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Meet the players on CSI's 2007 volleyball team.

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BLAZE NEAR KETCHUM: 14,000 ACRES BURNED, HUNDREDS OF HOMES EVACUATED

Saving million-dollar homes

Insurance company sends in private fire crew to protect customers' properties

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

KETCHUM — Yes, the rich are different than the rest of us.

A private fire crew dispatched by a national insurance company that caters to wealthy clients is guarding 22

high-end homes threatened by the Castle Rock Fire, a blaze that has forced the evacuation of hundreds of million-dollar homes west of Ketchum.

The crew will protect only homes insured by AIG Private Fire Group, an insurance company that offers "loss-

prevention services" to its wealthiest customers. A truck and two-man crew sent by AIG from Montana arrived in Ketchum about 2 p.m. Wednesday to start dusting properties with Phos-Chuck, the same fire retardant dropped from U.S. Forest Service aircraft.

"We're not going out there to fight the fire," said Dorothy Sarina, vice president and national director of risk-management services and loss prevention for the New York-based company. "We're out there to protect our clients."

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Otter: Castle Rock Fire now Forest Service's top priority

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

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fighter crews, who he said told him they needed more equipment to fight the blaze. He called Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, Idaho Republican U.S. Sens. Larry Craig and Mike Crapo and Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., pleading for help.

"I was trying to break what I'll call a bureaucratic logjam," Stennett said.

It is unknown exactly what happened between Tuesday's

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Keep up with wildfire news.
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Fires force postponement of Renaissance Faire.
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Marlins decide to split from YMCA

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — In the latest sign of instability at the YMCA of Twin Falls, the private swim team that practices at the city pool announced it will no longer be sponsored by the non-profit organization and will return to operating independently.

The Magic Valley Y Marlins, a USA Swimming-sanctioned swim team, will sever its nearly three-year sponsorship with the YMCA, with the team's parent board citing the Y's unwillingness to fill coaching vacancies.

"Given our need for a USA certified coach and the skill level of our swimmers, and given the fact that the YMCA has communicated to us their inability to meet these coaching needs, we feel at this time... (it) is in the best interest of our program, our

NewsTracker

LAST WE KNEW: Twin Falls requested financial statements from the YMCA on profits at the city pool.

THE LATEST: The Magic Valley Y Marlins swim team announced it will sever its ties with the YMCA.

WHAT'S NEXT: The team's parent board will meet today to discuss its future use of the YMCA City Pool.

children and our community to operate as a distinctly separate entity from the YMCA," according to a letter by the board.

It is unclear what the decision means for the city of Twin Falls, which pays the YMCA \$50,000 annually to manage its pool. The YMCA has endured a string of publicized disputes between itself

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WANTED: LAB TECHS



Jamie Palmer, a microbiology technology coordinator, left, and Nancy Huddleston, a medical technologist, last scrubs from wounds for infections Thursday in the laboratory at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Nursing not the only health profession in need of workers

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Paula Dodd always knew she'd want to take her profession on the road.

Until recently she couldn't indulge her traveling spirit. But last year, the Twin Falls resident sent her dog to her son, packed up her husband and belongings, and headed to Georgia to fill a microbiologist position at a hospital there.

Dodd became one of a thriving class of medical professionals she refers to as "traveling techs." Through

national staffing companies, nurses, therapists, laboratory technicians and others roam from hospital to hospital as temporary workers, serving 13-week shifts.

Contract staffing predates the current shortages in nursing and other jobs. But it has found a new role in an era where as many as 150,000 nursing jobs nationwide can't be filled, said Craig Wolf, general manager of Nebraska-based Aureus Medical Group. The company is the largest public contract staffing firm in the country and operates an extensive, shifting network of contract staffers in all 50

states, Wolf said. With a University of Pennsylvania study suggesting that as many as 800,000 nursing jobs will be vacant by 2020, Wolf expects busy times ahead.

His success won't mean poorer care for Americans, he said. Early results from another study indicate contract employees can raise the standard of care in a hospital, he said. And Aureus carefully vets all its workers, only selecting those who are skilled and have the right perspective for the job.

Their methods stand out: Michelle Harris, lab manager for St. Luke's Magic Valley

Regional Medical Center, said she's worked with contract employees for the three years she's led the lab, and she's had good luck with those from Aureus. Such workers aren't always as involved in the hospital or the community, she said, but they get the job done.

"A lot of times, they can just step right in and they're ready to roll," Harris said.

Wolf described what he sees as reasons for the medical shortage: The bulk of the U.S. population is aging and women who would otherwise

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'Black Fingers of Death' might stop cheatgrass

The Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — A fungus scientists have dubbed "Black Fingers of Death" may turn out to be the first long-range weapon in efforts to halt the advance of cheatgrass, a destructive invasive weed, scientists say.

Gonzaga University biology professors Julie Beckstead and David L. Boose were recently awarded \$247,000 in federal grants for a three-year study on pyrenophora semiperideria, a tiny, naturally occurring soil fungus that attacks the seeds of cheatgrass.

Working with colleagues at Brigham Young University and the U.S. Forest Service's Rocky Mountain Research Station in Provo, Utah, Boose and Beckstead hope to gain a better understanding of the fungus, including its effect on native plants.

"We're really excited about the potential of this organism," Beckstead said. "The need to replant burns and replace cheatgrass is huge," she said. "If we don't do something, there will be more and more cheatgrass and more and more fires."

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Haye, an honor student and star athlete, dies after motorcycle crash

By Cass Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — An academic and athletic star, who was also Kimberly's Miss Congeniality in 2006, was killed Tuesday night when she lost control of a small motorcycle she was riding and slid into oncoming traffic south of Twin Falls.

Lacey Haye, 19, an honor roll freshman at the College of Southern Idaho, was transported Tuesday to St. Alphonsus Regional Medical

Center in Boise where she later died, according to Nancy Hlow, a Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman for the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office.

Haye was headed east-bound on Camille Lane when she fell into a ditch and onto Eastland Drive South.

Haye slid into the north-bound lane where she was struck by a 1995 Toyota 4-cylinder sport utility vehicle driven by Scott Bartlett, 41, of Twin Falls. Bartlett was not injured.

"She was beautiful. She held things to a higher standard," said Jan Hall, who taught and coached Haye since she was 10. "(She was) just an outstanding human being. There aren't words to describe the loss. There just aren't words. It's a part of one of the hardest days I have put in... In a long time."

Haye excelled on Hall's volleyball team at Kimberly High School.

She and a second student organized a conference of eight schools. The result: a book drive that succeeded in sending books and money to Africa. Haye also sponsored two young women in Africa so they could go to school.

Haye grew up riding horses on her parents' ranch south of Kimberly.

"She was a perfectionist and she wanted to do everything right," Hall said. "I remember her life being very fulfilled."

Competing for Miss Kimberly in 2006, she presented a platform on child abuse and exhibited her talent on the piano. For the latter, she was named Miss Congeniality and won a \$150 scholarship.

She graduated from high school on the honor roll and enrolled at CSI. The summer of her graduation, she and her mother traveled around Europe.

This past spring, the CSI freshman's grade point average earned her a place on the dean's honor roll again.

Haye's parents are Stan and Diana Haye of Kimberly. Her brother, 2nd Lt. Nathan Cornelius, is a 1993 graduate of Hansen High School. He graduated in July 2005 from an Army flight school as a pilot with Blackhawk helicopters at Fort Rucker, Ala.

"You couldn't ask for anything better (than Lacey)," Hall said. "It just is heart-breaking."

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TODAY'S FORECAST

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Seasonal temperatures and partly cloudy skies High 83
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Sunny, breezy and warm 84 / 57

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Today: Partly cloudy skies and comfortable temperatures, High in the upper 70s.
Tonight: Mostly clear skies and mild temperatures. Lows in the lower 50s.
Tomorrow: Sunny, dry and breezy. Highs in the lower 80s, lows in the lower 50s.

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

"Much Ado About Nothing," presented by the eighth annual Sun Valley Shakespeare Festival, 6 p.m., Festival Meadow, Sun Valley Road, \$20, 726-4857.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

"Books are Fund" sale, discounted books for all ages, sponsored by the St. Luke's Magic Valley Auxiliary, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Doctors Meeting Room, rear section of cafeteria, St. Luke's MVRMC, proceeds to benefit patients and staff of the medical center, 734-0477 or lmo@tlink.com.
American Legion Bingo, 7:20 p.m. Bonanza bingo and 7:30 p.m. Regular bingo, 610 W. Main, Wendell, \$500 and \$1.195 Black outs, 536-6358.

CLUBS

Desert Sage Quilter's Guild meeting, with "Scrap-a-holics Anonymous" including demonstrations, handouts and Show 'n Tell, 7 p.m., KMYT Station, community meeting room, 734-3955.

EDUCATION

Twin Falls High School Band rehearsal, for all new, former, and prospective members, 9 to 11 a.m., Twin Falls High School Bandroom, 733-1079.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
Bellevue City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar, 788-2128.

HEALTH AND RECOVERY

Take Off Pounds Sensibly ID No. 48 Chapter of Jerome, a weight-loss support group, 10 a.m., Jerome Public Library, 100 First Ave. E., 420-3823.
Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by St. Luke's 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.
SilverSnakers Fitness Program, exercise program designed for Medicare beneficiaries, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humana-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384.
Advanced Theopathic Counseling, Dr. Sharon Custer, facilitator, 6 p.m., Miracle Valley Counseling Center, 213 Third Ave. E., no cost (free-will offering accepted), 734-9603.
Celebrate Recovery, a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behaviors, 7:30 p.m., Fireside Room of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall at Yakima and Main, Filer, 734-0557 or 324-7237.
A.C.T.S. Program, a 12-week course based on self-help, recovery and education, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Bethel Temple Apostolic Church, 929 Hankins Road, Twin Falls, no cost, 731-9210.
"Overcoming Co-dependency," 7:30 p.m., Miracle Valley Counseling Center, 213 Third Ave. E., Twin Falls, no cost (free-will offering accepted), 734-9603.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Pinchle, 1 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St. W., 50 cents, open to the public, 734-5084.

MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium "Sky Quest," 2 p.m. (with live sky tour to follow), Herrett Center, CSI, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, 732-6655.
Redfish Lake Visitor Center Activities with Junior Ranger "Bet You Didn't Know" at 11 a.m. and "Amazing Animals" at 1 p.m., Redfish Amphitheater, and "Nature Art" at 2 p.m., Alturas Lake Day Use Inlet, at the center, Sawtooth National Recreation area, five miles south of Stanley, no cost, (208) 774-3376.

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

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Motorcycle crash claims Kimberly star

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Buhl School District pursues levy

BUHL — The Buhl School Board said it will pursue a facility levy in order to pay for both district wants and needs. Projects that the \$2.5 million to \$3 million levy would include are elementary and middle school repairs, an athletic facility with restrooms, a concessions and storage area, and district offices. SEE PAGE C1



Police seek public's help in finding suspect

TWIN FALLS — Not to bust up a man's swimming club but for more than a month police have been honing their investigation into an identifying mark of an armed robbery suspect: A tattoo — a distinctive writing or tribal art sign — on the right side of his suspect's neck. Now police hope that enlisting the public's help will turn the suspect's marking into a honing device. SEE PAGE C1

YOUR MORNING BRIEFING

TNT

Rising Nashville star Josh Turner opens Twin Falls County Fair

FILER — Josh Turner, a country boy with a different approach to country music, brings his act to the Twin Falls County Fair next week.

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Utah mine boss defends search effort

HUNTINGTON, Utah — Lashing out at criticism he was abandoning six trapped coal miners, the mine chief promised Wednesday to keep searching through the weekend and punch yet another hole into "this evil mountain." SEE PAGE D4

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Health summit ideas being kept secret

BOISE — Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter kept his Idaho Health Summit closed to the public, and guests to the invitation-only event are keeping their recommendations secret for now. SEE PAGE C8

Idaho dog fighting laws could change

BOISE — Idaho's status as one of only two states, the other being Wyoming, that don't consider dogfighting anything more than a misdemeanor offense might change next year. Rep. Tom Trail, R-Moscow, who wouldn't even get a bill to make dogfighting a felony introduced in the House, said he's now being flooded with e-mails and calls supporting him. SEE PAGE C8

OBITUARIES

- Sharon Melody Hartley, 53
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Toshiharu 'Taki' Inouye
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James H. Burgess, 81
Cleo P. Henry, 84
Roma Christensen Willard, 87

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SPORTS



Two Birds in Idaho's backfield

MOSCOW — You could say another Bird has landed in the Vandal nest to join the Jay-Bird. And that suits head coach Robb Akey just fine.

The older brother of junior-running back Jason Bird arrived in Moscow ready for fall camp and was received with a hug from Akey in the camp's dinner hall.

"I know this much, it's going to be a great experience for them," said Akey. SEE PAGE B3



Martin gets his chance at ISU

POCATELLO — As a former high school quarterback at Twin Falls, Jack Martin knows all about being in the spotlight, facing pressure and performing under tough times.

But now at Idaho State University, Martin looks like he's going to get a chance to shine under pressure of a different kind. SEE PAGE B3



Tigers, Bruins battle to draw

JEROME — Lauren Rogers' strike nine minutes from time rescued a draw for the Twin Falls Bruins as they finished all square with Jerome at 3-3 on Wednesday in nonconference girls soccer action. SEE PAGE B3

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COMING TOMORROW

Fall sneaking up on hunters

Despite unfall-like temperatures, hunting seasons are coming up.



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IDAHO LOTTERY

Table listing lottery draws for Wednesday, August 22 and Thursday, August 23. Includes Power Play 8: 41 and Wild Card: Queen of Spades.

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Crews

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Veteran fire managers now working the Castle Rock fire say they've never heard of a private fire crew protecting individual homes in the midst of a wildfire, said Dave Olson, a spokesman for the Forest Service.

The private crew has been granted access to areas closed, to residents, but not all officials with public fire agencies were thrilled by the sight of the truck scouting through a smoky web of government fire crews.

"That sounds ridiculous to me," said Kim Rogers, a Ketchum Police Department

spokesman, "especially since we haven't lost any structures. I mean, this is a Forest Service fire, not a private fire."

Nevertheless, the crew has Forest Service blessing. AIG's private fire-protection program began about three years ago, based mostly in the wealthiest communities in California and Colorado. This is the first time the crew has come to the Wood River Valley, an area as famous for millions as the rest of the state is for potatoes.

Properties insured under the Private Client Group are all worth more than \$1 million, or their owners pay more than

\$10,000 annually in premiums. AIG says it's not aware of any other insurance companies that offer private fire protection.

The insurance company realized several years ago that it could save money if it took a proactive approach to wildfires, said Peter Tulupman, an AIG spokesman. AIG contracts with Firebreak Spray Systems, a company that specializes in home fire-protection services that include an outdoor, sprinkler-like fire retardant system.

Firebreak, which owns seven fire trucks, was started by the inventor of produce watering systems now common in gro-

cery stores, said co-owner Eddie Ilosch.

Firebreak has saved three houses from other fires since AIG began using it three years ago, Sarna said. That's millions of dollars in claims the insurer would have paid had those high-end homes burned.

"We're not only in the business of paying claims," she said, "we're in the business of preventing them."

One privately protected home at a time.

Reach Times-News staff writer Matt Christensen at 735-3243 and at matt.christensen@tcn.com.

The Castle Rock Fire is less than 10 percent contained, and about 200 fire personnel were brought in Tuesday and Wednesday, upping the total force to nearly 800.

Fire

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conversations and Wednesday afternoon, when Oter announced the U.S. Forest Service had made the Castle Rock fire its "No. 1 priority."

But Oter's spokesman, Jon Hanlan, said the fire is more likely made a call to Washington, D.C.



Oter

"Who he talked to, I don't know," Hanlan said.

Whatever happened — Stennett isn't sure, either — Oter has promised fire managers they'll get whatever equipment they need.



Stennett

Oter made the announcement after an impromptu helicopter tour of fire damage near Ketchum, where hundreds of high-end homes are threatened but none have burned.

On the ground, crews set intentional spot fires, called backburns or burn outs, meant to limit the main fire's access to fuel. The backburns created heavy smoke that blanketed low-lying areas.

Officials are encouraging those with lung or heart

problems to leave the valley as the fire intensifies.

Crews also continued to fight several spot fires, ignited by embers blown by unpredictable winds.

The fire is less than 10 percent contained, and about 200 fire personnel were brought in Tuesday and Wednesday, upping the total force to nearly 800.

The Idaho National Guard and Idaho Air Guard are supporting top-level national fire-management teams.

Castle Rock continues to burn to the north in the mornings, and generally to the east as winds pick up in the afternoons.

Multiple neighborhoods have been evacuated, though some residents are being allowed to return to their homes for additional supplies.

Fire managers should also have additional supplies because of political efforts, and that could mean the fire is contained earlier than expected.

But it's too early to predict full containment, officials say. Weather continues to stymie firefighters, and harsh terrain is making it difficult for ground crews to surround the fire.

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YMCA

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employees and management since June. But the Marlins' side is the first indicator of differences between the YMCA and its membership, which is close to 3,000.

Gretchen Scott, the city's management assistant, said the "staffing and funding issue" between the swim team and the YMCA could lead the city to become involved if the two sides cannot reach a good agreement about future use of the pool.

The contract between the YMCA and the city is up for renewal in a few weeks.

The swim team, which last year included about 70 kids between the ages of 5 and 18,

practiced at the city pool for years before joining with the YMCA. The affiliation allows the Marlins to participate in competitions exclusive to YMCA teams, including regional and national events. The YMCA paid the coach's salary.

"I just think it's a reflection right now of what the YMCA deems to be important to fund and what their ability is to provide quality programming to the community," said Noella Biedenbach, the team's parent board president. "They said at this point of time they cannot afford to hire the best of coach for us to have an team."

YMCA Board of Directors President Scott Standley

declined comment but said the city should not be worried about the YMCA's ability to manage the pool.

The coaching vacancy traces back to June, when Celeste Waitz, the combined swim coach and aquatics director, left the YMCA. The assistant coach, Beth Malina, left her full-time position at the Yearlier this month. Both had the certification needed to coach the Marlins.

A new aquatics director was hired, but the swim coach position remains vacant. The new season starts Sept. 11 and ends in July.

Biedenbach. "We would have preferred we operate under the same agreement that we've been operating for the past few years."

She said she plans to meet today with the YMCA Board of Directors to discuss the team's future use of the pool.

In related news, Scott acknowledged she made a mistake last week when she said the YMCA for two years last year not provided required financial statements. She said Wednesday that a 2006 report listed a \$5,081 net profit at the city pool for the YMCA.

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Fungus

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Cheatgrass, native to the steppes of Russia, infests about 100 million acres of the American West. Its prickly seeds get stuck in socks and animal fur, but the invasive weed does much greater damage by crowding out native grasses, shrubs and flowers and providing explosively dry fuel for massive wildfires.

The sagebrush grasslands of the Columbia River plateau were swept by fire every 40 to 120 years, but the advent of

cheatgrass, which begins growing early in the spring and is the first to dry out in the summer, has increased the wildfire frequency to about every five years, said Pamela Camp, a Bureau of Land Management botanist in Wenatchee.

The fires, in turn, clear more space for cheatgrass to spread in following years. Camp said 12 percent to 12 percent of the state's native Columbia shrub-steppe grassland remains intact, and restoring cheat-

grass-infested areas costs \$500 to \$1,000 an acre.

"It has a serious impact on grazing and forage production for wildlife," said Robert Troiano, a BLM natural resource specialist in Spokane.

Herbicides attack only the plant, not the dormant cheatgrass seeds in the soil, and can drift to cause damage to nearby crops and range land, Troiano noted.

In 1992 Beckstead noticed a dark, fingerlike fungus poking

out of cheatgrass seeds. She discovered that it kills the seeds, then sends out black, stubby tendrils loaded with spores, hence the nickname.

"We had to call it something," she said.

The fungus is found on cheatgrass seeds across the West but is more common in some areas than others. Within about 10 years, it could be possible to grow large quantities of the fungus to spread across infested sites, Beckstead said.

Lab techs

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lab nurses have more career opportunities now than they did 50 years ago. But low pay for educators is the biggest factor.

"Nursing schools are turning away nursing candidates," he said. "There's not enough faculty."

That's because universities are shouldering a large part of the education burden, Harris said. Increasing costs have forced hospitals across the U.S. to close training programs, and universities have been slow to replace them, creating a large gap in available workers, Harris said.

The gap is apparent among the hospital's current employees. Most lab workers are older than 50, Harris said, and studies of her faculty last year showed that nearly half her employees will be able to retire within 10 years. The lab usually gets some help from Idaho State University, but no graduates from there were hired this year — all found other jobs elsewhere in the Pacific Northwest, she said.

The lab currently employs three contract workers — one replacing a woman on mater-

nity leave and two who are on the job while the hospital seeks permanent workers. It also, at least for the summer, employs Dodd, who returned to Twin Falls for a break after spending five months outside Atlanta and three months in Pittsburgh. The first hospital needed her expertise while training a young staff. The second was in crisis, battling a poor reputation and stiff competition from a university hospital.

"If they were functional, you would not be there," Dodd said. "You basically get to be the little dink by putting his finger in the rotating door." Dodd signed up with three agencies, including Aureus, to give herself as much choice as possible about where to travel. The job has its perks — her travel and housing are paid for, and after work she can tour whatever town she ends up in. She touches base with the agencies every month, and said she'll start actively

looking for a contract job again, soon.

As many as 7,000 jobs in her field are open nationally, and that number will rise as her generation retires in the next 15 years. Simple economies may mitigate things by bumping wages up, she said. As it is, her son is better positioned coming out of college than she was — his salary as a University of Idaho computer tech is much higher.

"It's making what I make after 30 years of work," she said.

What wages won't fix, educators might. Mark Sugden, dean of the health sciences for the College of Southern Idaho, said the college has an existing clinical laboratory science program, but it's only the first two years of a bachelor's degree and students have to transfer to ISU to finish the program. More useful, he said, would be a two-year medical lab technician degree not currently offered any-

where in the state.

"It would produce a technician employable in a local hospital," Sugden said. A program graduate could do everything except run the lab.

But Sugden can't start the program yet. The college's health science facilities are crowded out, he said, and any talk of a lab technician program has to wait for completion of the new \$21 million health sciences and biology building on the north side of campus. He said he does plan to start a needs assessment to determine if the technician program would last: If he finds support and hospitals willing to take interns, the program could join the college's 14 other techs that produce surgical technicians, dental assistants and other needed workers.

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Bush shows his support for Iraqi prime minister

By Deb Riechmann
Associated Press writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — President Bush, scrambling to show he still backs embattled Iraq Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, offered him a fresh endorsement on Wednesday, calling him "a good guy, good man with a difficult job."

"I support him," Bush said a day after he acknowledged frustration with the Iraqi leader's inability to bridge political divisions in his country. "It's not up to the politicians in Washington, D.C., to say whether he will remain in his position. It is up to the Iraqi people who now live in a democracy and not a dictatorship."

Bush's validation of al-Maliki, inserted at the last minute into his speech to the Veterans of Foreign Wars convention, stole the spotlight from Bush's attempt to garner support for the war by likening today's fight against



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President Bush waves to the crowd before a speech to the Veterans of Foreign Wars national convention on Aug. 22 in Kansas City, Mo.

extremism to past conflicts in Japan, Korea and Vietnam.

The president's speech — and another one like it next Tuesday — are intended to set the stage for a crucial report next month on the progress of the fighting and steps toward political reconciliation in Iraq. Democrats in Congress and some Republicans are pressing to start the withdrawal of U.S. forces.

Arguing that the buildup of U.S. forces was showing results, Bush said, "Our troops are seeing this progress that is being made on the ground. And as they take the initiative from the enemy, they have a question: 'Will their elected leaders in Washington pull the rug out from under them just

as they're gaining momentum and changing the dynamic on the ground in Iraq?'"

Comparing Iraq with earlier wars, Bush said, "The question now before us comes down to this: 'Will today's generation of Americans resist the deceptive nature of retreat and do in the

Middle East what veterans in this room did in Asia?'"

Bush had appeared on Tuesday to be distancing himself from the Iraqi leader when he said at a North American summit in Canada: "Clearly, the Iraqi government's got to do more." The White House

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American official, al-Maliki said some criticism of him and his government in recent days had been "discourteous."

On Monday, Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Carl Levin, D-Mich., urged Iraq's Parliament to oust al-Maliki and replace his government with a more unifying one. Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, the 2006 Democratic presidential front-runner, echoed Levin's call on Wednesday. Clinton said Iraqis should find a "less divisive and more unifying figure."

Iraq is so divided along sectarian and ethnic lines, however, that there's doubt as to whether any other politician could do a better job.

Studies show obese people who have weight-loss surgery live longer than those who opt out

By Alicia Chang
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — The first long-term studies of stomach stapling and other radical obesity treatments show that they not only lead to lasting weight loss, but also dramatically improve survival. The results are expected to lead to more such operations, possibly for less severely obese people, too.

Researchers in Sweden and the United States separately found that obese people who underwent drastic surgery had a 30 percent to 40 percent lower risk of dying seven to 10 years later compared with those who did not have such operations.

The research, published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine, should put to rest uncertainties about the benefits and risks of weight-loss surgery and may cause governments and insurers to rethink who should qualify for the procedure, some doctors said.

"It's going to dispel the notion that bariatric surgery is cosmetic surgery and support the notion that it saves lives," said Dr. Philip Schauer, director of bariatric surgery at the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio, who has a role in the research.

Obesity surgeries have surged in recent years along with global waistlines. In the United States alone, 177,600 operations were performed last year, according to the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery. The most common method was gastric bypass, or stomach-stapling surgery, which reduces the stomach to a small walnut-sized pouch and bypasses part of the small intestine where digestion occurs.

The Swedish study is the longest look yet at how obesity surgery affects mortality.

Researchers led by Dr. Lars Sjostrom of Goteborg University compared 4,047 people with a body-mass index over 34 who had one of three types of surgery or received standard diet advice. BMI is a standard measure of height and weight and a BMI over 30 is considered obese.

After a decade, those in the surgery group lost 14 percent to 25 percent of their original weight compared to 2 percent in the other group. Of the 2,010 surgery patients, 101 died. There were 129 deaths in the comparison group of 2,037 people.

In the U.S. study, Ted Adams of the University of Utah led a team that looked at 7,925 severely obese people in the state who had gastric bypass. They were matched with similar people who did not have the operation and who were selected through their driver's license records listing height and weight.

After an average of seven years' follow-up, 213 people had surgery died compared to 321 who did not have the procedure. The study did not look at weight loss.

Deaths from diabetes in the surgery group were dramatical-

ly cut by 92 percent from cancer by 60 percent and from heart disease by 56 percent. Surprisingly, the surgery group had a higher risk of death from accidents, suicides and other causes not related to disease.

The researchers were puzzled by this.

While neither study was the gold standard test, surgery's dramatic benefits make it ethi-

cally hard to deny patients the operation.

Iherb Orlitsky, a 53-year-old business owner from New York City, credits his improved lifestyle to gastric bypass.

A diabetic, Orlitsky was given months to live after developing a life-threatening bacterial infection near his heart muscles.

Orlitsky, who stands 5 feet 8

inches, underwent stomach-stapling surgery in 1999 and went from 520 pounds to his current weight of 160. He no longer struggles to walk a quarter block and has managed to control his blood pressure and heart rate.

"I knew I had to get it and that's what's kept me alive," Orlitsky said. "I'm healthier now than I've ever been."

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Study: Latino immigrants' income on the rise

By **Krishna Williams** and **Sabina Iltis**
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Latino immigrants have steadily moved out of jobs paying the lowest wages and into middle-income employment in the past decade, helped by the boom in the construction industry, which hires millions of foreign-born workers, according to a study released this week by the Pew Hispanic Center.

Recent Latino immigrants are moving up the ladder just as foreign-born workers did generations ago, said **Rakesh Kochhar**, author of the study.

Foreign-born Latino workers are making progress, and if that appears contrary to our perception, it really has to do with the sheer growth in their numbers, Kochhar said. "The numbers are so large that we are distracted. In relative terms, they are progressing out of the lowest-wage work and progressing toward middle-wage work."

Foreign-born Latino workers made up 35 percent of laborers earning less than \$8.50 per hour in 2005, compared with 42 percent earning low wages in 1995, according to a Pew analysis of U.S. Census data. Kochhar said that the advancement of Latino immigrants to middle-income scale was faster than pay increases among native-born workers. He attributed Latino immigrants' rising incomes to the construction boom, which has since slowed down.

Even as many Latino immigrants moved up the pay scale, other foreigners remained stuck at the bottom. While the number of Latino

immigrants earning "middle income," defined as \$8.50 to \$16.20 per hour, increased to 2.6 million, there were 3.3 million earning a lower wage, primarily in the service industry as janitors, lawn-cutters and dishwashers.

The number of Latino immigrants on the low end of the wage scale grew by 1.2 million workers, but that was

about 600,000 fewer than would be expected based on the growth of the foreign-born Latino population, Kochhar said.

However, the stagnation of the real estate industry, rising interest rates and slowing construction could soon affect the immigrant workers who benefited from the boom in the late 1990s.

Lindsay Lowell, director of policy studies at Georgetown University's Institute for the Study of International Migration, said: "There was strong immigration, and it was in response to wages. There was a demand for these workers."

With the construction slowdown, that demand could wane.

"The shoe that may drop is the construction slowdown, though we haven't seen signs yet," Kochhar said.

Foreign-born Latinos make up 5.8 percent of the population but account for 7.2 percent of the country's workers, Kochhar said. The study also notes that Latino immigrants who arrived in the past few years are older, better educated

and less likely to be employed in agriculture and other low-paying jobs than previous cohorts of foreign-born workers.

And the study noted that some immigrants boosted their incomes by opening businesses, moving from the lowest-paid ranks of the service sector to wealthy entrepreneurs in short order.

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Va. Tech panel: Establish a team to monitor students who pose threats

By **Sue Lindsey** and **Donne Walker**
Associated Press writers

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Virginia Tech's internal review of the campus massacre recommended Wednesday more monitoring of troubled students, classroom locks and other security measures.

The panel made no assessment of the actions school staff took April 16, when more than two hours elapsed between the time student gunman Seung-Hui Cho killed two students in a dormitory and the time he killed 30 other people and himself in a classroom building.

University President Charles Steger named committees to look at counseling services, security and communication following the worst mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

A panel appointed by Gov. Timothy M. Kaine is investigating the handling of the shootings as well as Cho's background, and its report is due out next week.

At a news conference, Steger said the investigation of the university's actions should be done by an outside panel, not the school, and that he had recommended that the committee form the panel that will issue its report next week. He also again defended the university's decision not to lock down buildings after the first two shootings.

"Such a lockdown is simply not feasible on a campus that's the size of a small city," he said.

In calling for creation of a team of police, counselors and other university personnel to monitor students who may pose a threat to themselves or others, the counseling committee said Tech needs a better system to deal with such students.

The university also should improve security with interior locks on classroom doors and Internet-based message boards alerting the campus of emergencies, the security and communications panels said.



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EDITORIAL

A 'virtual' med school for Idaho? Tell us more

A degree-granting medical school in Idaho? Just maybe. Gov. Butch Otter told the four dozen people attending his health summit in Boise on Tuesday that he'd like to see a medical college established to serve the state's 1.4 million people. That's been a pipe dream up until now.

A 20-year-old study predicted the cost would approach \$1 billion — start to finish — for a free-standing medical school attached to one of the state's universities, including the tab for hiring faculty and building research facilities. Today, that bill would certainly rival the state's \$2.8 billion general fund budget.

Our view:
If Idaho can get a degree-granting medical college without building one from scratch, the idea is worth a close look.

What do you think?
We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

But Arthur Vallias, the president of Idaho State University, thinks technology could make such an enterprise affordable. ISU could develop a "virtual" medical school that relies on technology and an existing network of hospitals to train Idaho's next generation of doctors, Vallias believes. It's a smart approach, strategically seeking to build relationships and slowly expand ISU's current medical offerings instead of pushing for an expensive new facility.

But there are obstacles, not the least of which is the future of Portneuf Medical Center, the two-campus Bannock County-owned hospital that's in the process of consolidation. County commissioners are weighing whether the hospital should be sold; if it is, the new owners will have a lot of say about its use in conjunction with any medical school based in Pocatello.

ISU now operates a family practice residency in conjunction with PMC that trains 18 students. The program has been described as a leading model for a potential ISU medical school and received 17,000 clinic visits last year.

In May, the director of the residency said a for-profit hospital arrangement likely wouldn't be compatible with his program, according to the Idaho State Journal.

Then there's regionalism, which colors every statewide issue in Idaho. The state's two dominant hospitals — St. Luke's Health System and St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, are both based in Boise, which could make a compelling case that any Idaho medical school should be based at Boise State University, not ISU. Especially since after the 2010 Census, a strong plurality in the Legislature will be from the Treasure Valley.

