urge our congressional delegation, and Gov. Otter, to request all Idaho guardsmen be sent home from Iraq immediately. The leaders of the other Western states should make the same request.

We have our own homeland security to prepare for, and we need the Guard badly.

DICK DAHLGREN
Ketchum

FROM PAGE ONE/WORLD

Bush seeks to bolster security, economic partnerships with Canada, Mexico

By Deb Riechmann
Associated Press writer

MONTREAL, Canada — Security issues highlighted the North American summit Monday where President Bush and the leaders of Mexico and Canada are crafting a plan to secure their borders in case of a terrorist strike or other emergency.

Bush, Mexican President Felipe Calderon and Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper want to find a way to protect citizens in an emergency — perhaps an outbreak of avian flu or a natural disaster — without the tie-ups that slowed commerce after the Sept. 11 attacks.

Calderon is cutting short his trip to Canada to return home to manage his own natural disaster. Hurricane Dean is being down on the Yucatan Peninsula. Mauricio Guerrero, a spokesman for the Mexican

embassy in Canada, said Calderon will attend all the events based at the summit, but his schedule has been streamlined and he will no longer stay another day, as planned.

The three leaders are also seeking middle ground on issues ranging from energy to trade, food safety to immigration. Few, if any, formal announcements are expected at the meeting at a highly secured red cedar chateau along the banks of the Ottawa River.

The meeting is also designed to bolster a compact — dubbed the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America — that serves as a way for the nations to team up on health, commerce and emergency preparedness.

"The focus over the last year has been on developing a plan on how the three countries can deal with the circum-

stances of avian influenza," said Dan Pisk, a National Security Council official who briefed reporters. "But building on that, we hope to have a larger discussion among the three countries — on a continental basis — about how we are prepared to deal generally with an emergency."

Several hundred demonstrators protested on issues such as the war in Iraq, human rights and integration of North America. One carried a banner that said, "Say No To Americanaid."

Calderon and Harper both want tight relations with Bush, yet don't want to be seen as proteges of the unpopular president or leave the impression that the U.S. is encroaching on their sovereignty.

To that end, Harper used the meeting to assert his nation's claim to the Northwest Passage through the Arctic. The nice to secure sub-

face rights to the Arctic seabed heated up when Russia sent two small submarines to plant a tiny national flag under the North Pole. The United States and Norway also have competing claims in the vast Arctic region, where a U.S. study suggests as much as 25 percent of the world's undiscovered oil and gas could be hidden.

Canada believes much of the North American side of the Arctic is Canada's, but the United States says the thawing Northwest Passage is part of international waters.

A senior Canadian government official said Harper raised the recent remarks of Paul Cellucci, Bush's previous U.S. ambassador to Canada. Cellucci argued that the U.S. should acknowledge the Northwest Passage as Canadian so that the Canadian navy could to patrol the area, monitor shipping and guard against potential

terrorism and weapons smuggling. "I think in the age of terrorism, it's in our security interests that the Northwest

Passage be considered part of Canada," Cellucci said Sunday. The United States did not appear to be swayed.

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Transition

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Twin Falls Care Center or the Transitional Care Unit at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, she believes she wouldn't be doing so well today.

"I don't think I would have walked out of here, to tell the truth, because the therapy isn't as aggressive or as often," she said.

Come October, patients like McLean won't have to make that tough choice.

In place of the TCU, which will close in September, St. Luke's and the Elks are opening a jointly operated inpatient-rehabilitation facility at the Twin Falls hospital — just like the one in Boise, except with fewer beds.

"Ideally, you'd have both (inpatient rehabilitation and a TCU), but we really can't do that, we don't have the space," said Dr. Cheryl Wiggins, a rehabilitation specialist in Twin Falls who will oversee all of St. Luke's rehab units. "In the long run, this is going to provide another level of care in the area that we've needed."

Because of their expertise running the hospital in Boise, the Elks will manage the St. Luke's Magic Valley Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit, said Joe Caroselli, administrator of the Elks rehab hospital in Boise.

Although details of the operating agreement are not yet worked out, St. Luke's will oversee personnel issues, like assigning and evaluating staff.

The Elks will coordinate patient evaluations and will provide training in inpatient rehabilitation to St. Luke's staff — most of whom will transfer from the old TCU, said St. Luke's administrators.

Wiggins said an inpatient-rehab facility needs a different staff mindset. Do less for the patients and encourage them to do more for themselves. It's a bit more "drill sergeant."

"I think some of them are going to make really good rehab nurses," she said. "I'm very excited about this. I think it's going to be a very good thing for the community."

The new unit in Twin Falls will start with about a dozen beds, said John Kee, former CEO of St. Luke's Magic Valley. That's based on projections

Comparing inpatient-rehabilitation facilities

	Planned Unit	Elks	St. Luke's	St. Luke's
Total number of beds	10-15	56	X	X
Average patient age	X	68	67	X
Average length of stay, in days	X	13	13	13
% of patients discharged to a skilled-nursing facility	X	10	13	X
% of patients discharged to their homes or assisted living	X	84	75.5	X
% of patients on Medicare	X	60	X	70

X Not available or not provided to the Times-News

about how many patients will receive inpatient rehab.

About 100 patients from Magic Valley use the Elks rehab unit in Boise each year, Caroselli said, but he estimated that double that number could benefit from such a unit. What accounts for the difference?

"Some people just go home and basically on their own may get better or stay at their current state of disability. They may or may not return to their highest state of rehab," Kee said. "People's ability to travel, the economics of travel, their family support systems, all of those would affect a patient's choice."

A new inpatient-rehab unit in Twin Falls will allow these Magic Valley patients to remain close to their families while receiving the care they need to reach their highest levels of recovery.

That's what McLean would



Loraloe McLean watches her grandchildren Sara McLean, 12, right, and Butcher, 12, Anna Butcher, 5, and Josie McLean, 11, recently at her home in Twin Falls. The 73-year-old spent weeks away from family and friends as she recovered from hip-plastic surgery and a stroke.

have preferred after her hip replacement.

"If they'd had an Elks rehabilitation here, I would have stayed here," she said. "But I didn't want to give up the

chance to get better."

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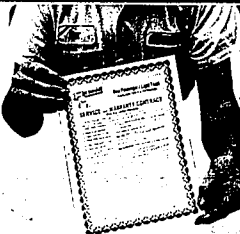
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Vandals increase production in the red zone

By Grant Joki
Times-News correspondent

MOSCOW — The pounding aches and pains of two-a-days are history. Classes are in full swing on the University of Idaho campus. And first-year head coach Robb Akey's staff recently photographed a team bonding session at the university aqua center that went over well with the team.

Change is good. Production has increased. Akey likes what he has seen in the past two scrimmages of full camp on both sides of the ball. The head coach who always sees the glass as half full, came off of Saturday's scrimmage pleased with where his Vandals are with only nine practices prior to their opener against the University of Southern

California Trojans.

"I think it was good today. We got a lot of good work accomplished. I saw some plays get made," said Akey. "I was happy with the fact that when we got down here, in the red zone, our offense was able to get points out of it."

Akey praised the rushing efforts of Denote Jackson, Brian Flowers, and Jayson Bird. Both Flowers and Bird showed power and some shifty moves in scoring touchdowns.

Flowers ran the ball five times for 39 yards and two scores. He was impressive in the open field, eluding would be tacklers on his 6-yard and 13-yard slash and cuts to the goal line. Bird muscled his way seven times for critical short gains that kept drives alive. He bulled in from the one for his solo TD.

Running backs Devon Sturdivant and Corey White added a combined 33 yards to give the rush game 92 yards on 30 carries.

Said Akey: "That's a positive," but the coach spread his praise to the defensive side of the ball too. "I think our defense still did a nice job of flying around. We got two interceptions — Ogleterre and Breyon Williams — so, there were more big plays on both sides of the ball today. I was happy about that, very happy about that. And we stayed healthy."

Akey felt that the six penalties seen in the 90-minute scrimmage, although a nagging distraction, could be taken care of with more mental focus.

"A lot of those could be taken care of before the snap. In regards to playing the right way, it's pretty

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Idaho running back Brian Flowers, far left, powers toward the end zone despite the tackle attempt of defensive end Josh Shaw (99) and linebacker Jo Artis Ratti. Flowers scored two touchdowns in Saturday's scrimmage in Moscow.

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Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick leaves the federal courthouse in Richmond, Va., following his arraignment on federal dogfighting charges on July 28 (left photo). Vick agreed Monday to plead guilty to federal dogfighting conspiracy charges, a deal that leaves the Falcons quarterback facing up to 18 months in prison and puts his NFL career in jeopardy.



Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick rolls out of the pocket against the Washington Redskins on Dec. 3, 2006 in Landover, Md. Vick agreed Monday to plead guilty to federal dogfighting conspiracy charges, a deal that leaves the Falcons quarterback facing up to 18 months in prison and puts his NFL career in jeopardy.

Last call for fall sports team info

Today is the final day for Magic Valley high school soccer, volleyball and cross country coaches to submit schedules, rosters and questionnaires for inclusion in the Times-News' fall sports preview magazine. The preview magazine will be published Aug. 29 in the Times-News. Information is needed by 6 p.m. today and can be e-mailed to sports@magvalley.com or faxed to 734-5538. Contact the sports desk at 735-3239 with any questions.

Bears win Super Bowl rematch

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — This time, Rex Grossman's teammates balled him out against the Indianapolis Colts.

Chicago overcame another mistake-prone outing by its starting quarterback, scoring 17 straight points in the first half and 10 more after the break as the Bears beat the Colts 27-24 Monday night, Indy's first home game since winning the Super Bowl.

But this wasn't merely about a win or a loss.

For Grossman, it was another opportunity to prove critics wrong, but at all his frustrating adversity did wins provide more fuel for his doubters.

In 26 plays, he fumbled three times, double-clutched another snap, threw an interception deep in Chicago territory and was sacked once. Even his one good moment, a 1-yard touchdown run, came with an unusual twist: He carried two times for minus-1 yard and a TD on the drive.

