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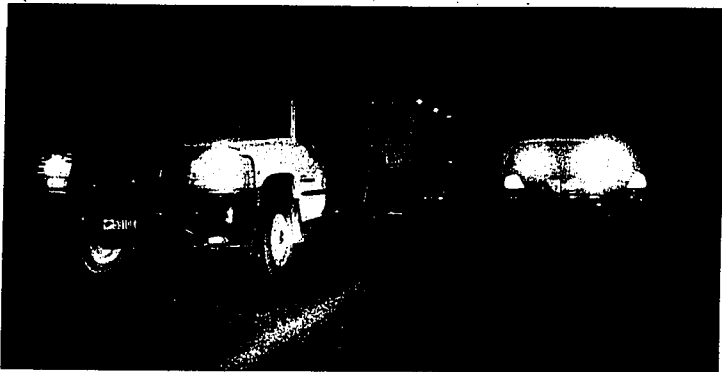
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More people flee fire



Idaho State Trooper Jesse Avery assists an evacuee near Greenhorn Gulch Saturday evening near Ketchum.

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Ski resort battles blaze with snow machines

Schools closed in Wood River Valley

By Matt Christensen and Cass Friedman
Times-News writers

KETCHUM — The Wood River Valley continues to fight the 33,000-acre Castle Rock Fire by any means available: garden hoses, sprinklers and hand-dug barriers.

Sunday, they brought out the snow machines. As the fire advanced toward Bald Mountain, the region's most popular skiing site, the Sun Valley Resort started the machines to protect the mountain and several structures at its summit from embers pushed by high winds.

Officials turned on the chafflift when flames began to lick its seats. "The winds are pushing that fire to the east," said fire information officer Bob Bearblom. "But we've got structure protection in place."

Gusty and unpredictable winds continued to stymie fire



Gov. C.L. 'Butch' Otter watches a helicopter fill its tanks with over 1,000 gallons of water Sunday afternoon off of Greenhorn Road south of Ketchum.

managers Sunday, when fire-fighting aircraft had to be grounded. The wind also continues to push smoke into the valley, causing health problems for people with sensitive lungs.

Officials canceled classes at Wood River Valley schools until at least Wednesday because of concerns about traffic. "You have people who live in Hailey and drop their kids off

at Hemingway (Elementary School) in Ketchum," said County Commissioner Larry Schoen. "You have this great exchange of people."

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School's in

Parents prepare for first day in Twin Falls

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Taking a short break from browsing school supplies, Christy Davis stood behind her car on Friday in target and watched her 8-year-old daughter, Kessie, search for markers. "When I went to school I didn't have to buy anything. I just carried a pencil box," she said, waving a green sheet of paper in front of her. "Now you have a whole list."

Davis, like hundreds of other parents in the Magic Valley, was preparing for the new school year that begins today the same way millions of other Americans do each August — buying school supplies. The journey by students and their parents to stores for new notebooks, folders and calculators is an unofficial — and usually expensive, parents say — reminder that school is in.

"It keeps you very busy," said Tammy Watkins, as her two daughters shuffled around Target. "It's like having two full-time jobs."

"Target," or "Bliss Lakes Boulevard" in Twin Falls, offers copies of school supply lists when districts provide them.

Back to books

Local school districts that start today include:

Twin Falls
Jerome (Grades K-7 and 9th start today; other grades start Tuesday)
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Blaine County

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Throughout south-central Idaho, schools and law enforcement agencies are poised for the 2008 school year.

Beth Olmstead, the principal at Lincoln Elementary, said she looks forward to the start of school because every one is thrilled, and she is optimistic students will have a successful academic year. "The floors are shiny. The handrails are clean. The carpets are clean," she said. "Everybody comes in with their new shiny clothes. They're just all excited."

In anticipation of the school year, the Twin Falls Police Department will refocus its efforts in school zones, where speeding violations can result in \$100 fines.

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Jaime Trejo, from Hailey, does some school shopping for his little ones Saturday afternoon at Target in Twin Falls.

Some evacuees are more ready than others

By Cass Friedman
Times-News writer

KETCHUM — Faced with an impending firestorm in their backyards, the Hispanic poor dispersed immediately, while wealthier homeowners took hours and packed well.

Police enforcing an evacuation order told the poorest residents of Suntree Hollow trailer park and the wealthiest residents of Greenhorn Gulch the same thing: Leave as soon as possible. The Castle Rock Fire is approaching.

Loud pounding on doors rattled the few meek windows all around the rickety, discolored trailers in Suntree Hollow. Flashlight beams pierced blinds and windows and halted on motionless people—often packed four to a trailer.

"Cops here! Open up. Police. Is anyone inside?" The dog always barked first. Then shrill, groggy-eyed men answered, usually in Spanish, with their elbows blocking the harsh light from their eyes.



Hailey Police Officer Larry Clark notifies residents of Suntree Hollow they must leave their homes late Saturday evening near Ketchum, where a wildfire continues to threaten homes.

Behind them their families, in one case seven children sleeping. Past the silhouette of an officer standing in their doorway, these men saw they were being coaxed by police and sheriff's vehicles, flashing lights and headlights casting bizarre shadows on an equally bizarre night.