Still Vallias, who holds a doctorate in connective tissue physiology from the University of Iowa and taught physiology at UCLA and orthopedic surgery at the University of Wisconsin, has more standing with the Legislature on medical education than the other university presidents. And the fact that he's not demanding a medical school start with a big taxpayer investment in bricks and mortar enhances his credibility both with lawmakers and with the State Board of Education.

Is it actually possible that someone could become an M.D. by studying in, say, Twin Falls or Boise, while working in the hospitals in those communities? The technology exists, but legislators, the state board, educators the the governor would have to be convinced.

Some lawmakers say there are more cost-effective alternatives to an Idaho medical school, including buying more seats for Idaho students at the University of Washington and other medical schools or presiding an existing out-of-state medical college to build a satellite campus in Idaho.

But the state's fast-growing population and the fact that its rural areas are badly underserved by primary care doctors makes the case for building a medical school in Idaho at least credible.

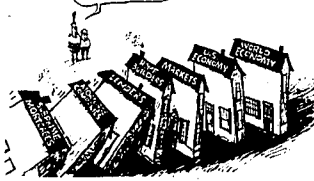
We'll see how convincing Dr. Vallias can be.

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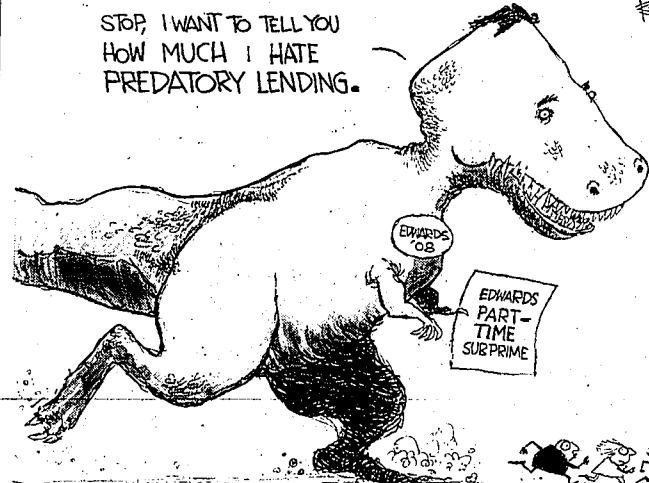
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When wits trump technology

GREGORY RODRIGUEZ

In the raging pop culture battle between James Bond and Jason Bourne, I'm going to have to side with the latter. Not because Bond is "an imperialist" and a misogynist as "bourne" actor Matt Damon has charged — but because, debonair as he is, Bond is a hero of a different era, one in which we believed in the power of technology to do good.

Sure, he had a way with people, particularly women, but the success of his exploits often relied on gadgetry that Q supplied back at headquarters, like the blue X-ray glasses in "The World Is Not Enough" or the underwater breather in "Thunderball."

But Bourne is a hero for our times, one in which we're suspicious of technology and nostalgic for the primitive, the organic. With no gadgetry in hand, he can scan a great hall in a London train station for enemies and track the movements of security cameras and synchronize them with his own. He seems to have memorized maps of all the world's major cities — how else would he know which way to turn in a chase? He survives on acquired knowledge and heightened instincts — his wits alone.

Beyond the tight editing, the over-the-top stunts and the glamorous locales, I think the popularity of the "Bourne" movies stems from our collective desire to have his uncanny

ability to assess — and overcome — threatening environments.

When making split-second, life-or-death decisions, he never hesitates. Trained under the duress of torture and mind-control, Bourne has been taught how to read the world so that he's always two steps ahead of everyone else. As far as we know, human beings always have sought to survive by trying to reduce levels of uncertainty. We've sought to give the world order by categorizing possibilities so that we could quickly process seemingly random information and make the unpredictable more predictable. Once upon a time, we relied on folk psychology, aggregated common knowledge and everyday platitudes to help us to predict and explain human behavior.

Modern science and new, more objective methods of gauging threats have led us to believe that machines could predict what folk psychology could not.

In our time, computers calculate the chances of even the most unthinkable thing happening with great accuracy. Genetic diagnostics can pre-

dict what diseases we might develop in 30 years. But helpful as they are, computers also have overloaded us with information, and some people contend that technology has made us dumber and less instinctively intelligent than we were before.

A 2005 study in Britain concluded that information overload actually reduces IQ levels twice as much as smoking lots of pot.

So besides wishing we had the impossibly perfect instincts of Jason Bourne, how do we attempt to make sense of the world now? We go back to basics — from simplistic, overarching religious world views to pet theories about how little, everyday things reveal the secrets of the universe. We buy how-to books such as "Reading People: How to Understand People and Predict Their Behavior — Anytime, Anyplace" that presume to teach us how to detect lies and identify potential suitors. Even the federal government has begun teaching security officers how to hone their instincts to catch the bad guys.

In July the Transportation Security Administration announced that by the end of 2008, it will have added not scores of fancy new high-tech scanning machines to our nation's airports, but 500 specially trained security personnel who will protect us all by watching passengers' body

language and facial expressions. These officers' training will be based on the scientific study of "micro-expressions," those split-second involuntary facial movements that reveal our emotions against our wishes. But ultimately, they are being taught how to do something that we humans tend to try to do naturally — pick up and interpret all the unspoken messages everyone else is radiating in the very social, very interdependent cohort of humans.

I have no doubt that these officers will weed out some threats here and there, but I can't help thinking that we're already pretty good at gaining the system. As our epidemiological liars learn how to mask signs that are commonly thought to indicate fibbing — nose touching is one, and researchers have found that liars touch their noses 20 percent less often than truth tellers — you would think our enemies could come up with antidotes to involuntary movements.

This is not to say that we shouldn't do everything in our power to identify and predict potential threats to our well-being. In the end, however, we may never get around the fact that humans are wily, unpredictable beasts.

Reach Gregory Rodriguez, a columnist for the L.A. Times, at gridro@latimes.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Benitez wasn't a threat at time of police shooting

Recently, your local prosecutor (Graig Loebli) cleared Meridian police officer Brian Lueddeke in the fatal shooting of Ricardo Benitez.

Since you folks probably aren't familiar with the report, I thought you might want to know what your local prosecutor finds acceptable.

Officers were called to the Benitez home because he was acting strangely and had a "bread knife." Mr. Benitez had a history of mental illness and Meridian police were very familiar with him. With Mrs. Benitez and her son out of the house, Mr. Benitez was no longer a threat to anyone. However, police chose to go inside and "confront" him rather than choosing the usual route of talking him out or waiting. Police would later say they were worried about him (want to buy a bridge?)

According to the report, officers crept inside the house to where Benitez was sleeping. They opened the door and turned on the light without "making verbal communication" (Chief Musser's words). When the mentally ill, groggy man jumped out of bed with a knife, they shot him dead.

Not only was no effort made to talk him out, but police took in no "less than lethal weapons." Either they were negligent and caused Benitez' death or they knew exactly how he would react and found a final solution to dealing with him.

SEN GOOD Nampa

Weston tackles elementary topic of fire and grass

I'm sorry I must respond to your Aug. 3 editorial, "Back to square one on controlling wildfires." I can no longer sit back and say nothing, bite my

tongue or hold my breath until I almost burst.

(And) who is this Kelley Weston? Another Californian Idaho has been blessed with! His letter to the editor (Aug. 3) is so elementary, it's hardly worth responding to. He should get off his duff and start raising native grass seed!

It is common knowledge for those of us with something more than a kindergarten through fourth-grade education that the Bureau of Land Management uses all available native seed every year in its wildfire rehabilitation effort until that supply is exhausted.

Then what is it supposed to do, Kelley? Leave the burn areas untouched so the cheatgrass will come thicker, creating a bigger fire hazard? Leave the burn area untouched so the winds take all the topsoil away, or surface erosion clogs and chokes our streams and rivers with runoff? Please, get real or go away!

Kelley, you should receive an award! The Times-News should present you with an "Annual Letter to the Editor Award." Your article, "Ranchers promote their agenda at public expense," has to be the largest "misquote" of the century. A more appropriate heading would be "Environmentalists promote their agenda at ranchers' expense."

To sit there with your tunnel vision much like the captain of Western Watersheds and state that "livestock grazing is responsible for the exotic cheatgrass invasion" is sick at best. I agree, there are instances where surface disturbance caused by livestock grazing allow for further invasion of cheatgrass, but this is minor compared to all the other surface-disturbing activities taking place on our public lands today.

RAY MITCHELL Shoshone

Rove not about to apologize to anyone for anything

Karl Rove exited arguing with everyone — so spirited in his own defense as he blanketed the Sunday talk shows that he hardly needs further assistance from anyone.

The resignation he handed President Bush last week, 17 months before the end of their White House tenure, writes an equivocal ending to a controversial political partnership. But Rove himself is not about to apologize for anything — not for "outing" Valerie Plame Wilson, not for calling Hillary Rodham Clinton a "fatally flawed" candidate, not for questioning Max Cleland's commitment to fight terrorism, not for reducing the Republican Party to its lowest level of public support in a generation. And not for his contributions to the divisiveness of American politics.

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DAVID S. BRODER

It is hard to generate much sympathy for someone as unrepentant as Rove, someone who at most acknowledges that his party is "a little bit behind the curve" when it comes to the voters.

comes to the voters. One listens in vain for any sign that a decade at the center of the political-government structure has denuded the sublime

self-confidence of the influential White House strategist, and all one hears are the echoes of an isolated, insulated presidency.

Nonetheless, it would be a mistake for Democrats — or other Republicans — to think that "Rovism" has run its course and that the last chapter in this story has been written.

The error would be to assume that Rove's goal is wounded by the career of George W. Bush. It has been — and remains — larger and longer-lasting, the domination of America by a certain type of Republicanism.

Even before his partnership with Bush began back in Austin, Rove had drunk deeply of the single poltroon dispensed by Lee Atwater, the South Carolina white who had absorbed the anger and frustration of the white Southern blue-collar families with whom he was raised. Atwater was Rove's first boss at the Republican National Committee, and my first con-

versations with Rove were dominated by his encyclopedic knowledge of the shifting political allegiances of Dixie precincts as their residents reacted to the civil rights revolution and the charged positions of the national parties by migrating from Democrats to Dixiecrats and Wallaceites to Republicans.

As a direct-contrast specialist, Rove's contribution to this historic shift was his understanding that the popularity of individual Republican candidates could be leveraged — through targeted mass mailings — into an institutional advantage for the entire GOP. The process began at the presidential level, even before Rove, with Ronald Reagan and the elder George Bush. But he brought it to a high art in Texas, and then, spectacularly, across the country.

When Bush was first elected governor of Texas in 1994, it was a lonely victory. But he patrolled his personal popularity over the next six years into a sweep of statewide

offices and a Republican majority in the Legislature, by assiduously identifying his supporters and flooding them with messages urging the election of other Republicans — in effect making Texas a one-party state. As president, he did the same thing in winning elections in 2002 and 2004 — boosting turnout in core Republican areas and trimming Democratic margins among swing voters.

In last year's election, the formula failed spectacularly, victimized by the massive unpopularity of the Iraq War, the scandals in the Republican Congress, the incompetence of handling Hurricane Katrina, and the failure of Social Security and immigration reform. How had no answer for those problems come with a better 2006 nominee than the Democrats. And he has no answers now except for his professed belief that Republicans will come up with a better 2008 nominee than the Democrats.

But if I know Rove, he is

probably thinking even now about elections past 2008, calculating how to solidify support up and down the Republican ticket and drive fresh wedges into the Democrats.

His game has always been long term, and he plays it with an intensity and attention to detail that few others can match. That kind of manager can always find candidates who will welcome his help. No one should let down his guard just because Rove is temporarily in eclipse.

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Michael K. Deaver, Ronald Reagan's genetic adviser and friend, who died last week, was a model of civility and good humor, a loyal servant of the president but also a help to legions of reporters seeking to understand Reagan's way of leading.

David S. Broder, a columnist with The Washington Post, at davidbroder@washpost.com.

Huckabee is more than a nice guy, despite 15 years in politics

Let's compare Mike Huckabee to some of the other presidential candidates.

The former governor of Arkansas is not as rich or handsome as fellow Republican Mitt Romney, nor is he heroic and tortured as John McCain. And he's certainly not as intense and operatic as Rudy Giuliani.

As for the top Democrats, Huckabee is not nearly as careful and calculating as Hillary Rodham Clinton, nor is he as dashing and Bobby Kennedy-like as Barack Obama. And he's nowhere near as shiny and pretty as John Edwards. And he certainly doesn't talk as much as Joe Biden.

In an interview, Huckabee comes across as a nice guy, even after 15 years in politics, including 10 years as chief



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executive of the Razorback State. But don't just take my word for it: David Broder, the veteran Washington Post columnist, calls him "frankly down-home," and Steve Kornack, writing in The New York Observer, describes him as "warm and personable."

Huckabee's warmth extends even to Bill and Hillary Clinton: "You know, I've never hated the Clintons," he told National Public Radio. Huckabee went on to say that Bill "made a lot of mistakes — a lot of person-

al ones," but noted that Clinton had risen up from two terms in the White House. OK, but what do they say about nice guys? That they finish last? Well, actually, in Huckabee's case, they finish second — and a strong second, at that. In the Aug. 11 straw poll in Ames, Iowa, Now the Arkansas has that precious political commodity, buzz: *The Boston Globe* bannered, "Huckabee sees momentum building," and nothing in the story disputed that headline.

Republicans looking for a candidate to carry George W. Bush's "democracy building" crusade overseas will have to look elsewhere — although as a front-page article in Monday's *Washington Post* makes clear, if even Bush can't implement the signature

Bush policy, despite years of effort, it's unlikely that the next president will gamble his or her presidency by pursuing the same grand but quixotic idea.

Even now, it's possible to see the future of Iraq. Five years hence, the Americans will be mostly or completely gone, and Iraq will have as much democracy as that country of Jihadists and ex-dictators will allow.

For his part, Huckabee is naturally focused on domestic concerns, starting with the all-important issue of homeland security. So what to do about immigration? "Send the border," he answers.

Huckabee was not the first to see the danger of unlimited immigration in the age of transnational terror, but he sees it now, bringing a common-sense approach to the

challenge of border-order: "If FedEx can track a package to within an inch of where it is, at every moment, then we can figure out who's here in this country."

Thinking further about the issues of security and disaster relief, Huckabee argues that it was a mistake to merge the Federal Emergency Management Agency into the larger Department of Homeland Security, FEMA and DHS are "totally different," he argues. He argues for about prevention and protection, which requires searching for clues and quarantining a crime scene, among other priorities. By contrast, FEMA is about getting immediate relief to people. Both functions are vital, but they are different.

Huckabee also praises the effectiveness of James Lee

Witt, the Clinton appointee to FEMA in the '90s, back when the agency was independent and had its own Cabinet rank. "They did it right," concludes the Republican about the Democrats.

At a time when every American knows that more storms — natural and man-made — are coming our way, we can hope that a potential president is thinking about the best person for the job, not the right partisan resume. Someone will be inaugurated early in 2009, charged with leading the U.S. through four perilous years, if we're lucky, the next commander-in-chief will be nice, as well as competent and effective.

David S. Broder, a columnist for Newsday, at pinkerto@ix.netcom.com.

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Sex and seniors: They're having more than you think

By Marilyn Marchione
Associated Press writer

An unprecedented study of sex and seniors finds that many older people are surprisingly frisky, willing to do, and talk about, intimate acts that would make their grandchildren blush.

That may be too much information for some folks.

But it comes from the most comprehensive sex survey ever done among 57- to 85-year-olds in the United States. Sex and interest in it do fall off when people are in their 70s, but more than a quarter of those up to age 85 reported having sex in the previous year.

And the drop-off has a lot to do with health or lack of a partner, especially for women, the survey found.

The federally funded study, done by respected scientists and published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine, questions some "secretly held" notions that physical pleasure is just a young person's game.

"Most people assume that people stop doing it after some vague age," said sex researcher Edward Laumann of the University of Chicago.

However, more than half of those aged 57 to 75 said they gave or received oral sex, as did about a third of 75- to 85-year-olds.

"Bravo that the New England Journal of Medicine is publishing something like that. It's about time," said Ruth Westheimer, better known as sexpert Dr. Ruth, who has long counseled seniors on sex.

The survey involved two-hour face-to-face interviews with 3,005 men and women around the country. Researchers also took blood, saliva and other samples that will tell about hormone levels, sex-related infections and other health issues in future reports. They even tested how well seniors could see, taste, hear and smell — things that affect being able to have and enjoy sex.

Some results:

- Sex with a partner in the previous year was reported by 73 percent of people ages 57 to 64; 53 percent of those ages 64 to 75; and 26 percent of people 75 to 85. Of those who were active, most said they did it two to three times a month or more.
- Women at all ages were less likely to be sexually active than men. But they also lacked partners; far more were widowed.
- People whose health was excellent or very good were nearly twice as likely to be sexually active as those in poor or fair health.
- Half of people having sex reported at least one related problem. Most common in

men was erection trouble (37 percent); in women, low desire (43 percent), vaginal dryness (39 percent) and inability to have an orgasm (36 percent).

- One out of seven men used Viagra or other substances to improve sex.
- Only 22 percent of women and 30 percent of men had discussed sex with a doctor since age 50.

The survey had a remarkable 75 percent response rate. Only 2 percent of 7 percent did not answer questions about sexual activities or problems, although a higher percentage declined to reveal how often they masturbate.

Why do this research? Sex is an important indicator of health, said Georgette Patmos of the National

Institute on Aging, the study's main funder.

Sexual problems can be a warning sign of diabetes, infections, cancer or other health woes. Untreated sex issues can lead to depression and social withdrawal, and people may even stop taking needed medications because of sexual side effects, the researchers wrote.

Some of them did a landmark study of sexual habits in younger people a decade ago, but little is known about X-rated behaviors beyond Generation X.

"This subject has been taboo for so long that many older people haven't even talked to their spouses about their sexual problems, let alone a physician," said the

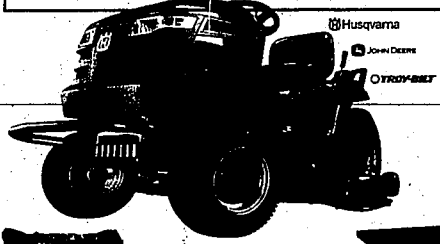
lead author, Dr. Stacy Tessler Lindau, a University of Chicago gynecologist.

The National Opinion Research Center, a university-affiliated private research firm, did the surveys in people's homes.

Laumann, its chairman, has received research support from Pfizer Inc., the maker of Viagra.

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Exotic pelts taken from taxidermist

OREM, Utah (AP) — A taxidermist told police he was the victim of an unusual burglary.

The foot a burglar apparently got away with on Aug. 12 included two leopard skins, a crocodile skull, several deer and bobcat skins and one alligator hide.

Owner Kenneth Kirkham said the items were worth about \$40,000.

"The owner of the shop did have a few suspects in mind and were looking into them," said Detective Dennis Nelson of the Orem Police Department.

Nelson said investigators have also contacted the dealers in the state that are licensed to sell exotic animal skins, asking them to watch for anyone trying to sell the items taken from Kirkham's shop.

In the week since the burglary, Nelson said whoever took the items probably hasn't been keeping them in hiding the whole time.

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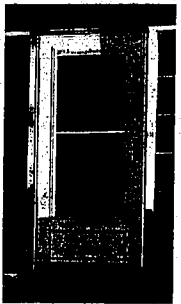


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College of Southern Idaho head volleyball coach Heidi Cartisser (front left) and her Golden Eagles players begin their 2007 season Friday morning at the CSI Outback Invitational in Twin Falls.

THE MERCHANT OF TWIN FALLS

How Heidi Cartisser sold a team on the new era of CSI volleyball

By Eric Larsen • Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Six hours to save a tarnished legacy.

Daylight's burning and College of Southern Idaho president Jerry Beck just announced the firing of legendary head volleyball coach Ben Stroud. It's 2 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 24, 2006, a day that will change the face and course of Golden Eagles volleyball. This program which has won a record eight NJCAA Division I national championships, which wins matches simply by stepping on the court, is suddenly vulnerable, in need.

The Golden Eagles need a leader, a tourney. In one day, they hope to start defending their 2005 national title. In one day, the NJCAA may levy a postseason ban or worse. So much is uncertain. So much, aside from the manic need for one

person capable of carrying this enormous burden of leading a vaunted program through its greatest crisis.

Six hours defined the new direction of CSI volleyball. That is the time, from first call to finalization, that it took the college to hire Heidi Cartisser as the volleyball program's first new head coach in 21 years.

The former Golden Eagles player had landed her dream job in a nightmare of circumstance.

Cartisser led a CSI team facing a post-season ban to a 29-14 record in 2006. She weathered the storm as three preseason All-American players sat out for the year. She watched as Stroud loyalists boycotted the team she led, the program she loved. "I can tell you I don't ever want to go

back to that situation again," Cartisser said.

Cartisser and the Golden Eagles survived 2006. For the nation's premier junior college program, 2007 is about thriving once again. At CSI, a return to national prominence will be more about what Cartisser accomplished on the recruiting trail than anything the Golden Eagles accomplished on the court last season.

A foundation set

For Cartisser, a 2007 CSI squad was a blank canvas. No guidelines. No paint-by-numbers stenciling. Six freshmen from the 2006 squad were available to return, but none were committed as she started to recruit.

"Not knowing who I had returning — not really knowing if I was recruiting an entire new class — I think it was in the back of my head that I needed to get the best players I could get from around this area right away," Cartisser said.

Cartisser did just that, signing four in-state players last December. Combining her enthusiasm and CSI's solid regional reputation, Cartisser linked in-state players Megan Parrish, Riki Moreland, Savanna Silcock and McKinzie Hawkins.

"I was sold on how CSI has had a great time," Parrish, a 2007 Jerome High graduate said. "I didn't think that was going to change."

With the announcement that libero

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2007 SEASON PREVIEW

In their own words ...

CSI players, coach discuss upcoming season

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It's time to cut out the middleman.

For well over 20 years, Times-News sports writers have postured and pontificated through the early-August rite of passage that is the College of Southern Idaho volleyball preview. It's the first big project of the August-to-June marathon that is Golden Eagles athletics. It's also the first chance to stop being assumed an idiot and write something that confirms that status to in excess of 21,000 subscribers.

Who will lead the Scenic West Athletic Conference in killer flow will Colorado Northwestern Community College fare in its first NJCAA Division I volleyball season in 41 years? Who has the talent and will to win it all? Who knows?

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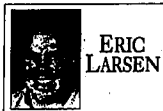
CSI freshman middle blocker Alyssa Wisbeck receives a ball during warm-ups Tuesday at the college.

Think you can hang with CSI? Go ahead, try it

Heldi Cartisser and 14 amused Golden Eagles players watched as a young man ran head first into a bad idea.

He stood there, legs quivering like an aspen in gale-force winds, head carrying an ego bruised like an orange fallen off a fruit cart. He'd made it: All the way through warm-ups, at least.

It seemed a fun notion manifested along a summer's course of too few push-ups and too many pop tops: Practice. Just once, with the College of Southern Idaho volleyball team as it prepares for the 2007 season. Bump, set, spike can't be that hard, after all, he thought. No contact. No 215-pound linebackers. Neither of Art Parakhouski's massive elbows slicing past



ERIC LARSEN

the brim of his nose. Easy, right?

Then he tried it last Thursday. He tinks differently now.

"I think one of the biggest things about volleyball that people don't understand is you can go out and shoot baskets and you can maybe look a little silly dribbling. But volleyball can make you look silly. You can look just dead," Cartisser said. "Silly is a beautiful descrip-


tion of how this young man — who felt a whole lot older afterward — looked on the court at the CSI Recreation Center. It was my first foray onto a volleyball court in 10 years. It felt like trying to drive stick for the first time — blindfolded. I ran, leapt, and most of all missed until the drills became too complex. It didn't take long.

To be exact, it took only an hour and a half to find my true volleyball calling: shagging balls.


Scouting report for Eric Larsen (5-foot-9 ball shagging specialist): Might as well be wearing a sign reading "Hit it

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CSI VOLLEYBALL: 2007 TEAM BIOS




Brië Barton
No. 1, Freshman outside hitter
Height: 5-11
Hometown (High school): Lebanon, Ore. (Lebanon)
Bio: Barton led Lebanon High School to a fifth-place finish in Oregon's Class 5A state tournament in 2006, earning unanimous all-tournament first team honors. She was also a basketball standout at Lebanon. Barton, expected to be a key hitter in the CSI attack, goes by the nickname of "Brië."
Coach Cartisser says: "She's kind of a glue player. She kind of keeps everybody going, and she pushes herself. She's a player that's going to work hard and find herself on the floor."




Kaylene 'Pudgie' Finau
No. 2, Redshirt sophomore setter
Height: 5-11
Hometown (High school): Salt Lake City (West Salt Lake)
Bio: Finau sat out the 2006 season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament. Her second such injury suffered while at CSI. In 2005, she helped the Golden Eagles to a 50-2 record and NCAIA Division I national championship, averaging a SWAC-best 11.19 assists per game as the team's primary setter. Finau was selected to the NCAIA Division I Preseason All-America Second Team prior to last season.
Coach Cartisser says: "She is such a strong, dynamic setter. And her knowledge now, she just adds so much."




Chanelle Esteban
No. 3, Sophomore libero
Height: 5-5
Hometown (High school): Hawaii Kai, Hawaii (Kaiser)
Bio: Esteban was CSI's full-time libero as a 2006 Freshman, leading the team with 3.88 digs per game. Esteban tallied 415 digs in 107 games, providing the Golden Eagles a wealth of extended rallies with her steady back row defense. She was a three-sport athlete at Kaiser High School, playing volleyball, basketball and track and field.
Coach Cartisser says: "Chanelle is my go-to. She's just my breath of fresh air sometimes, just because she's always pushing."




Leslie Aki
No. 4, Sophomore setter
Height: 5-4
Hometown (High school): Honolulu, Hawaii (Kamehameha)
Bio: Aki served as CSI's primary setter in 2006, averaging a team-best 11.23 assists per game. She played in 107 of 115 games for the Golden Eagles and averaged 1.33 digs per game. She also finished tied for third on the team with 74 blocks. Aki was a two-year letter winner at Kamehameha High School.
Coach Cartisser says: "She's going to push people. She has a legitimate chance. I don't panic when she's in and she probably, right now, makes some of the better choices with her sets."




Alyssa Wistrick
No. 5, Freshman middle blocker/outside hitter
Height: 5-10
Hometown (High school): Longview, Wash. (R.A. Long)
Bio: Wistrick came to CSI highly recruited out of R.A. Long High School in Longview, Wash. She earned three Greater St. Helens League first team honors, helping the Lumberjills to a 2-2 record at the Class 2A state tournament as a senior. Wistrick drew interest from schools including the University of Washington, a perennial NCAA power, before coming to CSI.
Coach Cartisser says: "She's a go-to player. We're going to get the ball to her as many times as we possibly can."




McKinzie Hawkins
No. 6, Freshman outside hitter
Height: 6-1
Hometown (High school): Roxburg (Madison)
Bio: Hawkins comes to CSI as a multi-sport standout at Roxburg's Madison High School, where she helped the Bobcats to a fourth-place finish at the Class 4A state tournament as a junior. She was named captain of the volleyball team as a senior and also excelled in basketball. Hawkins was a four-year letter winner in both sports.
Coach Cartisser says: "She can hit a heavy ball and she's learning to use a lot more tools than just hitting the ball. She's a good learner with a lot of upside."




Gabriela Bolawczyk
No. 7, Freshman outside hitter
Height: 5-10
Hometown (High school): Sulechów, Poland (SMS Sosnowiec)
Bio: The 23-year-old Bolawczyk earned All-SWAC Second Team honors as a Freshman at CSI, averaging 2.5 kills and 1.2 blocks per game. A steady jump serve netted her 50 kills in 107 games played. Bolawczyk served on the Polish Junior National team that faced extremely well at the European and World Championships from 2001-03.
Coach Cartisser says: "I'm expecting Gabby to lead physically. Just that dominant player that's going to be a go-to and get it done on the court."




Jelena Savic
No. 8, Freshman setter
Height: 5-10
Hometown (High school): Rijeka, Croatia (Republic of Croatia-Opatija)
Bio: The 18-year-old Savic played in the 2006 Women's World Championship in Saint-Denis, France, as Bosnia's starting libero in fifth. Her first name is pronounced "YEL-lenah."
Coach Cartisser says: "Jelena is fast, she's athletic and she can run a fast offense. I think once she makes some of the adjustments to how we do things here, she's going to be fine."



Riki Moreland
No. 9, Freshman middle blocker
Height: 6-0
Hometown (High school): Rathdrum (Lake City)
Bio: Moreland was named to the Spokane (Wash.) Spokanews-Review's All-Idaho volleyball team after helping Lake City High to the Class 5A state tournament. She was also a key member of the Timberwolves' state championship basketball team as a senior.
Coach Cartisser says: "I don't know if she was going to be able to play middle, but looking at her, she's going to be fine in the middle. I think when she gets up to the pace of the game she's going to be good."




Jazmine Ma'afala
No. 10, Freshman outside hitter
Height: 5-10
Hometown (High school): Ewa Beach, Hawaii (McKinley)
Bio: Ma'afala helped McKinley High to Hawaii's Division I state championships, earning all-state honorable mention honors for her efforts. Ma'afala drew interest from the University of Utah and the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, among other schools, before coming to CSI.
Coach Cartisser says: "Jazmine's an all-around good ball control player. She's a pretty heavy ball, plays good defense and passes well. She's a competitor. She's going to find her way on the floor as well."




Santia Sanders
No. 11, Freshman outside hitter
Height: 5-8
Hometown (High school): Olympia, Wash. (River Ridge)
Bio: Sanders played four years of varsity volleyball at Olympia's River Ridge High School. As a senior, she led her squad to a 17-5 record, averaging 4.45 kills per game to go with 135 digs and 28 blocks on the season. She also excelled in basketball and track and field at a high school standout, winning state championships in both sports.
Coach Cartisser says: "The awesome thing about Santia is she doesn't make mistakes. She remembers when she's supposed to hammer, keeps balls in play when she's supposed to keep balls in play and does a great job on defense."




Savanna Silcock
No. 12, Freshman middle blocker
Height: 6-1
Hometown (High school): Moore (Butte County)
Bio: Silcock excelled at Butte County High, playing volleyball, basketball and track for the Pirates. She helped the Pirates to two Class 2A state basketball championships and three consecutive state volleyball appearances. She was also second among Class-2A high jumpers at the state track and field championships as a senior, after becoming one of the state's best leapers over her high school career.
Coach Cartisser says: "Wow, Savanna has so much upside. She's so quick and so fast and she's a hard, heavy ball. She's learning quickly how fast the game is."




Nathy Fogo Neres
No. 13, Freshman outside hitter
Height: 5-10
Hometown: Sao Paulo, Brazil
Bio: The 22-year-old Neres is a communications major who will learn English as a second language at CSI. Neres contacted CSI about playing, and Cartisser was able to scout her through video tapes. Neres' first name is pronounced "Natchee."
Coach Cartisser says: "Once she learns how the system is run, and once she doesn't have to translate every single thing we say, she's going to be very good."



Megan Parrish
No. 14, Freshman outside hitter
Height: 5-11
Hometown (High school): Jerome (Jerome)
Bio: Parrish stood out at Jerome in volleyball, basketball and track and field. She tallied nearly 300 kills and 60 blocks as a Tigers senior, and helped Jerome to two state tournament appearances in three years on the varsity squad. She was also an honor roll student at Jerome.
Coach Cartisser says: "Megan has all the tools that she needs. She just needs more contact on the ball. She has all the intangibles, she's going to be a great, great player."




Babes Kalulu
Assistant coach, second year
Bio: Kalulu joined CSI last year as an assistant coach. In part to be close to her sisters, CSI players Aneli Cubi-Oñuero and Kawena Cubi-Oñuero, Kalulu played one year of college volleyball at the University of Hawaii, where she recorded 26 digs in 65 games. As a standout at University of Hawaii Lab High School, Kalulu led her team to four consecutive state championships after starting her volleyball career playing club ball for the Kamehameha team as a seventh grader. Kalulu has four children: Darren, Daylen, Darlan and Del.