During a sideline interview, Grossman blamed the fumbled snaps on a miscommunication and said the ball hit a sweaty spot. He didn't even try to explain away the other fumble, which came when Robert Mathis swatted the

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Chicago Bears running back Cedric Benson, right, is tackled by Indianapolis Colts linebacker Gary Brackett after a short gain in Indianapolis, Monday.

Vick to plead guilty

Falcons QB could face 18 months in prison on dogfighting charges

By Lary O'Dell
Associated Press writer

RICHMOND, Va. — More than football, Michael Vick's freedom is the question now.

With three associates prepared to testify that he brutally executed dogs and bankrolled gambling, the NFL star agreed Monday to "accept full responsibility" for his role in a dogfighting ring and plead guilty to federal conspiracy charges.

Worries about playing time will have to wait while Vick faces prison time — from one to five years.

The maximum term is five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine, although federal sentencing guidelines likely would call for less. Defense attorneys would not divulge details of the plea agreement or how much time Vick can expect to serve.

However, a government official, speaking on condition of anonymity because the terms are not final, told The Associated Press that prosecutors will recommend a sentence of a year to 18 months.

The official said such a sentence would be more than what is usually recommended for first-time offenders, "reflecting the government's attempt to show that animal abusers will receive more than a slap on the wrist. U.S. District Judge Henry Hudson is not bound by prosecutors' recommendations or the sentencing guidelines and will have the final say."

Stunned Falcons try to carry on

The Associated Press

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. — While the Atlanta Falcons certainly knew this day was coming, it still hurt to get the news officially.

Michael Vick will plead guilty to federal dogfighting charges, and the Falcons may need years to recover from the loss of their franchise player.

In agreeing to a plea deal Monday, Vick accepted the possibility of spending up to five years in prison and raised serious doubts about whether he will ever play again in the NFL. His career with the Falcons is almost certainly over.

Owner Arthur Blank vowed last week to "move very decisively" when he learned the extent of Vick's involvement in a gruesome dogfighting ring that was discovered behind a home he owns in rural Virginia.

Those facts should come out at the

plea hearing, scheduled for Monday in Richmond, Va.

In the meantime, the Falcons imposed a media blackout after Vick's plea deal, saying they were asked not to comment at the request of NFL commissioner Roger Goodell.

"We are certainly troubled with the news today concerning Michael Vick's guilty plea to federal charges," the team said in a brief statement. "Commissioner Goodell has asked us not to take any action until he has completed his own review of Michael's situation. Accordingly, we will have no further comment until that time."

Blank attended a morning practice but slipped away from the Falcons suburban complex in a black van at about the same time news of Vick's guilty plea was breaking in Virginia. His driver stopped briefly when flagged down by two reporters, but said the owner would not speak.

accept full responsibility for his actions and the mistakes he has made," Martin said in a statement. "Michael wishes to apologize again to everyone who has been hurt by this matter."

The NFL noted in a statement that the Atlanta Falcons quarterback's

admission wasn't in line with what the told commissioner Roger Goodell shortly after being charged.

"We totally condemn the conduct outlined in the charges, which is inconsistent with what Michael Vick previously told both our office and the Falcons," the NFL said.

The league, which barred Vick from training camp, said it has asked the Falcons to withhold further action while the NFL's own investigation wraps up.

The Falcons said they were "certainly troubled" by news of the plea, but would withhold further comment in compliance with Goodell's request.

Gene Upshaw, executive director of the NFL Players Association, said in a statement:

"We believe the criminal conduct to which Mr. Vick has pled guilty today cannot be condoned under any circumstances. Speaking personally, as I have previously stated, the practice of dog fighting is offensive and completely unacceptable. I can only hope that Mr. Vick, who is young man, will learn from this awful experience."

In a telephone interview with the AP, Martin said Vick is paying a high price for allowing old friends to influence his behavior, but he emphasized that his client takes full responsibility. "There were some judgment issues in terms of people he was associating with," Martin said. "He realized this is very serious, and he decided to plead so he can begin the healing process."

SPORTS

Wood River's Morgan Pike, left, and Burley's Luis Miramontes battle for an early test as far as Great Basin Conference West competition goes when the Wood River Wolverines came to town Monday. And to hear Bobcats coach W. Nyblade tell it, the game was a lot closer than the 2-1 final score indicated.



Burley holds off Wolverines

By Chuck Nunn For the Times-Herald

BURLEY — The Burley Bobcats boys soccer team got an early test as far as Great Basin Conference West competition goes when the Wood River Wolverines came to town Monday. And to hear Bobcats coach W. Nyblade tell it, the game was a lot closer than the 2-1 final score indicated.

"Wood River's much improved over last year," Nyblade said. "They really, really were playing well." But there was still one inescapable fact that the Wolverines couldn't overcome in Burley's victory: Speed kicks.

believes that his side can get even better as the season progresses. "We've got a lot to work on," he said. "We have the potential to be a really, really good team. But we're just scratching the surface."

Girls Soccer

WOOD RIVER 6, BURLEY 1
HAILEY — The Burley Bobcats girls soccer team saw its road woes continue Monday as it took a 6-1 loss against the Wood River Wolverines.

JEROME — The Jerome girls fell to 0-2 on the season with a 2-0 home loss to Century on Monday. Century scored two first-half goals for the winning margin.

Bears

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...ball away as he sacked Grossman finished 9-of-11 for 59 yards and had a sub-par passer rating of 51.1.

ensuing kickoff as he went down at the Indy 24. Mike Hass recovered for the Bears, and four plays later, Brian Grisee hooked up with Bernard Berryan on a fifty 9-yard TD pass that gave Chicago a 17-7 lead.

Vandals

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...good. If we just be a little more disciplined, we stand to be a pretty good team. I think that's a good thing. And the play, I think it's certainly made," said Akey of the false starts and defensive jumps.

Idaho Vandals camp notebook
Feeling green: John Umlauf of Helix Corporation said that his seven-man crew loved Moscow and the cool weather while installing the Kibbie Dome's new red grass surface.

Pujols, Ankiel homer for Cards

CHICAGO — Albert Pujols and Rick Ankiel homered, Scott Rolen drove in three runs with a pair of doubles and the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Chicago Cubs 6-4 on Monday, moving within three games of the NL Central lead.



St. Louis Cardinals' Rick Ankiel (24) celebrates with Albert Pujols after hitting a solo home run against the Chicago Cubs during the seventh inning Monday in Chicago.

Mets get Conine from Reds in swap

CINCINNATI (AP) — The New York Mets got Jeff Conine from the Cincinnati Reds for two minor leaguers on Monday, adding a 41-year-old player who has two World Series rings and knows how to contribute off the bench.

The move came one day after the Mets put infielder Damon Easley on the 15-day disabled list with a severely sprained left ankle, the latest blow to the NL East leaders. Easley is expected to miss at least a month... Minaya said. He added the Mets probably would not have made the trade if Easley had not been injured.

Braves 14, Reds 4

CINCINNATI — Mark Tebbel hit a pair of homers for the second straight game and Brian McCann had a first-inning grand slam for the Braves.

American League

Red Sox 6, Devil Rays 0

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Tim Wakefield continued his dominance over Tampa Bay, allowing four hits over seven innings as the Boston Red Sox blanked the Devil Rays 6-0 on Monday night.

Giants 8, Marlins 7

MIAMI — Bengie Molina drove in the go-ahead run in the sixth inning with his third RBI single and Juan Francisco overcame a four-run deficit to complete a four-game win streak.

Mariners 9, Twins 4

MINNEAPOLIS — Raul Ibanez homered twice and drove in three runs to lead Seattle to its fourth straight win. Richie Sexson and Kenji Johjima also went deep for the Mariners, who also have won seven of nine to improve to a season-high 18 games over .500.

Nick Swisher also homered for Oakland, which has won six of eight.

White Sox 4, Royals 3

CHICAGO — Bobby Jenks settled for a share of the record when Jose Guillot broke the Chicago closer's string of 41 straight outs, and then stopped the White Sox's worst skid in 16 years. Jim Barr's mark of 41 for San Francisco in 1972 on Sunday gave a single to Guahtry to lead off the ninth.

Nationals 7, Astros 0

HOUSTON — Tim Redding threw seven shutout innings against his former team. Dmitri Young hit a three-run

Athletics 6, Blue Jays 4

TORONTO — Jack Hanrahan hit his first major league home run and Brandon Blanton remained unbeaten in August for Oakland.

Tarter wins Swire's national tourney

TWIN FALLS — Not many folks in the Magic Valley have visited Hong Kong. But thanks to his skills with a golf club, Christian Tarter will get there in February. Tarter, who works for Swire-Coca-Cola in Twin Falls took first place at the company's Swire North American Scott Cup last week in Chicago. Tarter, a 1997 Twin Falls High School graduate, fired a 76 at the 18-hole tournament and won playoff advantages to Swire's international tournament in Hong Kong. In February, he'll compete against more than 100 other golfers around the world.

ing his high school days and is active in amateur tournament play for his hometown to Asia, Tarter said. "It will definitely be a learning experience to experience a new culture."