So, without so much as a question, many of the 100 or so poor Hispanic residents that police evacuated at about 11

p.m. dispersed immediately, carrying only folded blankets to their cars. These are the northernmost neighbors in an area of more than 1,800 homes forced to evacuate because of the Castle Rock Fire.

They were also among the last residents to be notified, the least-prepared and the quickest to leave.

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Home may be in path of fire, but man defies evacuation order

By Cass Friedman
Times-News writer

KETCHUM — They call Byron Karrys one of the hard-core.

He defied an evacuation order issued last week for his Warm Springs Road neighborhood and has holed up in his home for more than a week.

When Blaine County forced 107 residents who live west of Gates Road near Ketchum to evacuate for the encroaching Castle Rock Fire, Karrys stayed in his home — and under the radar of the evacuation effort. For his neighbors, his disobedience is an open secret. His neighborhood, near a town of 50 many multimillion-dollar homes, is as close as Ketchum comes to having a low-income neighborhood. What was for-

merly the Board family ranch, and one other outlying cluster of homes, is one of a few neighborhoods that have been forced to evacuate.

"This town really doesn't have low income," said Zach Crist, a Lower Board evacuee. "But this is all the lower income. It's the way Ketchum used to be. It's very well-served, very humble."

For the many seasonal second-home owners in Ketchum, the smoke blown by winds through the valley was all the excuse they needed to cut their summer stay short. But the residents of Lower Board — like Crist, who has lived here in Ketchum for 30 years, 10 of them in his Lower Board home — have nowhere else to go.

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Ketchum

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 The city of Ketchum is asking that people stay out of the town. Sightseers have caused several accidents on state Highway 75 — the main route for crews traveling between the blaze's southern and northern fronts, where flames continue to advance toward neighborhoods.
 The blaze is hurting businesses as well. August is Ketchum's biggest retail month of the year — may be a 15-year record for low retail earnings, said city administrator Ron LeBlanc. Restaurants are suffering, too. "We wanted to order some pizza today," he

said. "Two of our favorite pizza places didn't even pick up (the phone)." The fire has yet to claim any buildings, but nearly 2,000 people have been evacuated from Ketchum-area homes.
 The fire has divided its threat into two focal points, according to fire information officer Jay Nichols. The fire south of Ketchum spit embers outside the containment area, which created a spot fire one mile northwest of the Greenhorn Road neighborhood. Only a downward slope dipping into the gulch remained between the homes and the fire line.
 A second branch of the fire

north of Ketchum pressed east Sunday toward Highway 75 in the Fox Peak area.
 The Army National Guard sent 30 troops and five Humvees to the Ketchum area Sunday evening at the request of Blaine County Sheriff Walt Penning. The security force will help local law enforcement guard the massive number of vacated homes — ranging from multimillion-dollar, second-home mansions to trailer parks for the blue-collar labor force — from possible intruders.
 The Ketchum area harbors \$1.3 billion in property, state Sen. Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum

on Sunday. The troops may not make arrests, but if they spot a crime, they will report it to local law enforcement, said Gen. Lawrence LaFrenz of the Army National Guard.
 A Red Cross shelter in Hailley that has been mostly empty housed 27 people Saturday evening, said BettyAnn Munnert, the shelter's manager.
 Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter toured the fire scene and received a briefing from fire crews Sunday with Stennett and U.S. Sen. Larry Craig (I-Idaho). "The weather pattern is accelerating through late this evening," Craig said. "You need

"You need to get it well beyond 50-percent contained to start breathing."
 — U.S. Sen. Larry Craig on the Castle Rock fire

to get it well beyond 50-percent contained to start breathing."
 The fire is just 38-percent contained, and officials fear the worst could be yet to come.
The Wood River Journal contributed to this report.

School

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 Staff Sgt. Craig Stotts said that although school zone speed limits remained in effect during the summer, the hours from 7:30 a.m. until about 4 p.m. will obviously be busier beginning this week.
 "You always want to send a message. 'Hey, schools in session,'" said Stotts. "Any parents would expect we're being diligent in these school zones."

Stotts said that pedestrians, including students, also need to be aware of moving traffic. He said that the school zone with the highest number of speeders is likely Eastland Drive near Ven C. O'Leary Junior High School.
 At Lincoln Elementary the discipline policy has been changed so that teaching is not sacrificed when some kids misbehave. Olmstead said, "It's going to be better for their education," she said. "I think the kids will be excited."

Reporter Janet S. Hopkins can be reached at 735-3204 or jhopkins@twincityvalley.com.