Heidi Cartisser
Head coach, second year
Bio: Cartisser became CSI's new coach one day before the 2006 season after longtime head coach Ben Strout was released from his position. In her first year at CSI, the former Golden Eagles player led her team to a 28-14 mark and 8-4 SWAC record, finishing second in the conference, despite finishing the season with only eight available players.
Prior to coaching at CSI, Cartisser coached at Treasure Valley Community College (Ore.) from 1995-2000, and Chicago State University from 2000-04. Cartisser led TVCC to regional playoff action for the first time in 19 years in 1997, and helped CSU to the most wins in program history in 2004. Cartisser played at CSI from 1991-93 under her maiden name, Heidi Prindtle. She is married to former CSI assistant coach Jim Cartisser. They have four children: Cozy, Canyon, Cason and Calley.

Information compiled by **Eric Larsen**, Times-News writer
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Erin Mellinger
Assistant coach, first year
Bio: Mellinger joins CSI after coaching the last two years at Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston, while at LCSC, Mellinger's teams went 12-41. Mellinger became the youngest head coach in program history after playing for LCSC in 1999. She also played at Treasure Valley Community College and at Chicago State for Cartisser. Mellinger has also coached at the University of Great Falls (Mont.) and Independence (Kan.) Community College.

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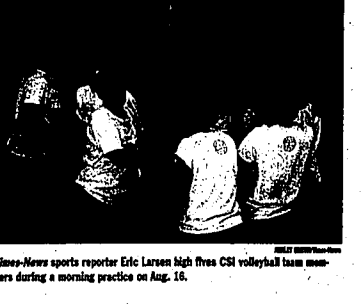
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here. "Can't pass, hit or set. Still think libero is common slang for democrat. Ability to identify and pick up white, spherical objects is unaffected by overall lack of my helpful volleyball skills."

"You were doing the best you could. There's so many aspects of the game I'm still trying to get," freshman Megan Parrish reassured me. Love that kid.
Parrish, along with the rest of the CSI players, were entirely too kind. It didn't matter how many times I squibbed a spike off my pinky or tried to

pass with my shoulder. There was faith, however misplaced, that I'd get it next time. I was on positive reinforcement overload as Cartisser looked over her depth chart during the afternoon session. Maybe, just maybe...
"Sorry, Eric. I think you're my 15th man," Cartisser said. Oh.
But in retrospect, I can't blame anyone other than CSI athletic director Joel Bate related how back in his volleyball days, he'd come home with forearms frayed from digging balls. I, too, have that problem. In fact, I can't exactly remember many balls connecting with my forearms. My shoulders, hands and the floor space around me,

yes, but my forearms?
"If you were trying out for this team, I would not take you," Cartisser said. "Is that fair enough to say?"
Yep. It would also be fair to say that hitting a volleyball, no matter how perfectly set, feels, so much harder than it looks. It's not the jumping or the swinging so much, but everything I did beforehand with my feet that sank me.
"If you don't know the foot patterns, how do you play that ball when you're out of position?" Cartisser asked, rhetorically. "It's hard. It's way hard."
What's also hard is dealing with the pain of the whole ordeal. Not so much the emotional pain of making a fool of myself in front of 14 attractive

young women. I usually call that Friday night.
What hurt most was the searing leg pain that slowed me for three days and made me aware of my quads at all times.
The Golden Eagles have practiced three to six hours, six days a week since Aug. 6. Their legs have washed in lactic acid, forging themselves into steel pillars. Their obduracy is nothing short of impressive. As for me, there's only one thing left to do with my brief volleyball career. Retire.
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Times-News sports reporter Eric Larsen high fives CSI volleyball team members during a morning practice on Aug. 16.

INSIDE: The Texas Rangers ran up the score like no team in recent memory on Wednesday, B4

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Martin gets chance with Bengals

By Mark Liptak
Times-News correspondent

POCAHELLO — As a former high school quarterback at Twin Falls, Luc Martin knows all about being in the spotlight, facing pressure and performing under tough times.

But now at Idaho State University, Martin looks like he's going to get a chance to shine under pressure of a different kind.

Incumbent tight end Jon Winn suffered a dislocated heel bone last week and is out from three to six weeks which opens the door for Martin. Winn is definitely out for the season-opener with Southern Oregon and most likely won't play against Oregon State the following week. That means all eyes



Martin

are on Martin as he steps into the starting role in that position.

"I feel good actually," he said after a practice. "I've been wanting to get a chance since I've come here. You hate to see anyone get hurt like Jon, but now I've got an opportunity."

Last season Martin appeared in 11 games but generally that was on special teams. He had no catches in 2006 so to a certain extent he's untried as well. But at least he's been through the fire and has performed well enough in what he was asked to

do to stay on scholarship.

Asked if there's a difference in the pressure that someone feels when relegated to a backup role and that of being a starter, his answer was quick and honest.

"I'd like to tell you 'no there isn't' but the reality is that there is a different kind of pressure. The rest of the team is really depending on you, you have to perform, the responsibility is greater."

Under new head coach John Zamberlin and his offensive coordinator Mike Orshman, ISU figures to actually use its tight ends this season and not just pay lip service to them. That possibility has Martin very excited.

"For sure, they will definitely use the tight ends this year. It looks like we're going to be a big

part of the offense."

Martin has one other thing going for him. As a former highly successful high school quarterback he had to read defenses in a split second and make the correct throw.

As a tight end that experience can come in handy having to adjust pass routes and situations on the fly.

Martin told his family about things over the weekend and talked about their reaction. "They're excited," he said. "They know Jon and like him very much. They're sorry to see that he got hurt but at the same time they're happy that I'm getting the chance."

What Martin does with the chance remains to be seen but at least no one can say he didn't get one.



Former Twin Falls High standout Luc Martin walks off the field as a member of the Idaho State football team last season.

Two birds in Vandals' backfield nest

By Grant Joki
Times-News correspondent

MOSCOW — You could say another bird has landed in the Vandal nest to join the Jay-Bird. And that suits head coach Robb Akey just fine.

The older brother of junior running back Jayson Bird arrived in Moscow ready for fall camp and was received with a hug from Akey in the camp's dinner hall.

"I know this much, it's going to be a great experience for them," said Akey. "You know being able to be out here every day doing the things they're doing with Rayce having done some other things in life and coming here to join his brother on the football team — I think that is a great opportunity."

"I'm anxious to see what Rayce will do. Right now he's doing a lot of good things on the look squad."

Although a sophomore in school, Rayce is the older brother of Jayson, who is entering his junior year on the Moscow campus. The two natives of Shelly are known for their physical style of play. Both sculpted running backs weigh in at about 220 pounds, but the younger Bird, a six-footer, is a noticeably four inches taller.

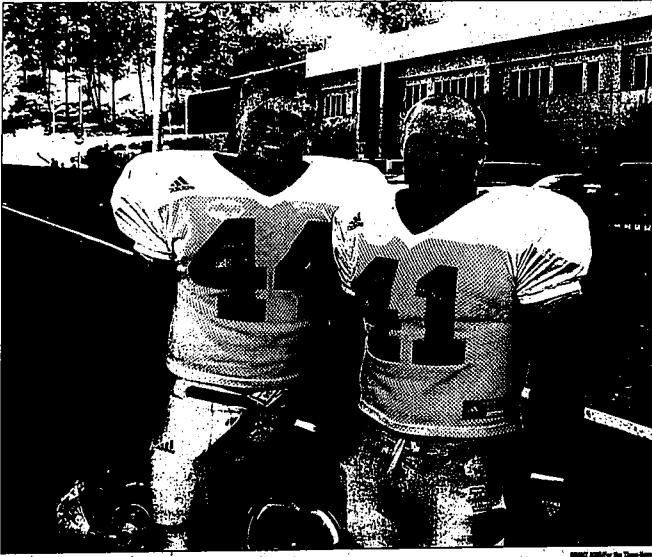
Jayson, a newlywed, joins Rayce as one of few of the "family men" on the Vandal roster. Rayce delayed going to college, dabbled around with semi-pro football and married his high school sweetheart Candl. Then his brother encouraged him to come to Moscow.

"I've got a 5-year old, a 3-year old and a 2-year old," said Rayce. "My family is very supportive on me coming to Moscow. It's kind of a disease to want to play football. I can't come up here and not play."

Both brothers love the small college town setting of Moscow. Their wives have been unconditional in support of their goals for college degrees and their love of the rite of autumn.

Rayce, majoring in virtual technology and design, said it only took a few trips to the Palouse to watch Jayson play for him to realize Moscow was where he wanted to call home.

"I wanted to play, but I was thinking



Brothers Jayson (left) and Rayce Bird are both Idaho Vandals this season. The former Shelly High School stars are reunited as members of the Vandals' backfield.

"Obviously it's a great family and they bring some high quality and character to our program. Rayce is excited as can be to be out here — he's fired up."

— Idaho coach Robb Akey

more local, like ISU," said Rayce. "But when Jayson was already up here, I came up to watch a few games and I fell in love with the city and everything.

You know, it's such a pretty place up here."

Rayce now wears No. 41, while Jayson dons the No. 41.

And as far as Jayson's thinking about Rayce becoming a Vandal, he's all smiles.

"I think it's cool, you know. It's nice. I kind of talked him into it last year," said Jayson. "As you know, it's nice to get him on the field. It's fun going through the same stuff together. We're going to have some stories to tell."

Jayson's wife Talena is also a Shelly

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Better players, better team for U.S. hoops

By Brian Mahoney
Associated Press writer

LAS VEGAS — Jerry Colangelo insists he was not out to build a team of All-Stars when he created the USA Basketball national team program.

But maybe an All-Star team is exactly what the United States needed.

The Americans brought a strong one into their FIBA Americas tournament opener Wednesday night against Venezuela, one that looked more like the dominant U.S. teams of the 1990s than the ones who struggled so much in this decade.

Carmelo Anthony was on U.S. teams that managed only bronze medals in their past two events, and likes the way this one stacks up.

"I think it's better than both teams just because we have more experience now," he said. "We have guys who have been in situations, tough situations. Even though we lost last year, I think we took a step further toward where we want to be at."

Or, where the Americans used to be.

When the United States starts using professional players for international events with the Dream Team

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Wednesday's game

Wednesday's FIBA Americas game between the U.S. and Venezuela ended after Times-News press time. Visit MagValley.com/sports for complete results.



Jerome High Schooler Lety Inarraz dribbles the ball through Twin Falls' Allen White, left, and another defender during a soccer match held at Jerome High School Wednesday evening.

Bruins, Tigers battle to draw

Times-News

JEROME — Lauren Rogers strike nine minutes from time rescued a draw for the Twin Falls Bruins as they finished all square with Jerome at 3-3 on Wednesday in nonconference girls soccer action.

Karmella Dolecheck delivered the assist on the equalizer and provided another helper on Cortnee Lavigne's 31st-minute opener for Twin Falls (0-1-1), which lost a 2-0 lead by allowing three consecutive Tiger (0-2-1) goals before grabbing the match-tying tally.

After Lavigne set up Kaidlynn Simpson for the Bruins' second goal, Jerome fought back from the deficit when Aubree Callen got the Tigers on the board with a strike in the last minute of the first half. Callen, drew Jerome level by converting a penalty in the 50th, and Allison Bruckner's audacious midfield lob gave the Tigers a 3-2 lead five minutes later.

"It's good to see that some of our players are going to put the ball in the net."

— Twin Falls head coach Katie Kauffman

The head coaches for both sides seemed pleased with getting a share of the spoils in a wild, see-saw game.

"It was a very good game, especially against Twin Falls' Jerome coach Carlos Hernandez said. "They aren't a conference rival, but they're a team rival."

Bruins coach Katie Kauffman was encouraged by the scoring output after losing returning top scorer Marissa Sanchez likely until the post-season with a leg injury.

"It's good to see that some of our players are going to put the ball in the net," Kauffman said. "I'm concerned about the defense ... but we have good players, and they'll come around."

Jerome and Twin Falls both

Missed MVP?

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SPORTS

Gooding, Buhl girls battle to 6-6 draw

Times-News

GOODING — The second-year Gooding Senators girls soccer team battled Autumn Yurbe and Buhl to a 6-6 overtime tie Wednesday afternoon in Gooding.

After losing 9-2 to Buhl last year, the 0-0-1 Senators rallied behind Tiffany Gaining and four-goal game. Andrew Romero and Gentry Kyle both added goals.

"We're all round solid," Senators head coach Chris Thompson said. "I think that we're going to do good things this year."

After trailing 4-1 at the half, Yurbe led Buhl back to tie, scoring what Thompson said was "the bulk of their goals." Thompson praised goal keeper

Malan Metcalf and defender Melissa Lockwood for helping the Senators to the opening game tie.

Gooding heads to Declo today.

Boys soccer Gooding 5, Buhl 1

GOODING — Cesar Hernandez and Danny Lopez each bagged two goals to lead Gooding to a 5-1 win over Buhl in the season opener for both teams on Wednesday.

Hernandez opened the scoring in the seventh minute and doubled the Senators' lead with a 25th-minute strike. Lopez's tallies came in the 29th and 72nd minutes, sandwiching a 62nd-

minute goal from Gooding's Pepe Rodriguez.

Cade Baugh, Buhl's leading scorer last season, killed the Senators' sloutout hopes when he found the back of the net in the 59th minute.

"It was a good first game," Gooding coach Roger Johnson said. "I like playing Buhl because they give us a good first game. The score never tells how the game went between Gooding and Buhl. It's always a good game."

Gooding (1-0-0) will travel to face Declo this evening in a boys and girls doubleheader, with the first game starting at 4:30 p.m. and the second kicking off immediately after the opener's conclusion.



Burley's Cynthia Rios (14) battles for possession of the ball during the Bobcats' 2-0 loss to the Preston Indians on Wednesday in Burley.

Rangers record historic blowout

BALTIMORE — The Texas Rangers became the first team in 110 years to score 30 runs in a game, setting an American League record Wednesday in a 30-3 rout of the Baltimore Orioles.

Tejalling 3-0 in the opener of a doubleheader, the Rangers scored five runs in the fourth, nine in the sixth, 10 in the eighth and six in the ninth.

It was the ninth time a major league team scored 30 runs, the first since Chicago set the major league record in a 36-7 rout of Louisville in a National League game on June 28, 1897, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Marlon Byrd and Travis Metcalf hit grand slams for the Rangers. Jarrod Salazar-McCann and Ramon Vazquez each homered twice and finished with seven RBIs.

David Murphy had five of the Rangers' 29 hits, the most by a major league teeny since Milwaukee had 31 in a 22-2 victory over Toronto on Aug. 28, 1992, according to Elias.

Twins 8, Mariners 4

MINNEAPOLIS — Michael Cuddyer's grand slam fueled a seven-run first inning for Minnesota against Miguel Batista, and the Twins ended the Mariners' winning streak at five.

Carlos Silva (10-12), who entered with the second-worst run support among AL starters, cruised with the big lead and pitched six scoreless innings for his first victory this month. Silva gave up two runs and eight hits, hitting one batter and striking out three.

Batista (13-9) lost for only the second time in eight starts, but his loss was pretty much over before he even got two outs.

Athletics 4, Blue Jays 1

TORONTO — Esteban Loaiza won in his season debut by outpitching A.J. Burnett, and the Athletics beat the Blue Jays to complete a three-game sweep.

Oakland (64-64) has won four straight on a night of 10, reaping 500 for the first time since it was 44-44 at the All-Star break. Toronto dropped to 500 at 63-63.

Royals 7, White Sox 6

CHICAGO — Billy Butler homered and drove in three runs for the Royals, who ended a three-game skid and kept the White Sox from completing their first series sweep at home since Aug. 11-13, 2005, against Detroit.

The Royals and White Sox are tied for last place in the AL Central at 56-70.

Brian Bannister (10-7) won for the fifth time in seven starts and lowered his ERA to 3.28, the eighth best in the American League. After giving up two runs, three hits and a walk in the first inning, the rookie right-hander retired 18 of 21 batters.

Devil Rays 2, Red Sox 1

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — B.J. Upton hit a two-run homer and Tampa Bay beat Detroit's Matsuzaka for the third time this season.

Edwin Jackson (4-12) overcame control problems to limit Boston to one run in six innings. He allowed five hits, five walks and struck out three Red Sox, who won the first two games of the series.

Birds

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the ball hard and he's improving at running back and he's making better cuts right now," Royce fully understands the challenge of walking on ice does not mind working hard to improve his chances at making a positive contribution to the Vandals cause. And, although standing in the shadows of his well-known younger brother, he makes sure to give his best when his opportunity arrives in a drill or scrimmage.

"They got me working with the scout team, giving the starters a look for right now," said the soft-spoken Royce. "I'm just trying to find a spot still."

Said Akey: "Royce is going out there and he's going to be working for that opportunity. He's thankful us for the opportunity and I said, 'Well, thank you for being here. I'm glad you're going to be doing this. I think it's going to be a great thing.'"

Both Birds are vocal about their excitement for the Akey era. Jason is now under his third head coach after being recruited by Nick Holt.

The seasoned and mature veteran was quick and to the point in summing up his take on Coach Akey and his staff.

"I am very positive about this group of coaches. We've seen it all and I really believe

in what he's doing," said Jason. "He has cleaned up a lot of stuff that had been dealt with. We are all very excited and supportive of what he's got going for us. And already we can see how our team has grown in the level of talent and the level of play."

With two-a-days over, school in session and just one practice daily, the opener against the Southern California on Sept. 1 (8:15 p.m., Fox Sports Northwest) is growing ever closer.

With the Birds flying around at each practice it's easy to understand Akey's enthusiasm for his team's chances to prove the polls wrong.

PHOENIX — Brandon Webb's shutout streak ended early Wednesday night. The Arizona ace allowed a run in the first, stopping his scoreless string at 42 innings, but won his sixth consecutive start to lead the Diamondbacks past the Milwaukee Brewers 3-2.

Chris Young hit his 26th home run in Arizona, which snapped a three-game skid and remained 3-4 games ahead of second-place San Diego in the NL West.

— The Associated Press

Preston squeezes past Burley girls

Boys soccer Burley 4, Preston 0

BURLEY — According to folklore there are a lot of things that you can do or have happen to you to bring back luck. You might walk under a ladder or break a mirror, maybe spill some salt. For the Burley Bobcats girls soccer team, a match against the Preston Indians may also be a harbinger of bad luck.

"I don't know why," Burley coach Tom Schmidt said. "It's kind of like superstitions. For some reason we don't play up to our game on them."

The result Wednesday for the Bobcats was a 2-0 loss to "the first and only" team in the Indians half and without Burley's intense pressure on goal in the second half to come away with the victory.

But the field official ruled that Williams was offside on the play.

"She was in the wrong spot," Schmitt agreed. The kicker, off to you to bring back luck in the wrong spot. It was legitimatedly offside.

The Bobcats (0-3-0) go back to the drawing board in preparations for their match against Twin Falls Saturday at 11 a.m.

"We saw them at the (Twin Falls) jamboree and beat them first and we see them at a full-sized game," Schmitt said.

Pocatello 7, Minico 0

POCATELLO — The Minico Spartans girls soccer team took a tough 7-0 loss to the Pocatello Indians on Wednesday.

"This Poky team lost to Highland last night 4-3, so they're a good team," Spartans coach Dennis Haynes said. "We put forth a good effort. At this point we were a little out-matched. There's some things we have to work on."

With Minico (0-2-1) playing the second of their straight games — the first two on the road — Pocatello took its toll on the Spartans.

"The girls were a little tired from playing last night, and of course we play again (today)," Haynes said.

Today's game is Minico's home opener. The Spartans will face American Falls at 4:30 p.m.

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that's been put together and we look forward to the challenge."

Top NBA players started blooming off international play in the 200 Olympic, and the United States paid for it with a horrendous 2002-world showing in the sixth-place championships, before the bronze medal performances in the '04 Olympics and '06 worlds.

Anthony was a late addition when the '04 team was scrambling to add players and acknowledges that he shouldn't have been on a team that was supposed to be America's best.

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Albany, N.Y. "I think it's tough," Marbury said, according to Albany TV station Capital News 9. "I think, you know, we don't say anything about people who shoot deer or shoot other animals. You know, from what I hear, dogfighting is a sport. It's just behind closed doors."

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Sports Shorts

National and Magic Valley briefs... during the 2005-06 season, the NCAA said. Both were suspended indefinitely before the Big Ten tournament that season, and neither returned to the program.

Merriweather's contract was automatically terminated when coach Kristy Curry left Purdue and accepted the Texas Tech job in March 2006. Curry will not be punished, though the NCAA said the infractions committee was "troubled" that she had not told about the violations twice and did not immediately report them.

Nite Lite golf scramble on Friday

BURLEY — Ponderosa Golf Course will host a Nite Lite Scramble on Friday, Aug. 24. The format is a four-person scramble, and teams can be performed or assigned.

CSI hosts golf qualifier

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho and Twin Falls Municipal Golf course will host the Sixth Annual National Collegiate Golf Championship qualifier on Saturday, Sept. 22.

WOMEN'S HOOPS Purdue placed on probation

INDIANAPOLIS — The NCAA placed Purdue University on two years' probation Wednesday after it determined that a former assistant women's basketball coach wrote a paper for a player and made more than 100 impermissible recruiting calls.

MAGIC VALLEY Wendell Rec. holds soccer signups

WENDELL — Soccer registration for boys and girls in first through sixth grades will be held from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4 at the Wendell High School gymnasium.

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SPORTS



Virginia Tech cornerback Brandon Flowers (18) breaks up a pass to Derin Radford (29) during football practice in Blacksburg, Va., Tuesday.

Hokies help in healing

BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) — First came the massacre on campus, leaving 33 dead and a nation horrified. Then came federal dogpiling charges against Michael Vick. Virginia Tech's favorite son.

As Virginia Tech and the Blacksburg community try to put the disturbing offseason in the past, opening day of the football season can't come soon enough for this engineering school in the Blue Ridge Mountains of western Virginia.

"I do believe that this school will come back tighter, stronger, more together, more caring, more respectful of each other than ever before," coach Frank Beamer said. "And there's probably not a greater place to show it than in a stadium where, if you're there — the alumni, the students, the fans, will never — you're all going in the same direction."

"People just want something to rally around."

The ninth-ranked Hokies certainly offer that. They certainly are the center of a defense that was No. 1 in the nation last season, a quarterback who guided them to 10 wins last season and no shortage of staff.

"That's the one thing I want to make sure that we're focused on, and that's that we can be pretty special now if everything falls into place," defensive coordinator Bud Foster said. "Obviously, you have to stay healthy. There's a lot of things — breaks that you have to make for yourself —

and there's some adversity and how you fight through those things. Those are all things that characterize a great season."

Vince Hall and Xavier Adibi might be the best pair of linebackers in the country and lead the disruptive defense that frequently scores more points than it allows. Brandon Orr ran for 1,137 yards, scored 17 touchdowns and missed two games.

There are question marks on the offensive line and in the kicking game, where Brandon Pace has moved on and Jud Duntley is still unavailable.

Quarterback Sean Glennon is also considered a wild card after an up-and-down first season as the starter, which ended with four second-half turnovers in the 31-24 loss to Georgia in the Chick-fil-A Bowl.

"I'd love to be the guy that people are unsure about and come out and play well," he said. "Obviously, it takes a whole unit to be good. I'm only one-eleventh of that, but I'm confident in the guys around me getting it done and confident in myself, too."

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He fumbled once when he was on his blind side and a tipped pass intercepted and only started trying to force things after Georgia's second-half comeback had reached full throttle.

"I feel like our quarterback situation is in good shape," Beamer said.

So does assistant coach Mike O'Call, who helped restore Glennon's confidence in the offseason by breaking down the bowl tape and showing Glennon that overall he played pretty well.

"He's gotten so much scrutiny from that bowl game that wasn't his fault. He made one bad play," O'Call said.

Glennon's new season, has a more experienced and healthy line and gets to practice against a dominating defense.

"We're probably not going to see much better than we see in practice," he said.

But they will see something close, and soon. After what figures to be an emotional home opener against East Carolina on Sept. 1, the Hokies travel to Baton Rouge, La., to play No. 2 LSU.

"The freshmen, if they don't know it by the time they get here, they see it when they get here," Ellis said. "It's not going to be a backsliding thing. It's not 'We're out of defense' or 'I just play corner.' You're part of the No. 1 defense."

"This year, it's no holes barred," he said. "Let everything go."

GOLF

Playoffs offer a second chance for most, a week off for Tiger

HARRISON, N.Y. (AP) — No one was tagging in the parking lot behind the driving range at Westchester Country Club. The cool, damp air at the Barclays did not smell of bratwurst and beer. There was idle chatter on the putting green, just like any other week.

The PGA Tour playoffs sure don't resemble the postseason in other sports.

"I think in our sport, 'playoff' is a very loosely used word," Jim Furyk said with a smile.

The Barclays begins Thursday as the first of four straight tournaments that conclude the FedEx Cup, a national change on the PGA Tour designed to hold interest after the majors and to reward the guy playing his best golf in the final month of the season.

The winner gets \$10 million in deferred money.

Furyk poked fun at the tour marketing the final month as "playoffs" because 144 players qualified for the first event, and because it's possible that Tiger Woods or Vijay Singh could capture the FedEx Cup without winning any of the last four tournaments. Unspoken by most is that it doesn't feel like the playoffs without Woods at Westchester for the opening round.

But there are some obvious similarities.

For starters, 24 players will be sent home Sunday if they don't finish among the top 120 on the points list after The Barclays. Fifty more players will be eliminated after the Deutsche Bank Championship outside Boston a week later, then 40 more after the BMW Championship outside Chicago, until only 30 are left at the Tour Championship.

And just like most playoff systems, this represents a second chance.

Paul Goydos started his year by winning the Sony Open, but he hasn't done much since then and starts the playoffs as the No. 53 seed. The man sardonically known as "Sunshine" for his hour outlook had no problem filling his glass with optimism.

"This is the second season," Goydos said. "The reality is, if I win this week, I pass Tiger Woods."

decided to stay home this week, knowing he likely will be passed by a little if it's a player from the bottom half of the seedings, by a lot if it's someone such as Singh, a three-time winner at Westchester and the defending champion.

Woods still will have three weeks to make up the difference, two of those on courses where he has won.

For now, the focus tends to shift toward the bottom of the feed chain.

In NCAA basketball terminology, Gove would be Gove's version of Coastal Carolina. He snagged the final spot by a mere 23 points — that translates to one putt in this case — and his immediate goal is simply to keep playing. Gove needs to finish at least fifth at The Barclays to have any hope of moving inside the top 120 in points.

"I could finish sixth and not be in the tournament next week," Gove said. "But at least I get to play."

The playoffs could be a boon for someone such as Joe Durant, who went on a tear at the end of last season. He was worried about keeping his card until finishing with five top 10s, including a victory at Disney, a playoff loss in Memphis and a third place at the Tour Championship. Durant wound up a career-best 13th on the money list.

But as the No. 123 seed, he has no margin for error.

"If you're in the position I'm in, you really have to go deep and play well," Durant said. "I don't have the luxury of coming out this week and performing mediocre and knowing that I still have three more weeks. Guys in my position don't have that ability. We have to step up this week and play."

Even if he fails this week, Durant and others like him still have seven tournaments after the Tour Championship.

Another longshot is Frank Lickliter, who checks in at No. 129.

"I would like to be known as 'Frank's Folly' in the fifth race," he said, speaking of longshots. "Listen, no matter what you're playing for, it's still golf. You've still got to play."

At the other end of the spectrum are players such as Singh, Furyk and Phil Mickelson, all of whom can surpass Woods in the standings by finishing fifth or higher.

Although Woods is regarded a favorite despite skipping The Barclays, Singh can't help but like his chances considering where the playoff events are held.

He joins Jack Nicklaus as the only three-time winners at Westchester.

Flynt returns to football at 59

ALPINE, Texas (AP) — Mike Flynt was drinking beer and swapping stories with some old football buddies a few months ago when he brought up the biggest regret of his life: Getting kicked off the college team before his senior year.

"So, one of his pals said, why not do something about it?"

Most 59-year-olds would have laughed. Flynt only concerned was if he was eligible.

Finding out he was, Flynt returned to Sul Ross State this month, 37 years after he left and six years before he goes on Medicare. His comeback peaked Wednesday with the coach saying he's made the Division III team's roster. He could be in action as soon as Sept. 1.

Flynt is giving new meaning to being a college senior. After all, he's a grandfather and a card-carrying member of AARP. He's eight years older than his coach and has two kids older than any of his teammates.

"I think it was Carl Yonkman who used to say, 'How old would you be if you didn't know how old you were?' I'd be in my late 20s or early 30s, because that's how I feel," said Flynt, who has made a living out of physical fitness. "That's been my approach to this whole thing. I feel that good. I'm just going to find out if I can perform and make a contribution to the team."

A longtime strength and conditioning coach at Nebraska, Oregon and Texas A&M, he's selling the Powerbase training system he invented. Clients include school systems and the military. His colorful

life story in college days said, "Obviously, it takes a whole unit to be good. I'm only one-eleventh of that, but I'm confident in the guys around me getting it done and confident in myself, too."

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was supposed to be slowing down this fall. With his youngest child starting at the University of Tennessee, he and Elison, his wife of 35 years, are planning to take advantage of being empty-nesters for the first time.

Instead, they've moved to this remote patch of West Texas so Flynt can mend an old wound and, he hopes, inspire others.

He became emotional discussing his goal of "being a bunch of young men to make up for those guys that I let down." Then he laughed about the reality that fellow Baby Boomers are getting the most out of his comeback.

"People are kind of in awe. They keep comparing me to themselves and where they are physically," he said. "If I can help anyone out by what I'm doing, then it's all worth it."

Flynt's position is still being determined, but he used to play linebacker. Whoever he lines up, he'll likely become the oldest player in college football history. Neither the NCAA or NAIA keeps such a statistic, but records have turned up anyone older than their mid-40s. And even those are rare, for obvious reasons.

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Leading from the back

Libero Chanelle Esteban is CSI's sparkplug

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Thursday, she's a gray, sweat-soaked shirt and a voice hoarse from encouraging her teammates.

She's a similarly soaked shirt — this time black — that glides parallel to the hardwood Monday afternoon, keeping another ball off the floor. Tuesday, she's a joke and a smile. This Friday and Saturday, she'll be one of the best players at the College of Southern Idaho's 2007 Outdoor Invitational volleyball tournament.

Sophomore libero Chanelle Esteban is a lot of things: unrelentingly intelligent, jocular. Most of all, she is Golden Eagles volleyball. A program defined by a tradition of eight national championships is built upon a strain of players who have capitalized on will, who have maximized potential. In a program known for physical dominance, a 5-foot-6 converted outside hitter with four career kills may be the Golden Eagle that dominates



CSI sophomore libero Chanelle Esteban returns the ball during a recent preseason practice at the CSI Recreation Center.

matches in 2007.

"She pushes and pushes and pushes," CSI head coach Heidi Carrisser said. "And she will run into a wall for any of her teammates. She's selfless and she gives and gives and gives, and hardly takes."

Esteban is what coaches call an effort player. It's a description tailor-

To the uninitiated, a libero looks like the volleyball player who put the wrong-colored jersey on for the match. But liberos like CSI sophomore Chanelle Esteban can be crucial to a team's success. Here's some information about the special rules and duties surrounding the unique position.

- A libero (pronounced LEE-bah-ro) is a back-row player who must wear a uniform contrasting with those of her teammates to differentiate herself.
- The libero is allowed to replace any player in the back row, without counting as one of her team's 12 team substitutions. The libero must exit play if the rotation takes her into the front

So what's a libero?

row.

- The libero may pass and volley across the court, but may not attack the ball from above the height of the net. A teammate may not attack a ball that is set by a libero from the attack zone. The libero may not attempt to block an opponent's attack.
- The libero is announced as a starting player, but cannot be designated as one of six on-court starters. The libero may enter the game for any back-row player except the team's first server, immediately after the second referee checks each team's lineup.

Source: NCAA/NCAAs volleyball is played under NCAA rules and regulations)

made for the libero position, with its focus on transitioning an opponent's attack directly into a counterattack. While teammates jump and glide through high-flying practices, a day in Esteban's ground-based practice is monopolized by kill-saving digs and rolls. In 2006, she averaged 3.8 kills per game, best in the Scenic West Athletic Conference. She received 716 kills, committing only 43 errors as the primary supplier of passes to CSI's setters.

Time and again, it was an Esteban dig that turned into a CSI kill during

the Golden Eagles' 29-14 campaign. "She's a calming person," Carrisser said. "You know you're OK if Chanelle's in."

As a sophomore...the player, who was a leader and top outside hitter at Hawaii Kuli's Kaiser High School is circling a role as CSI's vocal sparkplug. That role was thrust upon her out of necessity as a freshman on a team that boasted only one sophomore in soft-spoken defensive specialist Whitney Bond. Playing on a team with no hopes of a national title due to an NCAA ban, Esteban played

with the type of reckless abandon she hopes to instill in every Golden Eagles player this season.