Rodeo

Gooding rodeo results released

GOODING — The Gooding County Fair Rodeo wrapped up Saturday after three days of competition. Below are placers in each event with scores and cash winnings for champions.

progress is defensive coordinator Mark Criner. "We're a lot further ahead than what we were in the springtime. It's a tribute to what the team did this summer. It's really carried over into the fall," said Criner. "They're a tight group of kids. They've worked hard. We're not very deep. We got to stay healthy to stay successful." Criner stated that progress in defense has continued in two areas: tackling and running to the football. He really likes the quickness of his linebackers and secondary in reacting to getting to the ball. "If that ball bounces up, in the air, or is deflected, someone will be picking it," said an excited Criner. "Our secondary has real good speed. Our seniors have done a great job in blocking. Eric Green has been coaching our young kids. We are going to use most of the true freshmen." A competitive battle rages at the corner opposite veteran and national interception leader Stanley Freeman. Criner likes the production of both junior Breylon Williams and redshirt freshman Eric Hunter. Freeman and Williams are doing a good job in passing and 52 in rushing. Freshman Eric Green allowed lead seven receivers with three grabs for 26 yards. Equally pleased with the Vandals' defense, the spectators seemed not to mind that they saw no Statue of Liberty play. Special returns: Kickoff returns will be handled by either Stanley Freeman or Shilo Kuo with either Eddie Williams or Jayson Bird closely to lead the blocking. Punt returns will be handled by Frankie Noy or Hunter. Kicking the Times: Eight of the coaches on Akey's staff have either played or coached against USC, including Akey, Genatone, Carr, Libby, Nansen, Plummer, Smith and Auman. Kicking the Times: Eight of the coaches on Akey's staff have either played or coached against USC, including Akey, Genatone, Carr, Libby, Nansen, Plummer, Smith and Auman. Kicking the Times: Eight of the coaches on Akey's staff have either played or coached against USC, including Akey, Genatone, Carr, Libby, Nansen, Plummer, Smith and Auman.

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

Table of baseball scores for the American League and National League. Includes columns for team names, scores, and game status (e.g., 'Final').

AL BOX SCORES

Box score for Boston vs Tampa Bay. Lists player names, positions, and statistics like hits, runs, and errors.

Box score for Cleveland vs Detroit. Lists player names, positions, and statistics.

Box score for Tampa Bay vs Detroit. Lists player names, positions, and statistics.

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GAME PLAN

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER: Preston in Minico, 4:30 p.m. GIRLS SOCCER: Minico at Preston, 4:30 p.m.

TV SCHEDULE

ESPN2 - NASCAR, Nextel Cup Series, 3M Performance 400, at Brooklyn, Mich. LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL: 8 a.m.

Due to technical issues with the Times-News Associated Press wire feed, some MLB boxes, the pro reader layouts, and other information was unavailable at press time.

BASKETBALL

WNBFA playoffs: Eastern Conference, Western Conference. Includes game times and locations.

ESPN2 - World Series, pool play round, White Rock, British Columbia vs. Holy Fat, Haiti.

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ATP World Tour: Miami Open. Includes player names and scores.

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Transactions: Tampa Bay vs Detroit. Lists player movements and trades.

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PGA Tour: FedEx Cup. Lists player names and scores.

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Quinn doesn't pass Frye or Anderson on Browns depth chart

BEREA, Ohio — Brady Quinn's strong debut wasn't enough for him to muscle into Cleveland's quarterback competition yet. Quinn shined in his NFL introduction, leading the Browns on two long touchdown drives in the final 9:20 of a 23-20 tie to Detroit.

After entering the game with Browns fans chanting "Br-yo, Br-yo," the former Notre Dame star finished 13-of-20 for 155 yards and two TD passes — a performance that dwarfs anything either Frye or Anderson has done in five games.

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second career in broadcasting. Yet Johnson sympathizes with broken-down former players who need help with medical bills and aren't getting it. His own experience with the system was eye-opening.

So the former Dallas Cowboys star and current Fox NFL analyst jumped into the ongoing battle over disability payments on Monday albeit with a twist. Rather than carrying the name-calling that has overshadowed many of the issues, Johnson went with a new tactic by making a plea to commissioner Roger Goodell.

The system is broke and it needs to be fixed. That's the issue," Johnson said. "I think we have the guy as commissioner to get this fixed."

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Sports Shorts

National and Magic Valley briefs

Kimberly holds football sign-ups

Nite Lite golf scramble on Friday

Burley — Ponderosa Golf Course will hold a Nite Lite Scramble on Friday, Aug. 24.

Buhl kids football camp nears

Buhl — Buhl High School will host its elementary football camp Aug. 22-23 at 6 p.m. on the elementary field.

College Football

Bergquist named Montana's QB

MISSOULA, Mont. — Cole Bergquist, a junior quarterback with a 6-3 record as a starter, will start in Montana's season-opener against Southern Utah on Sept. 1, coach Bob Hauck said Monday.

The 6-foot-2 Bergquist, who is from San Clemente, Calif., played all 12 games as a freshman, and started eight. Last season, he started just one game behind Washington State transfer Josh Swiggert, who led the Grizzlies to the NCAA Division I-A national semifinals.

In last season's win over South Dakota State, Bergquist completed 22 of 35 passes for 257

yards and a touchdown. He also rushed 11 times for 32 yards. In 2005, he passed for 1,275 yards and eight touchdowns.

Hansen boosters meet tonight

HANSEN — The Hansen High School booster club will meet at 6 p.m. tonight in the high school teachers' lounge.

Gooding volleyball jamboree nears

GOODING — Gooding High School will host a volleyball jamboree at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Minico, Buhl, Shoshone and the host Senators will take part. Varsity, junior varsity and freshman teams will compete in round robin play with each team playing one game in a rally scoring format.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

Buhl girls soccer holds fundraisers

BUHL — The Buhl girls varsity soccer team will hold two fundraisers to raise money for spirit gear and necessary equipment. The team will hold a car wash from 2-6 p.m., Friday, Aug. 24, at Valley Country Store in Buhl. The team will also serve as car hops at the Sonic on Blue Lake Boulevard in Twin Falls from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 1.

Kimberly holds football sign-ups

KIMBERLY — Registration for Kimberly Youth Association flag football (grades 1-4) and tackle football (grades 5-9) will be held from 6-9 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27, at L.A. Thomas Gymnasium in Kimberly. For more information, contact Jaime Carleton at 423-6173 and 731-8063.

Nite Lite golf scramble on Friday

BURLEY — Ponderosa Golf Course will hold a Nite Lite Scramble on Friday, Aug. 24. The format is a four-person scramble, and teams can be preformed or assigned. The cost is \$20 per person, and in addition to the cost there is a \$10 per person fee. Registration is limited to the first 18 teams. Call Ponderosa Golf Course at 673-5730 for more information.

Buhl kids football camp nears

BUHL — Buhl High School will host its elementary football camp Aug. 22-23 at 6 p.m. on the elementary field. The camp is open to grades K-4 and the cost is \$20, which includes a camp T-shirt. The camp will be run by Buhl High School football coaches and players. For more information, contact Coach Wilson at 308-6170 or Coach Bowman at 543-2032.

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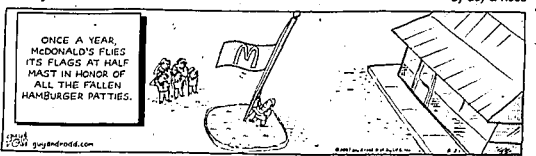
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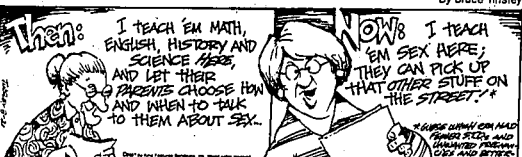
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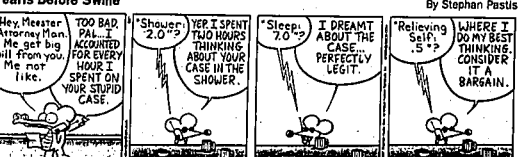
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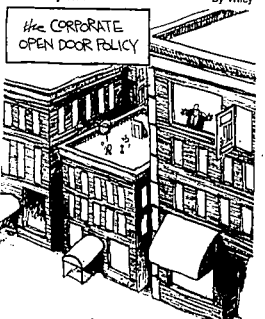
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Strange Brew

By John Deering



Your pet wins no beauty prize, Capricorn

IF AUG. 21 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY If you are single, there is the possibility of a short-lived fling in October. True love, however, is coming your way. You won't believe it at first, as it will arrive with the new flowers of spring — but by midsummer, you may be able to say "yes." Before you do that though, there's a choice to be made between old and new relationships. Christmas time will offer a period of quiet when you can decide whether to take more responsibilities in life.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): An adventurous spirit today makes you lovable and romantic. Any new love entering your life now may be a pleasant event — but at the start only. Keep your sense of humor. Sour spirits are out to get you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Carefully study joint finances and learn back money owed to you. Family matters will offer somewhat dull, if not downright frosty. Indulge in dreaming about your love life, but know that true romance will arrive in a few weeks.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You're looking serious, stable, the very right person for a solid encounter. Is this really you? If not to give such a down-to-

HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

earth impression, as you're typically a joyful butterfly.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your pet will feel like getting away, keep an eye on it. You're fulfilling daily tasks with good humor. Let's hope your mailbox doesn't fill with paperwork — or, worse, an overdue bill.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You've been busy in the past few days, so you're tired. Watch an adventure movie and you will feel better. There's a pleasant dream nagging you all day, and that cozy home is about to come true. Trust your intuition and dismiss conventional wisdom.

— VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Blame yourself for aches and pains, you know better than to neglect your health. It will make you irritable at work, just when you need their approval for a big project. Modesty is normally your strength, did you hide it?

— LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your silence to others will notice you are here to listen, so the good you give will bounce back to you. This morning's somber temper will pass. As for those plans that get can-

celled, they are unimportant.

— SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your psychological bent may be toward uncovering all of your friends' secrets. Don't do to others what you don't want done to you, and keep mum about your hidden sex life you hear.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The power of convincing others is due to your excellent manners, enthusiasm and cultured outlook. Don't step on people's feet, even with a smile. This day is about negotiations.

— CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your pet might be fantastic, but why do you keep allowing it with relations? You won't get the beauty prize for just yet. It needs much exercise, so go out and walk it, or let it fly around the room.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Hard-core criticism will harm wonderful friendships. Beware of appearances, as the new person you may meet today is unsteady to be reliable. Pampering yourself would do wonders for your sorry temper.

— PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Mastering the intricate routines of your job should give you great satisfaction. It's time to start separating work and home. There is an opportunity for new beginnings.

Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



The Born Loser

By Art Sansom, & Chip



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By Hank Ketcham



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



Opting for single parenthood should not be taken lightly

DEAR ABBY: This letter is regarding "Second-Guessing Myself in New York" (June 9), the young single woman who wants to have a baby by artificial insemination and thinks her dad will be a great role model. My sister had the same idea.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

Shortly thereafter, I had my first child. My beautiful daughter was born with multiple birth defects and required many surgeries and hospitalizations. Thank God, I was married, and my husband was very supportive. I had to quit my job and stay home to care for our daughter. She is much better now, but will always require special help.

Our family had no history of birth defects, and my pregnancy was perfect. No one had any idea that my daughter would have problems. It was a big wake-up call for my sister. It made her realize that, as a single parent, she would have been unable to take time away from her job to care for a child with intensive (and expensive) needs.

Readers who are considering the prospect of becoming single parents by choice should remember that sometimes not everything goes as planned.

MOTHER WHO HAS BEEN THERE IN NEW YORK: DEAR MOTHER: THANK YOU for adding your personal perspective to this issue. The responses I received about the letter from "Second-Guessing" were balanced and thoughtful. Read on.

DEAR ABBY: Four years after my first marriage, I decided that if the right man had not

come along by the time I was 30, I would have a baby on my own. Then came Steve, the man of my dreams, the one I wanted to share my life and have children with. We began trying to have a child. When it eventually happened, we explored other options, but Steve said he didn't want to raise "someone else's child." I prayed that eventually I'd conceive and my dream would come true.

Three months ago, without warning, my "wonderful" husband of 22 years told me he was no longer in love with me. He had fallen for someone else (who has children, by the way). The shock is still painful, but the truth is, if I had stuck with my original plan I would have my child. Now at 53, I have no children and my biological clock has stopped ticking.

"Second-Guessing" is financially and emotionally prepared to have a child by age 30, she should not deprive herself of something she desperately wants.

MARRIED MR. WRONG IN INDIANA

DEAR ABBY: At 28, with no potential husband in sight, I was worried that I would never get to have a baby. It was something I wanted more than anything, and couldn't see happening unless I did it myself.

Just before I turned 30, I met my husband. At 31, we were married, and a year later I had my first child. We have been happily married for eight years, with two wonderful little boys. I cannot imagine doing it on my own. I have a loving spouse with whom to share all of this joy.

I, too, was worried about the high divorce rate and unhealthy relationships I saw around me. My husband and I sought counseling together, before our wedding to make sure we were starting out on the right foot, and to learn how to resolve conflicts in a healthy way.

My advice: Hang in there and work hard to find the right partner. It is worth the wait!

PATIENT ONE IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR ABBY: I am the only child of the most loving, successful, hard-working, inspiring single mother in the world. She always wanted to have a child, got pregnant at 30, and made the decision to raise her by herself. My mom and I are a complete family, and I wouldn't trade my relationship with her for anything.

DAUGHTER OF A SINGLE MOM IN SEATTLE

DEAR ABBY: Has "Second-Guessing" thought about adopting or fostering a needy child? While I am sure that most people think they have something extraordinary to add to a gene pool, the sad fact is that there are countless thousands of children in this country who need a stable family.

BOTHERED IN SAN FRANCISCO

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 21, the 223rd day of 2007. There are 132 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

Two hundred years ago, on Aug. 21, 1807, Robert Fulton's North River Steamboat set off from Albany on its return trip to New York, arriving some 30 hours later.

On this date:

In 1831, former slave Nat Turner of a violent insurrection plan in Virginia. He was later executed.

In 1858, the first of the famous debates between Illinois senatorial contenders Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas took place.

In 1878, the American Bar Association was founded in Saratoga, N.Y.

In 1911, Leonardo da Vinci's "Mona Lisa" was stolen from the Louvre Museum. (The painting turned up two years later in Italy.)

In 1940, exiled Communist revolutionary Leon Trotsky died in Mexico City from wounds

inflicted by an assassin.

In 1944, the United States, Britain, the Soviet Union and China opened talks at Dumbarton Oaks in Washington that helped pave the way for establishment of the United Nations.

In 1953, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed an executive order proclaiming Hawaii the 50th state of the union, five months after he had signed the Hawaiian statehood bill.

In 1982, a group of Palestinian guerrillas left Lebanon by ship under an evacuation plan mediated by the U.S.

In 1987, Sgt. Clayton Lonetree, the first Marine court-martialed for spying, was convicted of espionage, espionage secrets to the KGB. (Lonetree ended up serving eight years in a military prison.)

In 1991, the hard-line coup against Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev collapsed in the face of a popular uprising led by Russian federation President Boris N. Yeltsin.

Ten years ago: Hudson Foods Co. plant in Nebraska closed, agreeing to destroy some 25

million pounds of hamburger after the largest meat recall in U.S. history.

Five years ago: President George Bush told reporters of his Texas ranch that ousting Iraq's Saddam Hussein was "in the interests of the world" but indicated he was favoring a new child? While I am sure that most people think they have something extraordinary to add to a gene pool, the sad fact is that there are countless thousands of children in this country who need a stable family.

One year ago: A defiant Saddam Hussein refused to enter a plea on genocide charges and facing a second trial before his prosecutors announced that 11 people had been charged in an alleged plot to blow up the Atlantic jetliners bound for the U.S. A train crash on the outskirts of Cairo, Egypt, killed at least 58 people. A bomb blast, thought to be a Moscow market, killing at least 11 people.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Actor-director Melvin Van Peebles is 75. Singer Kenny Rogers is 69. Actor Clarence Williams III is 68. Rock-and-roll musician James Burton is 68. Singer Harold Reid (The Statler Brothers) is 68. Singer Jackie Deannann is 63. Actress Patty McCormack is 62. Actress Loretta Devine is 58. TV anchorman Harry Smith is 56. Singer Glenn Hughes is

55. Country musician Nick Kase is 53. Actress Kim Cattrill is 51. Rock singer Serj Tankian (System of a Down) is 40. Actress Carrie-Anne Moss is 37. Rock musician Liam Howlett (Prodigy) is 36. Actress Alicia Witt is 28. Singer Kelly is 25. Singer Melissa Schuman is 23. Actor Oskar Kaseh ("Desperate Housewives") is 20. Actress Hayden Panettiere is 18.

THOUGHT

"When morality comes up against profit, it is seldom that profit loses."

— Shirley Chisholm, former U.S. representative. (1924-2005).

'Breakfast on a stick' wins awards at state fair

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Mix one egg with other ingredients of choice. Put results on a stick.

That's about all the recipe requirements involved at the Illinois State Fair's newest culinary contest, the battle to make the best breakfast on a stick.

The state's agriculture department and the American Egg Board deemed two entries worthy of first place Saturday.

Beverly Cutler's seasonal sunrise dipper — sausage and cheese wrapped in a biscuit with a side of gravy — shared the top prize with Anthony "Kase" Baumgartner's sausage and ham wrapped savory buttermilk crepes.

Rachael Eden won the junior division with slightly heated, egg-free sausage, bean sprouts and onion peas in a wonton wrapper. And

eggs and a stick. The entries were judged according to taste, appearance, creativity and ease of preparation, said Karen Frasse, a marketing representative for the department of agriculture.

Among the dozens of other, more traditional food contests at the fair are competitions for best chocolate chip cookie, blueberry muffin and banana bread.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Slightly above average temperatures with a mix of sun and clouds. Highs, 80s.
Tonight: Scattered clouds and still dry. Lows, upper 50s to near 60.
Tomorrow: Sunny skies and warm. Highs, 80s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly sunny to sunny skies. Highs, lower 80s.
Tonight: A few clouds to mainly clear skies. Lows, lower 60s.
Tomorrow: Abundant sunshine. Highs, lower 80s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High/Low).

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 2 columns: City, HI Lo Prep. Lists weather conditions for various cities.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

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

IDAHO'S FORECAST

Map of Idaho with regional forecasts for areas like Sun Valley, Boise, and Twin Falls. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists forecasts for cities like Boise, Idaho Falls, and Pocatello.

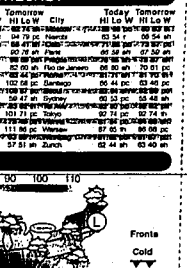
NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists forecasts for major US cities like Atlanta, Chicago, and New York.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists forecasts for international cities like London, Tokyo, and Sydney.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

Just don't give up trying to do what you really want to do. Where there is love and inspiration, you'll find a way to go forward.

NASCAR

Rain forces race back to today. The 380KLYN, Mich. — The second straight day of rain washed out another effort by NASCAR on Monday to run the Performance 400 Nextel Cup race at Michigan International Speedway.

Officials said it would be the first time in NASCAR's modern era, dating to 1973, that a race has been run on a Tuesday. The last time a Cup race was postponed for two consecutive days was April, 1997, at Talladega, Ala.

The forecast for today called for a 30 percent chance of rain. NASCAR spokesman Ramsey Poston said the race would be run as late as Wednesday with the Cup transporters due to arrive in Bristol, Tenn., Thursday afternoon to set up for Saturday night's race.

"It looks like we can do it logistically Wednesday, if necessary," Poston said. There was a steady stream of motorhomes and RVs leaving the track Monday as heavy rain fell in the morning and people's hopes faded.

Most of the drivers spent Monday hanging around their motorhomes, walking their dogs or wandering around the infield when the rain let up briefly, and hoping the race would be run. At one point, about 2 p.m., the track was being dried and appeared within an hour one hour of being ready to race, but a risky rain began to fall again and NASCAR finally gave up for the day at 4 p.m.

Rudd to retire from after 28 seasons

BROOKLYN, Mich. — Ricky Rudd said he plans to retire from the NASCAR Nextel Cup series after this season. The 50-year-old Rudd, in his 28th season as a full-time driver in the Cup series, told the Virginian Pilot that he has informed car owner Robert Yates of his decision to step out of the No. 88 car.