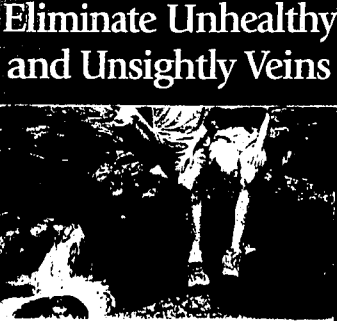
Evacuation

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 They were so quick to evacuate, in fact, Blaine County Sheriff's Sgt. Curtis Miller said, "I'm sure 99 percent of the people on this side of the highway are safe." Their departing vehicles, on route to relatives' homes in Hailley, filled rest bins and filled the southbound lane of the highway. "My biggest fear is opening so many people to theft and burglary. I don't want to even do anything like this again."
 Santree Hollow was the last stop of the evening — and the one most filled with transients — for police, who evacuated two other trailer parks farther south earlier Saturday.
 Teresa Comber and Lupe Bernal, both of Hailley, assisted with translations. "We probably talked to 40 homes," Comber said. "Only one or two families went to the (Red Cross) shelter in Hailley."
 She expressed dismay that one officer insisted on pounding loudly on doors with her fist at all three trailer parks. "They're scared enough already," she said. "You don't have to pound."
 Hailley Police Officer Larry

Clark was not surprised by the startled reaction of the trailer residents to police at their doors. "Usually, the cops show up and they scream," he said. Residents here dispersed much quicker than at owned residences, but police gave them the same answers they have provided all along to the second-most-asked question: How long do we have to leave?
 "You need to leave as soon as possible," Clark said.
 It was a different scene near Greenhorn Gulch, the most threatened area in the evacuation zone and home to some of the Wood River Valley's wealthiest residents.
 The clear out here began more than an hour before sundown, and as midnight approached nearly four hours later, some residents were finally ready to leave. These residents had taken much more time to prepare.
 At close to 7:30 p.m. — shortly after Blaine County commissioners signed the evacuation order — Keena Hill was returning from a trip to Twin Falls. Days before, she had dropped her horses off at someone else's stables. At close to midnight, she was

ready to leave. She had packed her SUV to the ceiling, including one kennel for her dog in the back and one in the front.
 "It's very scary. We have no idea how close it is," Hill said, as she entered the highway from Greenhorn Road. "I got home around 7:30, moved firewood away from my house and packed up."
 The fire struck Bill Reynolds' panic button closed to 3 p.m., when he felt strong winds blowing southeast past his home.
 His house sits among the closest to the fire at the westernmost edge of Greenhorn Road.
 By 6:30 p.m. he parked his convertible Volkswagen Bug and Jeep in the center of his horse stable and planned to hold light at his home.
 Officers, including Spanish-speaking Manny Ornelas, did their best to answer questions in both neighborhoods. But the most important question — How long will we be gone from our homes? — no one could answer.
 Cass Friedman is a staff writer for the Times-News.

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Residents

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 A group of local investors preserved the Lower Board Ranch neighborhood — about 80 first-home households — when they bought out all the leases from the Board family during an appreciating real estate market and sold the neighborhood back to its homes for half of their market value.
 The investment group also purchased the Upper Board Ranch, which hosts more than 10 homes, but continued leasing to those residents. About 30 years ago when the Board family subdivided its home-based lease they offered was affordable for members of the middle class, Crist said. "Today it's a coveted territory along a pristine creek that offers easy access to Sun Valley's upscale restaurants, stores, ski resort and two golf courses.
 So perhaps it's not surprising that some, like Karrys, chose to stay.
 Fire crews report catching sporadic glimpses of Karrys, who did not return repeated phone calls for this story, darning about in the off-limits neighborhood. Crist said Karrys is one of several residents violating evacuation

orders. Some residents sneak in to water their lawns. Others stayed at home to protect their homes.
 By violating the evacuation order to protect their homes, these residents are doing for themselves what other households are having done for them legally.
 AIG Prime Client Group, an insurance company that offers "loss-prevention services" to its wealthiest customers, deployed a truck and two-man crew Wednesday to doses 22 of its Ketchum-area clients' properties with Phos-Chek, the same fire retardant dropped from U.S. Forest Service aircraft.
 "More power to them. It's their own prerogative if they want to have a private engine

company come protect their houses," said Matt Luck, a Lower Board resident who bought the Board family homestead and helped barter the deal between the investment group and the family. "I think the local structure-protection crews are doing a great job," he said.
 The investors in the Board deal "left at the end of the day knowing that they had given 70 to 80 people an opportunity to do what they always wanted to do," Luck said. "It's very possible if someone else had bought it from the Board family they would have just their leases expire and just owned it themselves. And a component of the character and culture in Ketchum was preserved."
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 7:00 pm - *Art Auction* and meet some of the jumpers.

SATURDAY
 7:00 am - *Hot air balloon launch*, Canyon Springs Golf Course.
 8:30 am - *5k & 10k Fun Run and Walk*, Twin Falls Visitors Center
 9:30 am - *Kids Fun Run & Walk*.
 10:00 am - *Opening Ceremonies*, Skydive demonstration, *Parachutes for Kids* exhibition, Kids Carnival.

SUNDAY
 10:00 am - 1:00 pm - Kayak and Canoe Races, Centennial Park.
 10:00 am - 6:00 pm - Live Music from *Sound Country*, *CSI Jazz Combo* and *Korby Lenker*. Food from local vendors.
 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Festival Activities, *Parachutes for Kids* exhibition, Food & Entertainment
 12:00 - 2:00 pm - *Korby Lenker*
 2:00 - 4:00 pm - *CSI Jazz Combo*

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Rethinking mercury?

DEQ board to meet in T.F., discuss mercury rules

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Environmental groups fear Idaho could soon allow mercury-emitting industries, such as coal-fired power plants, into the state, because the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality has announced it will review its current mercury rules at a meeting Thursday in Twin Falls.