"I'm going to try and push harder beside them, so that they know what to expect and what legacy we have to bring to the court," Esteban said of leading CSI's group of 10 freshmen. "75 as our sophomores try harder and harder, and show what the coaches expect of us, they start to follow along. They learn what's needed."

What's needed in Twin Falls is a run at the NCAAs Division I National Tournament. The chance to play for a title is why Esteban came back for her sophomore season. And a player like Esteban, who was 11th in the 12 team in the 2007 spring semester, is part of what is needed to reach that goal.

"With 10 freshmen on the floor she is (the one) I can say, 'Whew, Yes, you get it,'" Carrisser said. "She's trying to teach them, trying to help them along, and I'm really looking for their leadership."

The transition is complete. From team-leading high school outside hitter to a player that doesn't even step into the frontcourt in college, Esteban has reinvented herself, but kept the same style and intensity that has brought her this far.

"I remember talking last year about trying to be a hitter in high school, then coming here to play defense," she said. "Now I feel like I should play defense. I love it."



Golden Eagles freshman outside hitter Santa Sanders bumps a ball during a recent practice at the school.

Words

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If there's one universal truth of SWAC volleyball, it's this: The coaches and players have an infinitely better grasp on what's going on than the folks in the stands. Yes, including the sports writers. This year, we'll cut out the middleman and answer 10 questions with the words directly from the best sources: Golden Eagles head coach Heidi Carrisser and her players.

Times-News: This year's CSI squad features 14 players. That's more than any CSI team has had since at least 1999. How does that benefit the team?

Heidi Carrisser, head coach: "The depth on this team is pretty amazing, it's hard every day. Who goes out there? They're fighting, for I don't know how much in that, there's been depth. There's been amazing volleyball players, but I don't know about this much depth. 1-to-14. We can wear people out."

T-N: How does having 14 players on the roster improve practices after finishing last season with only eight players?

Chanelle Esteban, sophomore libero: "Oh, I love it. I love that we can play them and get a game on instead of having a one-sided practice all the time. It's just the different variety of girls and the things they bring to the court. Girls with different personalities. It's a bigger family."

T-N: What does the return of Colorado Northwest's Community College to the Scenic Athletic Conference volleyball ranks do for the level of competition in Region 18?

Carrisser: "Our league needs more teams, just period. If it's CNCC or Arizona or Wyoming or whatever. It's just get some more teams in here so we can not see the same people every other weekend. I hope it comes around and more people want to join the league." "It's such a great league anyway. The more teams, the better."

T-N: In making the transition from high school to college, does playing with a group of former high school stars make any aspects of the game easier?

Ngan Parrish, freshman outside hitter: "Not really. Everything is definitely to the next notch. Everything is at a higher level. Everything you thought you were good at, everybody else is good at, too. You just have to step up your game in all aspects because you're competing against people that are the same as you now."

T-N: What challenges does a player like Parrish, a former Jerome High standout, face when making the transition from being the best player in a region to possibly being a reserve player at the college level?

Carrisser: "It's an adjustment for all of them, like, 'What do you mean I'm not over there on that starting six?' And having my emotions dealt with that, as well as trying to learn."

"I think it's going to be good because she (Parrish) is going to learn. She's the type of person that's going to try hard no matter what. But once it comes natural, she'll be out on the floor."

T-N: What are some of the early strengths and things you like about this team?

Esteban: "I like our killer instinct. I love that everybody wants the ball. They want to pound the ball. They want to hit, and everybody wants to pass. If someone can't do the job, someone has the skills to pick them up, no matter what. Everybody's always there for each other, on and off the court."

Parrish: "I really like how competitive it is. In high school it was a lot different. And here, it's so much more competitive. And the game is faster. It's true volleyball now."

Santa Sanders, freshman outside hitter: "Here, everyone is into it. Everyone cares, has a



Golden Eagles freshman outside hitter McKenzie Hawkins is highlighted by morning light during a practice.

lot of fight. No one's going to give up. I think we're all on the same level. We're all into winning, trying hard and never giving up."

T-N: How much room for improvement does even a standout player like freshman middle blocker Alyssa Wistrick have during her two years at CSI?

Carrisser: "I don't even know if she knows she has that much more. And she does. She's an amazing player right now and her learning curve is so big. And wow, what is it going to be like two years from now?"

"Four-year schools are already dropping over here. We're just lucky to have her, lucky to work with her. And I think she's lucky to work with us, too. This is a great place where she can just develop over more. She's a special person and a special player."

T-N: Why did you choose to play volleyball at CSI?

Santa Sanders: "I heard about CSI's tradition, winning eight national championships, and stuff. I just really wanted to be a part of it. I saw some people play on my visit and everyone was into it and had a lot of heart. I wanted to be a part of that, too."

T-N: What does a smaller player like the 5-foot-8 Sanders have to contribute among her taller counterparts?

Carrisser: "Santa is something big in a small package. She's good. She's kind of one of those sparkplugs who keep it in play, doesn't make a ton of mistakes, and comes up with big things."

"A little quiet, but all of a sudden, she proves who she is. People are probably not expecting a lot, and all of a sudden, it's like, 'Who's that?' That's just who she is, and she's going to hold her own."

T-N: What kind of look do you want your CSI team to have? Do you want the biggest, most athletic players, a defensive orientation?

Carrisser: "I want to have system offense and system defense. I want where it's not one-dimensional. I want it to be where we're all more well-rounded. And I really think my job is to prepare some of these girls for Division I schools where they can walk into the program and contribute from the minute they get there because they're well-rounded in everything."

"Of course I want the big, go-to people. It takes a lot. But at the same time, it's nice to have a team."

Merchant

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Chanelle Esteban and setter Puigle Finau would both return for their sophomore seasons, the foundation of CSI's squad was set. Recruiting would become a matter of fine tuning the right relationships, right fit, right situations. As she slid through the high school ranks for talented players like freshman Brit Barton and Alyssa Wistrick, Carrisser right fit, right situations. As she slid through the high school ranks for talented players like freshman Brit Barton and Alyssa Wistrick, Carrisser right fit, right situations. As she slid through the high school ranks for talented players like freshman Brit Barton and Alyssa Wistrick, Carrisser

tournament in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Carrisser's true task is taking players from across five states and three foreign countries and molding a team that is greater than the sum of its parts. Coaching is modern-day alchemy, and for Carrisser, it's right fit, right situations. As she slid through the high school ranks for talented players like freshman Brit Barton and Alyssa Wistrick, Carrisser right fit, right situations. As she slid through the high school ranks for talented players like freshman Brit Barton and Alyssa Wistrick, Carrisser

comfortable," Carrisser said of her feel for the team. "I think I'm comfortable. I'm not really pushing anybody. If I'm OK with it, that's a scary place to be. You know?"

The new era?

The question remains for the Golden Eagles: Will they win? For a traditionalist community like Twin Falls, a new coach and nearly completely retooled roster represents a new era, maybe a new direction for CSI volleyball. But is it?

"I would like it to be an extension of what's been done. ... How do you go somewhere different when they've already been there?" Carrisser asked, referring to the pinnacle of juno volleyball. "Let's just keep it going."

Perhaps it is a new era for a program that has been banned from postseason play two of the last three seasons. Perhaps that new era is more about recapturing the feel of when a CSI team won six straight national championships that CSI name is the one that puts fans in seats, trophies in cases. It's tradition. At the end of the day, protecting that tradition is what matters to CSI volleyball in 2007. It's there in sweat-soaked practice shirts and in Esteban's hopes of what fans say after the season is finished.

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"I want them to say, 'That's the CSI we know.'"

"There were some that were amazing athletes where I'm like, 'No way am I going there,'" Carrisser said. "Because one bad apple can ruin them all."

The result of months of work is possibly the largest, deepest roster in CSI history. Not since 2000 has a Golden Eagles squad featured more than 12 players. While this 14-player squad doesn't boast a singularly dominant player like former standout Asia Kaczor, a current star at the University of Southern California, Carrisser's focus was more on diversifying the Golden Eagles' attack than relying on one overwhelming offensive player. That focus helped draw her current players in.

"I believed in Coach Heidi," Esteban said. "She said she was going to do a good recruiting job, and I believe she did a really good job. I believed she was going to bring players here so we could win a national championship. I really, really, really want that."

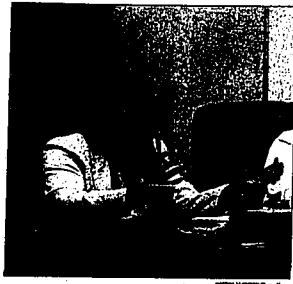
The alchemist

Of course, simply getting 14 high school standouts to Twin Falls isn't going to punch CSI's ticket to this year's national

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Jerome County Commissioner Diana Obenausner speaks at an open house discussion Wednesday evening at the Eden Civic Center in Eden.

A spicier sequel

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

EDEN — The first open house Jerome County Commissioner Diana Obenausner held in June locked her two elected colleagues, spending more than half the time on tax talk and vent without the heat that many expected her adversaries to bring against her.

The sequel was a bit more thrilling. For the first hour, Obenausner stood alone and fought off more than a dozen questions about her views on confined animal feeding operations, including her recent effort to seek research from state agencies on health issues. She said she does not oppose agriculture or livestock facilities, but simply wants them to be managed to guarantee people's health will not be harmed.



Watch footage of the second town-hall meeting hosted by Jerome County Commissioner Diana Obenausner
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"It's like saying you have a Harvard study but you need a study done here. I don't think so," she said. "If that was the case you'd never have research at all."

She acknowledged that no one has died because of dairies, but Obenausner, who has more than 20 years experience in health care, said she has been told by doctors of illnesses associated with dairies.

At 7:59 p.m., nearly one hour into the meet-

ing, Commissioners Charlie Howell and Joe Davidson entered the discussion — they were at a nearby planning commission meeting — but by then most of the fastballs had been thrown.

Not surprisingly, several of the officials' differences surfaced. Howell and Davidson said they personally oppose recovering more than \$70,000 in overtime pay former commissioners took illegally — but Howell agreed that he maintains civility at county meetings the best he can.

"I can control what I do and what I say," he said. "We have three strong personalities and three people who believe what they believe in."

Several times Obenausner, and eventually the other two officials, were asked whether they

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Renewed leadership

Clark replaces Gannon on Buhl's Urban Renewal District

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — Because Sen. Tom Gannon's busy schedule continued to take him away from Buhl, giving him less time to head the city's Urban Renewal District, the city found a replacement.

Randy Clark, the city's planning and zoning clerk, has been appointed to replace Gannon as the board's chairman. The move comes about a year after Clark replaced Gannon as the P&Z clerk.

"I think the transition will be pretty smooth," Clark said. "With Tom being as busy as he is, the city just really needed someone local to respond to inquiries."

The Urban Renewal District was formed in 2000 as a way to divert some property taxes paid by residents living within the district — which falls south of Barley Avenue and east of Fair Street — to use on future infrastructure upgrades. The district, Clark said, includes some of the oldest houses in Buhl.

"Since the district was formed, it has just been slowly accumulating funds," said Gannon, who had served on the district board since its inception. "We were able to pay for a little water line project, but the focus was on trying to build a cash account."

The account, still below \$400,000, is finally growing fast enough that the district can begin to plan what it will do with the money first. But officials say that plans are preliminary and years out.

"The goal at the original setup was to upgrade sewer and water line service," Clark said. "But to just do one mile of sewer and water line, we're talking \$6 million."

The renewal district hasn't had a meeting since the leadership change, and Clark said he has a lot to learn about where the district is headed and how best to get there.

That feeling is seconded by Councilwoman Pam McClain, who holds a seat on the district board of commissioners.

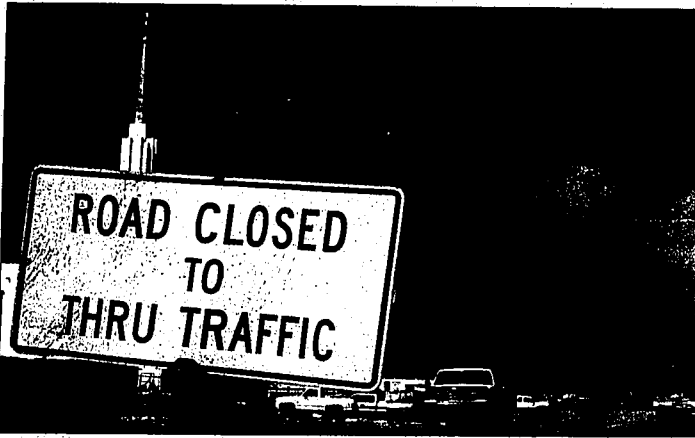
"We haven't had a meeting in a while, so I haven't gone to one yet," she said. "I really need to get acquainted with the whole thing. I plan on going in there and just absorb everything I can."

District commissioners also include Buhl residents Karen Clark, John Crawford, Gary Smith and Jim Wilson.

Next meeting

The Buhl Urban Renewal District will meet at 6 p.m. Aug. 30 at Buhl City Hall, 202 Broadway Ave. For more information, call 543-5650.

EASTLAND DRIVE ROAD CONSTRUCTION



A road sign redirects traffic on Eastland Drive. One of Twin Falls' major roads for traffic, Eastland Drive has been under construction since May.

Right on time

Contractor: Rumors of Eastland construction delay unfounded

By Nate Poplino
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It may seem like the two-part sewer and road expansion project along Pole Line Road and Eastland Drive is lagging behind schedule. But that couldn't be further from the truth, project contractor Doug McCoy said.

Workers have had to shift large amounts of embedded basalt rock lately slowing them down, McCoy said. But the project is still slated for completion around Oct. 15, the original scheduled date.

"It's going just fine. Granted, if there wasn't any rock, it'd go quicker."

Once completed, the two roads between Bridgeview Boulevard and Candlebridge Drive will expand to three, and later, five lanes. At the same time, the sewer line in the area will be expanded to prevent what the city of Twin Falls referred to as a "potential emergency." A study last year found that all trunk lines in the city, including the ones serving Pole Line and Eastland, were under-capacity except the near-full Blue Lakes line near Madonna Street. New piping will attach to the Blue Lakes line near Locust Street and follow parallel to Pole Line and Eastland.

All told, the work carries a price tag of \$2.3 million after the city added \$1 million in May just for the sewer lines.

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"It's going just fine. Granted, if there wasn't any rock, it'd go quicker."

—Doug McCoy, project contractor

Police investigation focuses on suspect's tattoo

Twin Falls police ask for public's help in identifying suspect

These tattoos are similar to the one seen on the robbery suspect.



By Cass Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — For more than a month police have been honing their investigation to an identifying mark of an armed robbery suspect: A tattoo — on the right side of the suspect's neck.

Police hope that enlisting the public's help will turn that tattoo into a honing device.

The suspect robbed State Farm Insurance on Blue Lakes Boulevard North on July 6.

The tattoo is the first clue. The second is the suspect, who left the business on foot, lives in Twin Falls or at least is well acquainted with the area.

"Because of the type of business that was robbed, we actually think that he had some familiarity with the area," said Twin Falls Police Capt. Matt

Hicks. "We are hoping that with that, accompanied by the tattoo, we can get someone to come forward so we can close this case up."

A suspect wearing a blue hooded sweatshirt and black gloves without fingerprints, a black bandanna and black pants entered the business shortly before 12:53 p.m.

He pointed a small, black handgun at the clerk — who was alone in the building — and demanded money.

He did not injure the clerk but left her severely shaken.

Police are asking members of the public to help locate the male suspect. He's about 6 feet tall, stocky with dark eyebrows, between 28 and 40 years old.

"Investigators believe ... that his tattoo would make him easily identifiable," wrote Hicks in a press release.

Police ask anyone with information about the crime or the suspect's whereabouts to call 735-4357 or Crime Stoppers at call 735-5387, where tipsters might be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000.

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Buhl to pursue school levy

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — The Buhl School Board said it will pursue a facility levy in order to pay for both district wants and needs.

Projects the \$2.5 million to \$3 million levy would include elementary and middle school repairs, an athletic facility with new bathrooms, a concessions and storage area, and district offices. The funds will also be used to build a parking lot to serve the Seventh Street Gym and neighboring Popplewell Elementary.

Prior to voting on the issue Tuesday, trustees threw around an idea to ask voters which initiative they supported — a supplemental levy for the district's most pressing needs, or a facilities levy to pay for everything. That, said trustees Jay Anderson and Ken McDonald, would give voters an opportunity to tell the district what they want.

"This will be the ultimate way to find out what the public wants. If it doesn't pass, we can come right back with another levy with less of an amount," McDonald said.

Trustee Steve Highbarger cast the lone no vote for pursuing a levy, while Gene Clemens, board chairman, along with Anderson and McDonald all voted yes.

Trustee Jackie Frey was not present at the meeting. Highbarger said he is not voting against doing what is broken, but doesn't agree with asking voters to pay for non-pressing issues.

"My main concern is that voters will not pass this levy, and the bathrooms at Popplewell Elementary will never get fixed," Highbarger said.

A complete list of projects to be funded by the levy has not yet been drafted, nor has a date been set for the election.

OBITUARIES

James Henry Gordon

RUPERT — James Henry Gordon, 81, of Rupert, died Monday, Aug. 20, 2007, at the Minutoka Memorial Hospital.

A lifelong Idaho resident, he was born Jan. 21, 1926, in Jerome, Idaho, the son of Tommie and Mabel Sinclair Gordon. He attended school in Jerome and, in 1944, went into the Army serving in World War II and later in the Korean War. He met Hilda W Ackerman in San Antonio, Texas, and they were married April 26, 1946, in San Antonio. They had three children together: Vivian (Barry) Brecht of Pocatolet, Idaho; Diana (Tom) Thompson of Niampa and James (Jo) Gordon of Rock Springs, Wyo. He died of cancer on June 20, 1977.

He married O'Dean Peterson on May 15, 1978, in Elko, Nev. She preceded him in death on Jan. 16, 1996. He married Janine Helge on Aug. 2, 2002, and they have resided in Rupert. James spent his life in Idaho

working for farmers in Jerome, Elko, Hazelton and Skegley. Jobs led to box. He worked in high school and also in the military.

James loved his country and was proud to serve his country in the Army. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping and the outdoors.

He leaves behind his wife, Janine; his three children; and his grandchildren, Brandt Golin, Jeremy Thompson, Jennifer Gifford and Nikol McCain. He also leaves behind three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother; five sisters; his parents; his wives, Hilda and O'Dean; and one granddaughter, Shannon Gordon.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St. in Burley. Burial will follow in the Jerome Cemetery with military rites. Friends may call from 12 noon until 1:45 p.m. prior to the funeral Friday at Payne Mortuary.

Mary Lucille Jones-Bryant

TWIN FALLS — Mary Lucille Jones-Bryant, 58, of Twin Falls, passed away Monday, Aug. 20, 2007.

Mary was born Oct. 2, 1948, the first of three children born to John and Edna May Boss and Robert Charles Galt. She grew up in Los Angeles and attended Eastmond Elementary and Stevenson Junior High and graduated from Garfield High School in 1966. She married David Barnes, and together they had one son, John Barnes. They later divorced. She traveled around the south setting up

Walmart stores. She then moved to the West and began managing for Motel 6. She married Robert Bryant in 1997, and they spent the last 10 years here in Twin Falls.

Mary is survived by her husband, Robert Bryant; son, John Barnes; brother, Joseph Michael Jones; sister, Theresa (Gary) McNurlin of Filera, Idaho; and two grandchildren, Amber and Aspen.

A memorial service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Peggy Nadene Anthony

TWIN FALLS — Peggy Nadene Anthony, 75, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Aug. 20, 2007, in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Peg was born March 31, 1932, in Rushville, Ind., one of 15 children of Kirby and Mildred Newman. She came to Idaho with her parents in 1937 and resided in Twin Falls for much of her life. Peg married Louis Anthony in Twin Falls on April 6, 1952. Peg was a dedicated waitress and worked for many years at the Depot Grill in Twin Falls, Idaho. She loved her customers and they loved her.

Peg was preceded in death by one son, John Carmen Anthony; one great-granddaughter, Kaitlynn Ryan

Anthony; one grandson, Samuel George Sheppard; parents, Kirby and Mildred Newman; one sister, Loretta Newman; and three brothers, Kirby Newman Jr., Delbert Newman and Joseph Newman.

She is survived by two daughters, Darlene Powell (Martin Hunter) of Twin Falls and Toni (Leo) Martinez of Reno, Nev.; three sons Barry (Snooks) Anthony of Filera, Idaho, Michael (Linda) Anthony of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Kirby Anthony of Seaward, Alaska; four sisters; numerous brothers; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Peg was loved by many and will be greatly missed. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Takeharu 'Take' Inouye

GLENN'S FERRY — At approximately 11:45 a.m. on Aug. 21, 2007, Takeharu "Take" Inouye passed away in the presence of friends.

Take was born in his home in Glenns Ferry, Idaho. He was preceded in death by his parents, Takekatsu and Miyoo; and his two sisters, Barbara (Chiko) Inouye and Gloria (Kazuko) Fujikawa. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Setsuko; and by two sons, Dean (wife, Stacey) and James (wife, Megan); his brother, George (wife, Yuriko); his sister, Fumiko Shoji; and sister, Miyoko Takushi. The latest generation of Take's family includes grandchildren, Colby, Shelby and Chase.

Take lived a full and varied life, with many ups and downs. While still in his teens in 1942, he was moved along with the rest of his family to the Tule Lake Internment facility in

northern California as the second ward war rugged. Upon the end of the war, Take moved to Roy, Utah, to farm the land with his family.

In 1971, he moved with his family to Oakley, Idaho, to work under the local Woodhouses. In 1973, he moved to Wendell, where he worked at the Jack Hiral farms in December of 1974; the family moved to Glenns Ferry, Idaho, where he stayed for the remainder of his days. He worked at the Rockin S Ranch for the Solosobal family until he retired.

In 1992, he was diagnosed with stomach cancer, which would mark the start of his longest battle. For the next 16 years, Take would win some ground and lose some ground to the various afflictions that cropped up over the years, until his passing on Aug. 21, 2007.

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at the VFW Hall in Glenns Ferry. Arrangements are under the direction of Ross Funeral Home, McMurtry Chapel in Mountain Home.



Cleo P. Burgess

JEROME — Cleo P. Burgess, 84, former CEO of Rockwood of Twin Falls, passed away Aug. 14, 2007, from a long illness.

Cleo was born in Idaho on July 17, 1923. She had five sisters and one brother, all of whom preceded her in death. She married Charles R. (Dick) O'Neil and they had one son, Dan Richard York of League City, Texas. Dan has two sons, Richard Michael York and Dylan Richard York, both living in Houston. Dick and Cleo passed away in 1956, and Cleo later married Alfred (AJ) J. Robinson. She was stepmother to AJ's three daughters, Sue, Nancy and Donna. AJ passed away in 1993.

Cleo was employed by Twin Falls County as a clerk of the court for 36 years. She was a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church in Twin Falls and was a past matron of the Order of Eastern Star, Chapter 28. She loved her church, playing her electric

organ and golf.

They in 1997, Cleo married Elmo M. Burgess of Jerome. This marriage was a true blessing for both of them. They spent many winters in Yuma, Arizona. They were devoutly married. The rest of the year, they enjoyed their home in Jerome, and many Saturdays, they could be found at Costco visiting with friends and eating hot dogs. Elmo passed away in January of this year. There are three stepchildren by this marriage, Gayleen (Frank) Zambie of Twin Falls, Darleen (Daria) (Mae) Shirley of Twin Falls and David (Kathy) Burgess of Jerome. There are numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Cleo was known and loved by many, and she will be greatly missed.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26, at the Magic Valley Church of Christ, 2002 Filtr Ave. E. in Twin Falls. There will be a service of flowers, memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church in Twin Falls or to your favorite charity.



SERVICES

Harold Lee Claxton of Buhl, service at 10 a.m. today at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Nicholas, Ruth and Audrey Werner of Monticello, Utah, funeral at noon Friday at the Cedar Fort LDS Chapel in Cedar Fort, Utah (located on Highway 73); viewing from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rogers and Taylor Funeral Home, 111 N. 100 E. in Tremonton, Utah, and from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Friday at the church.

Laura J. Cushman of Wendell, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Desert Hills Community Church of the Nazarene in Gooding (Cenepal Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel).

Samuel Wilson Caudill of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Twin Falls LDS 2nd Ward Church, 229 Park Ave.; visitation one hour before the funeral today at the church (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Doris Darlene Lawrence of Lynden, Wash., and formerly of Twin Falls, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; visitation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral

Chapel in Twin Falls (Moles Family Funeral Homes, New Jew Chapel in Bellingham, Wash.).

Hazel Leona Ingalls of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. Friday at the Slosser Memorial Park in Twin Falls; visitation at 10 a.m. Friday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Lucille Mae Kenyon Smith of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. Friday at the Jerome Cemetery (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Charlotte Moore of Twin Falls, graveside memorial service at 11 a.m. Friday at the Filera Cemetery (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Tony Frank Barney of Shoshone, open house celebration of life from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Slosser River Center Grange Hall north of Shoshone (Demaray Funeral Service, Shoshone Chapel).

Bill J. (William John) Martin of Eden, funeral at 10 a.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; graveside service at noon today at the Paul Cemetery.

Capitol crews uncover century-old elevator

BOISE (AP) — Construction workers put down their tools to gawk at Capitol Commission spokesman Gary Daniel said it looked "like something from czarist Russia."

"Entombed for nobody is sure how long near the attorney general's office, workers on the state capitol renovation project have uncovered a century old, big-as-life elevator hidden behind a bookcase in a closed-off elevator shaft."

"It's a beautiful thing," said John Emery, construction manager with Jacobs Group, the firm handling the restoration of Idaho's Capitol.

"Everyone crowded around, wanting to see it."

The Old Capitol elevator, built about 1900, was dusty when it was recently uncovered, but its buttons, bell and brass filigree, were undamaged.

Emery said it's unclear how long the elevator has been enclosed. Workers knew an abandoned elevator shaft ran behind the bookcase near the attorney general's office — but didn't know it still contained an elevator.

The elevator at one time carried passengers between the first and third floors. But the elevator shaft has been filled in, and officials said the elevator will be restored as simply a token from the past.

"Besides the elevator, construction workers have been uncovering the work of builders from a century ago. So far, we've uncovered five buildings, we're uncovering fascinating old building methods," Emery told the *Idaho Statesman*.

One example he noted is a round column in the garden level that shows outlines of boards used to mold the concrete.

Another building method that has disappeared, Emery said, are steel I-beams covered with poured concrete.

He said the beams are also permanently riveted, as opposed to the modern bolting or welding methods.

"Some of the idiosyncrasies of the Capitol might have been the result of the mere 37 drawings for its original construction. Emery said architects of that era relied on builders to figure out the construction details as they went."

Other old parts of the Capitol are also coming to light.

A mint condition milky glass light fixture lost during a remodel in the 1960s has been brought in after the Capitol Commission asked for such fixtures. The person who brought in the fixture has asked to remain anonymous.

"She rescued it from the trash," said Jan Frew, executive project manager for the Capitol remodel. "We're being really careful for kept in a closet for 30 years. She knew that she would have the chance to return it to its rightful place."

"As we're doing demolition, we're uncovering fascinating old building methods."

— John Emery, construction manager with Jacobs Hunt

Roma Christensen Willard

CALDWELL — Roma Christensen Willard, 87, of Caldwell, passed away peacefully Sunday, Aug. 19, 2007, with family members by her side.

Burial will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, at the Caldwell LDS Stake Center, 5015 S. Kimball Ave. Burial will be at the Canyon Hill Cemetery. A viewing will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Dakota Funeral Chapel, 504 S. Kimball in Caldwell, and from 1 to 1:45 p.m. Friday at the church.

Roma was born Jan. 6, 1920, in Idaho, to Marion Howell and Elsie Sant Howell. She was raised in the Clifton area until age 13. Her family then moved to Wendell, Idaho. She was dancing and participated in several "Gold and Green Balls."

"At these dances, she met her future husband, Merlon Christensen. They were married in the Salt Lake Temple on June 6, 1940. She trained as a beautician, and she used those skills to support her husband as he served a mission in California.

They farmed in Wendell for 11 years. In 1951, they moved to Notus and operated a dairy with Merlon's brother, Ronald. She has family until 1970. Merlon continued to farm until 1980. Roma and Merlon

spent many years teaching their children to work on the farm and in the home."

Roma and Merlon had a great marriage. She was a devoted wife and mother and a lifelong homemaker. Roma was an excellent cook — remembered for grandma's famous homemade bread. Her life was centered around her husband and family. She was a devoted member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and faithfully served in Relief Society and other positions. In 1989, Merlon, her beloved companion of 49 years, passed away. In August of 1990, she married Evan M. Willard. Evan was a faithful, loving companion until his passing in 2002.

Roma was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Merlon; and her husband, Evan; and nine infant brothers and sisters. Roma is survived by nine children, Armond and Ann Garner, Joe and Julie Lindsey, Todd and Dixie Christensen, Virgil and Lucy Christensen, Michael and Jill Christensen, Willard and Gayle Christensen, Grant and Sharon Dearden, Larry and Tawana Christensen, and Roger and Jullanne Christensen; four of Evan's children, Kent and Lacie Willard, Norman and Lori Willard, Grant and Marge Willard, and Mark and Evgeni Sevan; 58 grandchildren; 104 great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren.

DEATH NOTICES

Pauline Bean

TWIN FALLS — Pauline Bean, 77, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2007, in Twin Falls Care Center.

A service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 27, at the Twin Falls Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Charles Satterwhite

TWIN FALLS — Charles Satterwhite, 80, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2007, at Sunrise Care Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Vessie Kazuarich

JEROME — Vessie Kazuarich, 88, of Jerome, died Wednesday, Aug. 22,

2007, at St. Benedicts Family Medical Center Long Term Care Unit in Jerome.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hope-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Augusta W. Meade

TWIN FALLS — Augusta "Gussie" W. Meade, 93, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2007, at the Twin Falls Care Center.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Ruth I. Van Slyke

CALDWELL — Ruth I. Van Slyke, 98, of Caldwell, died Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2007, at a local care center of natural causes.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Dakan Funeral Chapel in Caldwell.

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

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CSI North Side Center announces classes

GOODING — The College of Southern Idaho North Side Center announces upcoming classes.

Award-winning watercolor artist Troy Masini is teaching a class, "Painting with Watercolor." Learn how watercolor works; how to mix watercolors; and how to shape, spread, and color composition work together to make a pleasant, well-balanced painting.

This course is for both beginning and intermediate students.

The class will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 6 to Oct. 18, at Wendell High School. There is no class on Oct. 4. The course fee is \$75 plus supplies.

Sign Language 1: The course introduces the non-signing, nonproficient to "survival communication" with signs. It combines the vocabulary and features of American Sign Language (ASL) with English words in order. This common form of social communication between deaf and hearing adults is known as Pidgin Signed English (PSE).

The instructor is Dremna Andrew. This one-credit course will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 4 to 27 at the North Side Center.

The course tuition is \$105 plus the textbook. Senior citizens age 60 and over attend for free. The course may be

audited by those not interested in earning credit; the same tuition applies.

Introduction to Computers: This class gives students an overview of hardware, Windows, word processing, spreadsheets and the Internet, and is instructed by Jerry Allen.

The class will meet from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, Sept. 5 to Oct. 3, at Wendell High School. No previous computer experience is needed to enroll. The fee is \$114 for this one-credit course; those age 60 and over pay only \$9. If you are not interested in earning credit, you may audit the course at the same cost.

Triple Swing: Men will be taught to lead and women to follow as you learn the basic steps of triple swing that can easily be altered for country dancing. Your instructors, Reid and Danielle Logran, will give you plenty of time to review and ask questions.

Please wear smooth soled shoes (no rubber soles) and sign up with a partner. The class is being offered from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Friday evenings, Sept. 7 to 28, at Gooding Elementary School. The fee for the class is \$50 per couple and you must register with a partner.

To register for classes or for more information, call 934-8678, or stop by the office at 202 14th Ave. E. in Gooding for additional information.

Orchestra has string openings

HURLEY — The Magic Philharmonic Orchestra has openings in the string section for viola, cello, violin and bass.

The orchestra performs four concerts each season — fall, Christmas, winter and spring — and disbands during the summer months.

Rehearsals will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4 in the band room of Burley High School.

For more information, call Jolene at 678-3660.

Bridge club: Results of play

HURLEY — The 111 Duplicate Bridge Club results of play include:

July 31: North/south, first, George and Nancy Gibson; second, Joe Blackford and Edna Pierce; third, Marle and Bob Price; and fourth, Barbara Carney and Vera Mai. In east/west play, the winners were first, Don Cresson and Norma Goodman; second, Jan Hutziga and Naomi Lynch; third, Dee and Jayne Keitler; and fourth, Peggy Payne and Donna Kuntz.