Coming tomorrow

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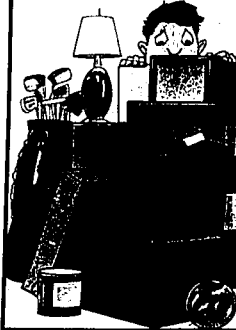
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College of Southern Idaho President Jerry Beck chats with fellow board members before the Board of Trustees Open Session Monday evening at the College of Southern Idaho campus. The board reviewed and approved a nearly \$33 million budget for this year, a 6 percent increase from last year's budget.

'An exciting time'

Beck plays up legislative, student success in CSI report

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It took only about 25 minutes Monday for the board of trustees of the College of Southern Idaho to demonstrate how comfortable they were with its finances.

That's how long it took for the board to review the college's operating budget for this year, ask a handful of questions and send it on its way.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, CSI will spend nearly \$33 million, an increase of 6.29 percent from the previous year. Much of the increase comes as a \$12.7 million appropriation from the state. \$1 million more than last year, thanks to a productive budget session with the Legislature.

"It was an excellent legislative session," CSI President Jerry Beck Monday morning during his "State of the College" presentation. "It may have been the very best

we've ever had."

Along with about \$250,000 for enhancing the college's nursing program, the college received \$56,000 for workforce training and job development, \$372,200 for salary increases and \$296,300 as the result of changes in the way the college spends appropriations with North Idaho College. The increase helped counter a predicted loss of 400,000 in tuition collected from Idaho counties. In part because Ada and Canyon counties switched to supporting the future College of Western Idaho.

The added revenue will help the college deal with several increases, including \$150,000 added to the college's power bill. Though the college installed geothermal power in the Shields Building and gas heat in the Expo Center to save money, rates through Idaho Power will likely increase 39 percent between January 2007 and January 2008, Vice President of Administration Mike Mason said.

Even some smaller changes contributed to the costs. Though interpretive services for hearing-

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Fire expands near Ketchum

More residents flee their homes

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

KETCHUM — The Castle Rock fire grew by about 3,000 acres Monday morning, prompting more Wood River Valley residents to flee their homes near Ketchum.

The fire, which has burned about 11,000 acres, is threatening more than 100 homes west and north of Ketchum, where residents gathered near city police headquarters to hear the latest from U.S. Forest Service officials — and to share stories of frenzied evacuations.

The news wasn't great. Though mandatory evacuations ordered Sunday afternoon were not expanded Monday, a second fire broke out when wind-swept embers ignited a 550-acre spot fire. The blazes continue to move north and east through timber and grassland. The blaze is less than 10 percent contained, and has required the labors of 550 fire agency personnel.

"This is unfathomable," said Charlie Buser, a 20-year-old who evacuated her home with her brother and father late Saturday afternoon. "The fire got close late Friday night, and we were up packing the car until 4 in the morning," she said.

The family rushed to gather sentimental photos and important documents. They're staying with friends north of town, but Buser said she's worried they may have to evacuate again as the fire moves in that direction.

A day later, not far from where Buser's family is now, Ray Johnson and his wife, Linda Lord-Johnson, had about 30 minutes to load their belongings before a mandatory evacuation was ordered for their subdivision. Like the Busers, they scrambled to load essentials — even the neighbor's cat. Late Sunday, a steady stream



Members of the Diamond Mountain Hotshots, based in work on building a hand line Monday on the 11,000-acre Rock Fire west of Ketchum. Some 550 firefighters from Forest Service and local fire agencies are combating the



The glow and smoke of the Castle Rock Fire looms over Ketchum as seen from Knob Hill early Monday morning.

of cars was exiting their neighborhood. "It was like a parade," Lord-Johnson said. "Everyone

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JEROME COUNTY COMMISSION

Big Sky hearing date unchanged

Hearing set for Sept. 24-25

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

JEROME — The Jerome County commissioners decided Monday not to reschedule a public hearing for a proposed controversial feedlot, despite pleas from local farmers who said the fall harvest will keep them from attending.

The afternoon decision followed a morning request by Commissioner Joe Davidson for the county to consult with the attorney representing Big Sky Limited Partnership, the business owned by Eden businessman Don McFarland, before the hearing date was changed from Sept. 24 and 25 to mid-October.

Commissioner Diana Obenauer tried moving the date to assure farmers — including one who would live next to the proposed 13,000-animal feedlot — could attend, reasoning that the application had been postponed previously and McFarland or his lawyers have not attended recent discussions. The hearing has already been postponed several times, including earlier this year when McFarland said he'd be unable to attend a hearing scheduled for Jan. 23.

Davidson initially said he didn't care when the hearing is set, but then decided the date should be suitable for McFarland. Davidson, who buys and sells potato seed, expressed skepticism about the relevance of the farmers' rationale, and said that harvest for corn and potatoes are upcoming as well.

"You get all these different things," Davidson said. "I just feel we're responsible to the applicant."

Monday's discussion was a stark contrast from last week when the commissioners went back and forth with fiery tempers.

Commission Chairman Charlie Howell said Monday he opposed rescheduling the hearing, and cited a recent letter the commission received from McFarland citing the hearing is held at the earliest date.

"We told them we wanted to proceed with the hearing as quickly as possible," McFarland's attorney, Rob E. Williams, told the Times-News. "We had hoped it'd be held already and done with."

Williams said that McFarland will out of the country for all of October and said his client had already changed his scheduled to accommodate the switch. From August to September.

The issue, now eight months old, is perhaps the most contested permit case ever in Jerome County. Ciddicism has come from the American Civil Liberties Union, the National Park Service and state lawmakers. An attorney for one of the farmers said that the case could be heard for court.

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T.F. Council looks to drop P&Z alternates

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Think of it as cutting off the excess fat.

The Twin Falls City Council agreed Monday to schedule a public hearing to eliminate the alternate positions — usually numbering two people — to the city's Planning and Zoning Commission. City officials said the decision is an attempt to amend an inefficient practice of requiring alternate members to attend workshops and study agenda items, although they're unlikely to participate in the official bi-weekly meetings. They also said the commission, made up of nine people from the city limits and the area of impact, can likely sustain having a couple people absent and still have a quorum.

Additionally, alternate positions are uncommon in most Idaho cities. Public

interest in the positions has never been strong, and state law does not require alternates, said Twin Falls Community Development Director Mitch Humble.

"It takes a lot of absences to really endanger a meeting," Humble said Monday.

The positions have been in city code for at least 20 years. There is no expected budget impact.

The two most recent alternates, Richard E. Mikesell and Bonnie Lezamlz, were appointed as full-time members in January after two members left. Their alternate positions have not been filled.

The decision comes on the heels of a recommendation earlier this year from a panel that included Twin Falls Mayor Lance Clow.

"We're the only city in the state that has alternate positions," said Clow, who first

suggested the idea of the cuts. "We felt with nine we have more than enough to have a quorum."

A public hearing will be scheduled shortly. In related news, Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Director Dennis Boyer said the state Land Board recently approved an agreement the City Council approved in May to trade about seven acres near the canyon rim with an Oregon businessman for an equal amount of property that includes the Evel Knievel dirt ramp used in 1974.

Twin Falls is well-known for the unsuccessful rocket-jump more than three decades ago and the city has long sought to acquire the site.

Under the agreement, the city will trade a nearly seven acre bloc plus several road easements and in exchange receive an equal-size patch of land.

Convicted Rupert sexual abuser seeks reduced term

By Sven Berg
Times-News writer

RUPERT — A Rupert man convicted last year of two counts of sexually abusing a 10-year-old girl submitted a motion for reconsideration Friday, requesting that District Judge John Melanson reduce his sentence.

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FRANK BLANKENHORN/Times-News

at Knob Hill early Monday morning.



ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

truck: Fire fills its tank with over 1,000 gallons.

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SERVICES

Kathleen Denise Peterson Mayes Rayburn of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the LDS Church on Maurice Street in Twin Falls; viewing at 10 a.m. today at the church (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Michael Bernard Weitzel of Wendell, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl; viewing will be after the service.

Alice Kauffman-Reeder of Filer, celebration of life at 11

a.m. Wednesday at the First Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St. N. in Twin Falls; visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. and fellowship with family from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the White Mortuary, 136 Fourth Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Barbara Ann Gnesa of Gooding, Mass of Christian burial at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Gooding; viewing from 4 to 7 p.m., with rosary prayers at 7 p.m., today at Demary Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

Lucille Mae Kenyon Smith

TWIN FALLS — Lucille Mae Kenyon Smith, 97, of Twin Falls died Sunday, Aug. 19, 2007, at Sunbridge Care and Rehabilitation Center. She was born June 20, 1910, in Fort Ransom, N.D., the youngest child of Robert and Mae Upton Kenyon. She was raised in North Dakota and graduated from Lisbon High School in Lisbon, N.D. She cared for her parents and ran the family farm until her parents' death. In 1959, she moved to Idaho, where for the first time she lived in a home that had running water. On June 4, 1962, she married Glenn Smith, who was a wonderful mate to her. When ill health fell on Glenn, she cared

for him in their home until his death in 1992. As she had no children, she became family to her nieces and nephews, especially Jerry and Sally Kenyon and their family. In 2003 she moved from the family farm to an assisted living facility. She was a prunemaker and a hard-working woman who was deeply loved by all her family. She is survived by numerous nieces and nephews, including Jerry and Sally Kenyon and countless great-nieces and nephews; and by one stepson, George Eugene Smith of Bend, Ore. She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, one sister and four stepsons. A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 24, at the Jerome Cemetery, with the Rev. Dale Metzger officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary.



Doris Darlene Lawrence

LYNDEN, Wash. — Doris Darlene Lawrence of Lynden, Wash., passed away Sunday, Aug. 19, 2007, at age 79.

Doris was born in Oswego, Kan., and was a longtime resident of Twin Falls, Idaho.

For the last eight years, she lived in Lynden. Doris was a hard-working and strong woman, one who cared for her family and put everyone's needs before her own. She was a good cook and loved working in her garden.