The Idaho Conservation League, an environmental group with a hard-line anti-mercury stance, is encouraging its supporters to attend Thursday's meeting at the Ied Lion Hotel, 1557 Blue Lakes Blvd. The group says the meeting signals a policy shift that may open the door for coal-based energy production in Idaho via a federal cap-and-trade program.

"I believe this will set the stage for an Idaho plan to opt Idaho into the mercury cap-and-trade program," Courtney Washburn, an ICL spokesperson, wrote in an e-mail circulated in early July.

The federal program puts a limit on the amount of mercury each state can emit but allows states below the cap to trade their emissions allowances to other states.

Idaho's current rules ban mercury emissions. Last August, then-Gov. Jim Risch signed an executive order that kept Idaho out of the federal cap-and-trade program. And in 2006, the Legislature passed a two-year moratorium on coal-fired power plants that emit mercury.

That moratorium expires in April, and the state has the option to opt back into the federal program, despite ICL's order.

The meeting, which begins at 9 a.m., is scheduled to open with a 30-minute public comment period, followed by a report by DEQ Director Neil Hardesty.

Matt Christensen can be reached at matt.christensen@tnnews.net.

Small fire ignites near Shoshone

SHOSHONE — A small fire ignited about 2:30 p.m. Sunday along state Highway 75 near Johnny's Country Store north of Shoshone and was quickly extinguished by fire crews.

The blaze burned about five acres, mostly on Bureau of Land Management land, said Sky Bufat, a BLM spokeswoman.

Officials momentarily considered closing the highway while firefighters battled the blaze, but the road remained open because the fire was extinguished quickly.

Bufat was unsure how the fire started but said it was probably human-caused. The BLM is investigating, she said.

AROUND THE VALLEY

Jerome taking applications for three open council seats

JEROME — The city of Jerome will hold its City Council general election Nov. 6 and is encouraging people to apply.

Three seats are open — one for a two-year term and two for four-year terms. Candidates must declare which seat they are seeking. Campaign finance disclosure is required and a political treasurer must be certified when candidacy is filed. The last day to file is Sept. 7. Filing packets are available at Cone's office weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Forms are also available at <http://www.ci.jerome.id.us>.

DEQ awards wastewater planning grant to Murtaugh

BOISE — The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality announced Thursday the award of a \$24,205 wastewater planning grant to the city of Murtaugh.

The funds will be used to conduct an analysis of the existing wastewater treatment and collection systems and to address issues related to permits that exceed land-application limits. A facility plan and environmental information document will be completed as a part of the project.

The purpose of the project is to assure adequate collection and treatment of wastewater for Murtaugh residences.

— Compiled from staff reports

Filling in the cracks

T.F. Parks and Rec department budget sets aside funds for park improvements

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — As the Twin Falls City Council holds its public hearing tonight for the 2008 budget, the city's Parks and Recreation Departments should be all smiles.

In addition to the combined \$3.8 million budgeted for the two departments, they are scheduled to receive \$460,166 in the capital improvement budget.

More specifically, the parks department will slot \$71,900 for improvements to Harmon Park, which was built in 1924. It's the most of any single park in the city.

Among the park's improvements:

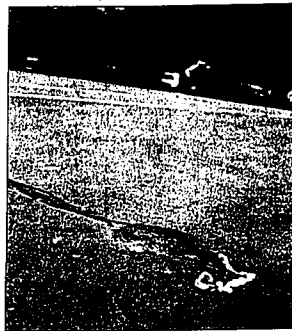
- Resurfacing the tennis courts
 - Installing swings
 - A shelter
 - Expansion of pathways
- "It's going to be a busy year with all these projects," said Parks and Recreation Director Dennis Bowyer.

The entire capital improvement projects budget is about \$2 million. Other notables:

- More than \$33,000 will be spent on laptops, copiers, printers and wireless connections.
- \$4,000 for 47-sets of catchers gear for youth baseball.
- \$311,508 for the Twin Falls Police Department, including \$135,000 for five Dodge Charger patrol vehicles.
- \$15,000 for remodeling an old engineering lab.
- \$539,500 is reserved for special projects. About \$50,000 is expected to be used to expand the jobby of the city library.
- 10-percent increase in water rates and 15-percent increase in sewer rates.
- Construction of at least four pressurized-irrigation pump stations.

The entire city budget is \$41 million. It must be passed by Sept. 5.

The budget hearing, which will precede a hearing for the Business Improvement District, is scheduled for 6 p.m. at 305 3rd Avenue E.



ABOVE: Standing water is seen next to a sidewalk Saturday afternoon at Harmon Park in Twin Falls.
TOP: A large crack can be seen at one of Harmon Park's tennis courts.

Other agenda items include:

- Consideration of accepting and installing art work along the city's Canyon Rim Trail System by the Magic Valley Arts Council. David Clemens of Coeur d'Alene was chosen.
- Consideration to extend the final play of the 80-acre North Haven PUD on the southeast corner of Pole Line Road and Washington Street North.