Aug. 7: North/south, first, Bill Goodman and Chuck Hunter; second, Vera Mai and Nanette Woodland; third, Marian Snow and Edna Pierce; and fourth, Edna Pierce and Joe Blackford. In east/west play, the winners were: first, Sheila Hubsmit and Mildred Wolf; second, Marlene Temple and Shirley Harris; third, Kent Gillespie and Steve Sams; and fourth, Dee Keitler and Leo Moore.

Aug. 14: North/south, first, Bill Goodman and Chuck Hunter; second, Jackie Brown and Lois Stephenson; third, Joe Blackford and Edna Pierce; and fourth, Steve Sams and Kent Gillespie. In east/west play, the winners were: first, Sheila Hubsmit and Mildred Wolf; second, Don Cresson and Norma Goodman; third, Vera Mai and Nanette Woodland; and fourth, Marlene Temple and Shirley Harris.

Games are held at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Rupert Elks. For partners and more information, call Steve Sams at 878-3997 or Vera Mai at 436-4163.

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Series offered at CSI

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho Community Education will be offering two series.

"East Meets West Russian Visual Arts" will be held from 5 to 6:30 p.m. every Thursday, starting today through Dec. 6, in the Fine Arts building, Room 83. This series will consist of three topics, and students have the option of signing up for all three sessions or each session separately.

Session 1: "Architecture" will be held today through Sept. 27. Cost \$35. The non-credit course number is XA1T 035 C02.

Session 2: "Painting" will be held Oct. 4-Nov. 1. Cost \$35. The non-credit course number is XA1T 035 C03.

Session 3: "Decorative Art" will be held Nov. 8-Dec. 13. Cost \$35. The non-credit course number is XA1T 035 C04.

The cost for all three sessions is \$100. The non-credit course number for all three sessions is XA1T 035 C01.

Students will learn about the splendor of Russian architecture and explore Russian classical, impressionist, avant-garde paintings, and much more in this relaxed course designed to enrich one's cultural background. Instructor Svetlana Schuckert is Russian and her education and life's work has been devoted to this subject.

"Everyday Russian" will be held from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Wednesdays, Aug. 29-Dec. 5, in Fine Arts 83. The cost is \$100 and the instructor is Svetlana Schuckert. The course number for this non-credit class is XA1T 034 C01.

This class is a must for anyone wanting to learn Russian and understand the Russian way of life, in an easy and pleasant way. In this class, students will be able to grasp the grammar when speaking and understanding basic Russian, and learn to write Russian and become familiar with Russian culture and history.

For more information or to register, call 732-6442 or visit our Web site at www.csi.edu/community.

Author to conduct writing workshop Saturday at CSI

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho will offer a series of three writing workshops on Saturday in Shields 116 on the CSI Campus.

The three workshops separately cost \$25 or \$59 for all three. An additional materials fee of \$15, payable to the instructor, covers materials for all three workshops.

In series I, "Writing Your First Book," California writer Bobbie Christensen, author of seven published books including two award-winners and best-sellers, will use her own 10-step method to teach students how to complete a book, either fiction or nonfiction communication-fiction, in as little as two months or less (or in 50 weekends if you have a full-time job). The workshop will meet from 10 a.m. to noon. Non-credit course number is XMSC 192 C01.

In series II, "Publishing Your First Book," self-published author Bobbie Christensen will teach students how to sell their work to publish and how to self-publish. It includes the differences between the two methods involving time, money, and keeping the profits. The class will include:

what is an ISBN and how to use it, whether a copyright is needed, what about the Library of Congress, how to get along with the IRS, how to successfully operate a writing and/or publishing business, and more. This workshop will meet from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Non-credit course number is XMSC 192 C02.

In series III, "Marketing Your Book on a Shoestring Budget," director of the American Self-Publisher Association, Bobbie Christensen will teach students how to use her proven-to-succeed 9-step marketing plan, including how to make a profit before the book is even printed, how to set up local and nationwide book signing for maximum sales, how to set up and present a seminar that will get rave reviews, how to write news releases, and much more. This workshop will meet from 3 to 5 p.m. Non-credit course number is XMSC 192 C03.

The course number for all three sessions writing/publishing/marketing is XMSC 192 C04. For more information or to register, call 732-6441. Or register online at www.csi.edu/community.

Photography, imaging class offered at CSI's Community Education Center

TWIN FALLS — The Community Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho will offer the photography and basic digital imaging class "Photograph to Photoshop" from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays, Aug. 29 - Sept. 26 in the GRM Building Library 101. The cost is \$80 and the instructor is Randy Burbank. The non-credit course number is XCMP 069 C02.

Students who join this class will have the opportunity to participate in a photo expedition around the CSI campus with professional photographer Randy Burbank followed by class discussion

and critique about the photos taken.

The class will also include some of the creative aspects associated with this art such as composition, the rule of thirds and simplifying backgrounds.

With the use of some basic Photoshop techniques and manipulation, the class will learn how to adjust the levels, contrast and saturation of their photos as well as simple portrait touch-ups. The concepts of layers will also be introduced and explored briefly.

For more information or to register, call 732-6442 or visit www.csi.edu/community.

ROTARY AWARD



David Farnsworth, outgoing president of the Jerome Rotary Club, was recently presented with a plaque for his great year of service by incoming president Jennifer Traugher.

Full lunar eclipse is Aug. 28

TWIN FALLS — Night owls and insomniacs may have few friends to join them for the next total lunar eclipse over Idaho on Aug. 28. That's because the eclipse starts at 2:54 a.m.

The actual window of time when the moon is completely in the Earth's shadow will be from 3:56 to 5:23 a.m., with mid-eclipse occurring at 4:41 a.m. By 6:23 a.m., it'll all be over.

Chris Anderson, Centennial Observatory manager and Faulkner Planetarium production specialist, said this is the first time in nearly three years that Idahoans have been able to see a total lunar eclipse here at home.

The Herrett Observatory will be staffed, and the public is welcome to view the events starting at 2:20 a.m. Admission is free.

Kimberly Middle and Elementary schools host open house nights

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly School District has scheduled two open houses for students and parents.

The first event will be from 6 to 7 p.m. today at the Kimberly Elementary School. The open house provides an opportunity for students to find their classrooms, meet their teachers and drop off school supplies if desired. Students and parents are encouraged to come meet the new principal, Craig Maki.

The Kimberly Middle School open house will be at 7 p.m. Sept. 5. Students and

parents are encouraged to come meet the teachers and the new principal, Linda Bick.

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Gunman robs Burley KFC

South Idaho Press

BURLEY — A man armed with a gun and knife held up the Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant on Overland Avenue in Burley Tuesday night shortly before 10, according to a press release issued Wednesday by Cassia County Sheriff Jim Higgins.

after closing while the employees were cleaning up. The manager, a woman who was not identified in the release, and two juvenile male employees originally thought the hold-up was a joke. But the suspect, who was dark clothing and had his face covered, forced the manager to open the safe and made off with an undisclosed amount of money.

The suspect, about 6 feet, 2 inches tall and skinny, tied up

the three employees, but the manager was able to free herself and call police. Cassia County deputies and an Idaho State Trooper responded and secured the building, the report said. The suspect was not found in the area around the building.

The investigation is continuing. The sheriff's office is asking for anyone with information about this robbery to call 878-2251 or Crimestoppers at 878-2900.

Eastland

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The project is led by four developers who all own land adjacent to the roads: Paul Bedornha, Gary Storrer, Kent Taylor and Ken Edmunds. Edmunds said developers were so concerned about rumors of project delays that they met last week for a project update. But after seeing the schedule and the work to be done, Edmunds said, he's no longer worried.

"They're running slow due to some rocks, but I think they'll get back on schedule," said Edmunds, who owns the residential component for the future temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of

Latter-day Saints on the west side of Eastland Drive. The concrete for the first house on Edmunds' lot will be poured this morning, he said.

Nearly resident Judy Love is certainly comfortable with the progress on the road. In fact, she said, McWay could take longer if he wanted — the construction has kept drivers from speeding past her home at all hours of the night.

The construction on the nearby temple has brought Love all sorts of trouble, she said. Her worst problem is a long driveway attached to the house that looks like a public part of the street, leading people interested in the temple

construction to park in front of her mailbox and eat their lunches on her property, she said.

But the street construction has meant restful nights for her since March, and she doesn't blame the temple's presence for the roadwork. Rather, she said, it's all the subdivisions that have popped up on old farmland in the 51 years she's lived there. And the LDS population in town can't be blamed for the actions of a few, who have stuck out their tongues and otherwise complained when Love asks them off her property.

"I love all people," she said. "I just like people to show some respect."

Meeting

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support a \$25 million livestock research center that is expected to be built in Jerome County. Former county commissioner Roy Prescott said passing on it could be "missing a major opportunity."

Jewell and Davidson lent their support, and though Obenaus raised several concerns, she did not say she opposed the dairy research facility, asserting that she would make her decision when more research comes out.

lot of this is based on data and fact," she said.

She said there is a "plethora" of research already available from other universities in the U.S. and Canada that can be applied to the current region, and also said the research she requested from the Idaho State Department of Agriculture and the state Department of Environmental Quality would not cost state taxpayers anything extra.

The three commissioners said that the county currently treats permits for dairy and

cattle feedlots without distinction, and that they will take under advisement possibly making the two different processes.

When asked whether she will seek re-election, Obenaus said she was undecided.

The forum, which was not a county-sanctioned event but open to the public, was held at the Eden Civic Center and drew about 50 people.

Politics reporter Jared S. Hopkins can be reached at jhopkins@magvalley.com.

Nevada horses killed by nitrate contamination

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Federal officials say they believe nitrate contamination killed 71 wild horses last month along a dry lake bed near a desert airfield, but they're uncertain of source of the pollution.

In an Aug. 10 statement from Bureau of Land Management cited "nitrate toxicity" as the most likely cause of death for the horses found about a mile south of the Tonopah Test Range.

"High levels of nitrates were found in some water samples taken from a pond the horses used for drinking on a dry lake bed," the statement said. The levels were at least 66 times the safe drinking standards for humans and 30 times acceptable levels for livestock.

The Tonopah range, a high desert airfield 210 miles north-northwest of Las Vegas, has been a destination for commuter aircraft that shuttle workers from Las Vegas to remote sites where tests of stealth aircraft and other high-tech weapons have been conducted.

"A Nellis Air Force Base spokesman, Capt. Justin McWay, said civil engineers who are probing the horse deaths along with the BLM don't know the nitrate's source."

"Until the investigation is complete, I don't think they'll speculate on why the root cause is," he told the Las Vegas Review-Journal in Wednesday editions.

One former worker at the test site said the newspaper believes the contamination came from illegal dumping of nitrate compounds used in the de-icing of planes and a nearby runway.

"I know what the root cause was," said former Air Force tech sergeant Kevin Dye. "It was runway de-icing fluid because that's what we used to put on the runways up there, ammonium nitrate."

Dye said dumping of ammonium nitrate, ammonium phosphate and other chemicals was routine when he worked there from 1990 to 1998.

"This time of year is when they clean out the de-icing

tanker trucks. They just pull them up to the fence and wash them out and let it run off into the desert," Dye said. He noted that there is "no water reclamation system up there."

He reported the environmental compliance issue to the Environmental Protection Agency in 1996 but the EPA took no action, the newspaper reported.

STEPHENS AUCTION Saturday, August 25, 2007 Located: Twin Falls, Idaho • 218 Colliette Avenue From the South Park bridge in Twin Falls, give 1st and continue 2 blocks to Colliette Ave; turn right (south) & continue to sale site. Sale Time 11:00 am Lunch served by Kathy

Critics decry candidate for Alaska elephant's home

By James Halpin Associated Press writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Alaska's only elephant is now being eyed by officials from a prospective new home, but the same animal rights group that has pushed for Maggie's departure is saying if this facility is the leading option, she should stay here. "My backyard would be a better place for her than the Alaska Zoo, but that doesn't mean this place is right for her," said Catherine Doyle, campaign director for the San Rafael, Calif.-based In Defense of Animals.

The place in question is the Elephants of Africa Rescue Society, located in Sallinas, Calif.

Alaska Zoo director Pat Lampl confirmed EARS is one of the top two locations being considered for Maggie's new home, though he said the zoo board is still withholding the name of the other facilities being considered at their request.

In Defense of Animals called the zoo's consideration of the facility one of the "final betrayals" of Maggie's Problems It lists with EARS include its use of a prod-like tool — called a "bull hook" or a "guide," depending on which side you ask — to train its elephants, that it isolates difficult to handle elephants and that it exploits its elephants for commercial purposes.

EARS' chief financial officer not only denied the charges, but said this is all very premature. "Our board hasn't decided if we would even be interested in taking Maggie," Heather Greaux said. Maggie is trained with positive reinforcement, Doyle said, and the free contact method, which uses the prod, would require that Maggie learn how to be handled with it. "She would face pain and punishment if she doesn't comply with the commands."

Greaux said her facility, which houses four African elephants in its five-acre exhibit, does use the prods, though they are only employed similarly to how a leash is used on a dog as a guide. She said the prods are necessary for some elephants, but aren't used to the point that they cause physical pain. In other cases, zoo keepers use protective contact — what Maggie has here — where the elephant is mostly alone in its enclosure and no prods are used.

"Protective contact can be misused just as much as a guide can be misused," Greaux said. "A lot of zoos practice that because they don't have the staff or the knowledge."

She also said that the only time when EARS' elephants are isolated is when they are sick, not when they are misbehaving. And all the animals in the facility are retired, Greaux said, so they are not retired or otherwise commercially exploited. They are simply on display, as they would be at

any other zoo. Lampl said EARS officials told the Alaska Zoo they thought Maggie would do better with protective contact and that they would likely not need to use guides on her. He called the charges made by In Defense of Animals baseless.

"They were wrong about us, and they're probably wrong about them," he said. "It sounds like they take very good care of their animals."

Doyle said Maggie definitely needs to leave Alaska, but EARS is simply not the place for her. She said a facility like the Performing Animal Welfare Society in San Andreas, Calif., would be a better fit for Maggie because it is larger and does not use prods.

Earlier this month zoo officials said they were considering three backup locations as well, though the well-known Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee is not on the list, according to the zoo board director.

Officials from at least one of the facilities have suggested the elephant stay in Alaska through the winter so she could be properly trained for the move, an idea that animal rights groups blasted, saying she might not survive another winter in her 1,600-square-foot enclosure.

Officials say obstacles to moving Maggie immediately are an estimated \$200,000 in costs, crate training her for the move and preparing her for her subsequent acclimation to the new surroundings.

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5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

TWIN FALLS — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls County include the following:

Twin Falls city

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCES

Francis Z. Espinoza, 21, Twin Falls; driving under the influence: \$800 fine with \$400 suspended; \$87.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, credit for one day served, one day work detail; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation. Justin R. Paul, 25, Twin Falls; one count driving under the influence; \$800 fine with \$400 suspended; \$87.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, credit for one day served; one day work detail; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation; one count possession of drug paraphernalia dismissed. Robert Z. Rackham, 23, Twin Falls; one count driving under the influence; \$800 fine with \$500 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 180 days in jail with 174 suspended, credit for one day served, five days work detail; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation; \$126 court compliance fees; one count possession of a weapon under the influence dismissed. Brian C. Greenwalt, 20, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; \$800 fine with \$500 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, two days work detail; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation.

MISDEMEANOR SENTENCES

Heather D. Herman, 23, Twin Falls; driving without privileges, second offense; \$800 fine with \$400 suspended; \$87.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 180 days in jail with 180 suspended, credit for time served; driving privileges suspended for 365 days; 12 months probation. Robert D. Labrie, 58, Twin Falls; driving without privileges, second offense; \$1,000 fine with \$600 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 180 days in jail with 150 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 365 days; 12 months probation. Ricardo J. Palz Jr., 19, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$87.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 180 days in jail with 175 suspended, credit for one day served, four days work detail; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation. Erika Y. Ruiz, 20, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$87.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 83 suspended, credit for time served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation. Aaron E. Hottman, 31, Twin Falls; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$141 costs. Joshua C. Holman, 26, Twin Falls; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; costs uncollectible; 30 days in jail, credit for time served.

Severeen D. Krenz, 26, Filer; one count driving without privileges, second offense; \$1,000 fine with \$600 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 180 days in jail with 150 suspended, credit for two days served; driving privileges suspended for 365 days; 12 months probation; one count provide false information to an officer dismissed. Jay L. Overman Jr., 35, Kimberly; one count no insurance; \$800 fine with \$500 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 80 suspended; 24 months probation; one count driving without privileges; \$1,000 fine with \$500 suspended; 180 days in jail with 170 suspended, credit for time served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 24 months probation. James D. Anderson, 47, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 85 suspended, credit for time served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation. Paul E. Neubauer, 41, Twin Falls; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$141 costs. Tillary J. Alfred, 24, Twin Falls; injury to a child; amended to possession of drug paraphernalia; \$700 fine with \$400 suspended; \$82.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, credit for one day served, one day work detail; 24 months probation. Chance W. Amerson, 28, Twin Falls; one count petit theft; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$72.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 85 suspended, five days work detail; 12 months probation; one count possession of a controlled substance; \$1,000 fine with \$500 suspended; 180 days in jail with 175 suspended, five days work detail; 12 months probation; concurrent. Richard J. Harman, 25, Twin Falls; depositing offensive material; \$100 fine; \$72.50 costs; 30 days in jail with 30 suspended; 24 months probation. C.J. O. Kaatz, 18, Filer; one count possession of a controlled substance; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$85.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, credit for one day served, one day work detail; 12 months probation; one count possession of drug paraphernalia; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; 90 days in jail with 83 suspended, credit for one day served, one day work detail; 12 months probation. Christina R. Yenne, 31, Twin Falls; failure to provide information; \$1,000 fine with \$500 suspended; \$87.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 10 days in jail with 40 suspended; 12 months probation. Kiley B. Martinez, 28, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$82.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 180 days in jail with 170 suspended, credit for six days served, four days work detail; 12 months probation; one count possession of drug paraphernalia dismissed.

Jill dismissed. Brandy K. Scholtnar, 31, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; \$600 fine with \$300 suspended; \$72.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation; \$677 court compliance fees. Deborah M. Snavely, 47, Twin Falls; one count trespass; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$72.50 costs; 30 days in jail with 30 suspended; 12 months probation; one count disorderly conduct dismissed. Tina R. Swett, 26, Twin Falls; one count frequenting a place where a controlled substance is used; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$82.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 80 suspended, credit for four days served, six days work detail; 12 months probation; one count possession of a controlled substance dismissed. Elizabeth H. Eldredge, 22, Twin Falls; domestic violence; amended to disturbing the peace/disorderly conduct; \$400 fine with \$200 suspended; \$72.50 costs; 12 months probation; 30 days in jail with 28 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation. Joshua R. Corbett, 22, Twin Falls; petit theft; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$72.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 30 days in jail with 26 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation.

Twin Falls County

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCES

Casey L. Bixley, 19, Twin Falls; one count driving under the influence, under age 21; \$1,000 fine with \$500 suspended; \$87.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; four days work detail; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation; one count minor consumption/possession; \$600 fine with \$300 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 365 days; 12 months probation; one count reckless driving dismissed. Tolle M. Taylor, 19, Twin Falls; one count driving under the influence, under age 21; \$1,000 fine with \$500 suspended; \$87.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; credit for one day in jail already served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation; one count driving without privileges dismissed. Rebecca M. Schmitzer, 33, Jerome; one count driving under the influence; \$800 fine with \$500 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 180 days in jail with 178 suspended, credit for one day

served, one day work detail; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 24 months probation; one count driving without privileges; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended; 180 days in jail with 178 suspended, credit for one day served, one day work detail; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 24 months probation; concurrent. Jaime Rios-Partida, 19, Twin Falls; one count driving under the influence, under age 21; \$1,000 fine with \$500 suspended; \$87.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation; two days work detail; one count open container; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; 30 days in jail with 30 suspended; 12 months probation. Mark A. Schlew, 50, Filer; driving under the influence; \$800 fine with \$400 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 89 suspended, credit for one day served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation. Armando R. Gutierrez, 23, Buhl; one count driving under the influence, excessive; \$800 fine with \$600 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 180 days in jail with 150 suspended, credit for time served; driving privileges suspended for 365 days; 18 months probation; no alcohol; one count failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; 30 days in jail, credit for time served; \$1,000 restitution.

MISDEMEANOR SENTENCES

Karl M. Kaatz, 35, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; amended to inattentive/careless driving; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$72.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 12 months probation. Erika Y. Ruiz, 20, driving without privileges; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, credit for time served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation. Charles D. Brix, 22, Twin Falls; one count driving without privileges, second offense; \$1,000 fine with \$600 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 365 days in jail with 200 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 365 days; 24 months probation; one count open container; \$100 fine; 24 months probation; concurrent. Andrew M. Cotten, 22, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; \$700 fine with \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, five days work detail; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation. Virgil K. McCabe, 34, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; \$800 fine with \$400 suspended; \$87.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 160 days in jail with 178 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 180 days;

12 months probation. Cristina Aguiar-Rivas, 31, Twin Falls; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$141 costs. Salvador R. Tenorio, 49, Wendell; reckless driving; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$72.50 costs; 10 days in jail with 10 suspended; 12 months probation. Trevis W. Tator, 30, Twin Falls; one count failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$72.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 71 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation; \$155 court compliance fees one count no insurance, open container dismissed. Rebecca L. Peltok, 26, Twin Falls; neglect of a vulnerable adult; amended to assault; \$800 fine with \$400 suspended; \$72.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 85 suspended, credit for five days work detail; 12 months probation. Andrew W. Fritz, 31, Buhl; public disturbance; \$100 fine; \$75.50 costs. Edward W. Bryant Jr., 57, Buhl; domestic violence; \$700 fine with \$400 suspended; \$72.50 costs; 180 days in jail with 160 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation; no alcohol; obtain domestic violence evaluation. David M. Carlin, 18, Kimberly; disturbing the peace; \$400 fine with \$300 suspended; \$72.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; letter of apology to victim; 12 months probation. Laura F. Pina Jr., 22, Twin Falls; one count failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$141 costs; credit for two days in jail; one count assisting/obstructing an officer dismissed.

MISDEMEANOR DISMISSALS

Jamie A. Woodland, 32, Burley; driving under the influence, eluding a police officer; dismissed by prosecutor.

FELONY SENTENCES

Jeffrey J. Zimmerman, 27, Jerome; possession of a controlled substance; seven years

penitentiary, one year determinate, six years indeterminate; \$550.63 restitution. Angela K. Craver, 30, Jerome; one count accessory to aggravated battery; three years penitentiary, two years determinate, one year indeterminate; suspended; three years probation; \$97.50 costs; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; one count aid after robbery dismissed. Steven D. Jensen, 47, Marquette; grand theft, five years penitentiary, two years determinate; three years indeterminate; suspended; three years probation; 60 days in jail; \$2,500 fine with \$2,000 suspended; \$97.50 costs; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; \$197.76 restitution. Adam D. Moynyne, 22, Twin Falls; forgery; three years penitentiary; three years determinate; suspended; three years probation; \$107.50 costs; \$500 public defender fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income. Joseph L. Apadaca, 38, Layton, Utah; aggravated battery; 15 years penitentiary; 15 years determinate; \$97.50 costs. Melvin W. Odell, 39, Twin Falls; one count possession of a controlled substance; five years penitentiary; two years determinate; three years indeterminate; one count grand theft; 11 years penitentiary; two and one half years determinate; eight and one half years indeterminate; concurrent.

FELONY DISMISSALS

Albert M. Barker, 20, Twin Falls; rape; amended to level conduct with a minor under 16, sexual abuse of a child under 16; dismissed without prejudice by prosecutor. Jimmy Slano, 43, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; dismissed by court.

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WORLD

Black Hawk helicopter crash kills 14 U.S. soldiers; mechanical problem suspected

By Kim Ganel
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — Fourteen U.S. soldiers were killed Wednesday when a Black Hawk helicopter crashed during a nighttime mission in northern Iraq, but the military said it appeared the aircraft was lost by mechanical problems and not from hostile fire.

It was the Pentagon's worst single-day death toll in Iraq since January and indicated how forces are relying heavily on air power in offensives across northern regions after routing out many militant strongholds in Baghdad and central regions.

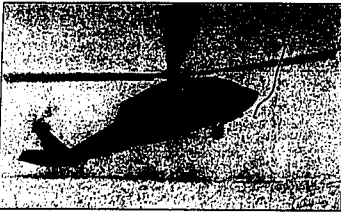
But extremists are striking back. A suicide truck bombing against a police station in the northern oil hub of Beiji claimed at least 45 lives — 25 policemen and 20 civilians — amid a series of deadly attacks north of the capital.

The growing bloodshed in the north carries a mixed message. It suggests some success for the U.S.-led security sweeps seeking to reclaim control of areas in and around Baghdad. But it also highlights the apparent resilience of groups such as al-Qaida in Iraq as they reorganize and seek new footholds.

The White House, meanwhile, sought to quiet a political tempest with Iraq's prime minister, Nouri al-Maliki. President Bush, speaking to a veterans' convention in Kansas City, Mo., called al-Maliki "a good man with a difficult job."

Bush added: "I support him." Just hours earlier, al-Maliki lashed out at American criticism over his government's inability to bridge political divisions or stop the violence, warning he could "find friends elsewhere."

The spat appeared to ease, but al-Maliki's sharp words signaled a fraying relationship with his key backer nearly three



A UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter lands to extract members of a U.S. Army Combat Team, during a mission near Tall Afar, Iraq, on June 5, 2006. A UH-60 helicopter similar to this one crashed in northern Iraq on Wednesday, killing all 14 U.S. soldiers aboard, the military said.

weeks before Congress receives a pivotal progress report on Iraq.

The UH-60 helicopter went down before dawn in the Tamin province, that surrounds Kirkuk, an oil-rich city 180 miles north of Baghdad, said Lt. Col. Michael Donnelly, a military spokesman in northern Iraq.

He declined to be more specific about the location of the crash, but said the facts gathered indicated it was almost certainly due to a mechanical problem and not hostile fire. The final cause remained under investigation, however.

The Black Hawk was one of two helicopters and had just picked up troops after a mission when it crashed, Donnelly said. The four crew members and 10 passengers aboard were assigned to Task Force Lightning but the military did not release further information about their identities pending notification of relatives.

In Washington, a defense official said the helicopter was from the 25th Infantry Division's combat aviation brigade, based in Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. A U.S. soldier also was killed

and three others were wounded Wednesday during fighting west of Baghdad, the military said separately.

The total of 15 was the largest single-day death count since 25 U.S. soldiers were killed around the country on Jan. 20, including 12 who died in a helicopter crash. The deadliest crash occurred Jan. 26, 2005 when a CH-53 Sea Stallion transport helicopter went down in a sandstorm in western Iraq, killing 31 U.S. troops.

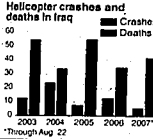
The U.S. military relies heavily on helicopters to avoid the threat of ambushes and roadside bombs — the deadliest weapon in the militants' arsenal — and dozens have crashed in accidents or been shot down.

Wednesday's deaths raised to at least 3,722 members of the U.S. military who have died since the Iraq war started in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

The Sept. 15 deadline for the Iraq progress to Congress leaves Bush little time to show that the U.S. troop buildup is succeeding in providing the enhanced security the Iraq leaders need to forge a unified war effort. U.S. commanders have

Helicopter deaths

A deadly Black Hawk helicopter crash that killed 14 U.S. soldiers Wednesday brought the death toll from helicopter crashes in Iraq to 221 since 2003.



warned that extremists would step up the violence this month in a bid to upstage the report, which comes amid a fierce debate over whether Bush should start withdrawing American troops.

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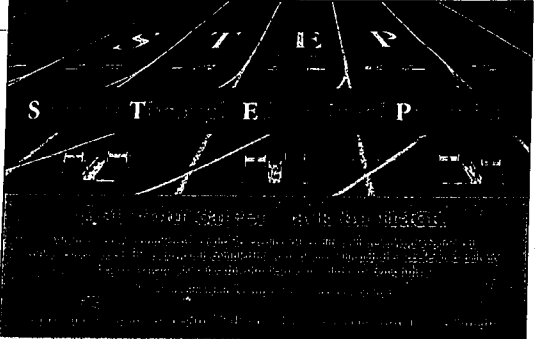
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Hurricane Dean hits Mexico's oil coast after battering Yucatan

By Richard Jacobson
Associated Press writer

TECULUTLA, Mexico — A sprawling Hurricane Dean slammed into Mexico for the second time in as many days Wednesday and quickly stretched across to the Pacific Ocean, then weakened as it drenched the central mountains with rain that flooded houses along the coast.

Coming ashore with top sustained winds of 100 mph, Dean's center hit the tourism and fishing town of Tecolutla shortly after civil defense workers landed the last evacuees onto army trucks and headed to inland shelters.

There was no escaping the wide storm's hurricane-force winds, which lashed at a 60-mile stretch of the coast in Veracruz state.

"You can practically feel the winds, they're so strong," Manuel del Pilar Gaudin said by telephone from inside the hotel she manages in Tuxpan, a town some 40 miles north of where Dean made landfall. "I hope this passes quickly and the waters calm."

Sounds of crashing metal prompted farmer Moises Aguilar to take a dangerous risk in Monte Gordon, 20 miles down the coast from Tecolutla. At the height of the storm, he dashed outside his house, about 300 yards from the sea, and struggled against the wind as his neighbor's roof ripped apart.

"We've closed the curtains because we don't want to see what is going on out there," Aguilar said. His voice nearly drowned out by another crash. "I think that's more metal roofing than my garage."



At 8 p.m. EDT, Dean was 75 miles north of Mexico City, where it generated steady rain, and was moving west at 17 mph. The Hurricane Center predicted it would dissipate Wednesday night or Thursday morning over the mountains of central Mexico.

Mexico had suspended offshore oil production and shut down its only nuclear power plant as tens of thousands heeded for higher ground. The state oil company said there was no known damage to any of its production facilities on shore or in the Gulf of Mexico.

Dean struck land Wednesday as a Category 2 storm after regaining some of the force it unleashed on the Yucatan. Its first strike on the peninsula Tuesday as a Category 5 tempest with 165 mph winds was the third most intense Atlantic hurricane ever to make landfall.

which killed 20 people in its earlier sweep through the Caribbean.

The toll rose Wednesday when Haitian officials said seven more storm deaths had been reported in remote areas.

Dean's sustained winds dropped to 85 mph, Category 1, shortly after making landfall in late morning, and it was downgraded to a tropical storm by afternoon with winds of near 70 mph.

But the biggest worry was rain. Up to 20 inches of rainfall were expected to sweep rivers and soak mountains in a region prone to mudslides and flash floods.

"The water is rising. It's entering the houses now. The children are very frightened," said Maria Luisa Cervantes, who fled her low-lying home with her five children to a shelter in Poza Rica after a flying sheet of metal snapped power cables on to her roof.

The mountain ranges that parallel Mexico's coast are

dotted with villages connected by precarious roads and susceptible to disaster.

A rainstorm in 1999 caused floods that killed at least 350 people, destroyed tens of thousands of houses and damaged 70 pre-Hispanic ruins at Tajin.

"We don't want the same thing to happen again and we said, 'Let's get out of here,'" Jesus Vargas, owner of a tire repair shop, said at a shelter in Poza Rica, a city 30 miles inland from Tecolutla. Poza Rica became the area's command center, with shelters for thousands.

As the storm dissipated, people in Poza Rica ventured out to assess the damage and found it less than feared.

"A lot of homes were left without roofs," said Mariano Gutierrez, the city's civil defense chief. "Many trees fell on public streets and on houses." There are many fallen signs. But so far, thank God, we don't have anything serious.

No more 'olé'? Matadors miffed as Spain removes live bullfighting from state TV

By Daniel Woods
Associated Press writer

MADRID, Spain — State-run Spanish television has quietly yanked live coverage of bullfighting from its program, ending a decades-old tradition of showcasing the national pastime out of concern that the deadly duel between matador and beast is tantamount to child abuse.

Television Espanola's first broadcast in 1948 was a bullfight in Madrid. But for the first time in the network's history, none of its channels have shown live fights this season, only taped highlights on a late-night program for aficionados.

In practical terms, the unpublicized decision by the Socialist government is largely symbolic. Of the hundreds of bullfights during the March-October season, state-run TV only aired about a dozen. Pay TV channels and regional governments are full of live bullfights.

Still, many in the bullfighting world — and in the conservative opposition — are livid over what they see as a slight to a cherished piece of Spanish culture.

"We think it is awful," said lawmaker Juan Manuel Albeniza. He said that when most Spaniards return from vacation in September, the center-right Popular Party will press Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero to restore the broadcasts.