Doris was preceded in death by her husband of more than 40 years, Guy; two brothers and four sisters. She will be greatly

missed by her children, Don Lawrence and Connie (Myron) Alsum; grandchildren, Dawn Hanks (Glenn Johns) and Sharra Alsum-Johnson (Jayne Johnson); great-grandchildren, Gregory, Brandon and Joshua White, and Jaldyn Alsum; great-great-grandchild, Janelle Grace White; and brother, Kenneth Thomas of Columbus, Kan.

A visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls, followed by a graveside service at 2 p.m. at Sunset Memorial Park-Yu may share your thoughts and memories of Doris with her family at www.mofestfuneralhomes.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Moler Family Funeral Homes, Bayview Chapel in Bellingham, Wash.



COMMUNITY NEWS



Woolley-Buggers 4-H Club members participate in Johnny Horizon Day.

Students invited to sign up for 'Boot Camp Fitness' class at CSI

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Community Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho will be offering the physical fitness class "Boot Camp Fitness" on

Tuesdays and Thursdays, from Aug. 28 to Dec. 13, from noon to 12:50 p.m. in the Gym 236. The cost is \$125 and the instructor is Don Buggers. The non-credit course number is XPED 011 C01. This 15-

week class is also offered for credit under the course number PHYE 199 C08. Students will be immersed in a powerful physical training experience that incorporates aerobic, cardio, and low-impact body toning, and abdominal

sculpting. This course will utilize an tri-fit, pre- and post-testing, as well as heart-rate monitor use.

For more information or to register, call 735-6442 or visit the center's Web site at www.csi.edu/communityed.

Fire

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was leaving." Monday, some residents were trying to get back in. The Blaine County Sheriff's Office set up a roadblock on Warm Springs Road, where they turned away people who sat 45 minutes in a line of cars that stretched for blocks. Residents on the eastern part of Warm Springs Road were allowed to go back for possessions.

Firefighters will consider today whether to backburn behind by the Warm Springs Road to limit fuel — along Warm Springs Road. Structure pro-

Officials continue to urge residents with lung problems to leave the Wood River Valley.

tection continues to be fire managers' primary objective. Several homes have been sprayed with fire retardant. Fire crews backed 3-foot-wide fire lines around homes. A lawn sprinkler on one Warm Springs Road house soaked the cedar-shingled roof. The home's residents had long since evacuated. Unpredictable winds con-

tinued to haunt fire crews, said Dave Olson, a fire information officer. Early Monday, northerly winds largely kept the blaze away from homes, but late in the day the wind shifted and blew the blaze easterly and closer to subdivisions. Several times in the afternoon, ash fell in downtown Kelowna.

Officials continue to urge

residents with lung problems to leave the Wood River Valley. Heavy smoke had throughout much of the valley, especially near Adams Gulch.

A top-level management team assumed control of the blaze early Monday morning, but officials said it will likely be some time before the smoke clears and residents can return to their homes.

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

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Impaired students will not be lost, the college was required to assume the costs of interpreters itself. Part-time interpreters and other disability services-related workers will cost the college \$72,000, and it will lose the \$39,000 the Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, part of the State Board of Education, paid CSI for such services.

"A statewide agreement ... indicates that it's our responsibility," Mison said.

Blyngton also pointed out that at Johnson's sentencing, John Morgan, a Caldwell-based psychosexual evaluator, testified Johnson poses minimal threat to public crime.

Blyngton suggested these mitigating factors, combined with confusion over Johnson's

remarks during psychosexual evaluation about his employment record, may have caused Melanson to issue a stricter sentence than was appropriate.

But Mindok County Prosecutor Nicole Cannon said that given Melanson's comments at the time of sentencing, it was evident he had properly weighed all mitigating factors in the case. She reminded the court either count of which Johnson was found guilty could have carried life term.

"Although the court's sentence was significant, it was far less than the imposition of life,

results listed 12 items students rated above average compared to 135 other community colleges, and none students rated lower. CSI students said they liked the college-sponsored events, peer tutoring and their overall educational experiences, among other items.

Both dual-enrollment and online learning programs are thriving at the college, Beck said, and online classes are its fastest-growing area. And the college compares favorably with the other higher-learning institutions in the state, he said, not only in terms of price — CSI has the lowest tuition

and fees by \$10 — but also in terms of deferred maintenance work on campus.

While some universities are drowning in a backlog of deferred maintenance — the University of Idaho announced costs this spring of \$207 million — CSI received \$2 million from Idaho's Department of Public Works for preventative maintenance projects. For the significantly smaller institution, that's just enough, Beck said.

"It's up to CSI in a very enviable position."

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said incarceration is likely to hinder Johnson's rehabilitation and keep him from providing restitution, such as money for counseling, to his victims.

"We don't want the victims to continue being victims if (Johnson) can help. And he should help," Blyngton said.

Johnson suggested these mitigating factors, combined with confusion over Johnson's

remarks during psychosexual evaluation about his employment record, may have caused Melanson to issue a stricter sentence than was appropriate.

But Mindok County Prosecutor Nicole Cannon said that given Melanson's comments at the time of sentencing, it was evident he had properly weighed all mitigating factors in the case. She reminded the court either count of which Johnson was found guilty could have carried life term.

"Although the court's sentence was significant, it was far less than the imposition of life,

which was within your rights to impose," she said.

Cannon referred to state statutes which indicate sentence reduction may only be granted if a sentence has been determined unlawfully or erroneously. She said Johnson's motion was based on a plea for leniency, and therefore did not fall into either of those categories.

"I think a careful review of the (sentencing) transcript clearly shows this was not an unlawful sentence," she said.

Melanson said he will consider the motion to reconsider and deliver a written decision within 30 days.

DEATH NOTICES

Laura J. Cushman

WENDELL — Laura J. Cushman, 80, of Wendell, died Saturday, Aug. 18, 2007, at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital in Gooding. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, at the Desert Hills Community Church of the Nazarene in Gooding, with Pastor Paul Ward officiating. Burial will be in the Wendell Cemetery. Family and friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 22, at Demary Funeral Service, Wendell Chapel.

Bill L. Beltz

MOUNTAIN HOME — Bill Lawrence Beltz, 80, of Mountain Home, died Sunday, Aug. 19, 2007, at the Capital Care Center in Boise. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demary Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

Earl Hubbard

BURLEY — Earl Hubbard, 46, of Burley, died Friday, Aug. 17, 2007, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Samuel W. Caudill

TWIN FALLS — Samuel Wilson Caudill, 62, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Aug. 19, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. The funeral will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, at the Twin Falls LDS 2nd Ward Chapel, 229 Park Ave. Burial will follow at the Hazelton Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 22, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls and one hour before the funeral Thursday at the church.

Harold Claxton

BUHL — Harold Claxton, 54, of Buhl, died Sunday, Aug. 19, 2007, at his residence. Arrangements pending and will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Nicholas R. Parker

BURLEY — Nicholas Rex Parker, 89, of Burley and formerly of Albion, died Saturday, Aug. 18, 2007, at Park View Care and Rehabilitation Center in Burley. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Ilmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

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Persistent pests

How to deal with Idaho's most annoying varmints



Tree squirrels

"People get really annoyed when these animals get into things they aren't supposed to get into, like bird feeders and the dog and cat food," said habitat biologist Scott Bailey of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. He explained that what most people think of as tree squirrels

are actually "fox squirrels," non-native rodents from the eastern United States. These critters usually become bothersome for those in urban environments. "The problem isn't so much that these squirrels are around but that they are attracted to readily available food sources,"

he said. That problem can be solved by not feeding pets outdoors and to buy bird feeders specifically designed as squirrel-proof. "Its good policy to keep any type of food sources indoors and in enclosed containers." — Blair Koch

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

Country living is not always synonymous with tranquil living. One of my favorite childhood memories came when a rockchuck wandered into our back yard. The scene unfolded like a pinball game. The rodent, spooked by our usually lazy dogs, came barreling toward my mother in an attempt to find an exit.

Thank goodness for Mom's oversized purse; one targeted blow sent the critter through the air and over the ditch. Our Lab and cocker spaniel wouldn't be outdone and in the end the rockchuck population in our neck of the woods decreased that day.

We may have won that day's battle with pesky varmints but our dogs certainly didn't win the war. Gophers continued to devour costly bulbs and skunks came too close for comfort on more than one occasion.

This is the same war waged today by many a homeowner. Need help with those battles? Here are tips from area professionals on how to keep several varmints common to south-central Idaho at bay — without breaking out the shotgun or poison.



Gophers

Gophers can be particularly pesky to anyone with landscaping. Their burrowing will leave unsightly dirt mounds on your yard and their underground feeding can cause plants and flowers to die.

As gophers spend most of their time underground, you'll likely only know you have them only by the dirt mounds that accompany their burrowing activity. As gophers dig their tunnels they push dirt to the surface, creating crescent or horse-shoe shaped mounds (Moles leave volcano shaped mounds).

Gophers are vegetarian and munch on vegetative material underground, like roots and flower bulbs.

Constructing wire baskets around bulbs or the root ball of plants can deter gophers on a

limited basis, said University of Idaho Extension Master Gardener JoAnn Robbins.

"Dig the hole and line it with chicken wire, surround the bulb or plant, and it will deter the gopher from eating it," Robbins said.

Gophers like the protection of cover, so keeping long grasses and unkempt areas of your property to a minimum can help stop rodents from feeling at home.

"They need protection and cover from predators. Underground there isn't much that can get them but when they are out they are easy targets for a number of predators," said Scott Bailey, habitat biologist for the state Department of Fish and Game. "Gophers and such don't do well downtown, but in suburban and rural environments they just come with the territory." — Blair Koch

Keeping wildlife wild.

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Rockchucks

Rockchucks (also known as yellow-bellied marmots) are rodents most urban dwellers probably won't have a problem with. However, for those of us living on the outskirts of town or surrounded by fields, your chances of coming into contact with this critter go up.