The property, which includes Wal-Mart, has not been recorded with Twin Falls County and the applicant therefore wants an extension, which is not uncommon, said Community Development Director Mitch Humble.

Eye in the sky

National Guard, law enforcement scour Cassia County for marijuana crops

By Laurie Welch
For the Times-News

BURLEY — A joint effort between law enforcement officials and the Idaho Army National Guard put choppers in the air recently to comb the South Hills looking for patches of growing marijuana.

The Cassia County Sheriff's Office, Mini-Cassia Drug Task Force and Idaho State Police teamed up with the National Guard to scour the nearby mountain ranges for fields of the illegal plant.

"It went really well this year. We didn't find anything, but that's not necessarily a bad thing," said Mini-Cassia Drug Task Force Supervisor Lt. Randy Kidd. "And we'll do it again next year."

Law enforcement searches for out-of-the-way marijuana operations each summer, Kidd said. It's not uncommon to find marijuana fields hidden by brush or farmers' crops.

In September 2006, local law enforcement officials seized about \$350,000 worth of marijuana growing in a corn field at 1300 W. 450 S. in Burley. The plants were turned in by the farmer who owned the field after he discovered the illicit crop.

About 350 plants 8-foot tall and four-rows deep that ran 100 yards were tucked away inside the corn. All were near maturity, and some had already been harvested and had been placed on the ground to dry.

"We want to be on top of it, and we want people to know we are looking," Kidd said.

Kidd said the plant is much easier to spot from the air and has a color and texture different from surrounding growth. The National Guard supplied the helicopters and five crew members for this summer's search.

Drainage areas in the South Hills were an area of focus.

Many of the marijuana fields are found one-half mile to a mile off existing trails, Kidd said, so unless there is a reason to be in the area, they would be very hard to find — except from the air.

"Manpower-wise, it's the money you have to cover the country-side," Kidd said.

Ground teams are put in place with Global Positioning Systems to mark locations and secure the area when fields are found.

In Idaho, anyone who grows 25 marijuana plants or more could be found guilty of trafficking in marijuana and face up to 15 years in prison.

School expenses

The high cost of sending your student to class

By Rich Gross
For the Times-News

BURLEY — One composition notebook \$1.94. Five two-pocket folders: \$4.40. Watching your child return to high school: pricey.

Even a thrifty approach to back-to-school shopping can leave a parent dreading the new school year as much as the student.

The first hit to the wallet comes from the school itself. Butley High School parents can expect to pay \$6 for registration fees, \$45 for a yearbook (cheapest version), \$30 for an activities card, \$5 for a parking fee and, if your child wants to play a sport, \$50 for registration fees.

Grand total: \$136.

Now it's time for school supplies and, being the thrifty shopper that you are, the destination is Wal-Mart or King's. A 10-pack of No. 2 pencils is about \$1.47, five two-pocket folders cost about \$4.40.

Even if 80 cents for a 10-pack of Bic blue pens is the best bargain you can find, your child might want that Pilot gel ink rolling pen, four, for \$3.88.

Your child wants a highlighter, but you can't find just one and have to buy a four-pack for \$2.12. Now it's on to paper. \$1.94 for an English composition notebook, \$11.88 for three 150-page notebooks, and another \$4.24 for 500 sheets of computer paper. You can get by with your computer for another year, but you are still going to need paper for the printer so pack for another: \$19.27 for black and white, and \$37.37 for color ink.

Your child has grown up and insists he will not use his perfectly good Spider-Man book bag anymore. Tuck on another \$19.98 for a Starter brand book bag, complete with a water bottle and place to store the iPod (m) you bought for him at Christmas.

School supplies: \$107.41. Consider yourself lucky at this point, until you hear your child utter, "Mom, I need a graphing calculator for pre-calc class."

Buying new clothes for back to school is a longstanding tradition. Even if you can win the epic argument, buying just three outfits will put another dent in your wallet.

Today's paper
School days are here again.

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- Fee for weight training class \$7
- Book bag \$20+
- Shorts from Foot Locker \$35
- School athletic fees \$50
- Famous Stars and Stripes T-shirt \$20
- Activity card \$30+
- Yearbook \$40+
- Hurricane \$85

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OBITUARIES/MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Herbert W. Larsen

James B. Wood

POCATELLO — Herbert W. Larsen, 85, Pocatello, died Thursday, August 23, 2007, at the Idaho State Veterans' Hospital.



Jackpot where he played a mean hand at blackjack. He was a friend to all he met and they could count on him for a joke or a smile.

TWIN FALLS — James B. Wood, 71, of Twin Falls, passed away Aug. 24, 2007, at St. Alphonsus Hospital in Boise.



For two years. In 1984, Jim attended CSI, where he studied law enforcement and started his second career with the Twin Falls Sheriff's Department.

Herb enjoyed bowling, fishing, hunting, golf, basketball, car shopping, drinking coffee and telling jokes.

He was a wonderful husband and father and grandfather who loved spending time with his family.

DEATH NOTICE

Roderick M. 'Blackie' Weigt

JEROME — Roderick M. 'Blackie' Weigt, 71, of Jerome, died Sunday, August 26, 2007, at his home.

He was the first to offer help with any project or repair for anyone who needed help.