Promoters report 65 million people want to see bullfights in Spain last year, and pulling them off free television is unfair to older people or those who cannot afford to go to the ring or watch on cable, Albeniza said.

"Bullfighting is a spectacle that is alive, and spectators have a right to see it," he said. Television Espanola's decision last week it had nothing against

bullfighting. The station noted that it aired the running of the bulls in Pamplona, in which people test their daring by racing bulls through the streets.

But the network said it had to respect a voluntary, industry-wide code that, without specifically mentioning bullfighting, seeks to limit on-screen violence or "sequences that are particularly cruel or brutal" from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. to protect children. Bullfights often start at 6 p.m.

Albeniza called the argument nonsense, insisting parents, not the government, should decide if children can watch a matador risk a horrific goring while stabbing a snorting half-ton bull to death.

Television Espanola also said it could not afford to buy broadcast rights to bullfights. But Juan Belmonte, a critic for TV station Canal Sur in Seville, said matadors and promoters were angry that the station had not consulted the bullfighting industry about the possibility of cheaper broadcast rights.

"It has been a totally dictatorial decision," Belmonte said. "Bullfighting is not for everyone, even in Spain. Polts show that few Spaniards go to the ring regularly."

And bullfighting impresarios are keenly aware that the crowds are short on young people. Fans tend to be middle-aged or older.

While bullfighters may have been a national icon decades ago, young Spaniards now tend to idolize stars like singer Beyonce Knowles or soccer great David Beckham.

Still, even if the allure is fading for some, bullfighting is a fixture of Spanish society. At neighborhood bars and cafes, the rhythmic cheers of "olé!" blaring from TV sets are as common a sound as soccer for Europeans or baseball for Americans.

Animal rights groups denounce bullfighting as cruel, and Barcelona and other cities have declared themselves officially against it, but there is no significant, nationwide movement to ban the tra-

dillon. Most Spaniards may not go to bullfights, but they don't want to lose them either.

Belmonte noted that bullfighting on state-run TV was profitable and had decent ratings. A bill with tough fight-coverage could earn an audience share of up to 24 percent, which is above average, according to Television Espanola.

Belmonte criticized the government for citing money as being in bidding for bullfights when it spends much more for soccer games.

Nor does it make sense, he said, for the government, to support bullfighting by subsidizing bullfighting schools in Andalusia, then snub the national pride by wiping live coverage off state TV.

"It is a bit counterproductive," he said.

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Chinese official blames Mattel, China toy makers for global toy recall

By Audra Ang
Associated Press writer

BEIJING — Chinese manufacturers and retailers of Mattel Inc. are both responsible for recent recalls of millions of lead-tainted toys worldwide, a Chinese official said in an interview published Wednesday.

Li Zhongming, executive vice chairman of the Guangdong Provincial Toy Industry Association, said blame "cannot be pushed to either side" in this summer's recalls, which included popular Sesame Street, Barbie and Hot Wheels toys made in the province.

"The producers are responsible because they do not have tight controls over purchasing and production," Li was quoted as saying in Wednesday's state-run Guangzhou Daily newspaper.

"But the buyer Mattel cannot evade responsibility." Robert Eckert, Mattel's chairman and CEO, last week defended the measure as the company has taken to ensure the safety of its toys, saying he was "disappointed in what has transpired."

But Li said Mattel neglected to "do its job well in quality inspections." He did not give any details or say how the producers did not follow standards.

Li said profit margins in China's toy industry are low and "it's hard to make money" because of the cost of labor and materials. He warned foreign companies run the risk of getting shoddy products if they demand too low a price from Chinese manufacturers.

"If you give a high price for purchasing, the factories will use high quality raw materials to produce. But if the price is low, they can only use inferior raw materials," said Li, whose group represents toy-makers in Guangdong, an export manufacturing base for a large percentage of Chinese products.

China's goods have come under intense scrutiny in recent months after toxic chemicals were found in exports ranging from toothpaste to seafood and pet food ingredients.

On Wednesday, a distributor announced a recall in Australia and New Zealand of Chinese-made blankets found to contain high levels of formaldehyde, a potentially cancer-causing chemical preservative that can be a permanent press effect to clothes.

Because a growing number of countries have rejected goods from its exports, Beijing has been forced to launch a campaign to both reassure its consumers at home and abroad, while highlighting similar problems in other countries and criticizing foreign media for playing up the issue.

One of the August recalls by El Segundo, Calif.-based Mattel involved 10 million items including dolls, cars and action figures around the world. Some were contaminated with lead paint, others with small magnets that children might swallow.

Two weeks before, 967,000 Chinese-made plastic preschool toys from Mattel's Filips in other countries and recalled because of possible lead-paint hazards.

U.S. safety officials have said no injuries had been reported with any of the products and the broad scope was to prevent potential problems.

Both cases hint at the long and murky supply chain making it difficult to trace the exact origin of components, chemicals and food additives produced by Chinese manufacturers.

In the Fisher-Price recall — which included Big Bird and Elmo toys with excessive amounts of lead — Chinese media have reported the factory used "fake paint" sold by the maker's best friend.

Cheung Shu-hung, co-owner of Der Lung Industrial Co., committed suicide after the recall.

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DOE is conducting public scoping meetings in several states to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the scope of the EIS and to learn more about the proposed action from DOE officials. The Idaho Falls, ID meeting will start at 6 p.m. with an informal public meeting at 7 p.m. open to sign-in to provide oral comments. A formal presentation by DOE officials on the proposed action will start at 7 p.m., followed by public comments.
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Protecting property

Workshop informs property managers about meth use, production

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Housing and Finance Association hosted a workshop Wednesday morning with the Twin Falls County Sheriff's office to inform property managers and landlords about methamphetamine use and production.

The workshop was organized to help property managers identify illegal drug activity, as well as its possible impact on residential property.

"It's a major problem for everyone from the people who use to the people who invest money into the property that it's used in," said Kelly Wilson, senior specialist investigator with the Twin Falls County Sheriff's office.

Methamphetamine production, he said, creates dangerous toxins that seep into walls and carpets — a hazard to future tenants or homeowners.

The cost of properly cleaning up a home or apartment where methamphetamine was manufactured can cost up to \$50,000.

"If you put down \$60,000 on a property to rent, you might as well kiss that money good-

Signs of meth manufacturing

- A strong odor similar to cat urine or used diapers.
- Windows are always covered.
- Frequent visitors or heavy vehicle traffic during unusual hours.
- Small plastic bags that are discarded with a white, off-white or salmon-colored residue.

bye if that property gets contaminated," Wilson said. "Furthermore, what you might not know is that if we (law enforcement) catch someone making meth on your property a second time then we have the authority to seize your property."

He said property managers need to recognize the signs of meth use and production.

"Use common sense," he said, "if someone has a bunch of cans of acetone laying around but they don't refinish furniture, that person might be making meth."

He added that meth production often creates a pungent odor.

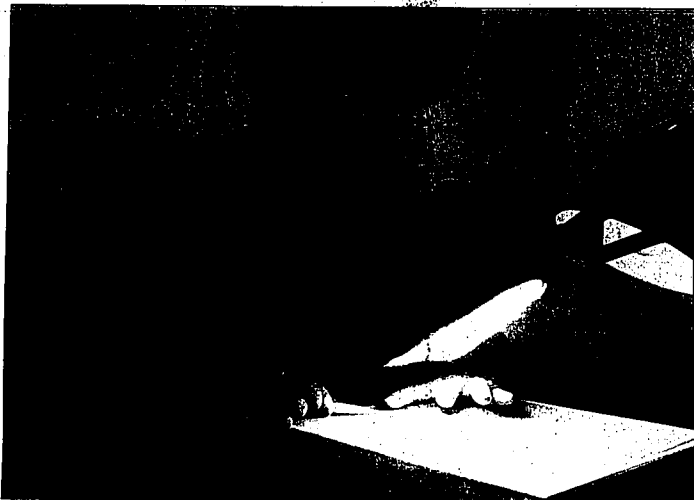
However, none of the property owners attending the workshop said they knew what meth smelled like, which Wilson described as an "unrecognizable odor."

He said property managers should contact law enforcement officials if they suspect illegal drug activity on their properties.

"By word of mouth and visiting farms in California, we grew to more than 50 customers — most of our clients are outside of Idaho and half of them are actually global."

— Pat Brownfield, owner of BioDiagnostics West LLC

Growing a business one seed at a time



Wanda Ulrich, a BioDiagnostics West LLC Lab Technician, counts seeds, getting them ready for planting Wednesday morning in Twin Falls.

Seed testing lab plans for growth after returning to T.F.

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — When Syngenta moved its seed-testing laboratory out of Twin Falls in 2003, Pat Brownfield and several other seed technicians reluctantly went with it.

But last year, Brownfield returned to start her own lab that tests seeds for purity, germination and their ability to grow under specific environmental conditions.

BioDiagnostics West LLC, which moved into its new building in Twin Falls in March, is now one of the fastest growing seed testing laboratories in Idaho.

Although most businesses would prefer not to locate in a rural community that is isolated in south-central Idaho, Brownfield said the location is what helped her business grow and prosper.


"Because of the agriculture in the Magic Valley, the area provided us with a customer base that helped us start out," she said. "Then, by word of mouth and visiting farms in California, we grew to more than 50 customers — most of our clients are outside of Idaho and half of them are actually global."

The business, which grew from two employees to 10 in less than a year, also has one of the highest numbers of registered seed technologists in one laboratory — there are only about 150 registered seed technologists in the United States and Canada.

"One of our greatest strengths is that we have over 150 years of combined experience with our current staff," Brownfield said. "That means we can serve a large number of clients during the peak seasons."

When asked where she

found the three RSTs, she said she never had to do any searching — they already lived in the Magic Valley. But now? Brownfield is challenged with finding more employees that she can train to be seed technicians. "Our goal is to have enough



business

Name: BioDiagnostics West LLC
Location: Twin Falls
Operations: Tests seeds for purity and ability to grow under specific environmental conditions.
Employee: 10 employees, including seed technicians and service personnel.
Notes: The business estimates that it will grow to 40 jobs.

work to provide about 40 jobs in the Magic Valley," she said. "We have even designed our new building to be expanded for future growth."

But it wasn't easy to start the business, Brownfield said. She sought help from the Idaho Small Business Development Center, which helped the business get on its feet. And, until recently, the business didn't have a building to work in.

But less than a year since the business began, the SBDC presented BioDiagnostics with its small business award for success — and also for bringing the seed-testing business back to the Magic Valley.

Another round of recalls

The Associated Press

The following recalls have been announced:

• About 250,000 Spongobob SquarePants address books and journals, manufactured in China and imported by Martin Designs Inc., because paint on the metal spiral bindings can contain high levels of lead, which is toxic if ingested by young children.

• About 65,000 spinning tops and about 4,700 palls painted with Thomas & Friends, Curious George, circus scenes or solid colors. The tops and palls were manufactured in China, imported by Schylling Associates Inc. and are being recalled because paint on the wooden handles contains high

levels of lead, which is toxic if ingested by young children.

• About 14,000 TOBY & ME jewelry sets, imported by TOBY N.Y.C. and made in China, because the jewelry contains high levels of lead, which is toxic if ingested by children and can cause adverse health effects. No injuries have been reported.

The recalled sets are sold in a plink gift box with "TOBY & ME" printed on the front. T.J. Maxx, Marshalls and A.Wright stores said the products.

• About 7,900 Children's Divine Inspiration Charm Bracelets, imported by Buy-Rite Designs Inc. and made in China, because the jewelry contains high levels of lead.

MONEY BRIEFS

CSI offering financial strategies class

TWIN FALLS — The Community Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho will offer the class, Financial Strategies for Retirement, on the following days:

• Mondays, beginning Sept. 10 through the 24 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in Aspen 181.

• Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 11 through the 25 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in Aspen 180.

The cost is \$49 and students are allowed to bring one guest at no extra cost.

For more information or to register, call (208) 732-8442 or visit our website at www.csi.edu/communityed.

Senator presses for help for struggling homeowners

WASHINGTON — Sen. Charles Schumer urged federal regulators Wednesday to do more to help certain home-

owners struggling to make mortgage payments.

The Democratic senator from New York made his plea in a letter to Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke.

Schumer asked Paulson and Bernanke to support a plan in Congress to provide \$100 million to nonprofit housing groups to help troubled subprime borrowers to refinance their homes.

Zions Bank extends loan to veterans, servicemen

BOISE — Zions Bank announced that it has extended the first Patriot Express Loan in the Small Business Administration's Boise District Office.

The Patriot Express Pilot Loan is for veterans and members of the military community who want to establish or expand small businesses.

— from staff and wire reports

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Lithia Motors	19.23	▲ .11	Micron	11.45	▲ .09	Supervalu	41.12	▲ .07

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Live cattle	92.28	▼ .60	Oct. Oil	69.23	▼ .31
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Spurred by undercounting

Minority summit hopes to prepare groups for census, election

The Times-News

BOISE — An estimated 15,000 to 20,000 Hispanics weren't counted during the last census. To help prevent another undercount, the Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs is sponsoring the first Idaho Minority Summit next month so that minority groups can work together to prepare for the Census 2010 and to encourage voting in the 2008 election.

The summit will be held Oct. 10 at Boise State University and is invitation-only for representatives of the state's many minority groups, including women, Hispanics (the state's largest minority), African Americans, Asians, American Indians, the disabled and more, said Juan Saldana, the commission's community resource development specialist. The leaders of gay and transgender groups also have been invited because they want to be counted in the Census. Speaking will be several officials from the U.S. Census Bureau.

The purpose of the summit is to prepare these groups for Census 2010 to make sure everyone is counted, he said. The undercounting of Hispanics and other groups during the last national head count was the impetus for the summit.

For example, the last census reportedly reported that no Dominican Republicans were living in Idaho, Saldana said. Hispanics may have been underreported because of their mistrust of the census takers and worry about documentation, he added. But the commission is partnering with the Census Bureau as they start hiring people who will count Idaho residents. And the bureau wants to be as diverse as can, Saldana added.

In addition to being as accurate as possible about the state's residents, there is a question of money. Minority groups and agencies use the census figures for grants and other funding, he said.

A 1999 study showed that

To learn more ...

For more information about the Idaho Minority Summit, call 334-3776 or go to www2.state.id.us/icha. For more about the United States Hispanic Leadership Institute, go to <http://www.usjshl.org/>.

Hispanics by the numbers

In 2006, all but two Idaho counties reported an increase in the Hispanic population, with Hispanics concentrating in the three biggest metropolitan areas, as well as the south-central part of the state, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Of the 8,300 Hispanics who became new Idaho residents between 2005 and 2006, more than 80 percent settled in Ada, Canyon, Hooters, Bonneville, Twin Falls, Jerome and Blaine counties.

Idaho had consistently undercounted its minority populations for nine years, and lost more than \$14 million in federal funding, including money for the Medicaid program because of the inaccurate count, especially of Hispanics. An accurate count also is valuable so legislators know how many people in minority groups are in their districts, Saldana said.

The other part of the summit will focus on the importance of voting and encouraging people in minority groups to participate in the 2008 election — to let them know their vote counts, Saldana said. Michael Rodriguez from the United States Hispanic Leadership Institute will speak. The institute organizes and conducts nonpartisan voter registration and leadership development programs in 40 states.

About 125 people have been invited to the summit, most of whom are leaders in their groups who will take back the information to group members, Saldana said.



In Mexico City, reenactments of the dances of the indigenous people are performed.

Mexico City: A place of color and culture

Editor's Note:

For the next several months, College of Southern Idaho Spanish professor Raquel Arenz and her children, Teresa and Carlos, will travel through Mexico and several Central and Latin American countries. They will regularly send stories to MagicalValley.com and the Times-News about the steps on their journey of a lifetime.

By Teresa Arenz
For the Times-News

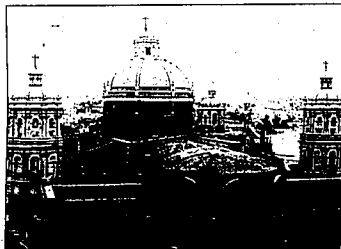
How do you squeeze Mexico City into a day? Well, first be advised that it is going to be a very long day, and you are only going to see a small fraction of the whole. But you are bound to be



Go to magicalvalley.com for more photos, Teresa Arenz's blog and their itinerary.

colorful, intimidating and never boring.

Sunday, we ventured into the heart of the city, mainly fueled by my mom's desire to attend mass at the Basilica Villa, where Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to Juan Diego. We drove about an hour to get to the metro, Mexico's subway. Since it was Sunday, the metro was not as congested as it usually is on the weekdays. On the weekdays, the metro separates the men from the women and



A view of Mexico City.

children for safety.

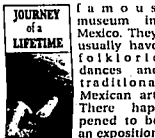
As we exited the metro, immediately we were bombarded by people selling anything you could ever think of. The streets in the Basílica are lined with open markets of religious statues, pictures, videos and rosaries. Then, there is food cooking everywhere and miscellaneous items for sale. Probably because it was Sunday, there were multitudes of people making their way to the Basilica.

When we arrived, mass was in session, and people packed the Basílica all the way to the outdoor steps. We attended another mass at a smaller chapel close by. Afterward, we climbed the hill of Tepeyac, which is said to be the exact place where Guadalupe appeared. It was a beautiful view of the city and the huge churches. I indulged in a delicious strawberry Popsicle, which left my teeth looking like a vampire after a meal.

After a little confusion on how to get back to the metro, we headed to the Zocalo, the equivalent of where the White House is located. The Zocalo is a large square surrounded by government buildings. We made it in time to see the Mexican flag being taken down for the night. It is an impressive ceremony. From one of the buildings emerged hundreds of soldiers in procession. They played military music as they lowered the gigantic flag, and all the people gathered to watch. They managed to capture the ends of the massive flag before it touched the ground, and it took about 12 men to carry it back into the building they had come from. In the square, there also were reenactments of traditional indigenous dances, and people selling food and Mexican artifacts.

Our last stop was Las Bellas Artes, the most famous museum in Mexico. They usually have folkloric dances and traditional Mexican art. There happened to be an exposition of the works of Frida Kahlo. But there was a line — a line that stretched down the stairs of Bellas Artes, out to the street and windled around the museum. We asked one of the guards why there were so many people, and he told us that this was the last day of the exposition. My mom and I both wanted to get in line, but my aunt's car was parked in a lot that closed in an hour. So we left to get the car, and when we returned around 10 at night, the line was longer than ever. Our wait probably lasted an hour, but it was worth it. We saw paintings owned by private collectors, and photos of Frida as a child, and with her husband, painter Diego Rivera.

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JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME

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Poetry and stigma of mental illness

NAMPFA — Poetry will be used to break down the walls surrounding mental illness. An Art from the Heart Community Poetry Jam, "Breaking Down the Wall" will be held Friday and is sponsored by Dame Alas Latino Arts and Culture, Idaho Health and Welfare, the Federation of Families and the Canyon/Owyhee Wellness Commission.

The purpose is to educate the community and families about mental well-being and to de-stigmatize mental illness. From 1 to 4 p.m. will be a creative writing/poetry workshop at the Hispanic Cultural



Center of Idaho, 315 Stampede Drive. From 5 to 6 p.m. will be a family and community potluck picnic at Lakeview Park and from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. will be a poetry jam by young people who have taken part in the writing workshops and presented for families, friends and community members.

The event also features Felix Roberts, a hip-hop artist, and the musical group, Thread. To sign up for the workshop, call 249-4358.

After taking sanctuary in church, illegal immigrant mother deported to Mexico

The Associated Press
TJUANA, Mexico — An illegal immigrant who took refuge in a Chicago church for a year to avoid being separated from her American-born son was deported from the United States to Mexico, where she vowed Monday to continue her campaign to change U.S. immigration laws. Elvira Arellano, 32, became an activist and a national symbol for illegal immigrant parents as she defied her deportation order and spoke out from her sanctuary. She announced last week that she was leaving

Adalberto United Methodist Church to try to lobby U.S. lawmakers. She had just spoken at a Los Angeles rally when she was arrested Sunday outside Our Lady Queen of Angels church and deported, said the Rev. Walter Coleman, pastor of Adalberto United Methodist. "They were in a hurry to deport me because they saw

that I was threatening to mobilize and organize the people to fight for legalization," Arellano said in Spanish outside a Tijuana apartment building where she was staying with a friend. "I have a fighting spirit and I'm going to continue fighting." Arellano, who said she is a single mother, left her 8-year-old son, Saul, in the care of Cocolinas family. She said he might be brought to her in Tijuana sometime Monday. "He is a little bit sick because of the situation we find ourselves in," she said. "I'm going to ask if he wants to stay with

me or if he wants to return to his school" in the United States. The boy hid behind the pastor's wife and wiped away tears during a news conference in Los Angeles. Mexican authorities did not know the identity or whereabouts of the boy's father, said Luis Cabrera, Mexico's general consul in San Diego. Opponents of illegal immigration said Arellano's arrest was oversteering, and a U.S. immigration official said she had been a criminal fugitive. Mexican authorities said the deportation highlighted a need to overhaul U.S. immigration laws.

"It's tragic when a mother is separated from her son," Cabrera said. Arellano asked to speak with Mexican officials in Los Angeles but was denied, Cabrera said. She was not given access until hours later, at San Diego's Otay Mesa Immigration detention center. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was unaware of any request that Arellano made to speak with Mexican officials in Los Angeles, and Arellano was given extensive access in San Diego Sunday night, agency spokeswoman Lauren Mack said.

NATION

Utah mine boss defends handling of search efforts

By Michael Rubinkam
Associated Press writer

HUNTINGTON, Utah — Lashing out at criticism he was abandoning six trapped coal miners, the mine chief promised Wednesday to keep searching through the weekend and punch yet another hole into "this evil mountain."

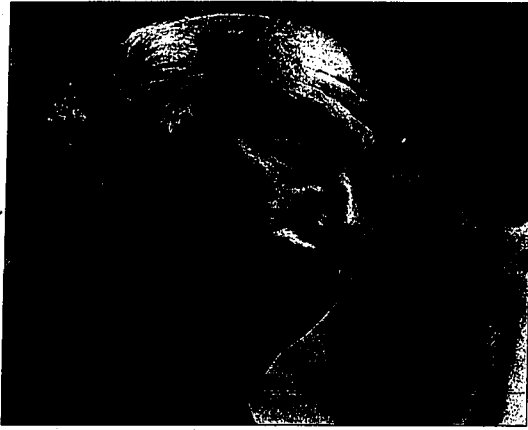
Bob Murray, the face of the rescue effort since the Aug. 6 cave-in, dropped from public view for a time after three men died trying to tunnel toward the miners, but he said he's always been focused on finding the six — dead or alive.

"I didn't desert anybody," Murray, the mine's co-owner, told The Associated Press. "I've been living on this mountain every day, living in a little trailer."

Later Wednesday, federal officials said that the fifth borehole found only a 6-inch deep void in that area of the Crandall Canyon mine. Jack Kuzar, a Pennsylvania district manager for the Mine Safety and Health Administration, said no noise was heard from the hole after a microphone was lowered and workers banged on the drilled steel.

Kuzar said a video camera had not yet been put down the hole Wednesday night nor had oxygen readings been measured. Earlier boreholes have revealed no signs of life and little breathable air more than 1,500 feet underground, where the miners are believed to be trapped.

"We went through the total process: Silent period, put the mic down, hitting the pipe, waiting, hitting the pipe again," said Kuzar, who was filling in at Wednesday night's



Mine owner Bob Murray speaks during an interview at the command center outside the Crandall Canyon mine near Huntington, Utah, Wednesday. Lashing out at criticism he was abandoning six trapped men in the Utah coal mine, Murray promised Wednesday to keep searching through the weekend and punch yet another hole into "this evil mountain."

news conference for MSHA head Richard Slicker, who was attending a funeral for mine safety inspector Gary Jensen, one of three rescuers killed while trying to find the trapped men.

Officials said a sixth exploratory hole 1,700 feet below ground would be drilled beginning Thursday. Kuzar said it will be in the area where the miners were last believed to have been working.

"This is the last hole,"

Murray said. "If we don't find anybody alive there is nowhere else that anyone in MSHA or our company would know anywhere to drill."

Drilling that last hole, he said, would "bring closure to me that I could never get them out alive," although he acknowledged it may not bring closure to the miners' families.

"It's going to have to be in the hands of people a lot better than I am, and it's going to have to be in the hands of the

Lord," he said.

Sonny J. Olsen, a lawyer and spokesman for relatives of the miners, said the families don't want the search to end until the men are found.

"Regardless if it takes three months to wait for the seismic activity to stop, they want some method to go down and get their families," Olsen said.

Murray also said he would not resume mining in any part of the mine.

"I can tell you right now, we

are not going back into that mountain," he said.

The collapse that trapped the miners is believed to have been caused by settling layers of earth bearing down on the walls of a coal mine. The force can cause pillars to fail, turning chunks of coal into missiles. The unpredictable and dangerous phenomenon is known by miners as a "bump."

"Had I known that this evil mountain, this alive mountain, would do what it did, I would never have sent the miners in here," Murray said in an interview earlier in the day. "I'll never go near that mountain again."

Murray has insisted the collapse was caused by a natural earthquake, but government seismologists say the collapse itself is what caused the ground to shake, registering a 3.9 magnitude.

Since then there have been several other bumps, including one last week that killed the three rescue workers, injuries to six others and led the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration to call off rescuers' efforts to dig underground.

During his middle-of-the-night AP interview, Murray described the scene of the second collapse.

He said he rushed into the mine in his street clothes and began digging out the men, buried under 5 feet of coal, with his bare hands. "I never hesitated to go in there. I was the first man in and the last man out," he said.

He said he later dropped out of a debriefing with federal officials and began wandering around the mine yard in the moonlight, reliving the col-

lapse. He said he broke down. "I came apart," he said. "I was under a doctor's care for a couple days."

Murray 67, has been a target of families' anger over the suspended tunneling efforts and the decision to dig a hole big enough for a rescue capsule to be lowered into the mine.

Other critics and mine experts have questioned whether mining should have been conducted at Crandall Canyon at all because of the potential for collapses.

Murray spoke bitterly of the United Mine Workers of America, which has called his company callous for planning to resume mining at other parts of 5,000-acre mine.

"They're twisting it all around to discredit me and my company," he said. He accused the union of using the disaster at the nonunion mine as a recruiting opportunity.

After the first collapse, Murray said repeatedly that the men could have survived and he would bring them home, alive or dead. But he retreated from that view after the deaths of the rescue workers.

He re-emerged Monday to announce that the trapped miners would likely remain entombed in the mine.

Murray said there was no indication before the initial collapse that the mine was anything but stable.

"I have weekly reports from the mine, and they were telling me that the mining in this mine was going better in the last couple months than it ever had," he said. "Safety first, then production. That's all we focus on, safety."

Hundreds displaced by northern Ohio floodwaters

By John Seewer
Associated Press writer

FINDLAY, Ohio — Heather Carroccio stuffed a few essentials into a backpack and grabbed her 4-year-old son's Elmo book and a Slinky after firefighters moored up to her porch in a boat.

She and her husband had wanted to ride out the floodwaters enveloping the neighborhood even after waking up Wednesday and finding their cars nearly submerged. But "the kind rescuers persuaded us," she said.

There was a lot of that going on Wednesday — families stunned by the worst flooding in this northern Ohio town since 1913, but hesitant to evacuate.

"A lot of people won't leave," said Lt. Brian Herbert, a firefighter from Fostoria. "Some we don't give a choice."

Authorities said at least 500 people were evacuated, but that figure was probably low because many left on their own or were helped by residents using their own boats.

Three men in a fishing boat ferried a mother and her 2-week-old daughter along with the family dogs.

"That was the catch of the day," said Angel Sanchez, the baby's neighbor.

The little girl didn't make a peep, said Gene Lynn, one of the volunteer rescuers, but "the dogs were a little nervous," he said.

Some residents sat on their porches watching the ences

and kinks paddle past. One man standing on his roof dangled a fishing line in the murky brown water below.

Three days of heavy rain left the region waterlogged. Schools were closed and some neighborhoods and farms were cut off to outside traffic because so many roads and streets were under water.

No one was reported injured or killed in Ohio, but at least 22 people have died in two U.S. storm systems — one that has spanned the Upper Midwest and another from remnants of Tropical Storm Erin in Texas, Oklahoma and Missouri.

Flooding also continued in northern Iowa as thunderstorms dumped more heavy rain across the region Wednesday. Three subdivisions along the Des Moines River near Fort Dodge were evacuated, and crews used rocks and sandbags to shore up a levee that had begun to give way, officials said.

Thousands of homes were damaged in Wisconsin and Minnesota as the storm swept through. A preliminary survey by the American Red Cross in Minnesota identified about 4,200 affected homes, including 256 complete losses, 338 with major damage and 475 that are still inaccessible, said Kris Elide, the state's director of homeland security and emergency management.

Preliminary damage reports in Wisconsin indicate 30 homes and 25 businesses were destroyed.

Torrential rainfall pounds Midwest

Massive flooding and 22 deaths have occurred Tuesday from two separate storm systems, one spanning the Upper Midwest and the other from remnants of Tropical Storm Erin.

August precipitation, in inches across the U.S.



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Blood sport exposed by Vick case

By Paul Duggan
The Washington Post

It's a disturbing narrative, the 19-page indictment of football star Michael Vick and three of his friends. Perhaps the details shocked people unfamiliar with the secretive world of illegal dogfighting: the breeding and training of pit bulls for savage, high-stakes combat and the brutal executions of dogs that failed to measure up.

Dogs shot, hanged, drowned, beaten, electrocuted. An awful story.

Yet in animal-welfare workers, the ugly particulars were far from surprising. They said the dogfighting subculture is deeply entrenched in the United States. And in that shadowy realm, they said, the sort of business allegedly conducted on property owned by Vick in rural Surry County, Va., has been going on for generations, especially in the rural South.

"For us, the Vick case has had tremendous value," said Jeff Dorson, a Louisiana Humane Society official. "We've been trying to get the public how typical this is, how widespread it is, the horrors the animals go through. ... It's opened the curtain so everybody can see what's going on."

Vick, quarterback of the Atlanta Falcons and a former Virginia Tech all-American, is scheduled to plead guilty Monday to dogfighting-related offenses, with federal guidelines calling for a prison term in the range of 12 to 18 months, according to his attorneys and sources familiar with the case. His co-defendants have pleaded guilty.

The blood sport goes on. "Dog men," they call themselves, the untold numbers of breeders and fighters. With their pastime illegal everywhere in the country, they stay in touch through secret networks and underground magazines. They say they love to compete. They tell themselves the pit bulls love it, too.

"The reason for the Michael Vick thing ... is because athletes have a keen insight into courage and determination, which is what pit bulls possess," said Bill Stewart, a breeder in Rome, Ark., who publishes the Pit Buller magazine. "Athletes understand better than anyone what dogfighting is about. It's about two highly conditioned athletes going at each other with everything they have to try to win. It's the purest form of combat on earth."

To dog men, all dogs are curs except the American pit bull terrier, descended from canines used in English blood sports centuries ago.

Animal-protection workers and others who have infiltrated the underworld of pit bull fighting say dog men train their animals for weeks before bouts, perverting the dietary and fitness sciences to build ferocious canine maulers.

"They perform unlicensed veterinary surgery on the grievously wounded and stud their battle-scarred champs, often for fees in the hundreds of dollars. A pit bull in its prime with a string of victories can fetch \$10,000 or more. To save on upkeep and preserve the breed, weaklings are disposed of either painlessly or with a vengeance."

The illegal bouts, in carpeted, 16-by-16-foot pits surrounded by four-foot walls, are staged in hidden venues, usually with no more than a few dozen spectators allowed. Elaborate, decades-old rules are followed. Bets are posted in cash, sometimes five figures. Afterwards, dog men tend to their pit bulls' injuries, provided the animals fought gamely. They won't tolerate dogs that quit.

"Young pit bulls that survive training become 'match dogs,' weighing 35 to 55 pounds and fighting in weight classes. With a pile of cash riding on the outcome, a regulated match is officiated by a referee. A typical bout lasts 45 minutes to an hour, usually ending when one of the blood-fied combatants is too torn and damaged to go on."

"Dog men have too much invested in their animals to let them fight to the death, so fatalities in the pit are rare. But grave, disfiguring



Chris Schindler, a Humane Society officer in Washington, D.C., says the group has found dogs left to die in fields, buildings and trash bins. "We had an incident where somebody threw a trash bag out of a car, and it was one dog that was alive and one that was dead — all fought up, really bad injuries. Just threw them out the window."

wounds are the norm. "At the top level, there are probably several thousand guys," said John Goodwin, the national Humane Society's manager of animal-fighting issues. "When you include the guys who are part of organized dogfighting but don't have quite as sophisticated an operation as we saw in Surry County, we're talking about upwards of 40,000."