"Typically these animals are found in rocky areas. We don't get too many calls for them at all, in fact, but when we do it is usually because a rockchuck is digging in fields or horse pastures. They are less likely to come into someone's backyard," said Scott Bailey, habitat biologist with Fish and Game. "No. 1 rule: Don't feed them. When you feed wild animals they lose their fear of humans and can become aggressive when expecting to get fed."

A favorite find for a rockchuck is a growing garden.

"I went on a two-week vacation only to come back and find that rockchucks ate the whole garden and it was too late to replant much," University of Idaho Extension Master Gardener JoAnn Robbins said.

For most pests, constructing a very short electric fence (with wire lines placed every three inches to about two feet tall) around the garden will do the trick, but rock chucks are burrowers and will slip under the wire.

I have chicken wire buried underground all



around the garden and they still got through," Robbins said.

Wes Pearson, owner of Magle Valley Pest Management, explained that although rock chucks are a challenge, they can be caught and removed with the use of live traps.

— Blair Koch

Ground squirrels

These rural critters, which are unrelated to the common tree squirrel, often pose a problem for farmers, said Chad Cheney, agent for the University of Idaho Extension.

Ground squirrels dig tunnels, kicking up mounds of dirt that foul farm machinery. Worse, they can chew their way through acres of spring crops.

"They simply consume a huge amount of forage," Cheney said. "They literally eat your crop."

The problem is worst for crop fields that are public or unmanaged land, because once ground squirrels are chased off or destroyed, their brethren quickly move in to fill the space.

"These are pretty tough little characters," Cheney said.

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Busting wildlife myths

The Humane Society of the United States

WASHINGTON — With kids spending a lot of time in their yards, at camp, and in parks and playgrounds in August, the time is ripe to debunk a few of the most common wildlife myths.

"These popular myths have been around forever, passed on from generation to generation," said Laura Simon, field director of urban wildlife for The Humane Society of the United States. "We are hoping that educating the next generation will ultimately result in a better co-existence between humans and wildlife."

Myth No. 1: Feeding bread to geese and ducks is a wonderful family activity.

Fact: Bread is bad for birds because it offers no nutritional value whatsoever. Severe health problems, including a debilitating condition called "angel wing," are caused by bread, and birds have actually starved to death on a diet of bread. Hand-feeding leads to dependency because ducklings and goslings won't learn how to find native foods on their own, and some birds become aggressive about being fed.

Myth No. 2: If you find a fawn alone, it has been orphaned.

Fact: It is actually very common to see fawns alone because the mother will "park" her babies in one place, only visiting a few times a day to avoid attracting predators. Until the fawn is four weeks old, you will rarely see the doe. Instead, the fawn relies on camouflage and lying still for protection during this vulnerable period.

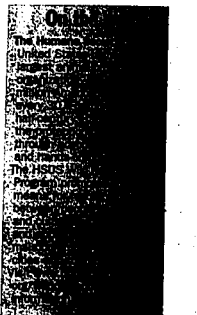
Myth No. 3: If you touch a baby bird, the parents will abandon it.

Fact: Birds have a limited sense of smell, but are strongly bonded to their chicks. They will not abandon them if handled by humans. The best thing humans can do is to put it back in its nest to put it right back in. The parents will return to feed the chicks. Watch carefully. They will feed several times an hour, from dawn to dusk.

Myth No. 4: If you see a raccoon during the day, it must be rabid.

Fact: Raccoons are opportunistic and will appear whenever food is around. Although they are normally nocturnal, it is not uncommon to see raccoons during the day when pet food is outside, especially in spring and summer when mother raccoons have high energy demands as they raise their young cubs. Only if the animal is acting disoriented or sick, such as circling, stag-

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COUNTRY ROADS

Critter invasions: Keeping wildlife wild

By Kathleen Horn
The Washington Post

As the line between wildlife and pete erodes — spectacularly evident by news stories of a quinceañero, a deer crashing through a hospital window and a raccoon pushing into a kitchen through a cat door — animal intrusions begin to seem less cute and more worrisome, even frightening.

Some cases are one-time emergencies, such as a bird flying in an open door. These tend to happen in warm weather when doors and windows are left open. Less dramatic intrusions involve critters sitting down on guests inside a house for the nesting season or hibernation. In either scenario, the key is to find a safe and humane outcome to the confrontation.

In an emergency

When birds, squirrels and other animals swoop into a house, they typically become frantic, climbing drapes or flying into windows. People tend to get frantic, too, in their attempts to get the intruder out without injury to people or property.

The first instinct often is to close in on the animal, hoping to chase it out of the house, but that may not be the best option. Some people try chasing the animal out, or throwing a towel over a terrified bird and carrying it out. But no matter how small or seemingly benign, a cornered animal can be dangerous, says John Haddigan, director of urban wildlife programs for the

Humane Society of the United States. The animal could be rabid or have some other disease, or it might injure itself trying to get away from you.

"It offers an example many people might not think of: I never recommend physical contact with a beautiful red cardinal," he says. "It has a mean beak."

In these cases, it's better to call animal control. "Both for your safety and theirs, it's best to have someone who knows what they're looking at," Haddigan says. You can look for help by searching under animal control on the Internet or in the government listings of the white pages.

Quieter intrusions

Dealing with creatures that move more delicately into a house can be an issue any time of year.

"The spring is when the babies usually come, but some also have babies in the fall. And then there's hibernation in the winter with animals looking for dens," Haddigan says.

Animal intrusions should not be ignored. Nest-building squirrels, for example, can chew wood, insulation and even electrical wires in an attic, which can be a fire hazard.

Gandy Mannes, spokeswoman for the National Pest Management Association, says animals are only following instinct. "What they're looking for is the same thing we're looking for: food, water and shelter. ... We happen to provide them with everything they need."

Prevention first

Having the foresight to prevent a wildlife invasion "is better than applying a cure," Haddigan says. Keeping them out in the first place can prevent animal disease and damage to the home that will test your patience and your pocketbook.

Both Mannes and Haddigan recommend removing what attracts animals, especially food.

Discourage raccoons from rummaging through trash by securing garbage cans and making sure pet food and other edibles are not left sitting outside the house. And Mannes cautions against leaving pets out at night. They could face serious attack by wild predators, "especially if they're hungry."

Look around your home for potential entry points, around basements, attics, windows and vents.

• Seal cracks around windows and doors where animals could squeeze inside.

• Keep trees trimmed because the branches make great highways, especially for squirrels.

• Install fine-mesh wire screens under decks or stairways so animals don't set up housekeeping underneath those structures.

• Install a chimney topper, available at hardware stores, to prevent animals - from falling down chimneys or building nests inside them.

• Before sealing chrysothrips, be sure animals have not already established a home there; you don't want to trap an animal inside your house.

Getting them out

If you discover animals nesting inside your house, don't panic. The first step is to determine what kind of creature has invaded, and how it got in, Haddigan says.

Identification can be tricky. For example, Haddigan says people sometimes mistake opossums for rats. For help determining what you're dealing with, call animal control or the Humane Society.

Once you know what's in the house, humane traps that enclose a live animal without harming it also can be used — but only as a last resort. Be even more cautious once the animal is in the trap. Wear protective clothing and heavy gloves, and handle the cage with extreme care. These traps can be found at hardware stores.

You also can install a metal contraption that acts as a one-way door over the entry point, allowing animals to exit your home in search of food, but not to reenter. These are mounted outside the house and usually are special-ordered, Haddigan says. The Wild Neighbors program of the Humane Society uses traps from Tomahawk Live Trap. (Be sure babies aren't abandoned inside the house if the parent leaves without them.)

Once you're sure all creatures have left, clean the area and seal openings to prevent re-entry.

And if you decide to call in pest management professionals, Mannes says, check licenses and references, and get more than one estimate.

Care for failing hydrangeas

By Scott Aker
Special to The Washington Post

Q: Can you tell me why my hydrangea bushes fail to prosper and bloom? I have one planted in morning sunlight near the house and two others that receive afternoon sun. They were planted three years ago.

A: There are only a couple of possibilities. You may be getting sun to yield flowers in both locations. If you did any pruning on the plants, you may have cut off the flower buds (which are at the tips of the stems), eliminating next year's blossoms. The buds also may have been destroyed by cold weather.

or That is highly likely given the cold weather in February and March that followed record warmth in January. Hydrangeas and other plants had begun to wake from dormancy and then experienced a rapid change to cold that was damaging.

Don't prune the plants, and hope for a less extreme winter. We are fortunate to have big hydrangeas that bloom on new growth, so quirky winter weather won't affect the display. Look for a variety named Endless Summer and another called Blushing Bride.

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

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Myths

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gering, or screeching — in addition to being seen by day — should a local animal control officer be contacted.

Myth No. 5: If you get close to a skunk, you'll get sprayed. In fact, it's actually extremely difficult for a person to get sprayed by a skunk. These animals only spray to defend themselves, such as when a dog sniffs up and grabs them. But because they cannot "reload" very fast, skunks do not waste their odiferous weapon. Instead, they will swing their butt feet as a warning to you to back off.

Myth No. 6: Bats get tangled up in your hair if they fly near you.
Fact: The last place a bat wants to be is in your hair!

They navigate using a complex sonar-like system called echolocation which allows them to "see" their world with fine precision. The misconception about bats flying in hair is based on a bat's swooping, flapping patterns when they get trapped in a confined space, like a house. Bats have a long wingspan; the reason they swoop is to stay airborne.

Myth No. 7: Cats belong outdoors and it is not fair to keep them inside the house.
Fact: Letting cats roam outside subjects them to perils of the outdoor world, particularly being hit by cars. Indoor cats live a healthier and longer life. Outdoor cats, even well-fed ones, spend much time mauling and killing

wildlife, including ground-nesting baby rabbits, chipmunks and baby birds that have not yet learned to fly. Wildlife and cats are at risk when people let their cats out.