Jim met Evelyn Carson, and they were married Jan. 5, 1958, in Burley.

He owned and operated the Pump and Equipment Company from 1969 to 1983 and was the top Jacuzzi seller

School costs

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You would typically be shelling out \$14.88 for cargo pants, \$17.36 for a pair of dress slacks and \$10.68 for a pair of Levi Strauss jeans at discount stores.

At bigger department stores, you'll be looking at \$40 or more for name-brand pants or shorts.

skate shoes runs \$21.32. But don't be surprised if your child wants shoes four or five times that much.

Back-to-school clothes: If your year child is willing to share the graphing calculator with a friend, you are looking at \$24.99 in back-to-school supplies.

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SERVICES

Thorn H. Ward of Almo, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Almo LDS Church; friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Farmer Funeral Chapel in Burley and one hour before the service Tuesday at the church.

Richard Lloyd "Dick" Falconburg of Jerome, funeral at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1943 S. Lincoln.

Pauline Alice Bean of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at Twin Falls Cemetery; viewing one hour before the service at 10 a.m. at Parkes Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

James Randall "Jim" Borden of Rupert, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley.

Ted G. Holden of Twin Falls; celebration of life at 1 p.m. today at the First Ward LDS Church, 847 Eastman Drive N. in Twin Falls; friends and family may call from noon until time of the service today at the church (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Ernest L. Petterson of Filer, viewing from noon to 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Parkes Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls; graveside dedication and interment will conclude at Oakley Cemetery.

Rafael Garcia of Chandler, Ariz., and formerly of Rupert, memorial service from 7 to 9 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.; funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Little Flower Catholic Church in Burley.

Helen Tulloch Huston of Filer, Nev., and formerly of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Fireside Room at the Twin Falls Methodist Church (Gardens Funeral Home in Faller, Nev.).

Jed Calton Smith of Castleford, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the LDS Church on Fair Street in Burley; viewing from 4 to 7 p.m. today at

Charles Alfred Satterwhite of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at Parkes Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Annual Burning Man festival begins in northern Nevada desert

RENO, Nev. (AP) — More than 40,000 people are expected to converge on the northern Nevada desert beginning today for the annual Burning Man counterculture arts festival dedicated to "radical self-expression and radical self-reliance."

Protecting the environment is the theme of the 22nd annual festival. In addition to solar panels powering the event, the festival is dedicated to "radical self-expression and radical self-reliance."

Devotees of Lord Krishna from around the world have set up a Krishna Camp at a cost of about \$20,000. The temporary, full-fledged temple with life-size deities will feature discussions about Krishna, devotional singing, worship, fire sacrifice and free Indian tea. There also will be a daily chariot procession.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Dargreen Power to hold seminars Thursday

GOODING — Dargreen Power Systems, in conjunction with the Snake River Alliance, will conduct the fourth of eight free seminars on renewable energy topics at 7 p.m. Thursday at 442 Main St. in Gooding.

who can play at least moderately difficult music are invited to join the ensemble.

If you play a band instrument and have been looking for a reason to dust it off and tune it up, this is your opportunity. Joining the band is free.

The band is directed by George K. Hiestel. Rehearsals will be from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Mondays in the CSI Fine Arts Building. Rehearsals begin today, but no rehearsal will be held Sept. 3.

CSI Pep Band conducts student auditions

TWIN FALLS — Two evenings of student auditions for the College of Southern Idaho's Pep Band have been scheduled for Sept. 4 and 5 by band director Steve Cox.

approximately 30 CSI athletic events each year. Most are home games, but the band also travels with the teams to regional and national tournaments.

In the past, the Pep Band has been made up largely of community members who received a band stipend as well as free admission to the games in return for their participation.

In addition to passing the audition, band members will be expected to take a one-credit Pep Band class, which meets from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Aug. 28. In return for their participation, they will receive a CSI scholarship.

For more information, Cox can be reached ahead of time at

733-2700 or at scox@tuyu.net. Those who wish to audition should reserve a five-minute time for either evening.

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OTHER VIEWS

Let's get real:
Gas tax hike isn't
going to happen

Coeur d'Alene Press

Nobody seems certain of the best way to finance the state's transportation needs.
But this much seems crystal clear: It's not going to be done through an increase in the gasoline tax.
That's the message from Rep. Frank Henderson...

Their view:
The Coeur d'Alene Press says the idea of increasing Idaho's gas tax to pay for highway improvements is a non-starter.
What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Clarence Bailey's story won't die

PAT MORRISON

Daniel Pearl's name you know. Clarence Bailey's, you probably don't. Both men were murdered presumably because of what they did for a living.
Pearl was a reporter for The Wall Street Journal. He was slaughtered on video in Pakistan in 2002.

According to the Committee to Protect Journalists, of the more than 600 journalists killed in the past 15 years, most were covering corruption, human rights, politics or crime—not war.
But until Bailey, no journalist in the U.S. had been killed because of his or her reporting since 1993.