The July 17 indictment accused Vick and the others of running Bad News Kennels, a boot camp for fighting dogs on 15 acres near Vick's home town of Newport News, Va. Starting in 2001, officials said, the men entered pit bulls in more than

two dozen fights in several states, with bets of up to \$13,000 per side. Officials said they seized 66 dogs, pit bull carcasses and training gear at the compound.

Authorities say the pit bull fighting subculture encompasses not only "dog men" with their training kennels and scheduled matches; it also includes less organized dogfighting that frequently takes place in poor urban neighborhoods. Although in both types of fighting the dogs maul each other in a frenzy of blood and saliva, inner-city fights usually are spontaneous. One gang member strutting with his nasty pit bull sees another

eggs swell, and soon they're in a vacant building, the dogs ripping into each other while still on leash chains. "Street fighting," these impromptu bouts are called.

Unlike a dog man's pit bulls, most street maulers aren't carefully bred from fighting stock.

They aren't put through weeks of pre-fight cardiovascular training on treadmills and in swimming pools. They're not steroid-enhanced. Their jaw muscles aren't pumped from a regimen of "bite-and-shake" exercises. Their teeth haven't been sharpened with electric grinders while they're sedated.

Supercomputer study says T. rex wasn't slow after all

Report says it would have outrun humans

By D'Arcy Doran
Associated Press writer

LONDON — The Tyrannosaurus rex would have been able to outrun soccer star David Beckham, according to research published Wednesday by the Royal Society scientific academy.

Experts had argued previously that the 18-foot-tall T. rex's bulk would have meant it was a slow-moving scavenger, but new calculations using a supercomputer suggest the T. rex could run nearly 18 mph.

Scientists from the University of Manchester calculated the running speeds of five meat-eating dinosaurs that varied in size from a 6.6-pound Compsognathus to the 6.6-ton T. rex.

The fastest of the group was the Compsognathus, which could reach a top speed of 40 mph — 5 mph faster than the estimate for the fastest living animal on two legs, the ostrich, according to the study.

The Velociraptor, a 44-pound killer whose speed was a focus in the action movie "Jurassic Park," could run 24 mph, the team estimated.

"Our research involved feeding information about the skeletal and muscular structure of the dinosaurs directly into the supercomputer so it could work out how the animals were best able to move," said Bill Sellers, a biomechanics expert who was one of the study's authors.

Previous calculations relied on information from living two-legged creatures to estimate how fast dinosaurs could run, he said. "Such calculations can accurately predict the top speed of a 6-ton chicken, but dinosaurs are not built like chickens and nor do they run like them."

The computer took up to a week to learn the biomechanics of each animal — starting with the first clumsy steps and developing into a top running speed based on optimum gait and posture, said Sellers, who along with paleontologist Phil Manning led the research team.

The computer accurately predicted a 155-pound human with the muscle and bone structure of a professional athlete could reach a top running speed of 17.7 mph, just under the T. rex's estimated top speed of 17.9 mph.

To further test the methodology, the computer also calculated that a 66-pound South American emu and a 143-pound ostrich could reach speeds near 30 mph and 35 mph, respectively.

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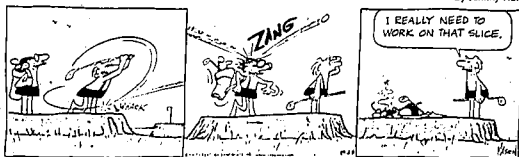
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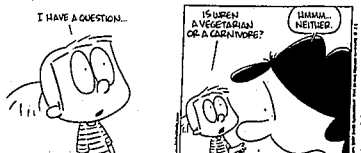
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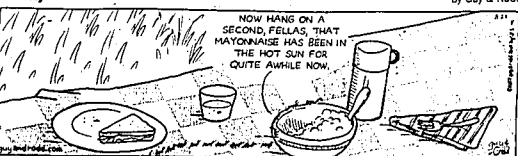
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Remain calm and collected, Libra

HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

IF AUG. 23 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: The next three months look sparse on the love front, but travel may be the cause of this. Despair not, as solutions will be had next year toward late winter when the perfect partner may show up. Care should be exercised when applying brute force to objects particularly if you're a fan of DIY, or when practicing sports.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Today, it's back to routine tasks for a month or so. Earlier loose ends could come back to you with a vengeance. You'll feel relieved once you have sorted the bills. Do not yet embark on huge projects.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You feel full of energy that should be put to serious and long-lasting projects. Go easy on financial commitments and be totally aboveboard about your professional expenses.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Keep your eyes open, as someone about to propose a pleasant trip or some fun learning course. Ask for a helping hand at home, and it will be granted.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You will appreciate reliable people and could decide to go out to meet such a person. However, beware that you will be judged in kind, so don't be too brazen. Keep your spending small.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll tidy your finances with talent. Don't speculate that your friends could invest in your financial ventures. Work tasks are sluggish, but need to be done and you'll soon be rid of them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): If you overindulge your abilities, which is unlike you, you'll be quite strongly told off. Keep to ordinary endeavors and the day will be fine. All is quiet on the home front, so if single, go out for a pleasant social evening.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't hide beneath a desk, as all your recent learning is fruitful at work. Refrain from lofty ideas and you'll be much appreciated. It's a question of just being the calm and collected self that others know.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Smiles today will start new intellectual friendships. If you don't already know how to play chess, learn now. Spending your salary on your home is an idea that will cost you a bomb.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): If you are irritated all day, you could annoy your partner, who'll react with well-adjusted punches. Better take cover or buy a gigantic bunch of flowers.

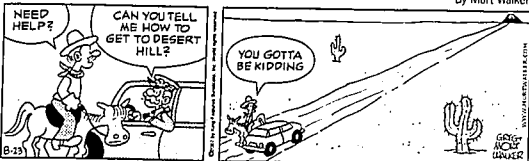
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): As a staunch defender of the greater learning you hope all the new theories you've learned will abate the storm around you. However, if you speak too much, you'll get exactly the opposite: a fiery row.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Balance your personal interests and your family life. Whispering sweet nothings may pave the way to retrieving your things from your partner's place.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): If you are tempted to quit your present activity, think it through first. New contacts, new associates and real estate projects are mushrooming if you trade in personal health products, it may be time to start your own business. There's hidden support for your projects.

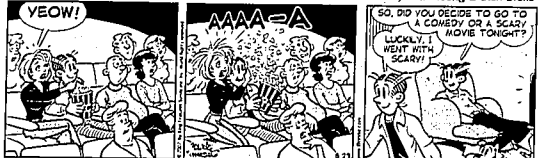
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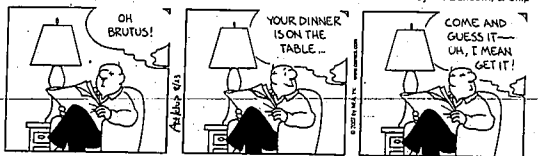
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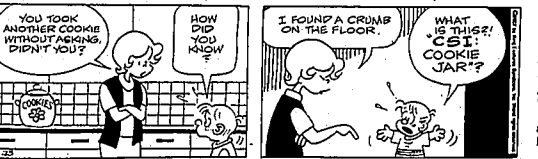
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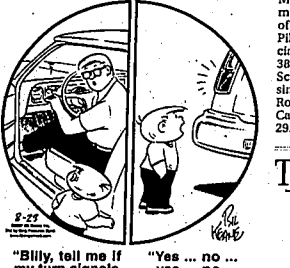
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

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Dating game baffles woman who is now back in play



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a 40-something-year-old woman, single for four years, moving on with my life after the dissolution of a 24-year marriage. I am told I'm pretty. I'm in good shape, exercise regularly and take care of myself; young men often hit on me.

My dilemma is that I find men in their 30s, 40s and 50s extremely hard to figure out. One minute they can't live without you, the next they want you to leave them alone and won't talk to you. What's the deal?

I dated one man (age 50) for eight months. He loved me and dined me, said he loved me, even talked about marriage. We were close. I thought, "Our lives became very busy with work and kids, so we took a break for a while. When I tried to talk to him again, it was like he never been any connection at all. He had lost all feeling, desire and passion. I still had it, but — zipl! — his was gone. How does that happen?"

I dated another guy who couldn't keep his hands off me. I ended it after a month because I was afraid he was going to take love to me in the middle of the restaurant.

Another man is very nice, but stiff. I can't get close to him

at all.

I met a really interesting guy on the beach yesterday. He was around my age and took me out on his catamaran. I had a great time. He said afterward he'd be there the next day and to come to say hello. Well, he was there like he said, but when I went to say hello, he completely ignored me and looked in the other direction.

Go figure.

Why can't I find a nice older man to settle down with, enjoy life and companionship with, and grow old with? I don't want to be alone, but it's really hard to find a compatible mate at this stage of life. Any suggestions?

—FRUSTRATED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR ABBY: Remember the old saying, "You have to kiss a lot of frogs in order to find Prince Charming." Welcome back to the wonderful world of dating, which includes a lot of sifting. Perhaps it's time to take a

look at the signals you are sending out to men. Could he be catching a whiff of the scent of desperation? The most attractive women I know are those who are comfortable with themselves. Because they evaluate their own interests, they have the most to share.

My advice is to spend some time finding yourself. The dating scene has changed since you were in it the last time. Do not expect to find Mr. Right overnight. When you're finally comfortable being on your own is probably when Mr. Right will find you.

DEAR ABBY: My 4-year-old nephew recently cut his finger. When the story was being told by my sister, she mentioned telling her daughter to get out one of the red towels.

"Red towel?" I asked.

"Yes," she said, "I have four of them, that I use only when the kids cut themselves. That way they don't see the blood, and the tears aren't as bad."

I thought that was brilliant!

DEAR KURT: It certainly shows preplanning. And it makes sense to me, because a small child who has suffered a minor injury often cries more out of fear than pain.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Aug. 23, the 235th day of 2007. There are 130 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On Aug. 23, 1927, Italian-born anarchists Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti were executed in Boston for the murders of two men during a 1920 robbery. Fifty years later, on this date in 1977, Mass. Gov. Michael S. Dukakis proclaimed that "any stigma and disgrace attached to them forever removed" from their names.

On this date:

In 1754, France's King Louis the XVI was born at Versailles.

In 1775, Britain's King George III proclaimed the American colonies in a state of "open and avowed rebellion."

In 1914, Japan declared war against Germany in World War I.

In 1926, silent film star Rudolph Valentino died in New York at age 31.

In 1939, Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union agreed to a non-aggression treaty, the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact, in Moscow.

In 1944, Romanian prime minister Ion Antonescu was dismissed by King Michael, paving the way for Romania to abandon the Axis in favor of the Allies.

In 1960, Broadway librettist Oscar Hammerstein II died in Doylestown, Pa., at age 65.

In 1973, a bank robbery-turned-hijacking standoff began in Stockholm, Sweden, by the time the crisis ended, the four hostages had come to empathize with their captors, an occurrence that came to be known as "Stockholm Syndrome."

In 1982, Lebanon's parliament elected Christian militia leader Bashir Gemayel president. (However, Gemayel was assassinated some three weeks later.)

In 1989, in a case that inflamed racial tensions in New York City, Yusuf Hawkins, a 16-year-old black youth, was shot dead after he and his friends were confronted by white youths in the Bensonhurst section of Brooklyn.

Ten years ago, in his weekly radio address, President Bill Clinton said he would ask Congress to renew his author-

ity for speed negotiation of free trade agreements, saying the "fast track" approach was needed to make U.S. companies more competitive worldwide.

Five years ago, North Korean leader Kim Jong made his second visit to Russia in a year, meeting with President Vladimir Putin in Vladivostok. New York publicist Lizzie Grubman pleaded guilty in a hit-and-run crash that injured 16 people outside a Hampton's nightclub. (Grubman ended up serving 37 days of a 60-day sentence at the Suffolk County, N.Y., jail, with time off for good behavior.)

One year ago: A previously unknown militant group released the first video of two kidnapped Fox News journalists. (Correspondent Steve Centanni and cameraman Oiaf Wig were later freed.) The Citadel released the results of a survey in which almost 20 percent of female cadets reported being sexually assaulted since enrolling at the South Carolina military college. Jazz trumpeter Maynard Ferguson, died in Ventura, Calif., at age 78.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Movie director Robert Mulligan is 82. Actress Vera Miles is 77. Political satirist Mark Russell is 75. Actress Barbara Eden is 73. Actor Richard Sanders is 67. Ballet dancer Patricia McBride is 65. Former Surgeon General Antonin Novello is 63. Country singer Rex Allen Jr. is 60. Singer Linda Thompson is 60. Actress Shelley Long is 58. Actor-singer Rick Springfield is 58. Country singer-musician Woody Paul (Riders in the Sky) is 58. Queen Noor of Jordan is 56. Actor-producer Mark Hudson is 56. Rock musician Dean DeLeo (Army of Anyone and Stone Temple Pilots) is 46. Country musician Ira Dean (Trick Pony) is 38. Actor Jay Mohr is 37. Actor Scott Caan is 31. Country singer Shelby Lynne is 30. Rock singer Julian Casablancas (The Strokes) is 29.

Suburban Cincinnati food market cleans up in 'best restroom' contest

FAIRFIELD, Ohio (AP) — A suburban Cincinnati grocery store cleaned up Tuesday in an annual contest for America's (dullest toilet). The International Market appear to be portable toilets, but they actually lead to real jungle-themed restrooms with fountains, marble and tropical plants. They were named the nation's finest in a nonscientific online poll sponsored by a bathroom supply company.

"I'm all about putting smiles on people's faces," said store owner Jim Bonnamini. "People are so tense these days. The bathrooms just seem to make people laugh and that's what we're all about: laughing and having fun." Cintas Corp., a uniform supplier and provider of bathroom products and services based in

Cincinnati, said Tuesday that tens of thousands of online votes were cast in the sixth competition, choosing from finalists selected for hygiene, style and public access. Alternates included a Las Vegas hotel lounge and an upscale restaurant in Flushing, Mich.

Anyone could nominate a restroom online, and Cintas picks the final list of 15 nominees to put to the Internet-based vote.

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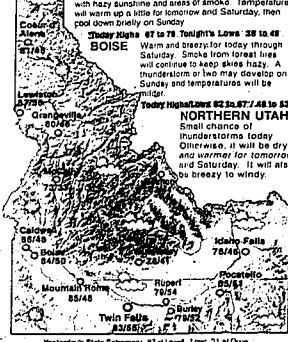
Today: Mostly sunny skies and pleasant summer-like conditions. Highs in the lower 80s.
Tonight: Clear skies, a little warmer than normal and breezy southwest winds. Lows in the middle 50s.
Tomorrow: Sunny to mostly sunny skies and very nice conditions. Highs in the middle 80s; lows upper 50s.

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Today: Partly cloudy skies and comfortable temperatures. Highs in the upper 70s.
Tonight: Mostly clear skies and mild temperatures. Lows in the lower 50s.
Tomorrow: Sunny, dry and breezy. Highs in the lower 80s; lows in the lower 50s.

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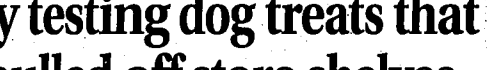
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CANADIAN FORECAST

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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Pentagon missing its goal for getting armored vehicles to Iraq to protect troops

By Lolita C. Baldor Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon will fall far short of its goal of sending 3,500 life-saving armored vehicles to Iraq by the end of the year.

Pentagon press secretary Geoff Morrell said Wednesday that while defense officials still believe contractors will build about 3,500 of the mine-resistant, armor-protected vehicles by year's end, it will take longer for the military to fully equip them and ship them to Iraq.

The vehicles — known as MRAPs — have a special V-shaped hull that provides greater protection against roadside bombs. According to the military, no troops have been killed while riding in one.

U.S. agency testing dog treats that Wal-Mart pulled off store shelves

By Jon Gambrel Associated Press writer

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — The U.S. Food and Drug Administration said Wednesday it was checking dog treats recently pulled from Wal-Mart's shelves but had not yet detected any chemical or biological contamination in the Chinese-made products.

Meanwhile, a spokeswoman for Wal-Mart Stores Inc. said the world's largest retailer was aware of other companies selling the suspect products to pet owners.

Bentonville-based Wal-Mart said this week it had stopped selling Chicken Jerky Strips from Import-Pingyang Pet Product Co. and Chicken Jerky from Shanghai Besto Trading in July, after customers said the products sickened their pets.

"We have tested numerous samples of chicken jerky pet treats for possible contaminants including melamine. To date we have NOT detected any contaminants."

Wal-Mart spokeswoman Deborah Smith said that with such small amounts of melamine found, its laboratory recommended more testing.
Garbetti said Wal-Mart was aware of other retailers selling the products, but she declined to name them. Rawlings could not be reached for further comment late Wednesday.

Chicken farmers protest proposed propane rules

By Kristine Wyatt Associated Press writer

ANNAPOLIS, Maryland — Poultry growers are protesting proposed regulations from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security that would label propane gas a "chemical of interest" and require anybody with 7,500 pounds (3,402 kilograms) or more of the fuel to register with the agency.

At that amount, poultry farmers who use propane to heat chicken houses would have to fill out the forms.

"I could think of a lot easier, better targets" for terrorists than chicken farms, grouched Richard Lobb, spokesman for the National Chicken Council, a Washington-based industry group.
The U.S. Poultry & Egg Association and the National Turkey Federation have joined the protest.

British police in July thwarted a potentially devastating terrorist plot in London after finding two Mercedes loaded with nails packed around canisters of propane and gasoline set to detonate. In Iraq, the military has seen propane tanks used in homemade bombs.

"Given the serious threats that are currently facing our country and the limited resources of the Department of Homeland Security, please explain why this initiative is a good use of federal dollars," the senators wrote earlier this month.

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602 Unfurnished Homes
603 Furnished Homes/Duplex
604 Unfurnished Homes/Duplex

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BUHL Saturday 8-3, furniture, appliances...

PAUL Sat. Aug 25, 9am. Moving sale...

TWIN FALLS Sat 8-3pm, Clothing & miscellaneous...

TWIN FALLS Sat 8-4, Women's clothing in exc. cond. sizes 6-12...

TWIN FALLS Saturday 7-2, large garage sale...

TWIN FALLS Saturday 9am-7, Moving sale!

TWIN FALLS Saturday 8-3pm, CLOTHING, HUGO BOSS...

TWIN FALLS Sat 8-3pm, Furniture, antique, kitchen, baby, clothes...

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BURLEY Fri & Sat 8-12, Antiques-headboards, chairs & doors...

RUPERT August Estate Sale, King size bedroom set...

TWIN FALLS Fri. & Sat 8am-5pm, Sat 8-12pm...

TWIN FALLS Sat 8-3pm, Name brand clothes...

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HAERMAN Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 8-5, good deals...

JEROME Fri & Sat 8-2pm, Just moved, antiques...

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SHOSHONE Sat 7-2, Pottery, glass, stereo, holiday decor...

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JEROME Sat only 8am-4pm, Clean, 2 family sale...

TWIN FALLS Fri & Sat 7am-2pm, 4 family sale...

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JEROME Sat 8-5, Step 116 Big Clumber...

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KIMBERLY Friday and Saturday, 8-4, misc...

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WEST ♠ 10 7 ♥ 6 3 2 ♦ 10 5 4 2 ♣ J 9 8 2

EAST ♠ Q 9 8 2 ♥ Q 10 9 7 ♦ K J 9 3 ♣ 10

SOUTH ♠ A K 4 3 ♥ 5 4 ♦ A 8 ♣ A 7 4

Vulnerable: Both Dealer: South

The bidding: South West North East 2 NT Pass 3 NT All pass

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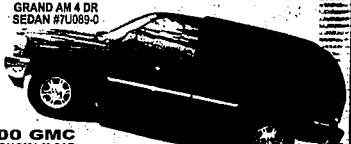
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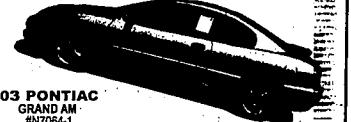
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2. "60 Minutes," CBS.
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4. "Power of Ten Preview," CBS.
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FILM

1. "Rush Hour 3," Now Line.
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3. "The Simpsons Movie," Fox.
4. "Star Trek," Paramount.
5. "Hairspray," Now Line.
— From Media By Numbers LLC

HOT FIVE

1. "Beautiful Girls," Sean Kingston, Beluga Heights/Epic/Koch.
2. "Big Girls Don't Cry," Fergie, will.i.am/AS/Interscope.
3. "Hey There Delilah," Plain White T's, Hollywood.
4. "The Way I Are," Timbaland feat. Keri Hilson, Mosley/Blackground/Interscope.
5. "Umbrella," Rihanna feat. Jay-Z, SRP/Def Jam/DJMG.
— From Billboard magazine

ALBUMS

1. "Finding Forever," Common, G.O.O.D./Geffen/IGA.
2. "Untitled," Korn, Virgin.
3. "HOW 25," Various Artists. Universal/EMI/Sony/BMG/Zomba/UMRG.
4. Soundtrack: "Hairspray," New Line. Soundtrack: "Hairspray," New Line.
5. "Hannah Montana 2 (Soundtrack)/Meet Miley Cyrus," Miley Cyrus. Walt Disney/Hollywood.
— From Billboard magazine

CONCERT TOURS

1. The Police.
2. Kenny Chesney.
3. Tim McGraw/Faith Hill.
4. Roger Waters.
5. Cirque Du Soleil — "Delirium."
— From Pollstar

VIDEO SALES

1. "Harry Potter: Years 1-3," Warner Home Video.
2. 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea (Special Edition), Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
3. "Yoga Conditioning for Athletes," Gasm Video.
4. "Rush Hour 3," New Line Home Entertainment.
5. "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring," New Line

Home Entertainment

— From Billboard magazine

VIDEO RENTALS

1. "The Number 23," New Line Home Entertainment.
2. "Premonition," MGM/Tri-Star.
3. "Zodiac," Paramount Home Entertainment.
4. "Shooter," Paramount Home Entertainment.
5. "The Hills Have Eyes 2," 20th Century Fox.
— From Billboard magazine

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1. "Zodiac," Paramount Home Entertainment.
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BEST-SELLING BOOKS

1. "Eclipse" by Stephenie Meyer (Little, Brown Young Readers) (fiction/young-adult)
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5. "A Thousand Splendid Suns" by Khalid Hosseini (Riverhead Hardcover) (fiction/hardcover)
— From USA Today

TOP ITUNES DOWNLOADS

1. "S.O.S.," Jonas Brothers
2. "Beautiful Girls," Sean Kingston
3. "You Are the Music in Me," Gabriella & Troy
4. "Crank That," Soulja Boy Tell 'Em
5. "Gotta Go My Own Way," Gabriella & Troy
— From Apple Computers, Inc.

VIDEO GAME REVIEW



A player gets a free shot at a Nazi during a battle in "Hour of Victory," a new video game for Xbox 360.

Video-game worst-case scenarios: rock bottom

BY LUY KESTEN
The Associated Press

No one sets out to make a bad video game, right? Even the worst games start off with fairly lofty expectations, only to be undermined by lack of money, lack of time or lack of talent.

Still, some games are so atrocious that you can't help but think their awfulness was deliberate. Take the Nintendo DS version of "Deal or No Deal," a hideous tie-in that doesn't even deliver the basic mechanics of the simplistic TV show that spawned it. And it costs \$30! The only way it could be more of a rip-off would be if the publisher tricked you into buying an empty box.

Then again, any savvy gamer probably has the common sense to avoid "Deal or No Deal." More often, bad games come in deceptive packages. And typically, a bad game has the geym of a good game, even if it's obscured by incompetent design and programming.

The games reviewed here all sounded promising when they were announced, but something went terribly wrong on the way to store shelves. Avoid them at all costs.

• "Escape from Bug Island" (Eidos, for the Wii, \$29.99) — This

game's title sounds like something out of "Mystery Science Theater 3000." If only it was one-tenth as much fun. The pgm is classic B-movie, involving three dopes who decide to explore an island filled with giant insects. Unfortunately, only one of the characters (not the one you control) thought to bring a weapon, so you're forced to fight the monsters with ... a stick.

You use the Wii remote to poke the bugs, but the onscreen actions are always a few seconds behind your physical movements, making it hard to get any momentum going. Still, the bugs aren't particularly hard to kill, even though they're human size. I was also delighted to learn that you can kill a giant gorilla by throwing rocks at it, something that could come in handy on my next African safari.

With its stiff controls, drab graphics, annoying characters and lame plot, "Escape from Bug Island" is the Wii's worst game yet.

• "Vampire Rain" (Microsoft, for the Xbox 360, \$59.99) — Here's another not-bad idea: combining a stealth-action game like "Splinter Cell" with survival horror a la "Resident Evil." You play a special-forces



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Never a doubt, just doubters'

Josh Turner turned tenacity, talent, integrity into Nashville success

Houston Chronicle

If you've ever heard Josh Turner croon a country song. It's hard to imagine that anyone ever doubted his talent. His deep, rich baritone is one of the most recognizable on radio.

But the South Carolina native, who will play the Twin Falls County Fair in Filer Wednesday night, says that wasn't always the case.

"It's been a struggle from day one just trying to get here, especially when I was back home," says Turner, whose speaking voice is as deep as you'd expect.

"I would get ridiculed for the clothes that I wore, for things that I talked about, my dreams. The people that I was around weren't necessarily dreamers. It made it hard on me as a young

Concert Wednesday

• **What:** Josh Turner will perform in Filer.

• **Where:** Twin Falls County Fairgrounds.

• **When:** Wednesday, 8 p.m.

• **How much:** Advance reserved seats are \$10.60 and \$5.30 for general admission (Gate admission to the fair no longer includes general admission to all arena events.) Fair admission is \$7 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens and \$3 for kids 6-12. They're available the fair office or by phoning 326-4395.

boy, wanting to come to Nashville. But I knew in my heart of hearts I could do it."

Turner, 29, started singing in a Baptist church and says he did have "support and encouragement" from a small circle of people, including his parents.

That, his big voice and his significant tenacity led to "Long Black Train," his breakout 2003 single and album. The disc moved more than a million units, and the title track was a top-20 country hit.

More importantly, the gospel-inflected single struck a chord with listeners who were growing weary of Nashville's tanned pretty boys and slick crossover divas. With its traditional sound, the tune was a breath of fresh air amid mainstream country radio's slick sounds.

"I was surprised in a lot of ways," Turner says of his success. "That kind of validated everything that I had been dreaming about and talking about for so many years. I didn't want to go around and say, 'I told you so,' but I knew that I

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 "Starbuck"
 "Superbad"
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 "Underdog"

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 "Invasion"
 "The Last Legion"
 "Resurrecting the Champ"
 "September Dawn"
 "War"

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 "I Now Pronounce Chuck and Larry"

Motor-Vu Drive-In

"Hot Rod"
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 "Rush Hour 3"

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 "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End"
 "Rush Hour 3"

'SEPTEMBER DAWN'

Utah massacre gets 9/11-themed retelling

BY RICHARD NELSEN
 The Arizona Republic

Movies have a long history of being about something else.

That is, "Godzilla" is really about Hiroshima; "King Kong" is a thinly disguised parable of White America's racial fears; "The Thing" is undergirded by Cold War xenophobia.

Some of these allegorical subtexts are intentional, some merely come from the onerous cultural subconscious that movies can become — our fears sublimated: "September Dawn" recounts the story of the infamous Mountain Meadows Massacre, when a band of Mormons killed about 120 men, women and children from a wagon train passing through southern Utah.

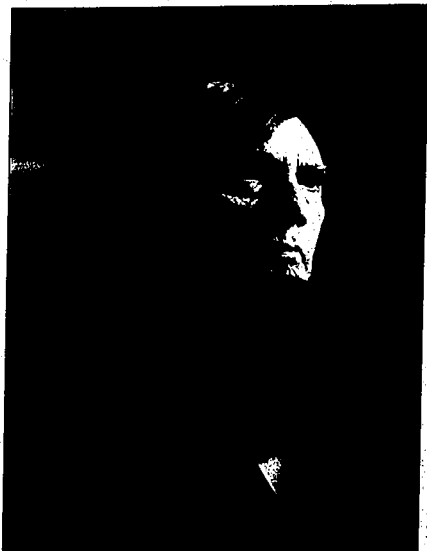
But its makers couldn't make any clearer that the film is really about Islamist terrorism. The religious zealotry of the film's Mormon pioneers substitute for the same thing in Islamic fundamentalism.

To underline this implied parallel, the filmmakers have Mormons actually quoting the Koran in support of religious blood atonement.

And, of course, the 1857 Mountain Meadows Massacre took place on Sept. 11: On-screen text reminds us of the fact.

There will be many who will see "September Dawn" as an anti-Mormon film. And there's no question that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is portrayed in the film as a cult-like religion of fanatics. Mormons no doubt will feel personally attacked, and they should.

But the filmmakers probably have no anti-LDS agenda, but instead simply use the church as a stand-in for their real enemy — self-righteous certainty as justification for pogrom. Perhaps they feel Mormons are far more like lawyers in lawyer jokes or Ger-



Actor Terence Stamp, as Brigham Young, dominates 'September Dawn.'

'September Dawn'

Starring Jon Voight, Terence Stamp, Trent Ford
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mans in World War II movies or the ubiquitous "drug kingpins" that function as villains in so many modern action movies.

But the film makes no mention of any LDS religious tenets:

And worse, the movie's main theme is gunked up with a lame Romeo-and-Juliet subplot, where the Mormon son falls for the gentile daughter. Worse, more time is eaten up with a sub-subplot in which the young hero is shown to be a horse whips perer.

Both story lines are utterly banal and conventional, in the worst Hollywood manner, as if the filmmakers didn't really have faith in their main theme or had a market-research imperative to target the younger demographic. It kind of takes the starch out of their main theme.

There are two bits of acting of note: Jon Voight plays the local Mormon bishop, a mullah who fomented the massacre — a role he was born to play. And Terence Stamp gives us a Brigham Young fanatics — a Jupiter who hurls thunderbolts. He is either an Old Testament prophet, a delusional ayatollah or a grotesquely over-the-top ham actor. Whatever, he dominates the screen, even when he's hiding in shadows.

Historically, Young's role in the massacre, if any, has never been determined and probably never will be. But in the film, he is complicit.

"September Dawn" had concentrated on its primary theme, and if it were better presented, it might have had the overwhelming emotional wallop of "Battle of Algiers" or "Armed and Dangerous" — single-minded movies that tickle difficult subjects unblinkingly.

As it is, "September Dawn" is an unfocused bore. What was meant as tragedy sinks to the level of melodrama.

Movie nuggets

• **"Becoming Jane"**/No rating
Based on an incident in the life of writer Jane Austen, "Becoming Jane" follows the real-life romance that inspired "Pride and Prejudice." Like many of her heroines, Jane (Anne Hathaway) is bright, strong-willed, and unwilling to marry merely for money, even though her family is struggling financially. Though many of her friends wish her to pair up with the nephew of a rich woman (Maggie Smith), Jane wants something more. When she meets the Irish rogue Tom LeFroy (James McAvoy), she initially can't stand him, but their romance blooms. PG.

• **"The Bourne Ultimatum"**/A-
Matt Damon returns as amnesiac action hero Jason Bourne in the third installment of a smart, taut spy trilogy based on novels by Robert Ludlum. Director Paul Greengrass, who helmed "The Bourne Supremacy," delivers a kinetic adventure with political resonance, as Bourne finally discovers the origins of his memory loss. Joan Allen and Julia Stiles star in their roles as allies while David Strathairn and Albert Finney join the cast as villains. 1 hour, 51 minutes. At metro theaters. PG-13.

• **"Daddy Day Camp"/No rating**
Cuba Gooding Jr. and Paul Reubens decide to parlay the success of their "Daddy Day Care" into day camps in order to save Camp Driftwood. Once the creme de la creme of camps, Driftwood has seen better days, while rival Camp Canola has become a hot property featuring paint ball, dirt bikes, and jet skis. Charlie and Phil buy the camp in order to save it, only to find themselves completely out of their element, which becomes painfully obvious on the first day of camp. With foreclosure impending, Gooding swallows his pride and calls in the ultimate reinforcement: his father (Richard Grant). PG-13.

About the rating system

The letter grades in these capsules are by reviewers for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution and the Associated Press.

• **"1408"/B** The makers of this haunted-hotel thriller know that mutilated corpses are pretty disturbing. But also that, sometimes, there's nothing scarier than the voice of a hotel concierge-from-hell, chattering on the phone with perkily cordiality. Or the Carpenter's singing "We've Only Just Begun." Jim Caspak stars as a writer about paranormal activity who actually doesn't believe in the stuff. That is, until he checks into room 1408 of the Dolphin Hotel, against his manager's (Samuel L. Jackson) warnings. Since the film's trailer already gives away too much of what happens in the room, let's not go there. Just be prepared for some genuine surprises and a beautifully modulated sense of deep dread. A refreshingly old-school movie. It comes to theaters without resorting to the mindless alien-and-dice clichés of all the "Saw" and "Hostels" glutting the multiplex. 1 hour, 34 minutes. PG.