Myth No. 8: Opossums are vicious and rabid.
Fact: Opossums are resistant to rabies, most likely due to their low body temperature. Opossums are also harmless, benign creatures who can hardly defend themselves. Their hissing, teeth-baring, and drooling is not a sign of rabies but rather a bluff to scare off potential predators. When their "I'm scary" act doesn't work, they play dead.

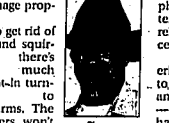
Myth No. 9: Canada geese stick around because they forgot how to migrate.
Fact: Geese who live in one place year-round do so through no fault of their own. They are descendants of captive-bred geese introduced by wildlife agencies more than 50 years ago to create "opportunities" for hunters. Geese were also released by people who thought they would look nice on their ponds. As a result, transplanted geese never learned to migrate from their parents, and thrive in our suburban landscapes.

Squirrels

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health or manage property. To get rid of ground squirrels, there's not much point-in turning to firearms. The critters won't usually let farmers get within pellet gun range, and there are so many of them it just isn't feasible to shoot them as pests (and it's illegal to shoot them for sport).

The most efficient way to stop ground squirrels from destroying crops is to use toxicants, Cheyney said. When applied properly, zinc phosphide (the only toxicant registered for use on ground squirrels in Idaho) is 80 to 90 percent effective.



Cheyney

Of course, applying it properly — at the right time of year to attract the ground squirrels, and not having it rained away — is challenging, leaving the hardy rodents with the last laugh.

"There's a limited number of ways to deal with them," Cheyney said. "Most people aren't very successful with the toxicants and don't have the patience to use any of the other techniques."

—Ariel Hansen

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AROUND THE WORLD

MEXICO

Gulf oil rigs abandoned ahead of Hurricane Dean

TULUM — Tens of thousands of tourists fled the beaches of the Mayan Riviera on Monday as monstrous Hurricane Dean roared toward the ancient ruins and modern oil installations of the Yucatan Peninsula.

Mexico's state oil company, Petrosol de Mexico, said it was evacuating all of its more than 14,000 offshore workers in the southern Gulf of Mexico, which includes the giant Cantarell oil field.

Cancun seemed likely to be spared a direct hit, but visitors abandoned its swank hotels to swarm to outdoor flights. Officials evacuated more remote lodgings farther south, where Dean — which has killed at least 12 people across the Caribbean — was expected to smash ashore early Tuesday.

Dean already had winds of 150 mph as it brushed past the Cayman Islands on Monday.

The National Hurricane Center said the storm could grow even stronger — into a giant Category 5 hurricane — before striking Mexico. A 23-mile-wide Dean was centered 231 miles east-southeast of Mexico's stunning seaside ruins of Tulum.

WASHINGTON

Officials seem focused on reducing U.S. combat role in Iraq next year

U.S. military officials are narrowing the range of Iraq strategy options and appear to be focusing on reducing the U.S. combat role in 2008 while increasing training of Iraqi forces, a senior military official told The Associated Press on Monday.

The military has not yet developed a plan for a substantial withdrawal of forces next year. But officials are laying the groundwork for possible overtures to Turkey and Jordan on using their territory to narrow the U.S. combat equipment out of Iraq, the official said. The main exit would remain Kuwait, but additional routes would make it easier to move more U.S. troops leaving western and northern Iraq.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because internal deliberations are ongoing, emphasized that the discussions do not pre-empt decisions yet to be made by President Bush. Those decisions include how long to maintain the current U.S. troop buildup and when to make the transition to a larger, Iraq combat role.

It is widely anticipated that

the five extra Army brigades that were sent to the Baghdad area this year will be withdrawn by late next summer. But it is far less clear whether the Bush administration will follow that immediately with additional drawdowns, as many Democrats in Congress are advocating.

Sales of 5 leading painkillers have nearly doubled over last 8 years

Retail sales of five leading painkillers nearly doubled over the last eight years, reflecting a surge in use by patients nationwide who are living in a world of pain, according to a new Associated Press analysis of federal drug prescription data.

The analysis reveals that oxycodone usage is migrating out of Appalachia to areas such as Columbus, Ohio, and Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and significant numbers of codeine users are living in many suburban neighborhoods around the country.

The amount of five major painkillers sold at retail establishments rose 90 percent between 1997 and 2005, according to Drug Enforcement Administration figures.

More than 200,000 pounds of codeine, morphine, oxycodone, hydrocodone and meperidine were purchased at retail outlets during 2005, in a recent year represented in the data. That is enough to give more than 300 milligrams of painkillers to every person in the country.

Oxycodone, the chemical used in OxyContin, is responsible for most of the increase. Oxycodone use jumped nearly sixfold between 1997 and 2005. The drug gained notoriety as "lillybilly heroin," often bought and sold illegally in Appalachia. But its highest rates of sale now occur in places such as suburban St. Louis and Fort Lauderdale.

estate before her wedding. Helmsley helped her husband run a \$5 billion empire that included managing the Empire State Building. She became a household name in 1989 when she was tried for tax evasion. The sensational trial included testimony from disgruntled employees who said she terrorized both the media and the executive help at her homes and hotels.

That image of Helmsley as the "queen of mean" was sealed when a former housekeeper testified that she heard Helmsley say: "We don't pay taxes. Only the little people pay taxes."

IRAQ

Roadside bomb kills governor in southern Iraq

BAGHDAD — A roadside bomb killed a governor in southern Iraq on Monday, the second provincial boss assassinated in nine days and a likely prelude to an even more brutal contest among rival Shiite militias battling for control of some of Iraq's main oil regions.

Iraqi police blamed the attack on the powerful Mahdi Army, whose fighters are nominally loyal to radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr but have recently splintered as breakaway factions set their own course.

The showdowns in southern Iraq — pitting Mahdi groups against the mainstream Shiite group in parliament — could intensify as the British forces overseeing the south gradually withdraw in the coming months.

Meanwhile, a range of initiatives, both political and diplomatic, reached a near dizzying pace as the Sept. 15 deadline

approached for the Bush administration to report to Congress on its Iraq policies.

UTAH

Families accuse owners, government of leaving miners for dead

HUNTINGTON — A mine company attorney said Monday that safety experts believe drilling a bigger hole and sending a rescue capsule into the coal mine where six men have been trapped for two weeks is impossible because the mountain is too unstable.

"It's an unsafe activity," Murray Energy Corp. lawyer Chris Van Bever said, commenting a day after relatives of the six miners pleaded for rescue efforts to continue.

An outside safety expert and a miners' union official also spoke out Monday against reopening the mine to production.

Van Bever said there had been no decision yet to call off the rescue effort. Decisions about drilling a rescue hole and continuing with other res-

cue activities were being made jointly by federal and company officials in consultation with mining experts, he said.

The capsule had been considered a last option since three rescue workers were killed and six others injured Thursday as they tried to tunnel through rubble-filled mine passageways.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Obama girl video not a hit with his daughters

SALEM — Obama girl has upset Obama's girls. The Web video of a scantily clad actress pledging her affection for



Obama

Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama has been a hit online, but not in his own home. Obama says his 6-year-old daughter Sasha has

noted news coverage of the video.

Sasha asked Mommy about it, Obama said Monday in an

interview with The Associated Press. "She said, 'I really already has a wife or something like that.'"

"I Got A Crush On Obama" stars an aspiring model and actress named Amber Lenev Ettinger, aka Obama Girl. Her song, which has lines like "Universal health care reform. It makes me warm," has gotten more than 3 million hits and nearly 10,000 comments since being posted two months ago on YouTube, the online video-sharing site.

— The Associated Press

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Harry Potter & Order of the Phoenix (PG) Today 12:30 - 2:45 - 4:10 - 7:15

The Simpsons Movie (TV 14)
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Wall Disney's Ratatouille
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Transformers (PG)
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Wall Disney's Underdog
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NEW YORK

Hotel magnate Leona Helmsley dies at 87

NEW YORK — Leona Helmsley, the cutthroat hotel magnate whose title as the "queen of mean" was sealed during a tax evasion case in 1991 which she was quoted as snarling "only little people because internal deliberations are ongoing, emphasized that the discussions do not pre-empt decisions yet to be made by President Bush. Those decisions include how long to maintain the current U.S. troop buildup and when to make the transition to a larger, Iraq combat role.

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Sale Time 8:00 PM Evening Sale No Lunch

DELIVERY TRUCK
2000 Freightliner FL60 single axle truck, has Cat model 3126 diesel engine, automatic transmission, air, ps, pb, 16e new Michelin 19.5 tires, 190 hp and has only 139 gallons. Also has Johnson truck body 16ft refrigerated box with dry speed plus folding welding camp, all completely sell contained.

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10,000 plastic calf bottles - 6000 calf bottle nipples - 70 fifteen gallon PVC totes with lids - some assorted cleaning and vet supplies.

NOTE: Dam's Milk, Inc. is a call-raising support business. Due to help problems, Carl has decided to liquidate the business. If you are a calf raiser, be at this auction. Don't be late; it won't take you to sell it all.

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Why?

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

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

These devices can now be manufactured far more inexpensively and quickly than ever before with no sacrifice in quality whatsoever.

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

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

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

But even with these dramatic changes, most manufacturers and retail outlets are still charging \$6,000 - \$10,000 for a new pair of hearing aids.

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

With the Harris Hear-

ing Symphoria Micro Open Ear™, you can walk into a hearing center, be tested and fitted and within a few days have a custom programmed device to help you hear better than you have in years. In addition, this new technological breakthrough enables the wearer to hear natural sound, without the plugged-up feeling that has been characteristic of traditional hearing aids. What's more, these new instruments are as easy and comfortable to wear as eyeglasses.

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

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

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

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

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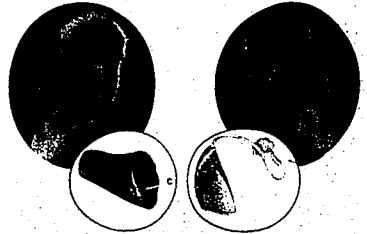
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