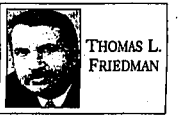
the lack of interest."
The alleged terrorist hit man worked for Your Black Muslim Bakery which isn't Muslim in the Midwest sense, nor official in the Nation of Islam sense.
I began decades ago as a health food enterprise committed to black self-sufficiency and respect.
Richard Prince writes an online journalism column and traces this to an attitude about Oakland that amounts to outsiders saying "Well, we don't want to even deal with it; it's just them killing each other." So that contributed to

Radical Islamists bragged about killing "the spy/journalist" Pearl, the "kev wing against Islam."
A 19-year-old handyman, Oakland police say, has confessed to killing Bailey because the newspaper was investigating the alleged financial shenanigans of the handyman's bosses.

It appears that an "enclave" perception of Clarence's chronic crime is part of what kept it all on vidler coverage of Bailey's murder.
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bakery leaders to account. It was just "another constituency in the rainbow that you had to wave at and salute and treat with respect so you didn't lose their slice of the vote."
The city operated like a lot of entities that claim they can handle internal problems but don't.
Killing a reporter is akin to killing a judge or a police officer. You're not just murdering the person, you're attacking the role: the robe, the badge, the notebook, the camera.
In 1976, after Arizona newspaper reporter Don Bolles was blown to bits in his car as he investigated corruption, a flotilla of journalists descended on the story with a vengeance and uncovered motes in the state.
Reporters groups are organizing the same thing for Oakland and the Bakery. So although you didn't hear a lot about Bailey's murder, you may, in the end, hear a lot more about his story.
Morrison is a Los Angeles Times columnist and host of a daily public affairs show on Los Angeles public radio. His e-mail address is patt.morrison@latimes.com.

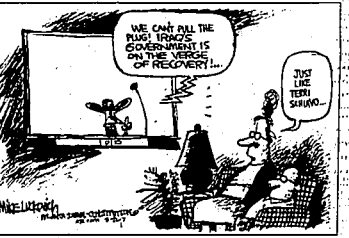
Bush war team Swift-boated by bin Laden



THOMAS L. FRIEDMAN

One thing that has always baffled me about the Bush team's war effort in Iraq and bin Laden at-Qaida is this: How could an administration that was so good at Swift-boating its political opponents at home be so inept at Swift-boating its geopolitical opponents abroad?
How could the Bush team Swift-boat John Kerry and Max Cleland — outstanding Vietnam war heroes, whom the White House turned into surrendering pacifists in the war on terror — but never manage to Swift-boat Osama bin Laden, a genocidal monster, who today is still regarded in many quarters as the vanguard of anti-American "resistance."
Dive into a conversation about America in the Arab world today, or even in Europe and Africa, and it won't take 30 seconds before the words "Abu Ghamb" and "Guantanamo Bay" are thrown up at you.
Both are shameful, but Abu Ghamb was a day at the beach compared with what al-Qaida has inspired by Bin Laden. We accuse bin Laden of the mass murder of 500 women and children. Bin Laden has killed more Iraqis and Muslims than any person alive.
Support bin Laden and you support genocidal anti-Muslims. And they would have repeated that point on every network, every day. Why should we care about bin Laden, then? Look at his sidekick Ayman al-Zawahiri care! Read their statements. They care about their image. They care not want to be labeled as "genocidal perpetrators." They want to be known as the "resistance," because it affects their street appeal and there-

fore their ability to recruit and operate.
Sure, some Sunni tribes in Iraq who are directly threatened by al-Qaida have turned against it, but in the wider Arab-Muslim world bin Laden has not — maneuvered Bush. The man who Swift-boated Kerry and Cleland has been Swift-boated by Bin Laden. Bush is losing a PR war to a mass murderer. Yes, it is not easy breaking through the innate, anti-American tilt of the Arab media, but we have barely tried.
I spent Friday hanging around the newsroom of Al-Jazeera here in Doha, on the Persian Gulf. I asked Arab reporters here what would be the results of a popularity poll in the region between Bush and Bin Laden. Bush wouldn't stand a chance, they said. One big difference between them, though, added one journalist, "is that Bush's term is about to come to an end and bin Laden is staying in office." An Egyptian analyst here added that liberals in the Arab world who supported the U.S.



democratization effort in Iraq are now dismissed in the Arabic press as "intellectual marines."
U.S. Marine is now a term of insult.
Bin Laden has created a situation in which the U.S. occupation in Iraq is viewed as entirely "illegitimate" and therefore any violence there by Sunni jihadists against Americans or Iraqi civilians is considered entirely legitimate "resistance."
As the Economist magazine just wrote, "It is profoundly mistaken." Yes, military attacks against foreign soldiers who have come uninvited into your country can be called "resistance." But the mass murder of Iraqi civilians can make no such dignified claim. Under all established norms and laws of war (and by most accounts under Islamic law, too), the deliberate targeting of civilians for no direct military purposes is just a crime."
So why don't we say that if we ever win a PR war against bin Laden, you have no business fighting a real war any more in Iraq.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Jail incidents should be handled by committee

Some weeks back, I submitted a letter to the editor expressing concern about the eventuality of an officer being hurt at the Twin Falls County jail due to an insufficient number of men scheduled to work.
Ironically, Sheriff Rousley was recently interviewed, admitting at least 24 incidents inside the jail which involved a "less degree assault on an officer," with the latest one being "fairly serious."
The deputy in the most recent incident had his

check bone cracked and was knocked unconscious.
With this in mind, the woman being held in the jail are not fitted and why adequate manpower is not.
Should the injured deputy decide to proceed with legal action against the county, I would certainly be able to control any liability to himself if he is allowed to sue the investigation. Any incident involving the Twin Falls County Sheriff's office should be handled by an oversight committee, or at the very least, an impartial outside agency.
SHAUNA KOOPMAN
Twin Falls

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Why not update firefighting aircraft?