• **"Hairspray"/A-**
Pure fun, from the moment a roly-poly teenager named Tracy Turnblad (Nikki Blonsky) bounces out of bed and serenades the neighborhood with "Good Morning, Baltimore!" Circa 1962, she dreams of getting on the local TV teen dance show, but on her way there she gets judgment about how she shows is all-white except for one day a month. Based on the 1988 movie and the 2002 Broadway musical; still fresh. With John Travolta, Michelle Pfeiffer, Queen Latifah, Christopher Walken. 1 hour, 55 minutes. PG. Grade: A-

• **"Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix"/B-** The moodiest Hogwarts movie yet takes our young wizard down another long, dark path. The movie is at times brilliant with a powerhouse performance by Imelda Staunton. As Hogwarts' deliciously prim, proper and predatory new teacher Do-

lores Umbridge, she deserves to lead the series' first Oscar nomination for acting. But "Phoenix" also has its dull moments. Actually, quite a few. There are scenes with shoddy special effects (the giant introduced in this film and the returning centaur look particularly bad). And the long-awaited Potter kissing scene with Cho Chang arrives with the barest of plot setups. Most fans probably won't care. Though "Phoenix" feels longer than its 2-hour, 10-minute running time, it has involving action, a few interesting twists and, like "The Empire Strikes Back," a penthurch for the unerving dark side. 2 hours, 10 minutes. PG-13.

• **"Hot Rod"/No rating**
"Saturday Night Lives" "Lazy Sunday" star Andy Samberg plays an Evil Kneivel-like stuntman who plans to jump 15 buses to save his abusive stepfather's life, so he can then fight him. With Isla Fisher, Sissy Spacek and Ian McShane. Screenplay by Pam Brady, Samberg, John Taccione and Akiva Schaffer. Story by Pam Brady. Directed by Schaffer. PG-13

• **"No Prohunciation You Check and Larry"/C-** In order to ensure domestic partners benefits, two firefighters decide to get together. A funny premise turns into an uneven and choppy cinematic ride. The hearts of the filmmakers are in the right place; but it's a shame they didn't try harder to make this funny. With Jessica Biel, Steve Buscemi and Dan Aykroyd. 1 hour, 55 minutes. At metro theaters. PG-13.

• **"The Invasion"/C**
The fourth, and the least, of the movies made from Jack Finney's classic science fiction novel "The Body Snatchers." Nicole Kidman stars as a mom fighting off alien spores for herself and her son. A good story born to be creepy, but the movie chugs through it like a road company production. 1 hour, 35 minutes. PG-13.

• **"The Last Legion"/No rating**
Fagna action-adventure set against the fall of Rome and its last emperor, 12-year-old Romulus Augustus (Thomas Sangster),

the boy who would rule for a day before losing his family, his home, and an empire. Imprisoned on the island-fortress of Capri, Romulus searches for a

means of escape. He discovers instead "excalibur," the legendary sword of Julius Caesar, and embarks on a quest to save. Please see MOVIES, Page 6

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rome. Aided by the clever strategies of his teacher, Ambrosius (Ben Kingsley), and the heroic skills of his loyal legionnaire, Aurelius (Colin Firth) Romulus escapes the island and travels to Britannia in search of the last Roman Legion. PG-13.

• "The Nanny Diaries"/C Based on the 2002 quip-pleaser read by former New York nannies Emma McLaughlin and Nicola Kraus, the film has a strong cast (Scarlett Johansson, Lauren Linney, Paul Giamatti) and fleeting moments of dead-on satire. It remains essentially true to the book with a few tweaks here and there, until it loses its bite and suddenly goes all soft and gushy at the end. PG-13.

• "No Reservations"/C Catherine Zeta-Jones and Aaron Eckhart co-star as rival chefs; she hates him as a rival, but inevitably they're drawn together. Thanks partly to the matchmaking of her sister's orphaned child (Abigail Breslin). Also, the characters seem to feel more passion for food than for one another. Remake of the 2002 German film "Mostly Martha." 1 hour, 44 minutes. PG.

• "Pirates of the Caribbean"/B+ An exciting whod of adventure, eye-popping action, traps, betrayals, grand romance, and, most of all, Johnny Depp. As the

irrespressible Capt. Jack Sparrow, he yet again steals the movie from his co-stars Keith Knightley, Geoffrey Rush, Bill Nighy, Orlando Bloom and newcomer Choo Yun-Fat. The convoluted plot has Jack being rescued from Davy Jones' Locker so he can join the Nine Pirate Lords in an alliance against the East India Trading Co. (they'd prefer the Seven Seas to be a Pirate-Free Zone). This installment is about 40 minutes too long, and some of the dialogue is hard to understand. But the film carries things off with swashbuckling, even hair-raising, style (parent note: some characters are killed off, even nice ones), plus a hoped-for hint of a "Pirates 4." 2 hours, 48 minutes. PG-13.

• "Rescue Dawn"/NO rating Director Werner Herzog takes another strange turn in his eclectic career with "Rescue Dawn," starring Christian Bale. The film is an adaptation of Herzog's 1997 documentary "Little Dieter Needs to Fly," which focused on Dieter Dengler, a U.S. navy pilot who was imprisoned by enemy forces during the Vietnam War. PG-13.

• "Resurrecting the Champ"/NO rating Sporting sports reporter Erik Kerner (Josh Hartnett) encounters a homeless man who calls himself "Champ" (Samuel L. Jackson) only to determine that he is the one-time boxing champion Bat-

ling Bob Satterfield. What begins as a story about resurrecting a once-great man becomes Erik's title shot. In his journey to uncover the truth, Erik has to re-examine his own life and his relationship with his young son. PG-13.

• "Rush Hour 3"/C Chris Tucker is once again in Carter, the motormouth LAPD cop who's always in trouble, and Jackie Chan is once again in Lee, the ace Hong Kong cop called in to partner with him. A case involving an ambassador's shooting and secret documents from a Triad gang sends them to Paris, where of course it is necessary for them to defend their lives while hanging from the Eiffel Tower. Pretty much what you'd expect, but kinda fun. 1 hour, 31 minutes. PG-13.

• "September Dawn"/No rating Director Chris Kristof's retelling of the 1857 Mountain Meadows Massacre, in which Utah Mormons disguised as Indians massacred a wagon train full of California-bound settlers. With Jon Voight, Terence Stamp and Thelma Ford. II.

• "The Simpsons Movie"/C+ Nothing special and certainly not the creative spark necessary to jumpstart what for years has been a sagging TV show. At best, 20th Century Fox can utter a cumulative sigh of relief: The film

isn't awful. Itoozny. It's occasionally funny, incredibly quippy and, thankfully, written well enough to hold together. The plot finds the Simpson family at odds with the good folk of Springfield after Homer, in his haste to make it to a doughnut sale, dumps waste in the town's already toxic lake, making it, well, super-duper toxic. The Environmental Protection Agency steps in and, in theory, haves and hilarity ensues. 1 hour, 26 minutes. PG-13.

• "Stardust"/C+ A shooting star (Claire Danes) and Charlie Cox enter the kingdom to get it for his love (Sienna Miller). Also fighting for the star/woman: a wicked witch (Michelle Pfeiffer) and a dying king (Peter O'Toole). Robert De Niro turns up as a cross-dressing pirate in an airship. This fantasy is cluttered and too busy; funny not boring, but. "The Princess Bride" is not. 2 hours, 2 minutes. PG-13.

• "Superbad"/B+ Co-stars Jonah Hill and Michael Cera are pretty irresistible together as high-school best friends on a quest for alcohol, which they hope will help them hook up with girls at a big party before they graduate. The sweetness and awkwardness of their freshness-co-dependent relationship is totally believable — not a moment between them

feels fake in the script from "Knocked Up" star Seth Rogan and Evan Goldberg, themselves best friends since high school. But Christopher Mintz-Perse, as an even geekier kid who gets a fake ID with the one-word name McLovin, pretty much steals the whole thing in just his first film. 114 minutes. R

• "Transformers"/B Hitshot director Michael Bay has a knack for masking ill-formed movie plots by piling on blistering action sequences. "Transformers" is his best cover, up yet. This remarkable CGI sledgehammer, a live-action takeoff on the animated TV series about battling alien robots on Earth that morph into gigantic mechanical beasts, packs a powerful punch. The movie's fun, full of through-the-roof special effects, wildly uneven and has plot holes bigger than its most heroic bot, Optimus Prime. Thankfully it also has Shia LaBeouf, a kind of everykid actor who has the screen presence to glue the whole thing together. 2 hours, 24 minutes. PG-13.

• "Underdog"/NO rating An ordinary beagle is given super-human powers and the voice of Jason Lee in this live action adaptation of the popular cartoon series. With Jim Belushi, Peter Dinklage, Brad Garrett, the voice of Amy Adams. Screenplay by Adam Rifkin, Joe Piscatella and Craig A. Williams. Directed by Frederick Du Chau. PG

• "War"/NO rating After his partner and family are killed apparently by infamous assassin Jason Statham, screenplay by Jason Statham becomes obsessed with revenge as his world unravels into a vortex of guilt and betrayal. The killer eventually resurfaces to settle a score of his own, igniting a bloody crime war between Asian mob rivals John Lone and Ryu Ishidashi. R

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New on DVD Synopses of films recently released for home viewing.

"Perfect Stranger"
R

Roseanna Price (Halle Berry), ace investigative reporter for the mythical New York Courier and protagonist of "Perfect Stranger," is not exactly Lois Lane material. She's introduced using false pretenses to entrap a U.S. senator and then record him without his knowledge, activities that will not endear her to the Pulitzer Prize board, but no matter. "God," Rowena says triumphantly, "I love this job."

For this is the movies, after all, and making Rowena a reporter makes it easier for her to launch her own investigation of prime suspect Harrison Hill (Bruce Willis) when childhood friend Grace Clayton (Nicki Attoux) turns up brutally murdered. So much information to gather, so little time.

As might be guessed by now, "Perfect Stranger" is a star vehicle — set in New York, the city that never sleeps, or even takes naps. It is an acceptable enough thriller, neither the worst you've seen nor the opposite. However, it's also one of those films in which the question of why it was made is as much of a puzzle as who did the awful deed. By the time you figure these out, you no longer care.

On the most basic level, this James Foley-directed film got the go-ahead because two bankable stars agreed to be in it. So watching it is kind of like viewing the visual echo of a business deal, or, more specifically, a merger between two powerful corporations, each with its own assets and skill sets.

Berry, for her part, gets to look great and dominate the picture, while Willis, who by this time can likely be taken at his word when he says he signed on because of the working conditions: "Not a hard day at the office" — go to work and dirt with Halle, Berry.

Just as the film's initial entrapped senator subplot plays out, Rowena runs into pal pal



Halle Berry

Undercover reporter Halle Berry is out to get the goods on bazillionaire Bruce Willis in "Perfect Stranger."



Ulrich Muehs

Ulrich Muehs plays an East German secret policeman with doubts in "The Lives of Others," the winner of this year's Best Foreign Language Film Oscar.

Grace on a Manhattan subway platform. Seems Grace is in town to pursue the physical side of a liaison that began online with Harrison Hill. Yes, that Harrison Hill, the big-bucks advertising executive who is the master of all he surveys. So when Grace turns up dead the very next day, Rowena knows whom she wants to start investigating.

In this mission she has the assistance of pal Miles Haley (Giovanni Ribisi), your standard do-computer can do everything except cook dinner and make the bed. Miles has a major crush on Rowena, to the point of telling her, "Can I say for the record, 'Wow!' when she looks especially good. And because he is played by Ribisi, who specializes

in this. Miles also has something of a weirdo vibe.

Miles uses his computer to get Rowena a temp job at Hill's advertising agency, where the boss, not surprisingly, notices Our Girl and tries to put the moves on her even though he's very much married. Unbeknownst to Hill, Rowena is also anonymously chatting with him online in the kind of conversation where she tells him her hair is "dirty blond" and he responds, "I like dirty." That's how they do things in New York.

As written by Todd Komarinsky from a story by Jon Bonenkamp, "Perfect Stranger" offers lots of misdirection and closing twists as it plays with the notion of who's playing whom for a fool. By the time everything falls into place, however, it does-

n't much matter. The best thrillers don't just show up for the closing credits; they are involved all along the way. That's where "Perfect Stranger" goes imperfectly wrong.

— Los Angeles Times

"The Lives of Others"
R

The Oscar winner for Best Foreign Language Film, the German movie "The Lives of Others" begins in 1984 (five years before the Berlin Wall came down) when the secret police, or Stasi, routinely bugged, tailed and intimidated its citizens. At that time, the ratio of government informers to regular citizens was high: about one in 50.

Plotted as tautly as a cop procedural but playing more like a modern allegory, "Lives" personalizes its Orwellian world through the eyes of Gerd Wiesler (Ulrich Muehs), a frosty Stasi officer who, when we meet him, is treating his military students to an audio recording of his latest "successful" interrogation.

What's immediately clear, beyond the psychological brutalizing of his victims, is Gerd's faith in the system. He firmly believes such measures are necessary for building a better society.

Gerd's ideology is soon tested when he's dispatched to wiretap and investigate Gerdreyman (an endearing Sebastian Koch), a playwright whose pro-worker dramas have made him the talk of East Berlin. The more Gerd uncovers about Gerd, his actress-girlfriend, Christa-Maria (played with quiet radiance by Martina Gedeck), and their circle of friends, the more he questions the purpose of this mission.

"To watch 'Lives' is not just to enjoy a fabulously constructed tangle; it's to appreciate a deft cautionary tale. Though scenes of tight-lipped agents listening to intercepted phone conversations on reel-to-reel tape recorders may strike some as quaint, the implications ring loud and clear. Writer-director Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck's extraordinary feature debut offers prescient lessons about the danger of societies in which governments are given free rein to monitor their citizens and internet users voluntarily post their most intimate details on the Web. Dusty history lesson? This movie is downright contemporary.

— Washington Post

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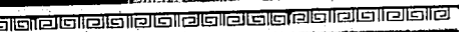
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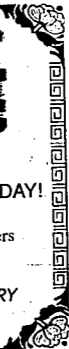
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Bad decisions



Singer John McCrea of Cake performs during the 29th Open Air Festival in St. Gallen, Switzerland, last month.

For some bands, making a best-of album is among the worst of choices

"There's a reason why (a greatest-hit album) doesn't seem very artistic: it's not."

— **Cake frontman John McCrea**

NEW YORK (AP) — A side-effect to today's fractured, tumultuous music industry is the fluctuating meaning of the greatest-hits album.

On one hand, it remains a giant moneymaker for labels, which are urging their artists to create best-of compilations increasingly earlier in their careers. On the other, iTunes has made greatest-hits albums redundant. If you want an act's highlights, you can assemble them yourself.

This dichotomy has, for some bands, made the decision to make a best-of album an increasingly difficult, sometimes contentious one. Some view greatest-hits albums as a blatant money grab that disrespects the integrity of the album. Pressure from labels can also come sooner than expected.

The Sacramento, Calif., band Cake (its hits include "The Distance" and "Short Skirt, Long Jacket") was requested by its for-

mer label, Columbia Records to make a greatest-hits album. With only a handful of well-known albums to its name, the band judged a best-of disc to be premature. They refused, prompting a legal fight between Cake and Columbia.

In the end, Cake left to form its own label, Upbeat Records, and will instead release "B-sides and Rarities" on Oct. 2, with a live disc to follow this fall.

"I have mixed feelings about greatest-hits albums," said Cake lead singer and guitarist John McCrea. "They're a force that can be used for good or evil."

"For us at that point, we felt like it wasn't the appropriate moment — that we hadn't existed long enough to warrant some sort of wistful retrospection. It kind of reeked of desperation."

In recent years, a number of acts have released greatest-hits albums early in their careers, including Britney Spears, Hilary Duff and Sugar Ray.

Though the advent of iTunes (not to mention illegal downloading and Myspace) has meant a band's most-popular songs can be instantly sampled or bought, greatest-hits discs remain lucrative to labels. In recent Nielsen SoundScan sales charts, at least half of the top 50 top-selling catalog albums typically are compilations.

Labels often add rare unreleased material or unique

Games *Continued from page 2*

operative whose mission is to infiltrate a city filled with "night-walkers" and... well, I'm not entirely sure what you're supposed to do to them.

You can't kill them; a head shot just gets a vampire's attention, and before you know it he's tearing out your jugular vein. So the high-tech weaponry you're assigned is pretty much useless. All you can do is sneak past them — which isn't particularly difficult, but there's usually only one safe way through a level, so there's a lot of trial-and-error.

After you've been slaughtered a few dozen times by sloppily animated bloodsuckers, you may start to wonder if "Vampire Rain" is worth all the agha. It isn't.

• **"Hour of Victory" (Midway, for the Xbox 360, \$59.99)** — The one emotion that comes across in "Hour of Victory" is boredom.

Not just your own, but the evident boredom felt by the programmers who got assigned to this cynically conceived project.

Midway promises a journey through the war's "pivotal" battles, but you won't recognize anything from The History Channel. If it wasn't for the swastikas worn by the bad guys, you could very well be playing on Mars. And if the Nazis were as stupid as this game makes them out to be — enemies who will often stand still while you walk up to them shooting — World War II would have been over in a week.

"HoV" lets you play each mission as a covert operative, a sniper or a commando, but there's not much difference in how the characters work. And any game in which it's more effective to punch a guy than to shoot him is seriously lacking.

'Much Ado' about the nature of love

By KAREN BOSSICK
For the Times-News

SUN VALLEY — You could call "Much to Do About Nothing" the antithesis of "Romeo and Juliet."

"Romeo and Juliet" is a tragedy with quite a bit of comedy in it," said Director Bruce Hostetler. "And 'Much Ado About Nothing' is a comedy with quite a bit of tragedy."

Indeed, "Much Ado About Nothing," which will take the stage Thursday through Sept. 2 in Sun Valley's Festival Meadows, is probably the greatest comedy Shakespeare ever wrote, Hostetler says.

Please see ADO, Page 14.

Fires force postponement of Renaissance Faire

KETCHUM — The Sun Valley Renaissance Faire, scheduled for this week-end, has been postponed until next month because of smoke from the Castle Rock fire burning west of Ketchum.

The faire will be held Sept. 29-30, according to Julia Fox Jones, one of the festival's organizers.



Sharon Barin, as Hero, finds true love — or does she? — with Claudio, played by Mackenzie Harbaugh in the Sun Valley Shakespeare Festival's production of "Much Ado About Nothing," which opens Thursday.

Sound bite: RECENT CD RELEASE

Travis Tritt "The Storm" (Category 5)

Travis Tritt has always shown a stronger song influence than any country singer of his generation — something he's made explicit in duets with icons Jay Charles, Patti LaBelle and Sam Moore. With "The Storm," he amps up the old-school rhythm-and-

blues aspect of his music, from collaborating with co-producer Randy Jackson from "America Idol" to laying on the horns and the funk.

Vocally, Tritt's husky growl roars with as much gusto as ever. The Georgia resident proves repeatedly that he's just as suited to this material as to singing about honky tonks, whiskey and broken relation-

ships earlier in his 18-year recording career.

When the songs measure up, as in the contemporary gospel ballad "Something Stronger Than Me" and his cover of Hank Williams Jr.'s "The Pressure Is On," Tritt creates songs that equal his best country hits. He also uses the opportunity to get a little raudier than country music's conservative gatekeepers

would allow, as in the lascivious "Rub Off on Me."

Not every song deserves the sweat and soul Tritt pours into them. A voice this strong only brings out lyrical weaknesses, as in Diane Warren's predictable ballad, "I Wanna Feel Too Much." For the most part, though, "The Storm" suggests Tritt can still bring the thunder.

— The Associated Press

Albums *Continued from page 12*

packaging to these albums to entice die-hard fans. They are also viewed as a way to introduce audiences to an act with whom they may be unfamiliar.

Still, there are several notable holdouts, including AC/DC, Radiohead, Phish and Metallica. Many artists feel greatest-hits discs corrupt the integrity of their prior albums. For the same reason, Radiohead and AC/DC have thus far resisted putting their music on iTunes, where albums are chopped into single tracks.

It's a stance Chris Lombardi, founder of Independent Label

Records, often encounters.

"I've been trying to encourage some of our bands to do greatest-hits records, but I think artistically they have a real difficult time taking away the identity of the album as it stands alone," said Lombardi.

Many of the artists on Matador's roster haven't had hits in the conventional sense, but could benefit from having highlights assembled to make it easier for the more passive music fan. In 2003, Matador released "The Best of Guided by Voices: Human Amusements at Hourly Rates" — a

sensible collection for Guided by Voices, whose prodigious output included 16 full-length albums.

"It felt the output was so huge for that band that to narrow it down would be helpful," said Lombardi. "Somebody might be intimidated by the size of the catalog."

When an label needs the consent of an act to issue a compilation varies from contract to contract. Catalog sales account for approximately 40-50 percent of a label's annual gross, so re-releasing and repackaging old material is far more than an afterthought.

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THURSDAY, AUG. 23

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FRIDAY, AUG. 24

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Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the 610 Club. No cover charge. The 610 Club is at 1054 Overland Ave.

Rupert

Krakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Melody Bar. No cover charge. Melody Bar is at 502 Sixth St.

Wanna-be-a-Star Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room. No cover charge. The Blue Room is at 613 Fremont.

Local

Turner *Continued from page 3*

could make it happen and that it would happen."

"Turner's second album, 'Your Man,' was released a year ago. It did just as well, topping the country chart and selling 2 million copies.

"The secret — along with Turner's way-down-South delivery — is that he keeps mixing things up. 'Your Man' is just a little slick, spiritual, swoon-inducing and sexy.

"The main thing ... was to just allow that music to be mine, to allow myself to put my own stamp on it," Turner says. "He'd say that, (I wanted) to find great love songs that I could put on this record."

The push for more romantic material didn't come from Turner's label. It was brought up by

legendary singer Eddy Arnold, who knows his way around a love song. Turner met the "Make the World Go Round" singer several years ago at a restaurant. They became friends, and

Arnold told Turner a sweet valentine was a sure bet for connecting with listeners.

"Being a young artist and looking up to a guy like that — I listened," Turner says. "A lot of his hits were love songs. I took his advice, and it really paid off. My first two No. 1's were love songs."

Turner's two chart-toppers — "Your Man" and "Would You Go With Me" — are just part of his appeal. His current disc manages moments of charming goofiness ("Baby's Gone Home to Mama," the whimsical "Lincoln") and glimmering gospel "Me and God," featuring

the 91st annual Twin Falls County Fair will begin its six-day run Wednesday at the fairgrounds in Filer.

Highlights include Wednesday's Josh Turner concert, the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association-sanctioned Magic Valley Stampede on Sept. 20-Sept. 1 at 7:30 p.m., a destruction derby on Sept. 2 at 7 p.m., and Extreme Freestyle Motocross on Labor Day at 7 p.m.

The 4-H/Future Farmers of America Junior Market Animal sale is scheduled for Sept. 3 at 10 a.m. in the Wallace Brown Sale Barn. The Magic Valley Dairy Heifer Replacement Sale is planned for 6 p.m. on Sept. 1 at the same location.

The fairgrounds will be open from 7 a.m. until midnight, featuring bluegrass maestro Ralph Stanley.

Turner's newest album is "Josh Turner: Live At The Byrman," recorded in April and available through Cracker Barrel restaurants. His next album is due Oct. 30.

Whatever's fair

night daily, and the carnival will run from noon until midnight.

Fair admission is \$7 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens and \$3 for kids 6-12.

Tickets for the rodeo, the Josh Turner concert, the destruction derby and Extreme Motocross are available at the fair office or by phoning 325-4396.

Reserved rodeo tickets are \$5.30 on Thursday through Sept. 1; general admission of Sept. 1 only is \$3.18. Destruction derby tickets and Extreme Motocross tickets are \$5.30 for reserved seats and \$3.18 for general admission.

The fairgrounds are located on the east end of Filer off U.S. Highway 30.

"I try to sing the songs that mean something to me," Turner says. "I really cling to that traditional heritage of country music that I feel life is being abandoned by a lot of artists and overlooked by certain artists.

I've found through my own experience that you can make traditional country music and still be on the cutting edge, still be new, still be fresh. It takes a little bit more work, but it's worth it, and it happens."

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The play, which explores the fickle nature of love, relies not just on farce but situational comedy.

"That's the most fun kind of comedy — when you know the situation and what the actors are thinking — and maybe you know something they don't," Hostetler said. "Comedy of Errors," which we did last year, is hysterically funny. But the story is sketchy. This play has a good solid story and it has (wet)-your-pants funny moments provided by clowns Scott Creighton and Jana Arnold."

The play opens with a group of soldiers returning to a wealthy villa set in Southern California in the late 1600s. Claudio, one of the soldiers, is immediately smitten by Hero, the landholder's daughter, and asks to marry her.

His more cynical friend Benedick is not so easily wooed; he prefers, instead, to resume the merry war of words with Beatrice that he had engaged in before going off to war.

To pass the time in the week before the wedding, Hero and others trick Benedick and Beat-

Shakespeare in love

• What: The Sun Valley Shakespeare Festival will present "Much Ado About Nothing."

• Where: Sun Valley Festival Meadows on Sun Valley Road near Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church.

• When: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Aug. 30-Sept. 2, 6 p.m.

• How much: Tickets are \$20. Seniors over 62 and students will receive a discount with I.D. Tickets are available at the gate or by calling 726-4TKS.

rice into falling in love by making each think that the other has fallen in love with them.

But, even as they play their matchmaking game, the bitter Don John devises to break up Claudio and Hero's pending wedding by having a companion make love to a servant woman in Hero's window.

Believing he has seen Hero being unfaithful to him, the enraged Claudio accuses Hero of infidelity on the day of their wedding, abandoning her at the altar and disgracing her family.

at the Friar's suggestion, her family decides to pretend Hero has died of grief to exact the truth and Claudio's remorse.

And that's not the end of the story ...

"In Shakespeare's time, the word 'noting' was pronounced the same as 'nothing.' So this could also be much ado about nothing, or paying attention," Hostetler said. "Here you have people noting things they see going on, sometimes leading to tragic conclusions. The comedy and tragedy come from not having the entire interpretation."

The play stars veteran actor Keith Moore as Benedick and his wife Patsy Wylie as Beatrice. Sharon Barro, a Company of Pools veteran, plays Hero and MacKenzie Harbaugh is Claudio. Jana Arnold and Scott Creighton provide the clown-like touch in the play.

And Los Angeles actor Ramon Ramos, who has performed in Shakespeare productions across the country, will star as Antonio, as well as playing the Court Jester and master of ceremonies during the Renaissance Faire.

The play also features Denn Cerutti, Andrew Alburger, Jamey Reynolds, Michael Freilich, Michelle Nelson, Scott Noel, Karl Nordstrom, Kristi Kuntz, Scott Slönim and Jamie Wylie.

The play cautions against cynicism and misplaced pride, Hostetler says.

"Benedick and Beatrice have spent their entire life saying that love is stupid — 'Look how funny are those who fall in love!' This offers a message that opening oneself up can lead to happiness, whether it leads to marriage or not.

The play also focuses on thinking things out before you act.

"Claudio sees something and he thinks part of being a man is acting in it to save face, rather than thinking about how his actions will affect Hero and her family. It's the actions of a boy who has not grown up."

"The play features 'gorgeous' flowing dresses and short military jackets and riding pants crafted by costume designer Winky McInae, Hostetler said. And staging the play on a portable stage towards the back

of Sun Valley's Festival Meadows offers a new array of possibilities for staging the play.

Viewers will be able to look through the pillars to the mountains behind the field, watching the soldiers as they march into the scene at the play's beginning.

"For me that becomes more like making a movie because you're able to offer the viewer multiple information at the same time," Hostetler said. "It's perfect in this case, since it's a play about noting and the audience will be able to note things going on in the background as well as the foreground. You can't do that in a conventional theater."

Screening will afford shade and wind protection. There will be bleacher seating and picnic space in front of the stage for those who wish to bring blankets or low-back chairs.

This article originally appeared in the Wood River Journal, a weekly newspaper in Halley affiliated with the Times-News.

MV Symphony season tickets go on sale

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Season tickets are now available by the Magic Valley Symphony season, which begins in October.

"Programming any symphony season is a little like a treasure hunt," said musical director Ted Hadley, "but this year I looked for the truly special in music and musicians."

The season opens Oct. 14 with a program of Idaho musical treasures. That concert will include cameo performances by local soloists, including Twin Falls guitarist Gary Garofano. Hadley will reprise "Portraits," a Dan Bukvich work based on vintage photos from the Bisbee collection, commissioned by the symphony for the Twin Falls centennial three

years ago.

Later concerts will feature state Rep. Leoilt Saultz, R-Twin Falls, narrating Aaron Copland's "Lincoln Portrait," and a full concert of "one-hit wonders" from the classical repertoire.

The season will conclude with Kimberly-bred pianist Mark Nelwirth performing the Second Piano Concerto of Sergei Rachmaninoff.

Season tickets, priced less than gate prices of the combined concerts, are discounted additionally for foursomes and families.

More information and the tickets are available from symphony business manager Richard Cook at 734-6549 and, coming soon, online at www.mvsymphony.org.

MV Arts on Tour offers season tickets

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Tickets are now on sale for the eight-show 2007-08 Magic Valley Arts on Tour season.

The lineup includes The Side Street Strutters on Sept. 27, The McManus Comedies on Oct. 11, Music from the Crooked Road on Nov. 2, The Tennessee Three on Feb. 4, Barrage on Feb. 21, The Golden Dragons Acrobats on March 24, Imago's FROGZ on April 15 and Dance Theatre of Oregon on May 15.

All performance are in the College of Southern Idaho Fine

Arts Center auditorium, and individual tickets are available for each show.

Season tickets, which include tickets for all eight Arts on Tour programs, are \$142 for adults, \$118 for children, or \$98 for seniors. Tickets for a season brochure can be obtained by calling 732-6288. Tickets can also be purchased at the CSI Fine Arts Box Office or online at www.csl.edu/artsontour.

Mini-subscriptions, featuring five to seven of the eight performances, are also on sale, and tickets for individual performances will be available Aug. 29.

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The Eagles
"How Long"
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The crisp, amplified electric guitar lead, chugging rhythm strumming and snappily percussive back beat tell you even before those signature harmonies come soaring in that the Eagles are back.

When you're reviving a brand, it's smart to emphasize core values, and that's exactly what Don Henley, Glenn Frey, Timothy B. Schmit and Joe Walsh place front and center in this initial single from their first studio album in 28 years, due in October as a Wal-Mart exclusive.

As they proved with the four new tracks they recorded for the 1994 "Hell Freezes Over" reunion album, the essence of the Eagles lives on in bittersweet harmonies, country-rock settings and the group's often-sharp

commentary on life, politics and love.

This upbeat tune by longtime Eagles pal J.D. Souther, streaming at www.eaglesband.com, both echoes and overtly tips its hat to such country-rock classics as "Take It Easy" and "Already Gone."

As such, it should be welcome on classic rock and perhaps even country radio. The video is slated to premiere Monday on Yahoo and start airing next week on CMT.

Frey and Henley trade verses in a show of musical solidarity seemingly meant to demonstrate that Eagles harmony extends beyond the sterling vocal work. The message of the song is a tad nebulous, but Souther seems to be looking back on a long run of life with acceptance and no regrets. What more fitting way for this band to start looking again toward the future?

— Los Angeles Times

Camas-to-Wood River wagon train rolls Saturday

Times-News

FAIRFIELD — The annual wagon train from Camas Prairie to the Wood River Valley will get under way on Saturday.

This year, 18 wagons and 40 head of stock will travel up and over Well Summit, up Little Smoky toward Carrievon, and then over Dollarhide summit to arrive in the Wood River Valley just in time for the Wagon Days

Parade on Sept. 1.

Organizers plan a sendoff party on Friday, with fun, food and music in the Fairfield 4-H Park. Food will be served from 6-8 p.m. With the proceeds going to the Camas Chamber of Commerce. The Boulder Brothers will perform from 6-9 p.m.

On Saturday morning, enjoy breakfast at the Camas Senior Center just before the wagon train departs.

Boise author to sign books

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Idaho author Justin Allen will sign copies of his new book, "The Slaves of the Shinar," Monday at Barnes and

Noble Booksellers.

Allen is a philosophy graduate at Boise State University. He'll be at Barnes and Noble from 5-7 p.m. Barnes and Noble is located at 1239 Pole Line Road.

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