For the second summer in a row, Idaho has more wildfires burning presently than any other state, with some three-fourths of a million acres already destroyed.
And yet upgrading the U.S. Forest Service's aging aerial firefighting fleet seems not to be a priority.
As an Aug. 6 Boise Weekly article noted, there is presently a refitted 747 that could be instrumental in fighting cer-

tain types of fires, but which the U.S. Forest Service has yet to put into use, despite receiving Federal Aviation Administration certification and signing a contract with the Forest Service last fall.
The Thracker Corp.'s DC-10-30 was in line for being half the 24,000-pound fire retardant payload of the Boeing 747 Evergreen Supertanker, has already received very high marks from fire officials since it went into service last year. It's a plane that likewise carries considerably more retardant than the fleet of 16 C-130s based at

Boise's National Intermountain Fire Center (12,000 gallons vs. a DC-10's 30,000).
Boise's Bomb Squad, Larry Craig and Mike Gano are justified in being critical of Bureau of Land Management officials for not tackling the Murphy County Fire season — and of Idaho's environmental green-inspired federal laws that prohibited ranchers from using bulldozers to dig fire lines on BLM land.
The fact remains, Idaho politicians have yet to develop policies for certifying a new generation of firefighting

planes like those very effective DC-10s, which California officials, unhindered by federal procedures, moved forward with a super tanker war against.
The entire Forest Service fleet of 36 1950s-era C-130s was grounded by the National Transportation Safety Board in 2002 — three of which had crashed in recent years — following a Nevada crash that killed three airman, and after which numerous wing-strengthening fractures were discovered on other C-130s.
JOHN PLUNZITE
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Greek fires reach site of ancient Olympics

By John F.L. Ross
Associated Press writer



A helicopter drops water behind ancient columns at Olympia, birthplace of the Olympic Games, in southwestern Greece on Sunday. A massive effort by firefighters kept a raging blaze away from the 2,800-year-old site.

ANCIENT OLIMPIA, Greece — Firefighters backed by aircraft dropped water and foam on the birthplace of the ancient Olympics Sunday to stop wildfires from burning the 2,800-year-old ruins, one of the most revered sites of antiquity.

But the fires burning for three straight days obliterated vast swaths of the country and the death toll rose to 50. New fires broke out faster than others could be brought under control. Desperate residents appealed through television stations for help from a fire-fighting service already stretched to the limit and many blamed authorities for leaving them defenseless.

"Fires are burning in more than half the country," said fire department spokesman Nikos Diamandis. "This is definitely

an unprecedented disaster for Greece.

Government and firefighting officials have suggested arson caused many of the blazes, and several people had been arrested. The government offered a reward of up to \$1.36

million for anyone providing information that would lead to the arrest of an arsonist.

Forest fires are common during Greece's hot, dry summers — but nothing has approached the scale of the last three days. Arson is often

suspected, mostly to clear land for development. No construction is allowed in Greece in areas designated as forest land, and fires are sometimes set to circumvent the law.

The front of one fire Sunday reached Ancient Olympia in southern Greece, burning trees and shrubs just a few yards from the museum at the site. Although the pristine forest around the site was damaged, none of the ruins were burned.

Ruined temples of Zeus, king of the ancient Greek gods, and his wife Hera stand on what was a lush riverside site — a flat stretch of land surrounded by pine-clad hills —

near the stadium that hosted the ancient Olympic games for more than 1,000 years after they started in 776 B.C. The site strewn with fallen columns includes the remains of a gymnasium, a wrestling hall, hosts' bathhouses, priests' residences and altars. The 1st century B.C. limestone temple of Zeus is one of the largest in mainland Greece.

Helicopters and aircraft covered the ruins with water and foam. The flames reached the edge of the ancient stadium, searing the grass and incinerating the trees on the hill above. Volunteers grabbed buckets of water and joined firefighters.

AROUND THE WORLD

IRAQ

Iraqi prime minister lashes out at critics

Baghdad — Iraq's embattled prime minister lashed out at American critics Sunday, saying Sen. Hillary Clinton and other Democrats who have called for his ouster should "come to their senses" and stop insulting Iraq like "one of their villages."

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki also lambasted the U.S. military for raids in Shiite neighborhoods of Baghdad, adding new strains ahead of next month's showdown in Washington over the future of the U.S. mission.

The grim combination of ongoing violence and political deadlock have increased criticism in both Washington and Baghdad, with American lawmakers increasingly critical of al-Maliki's performance and Iraqi leaders growing weary of what they consider unfair U.S. criticism.

Clinton and Sen. Carl Levin, a Michigan Democrat and chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, have called for al-Maliki to be replaced.

"There are American officials who consider Iraq is if it were one of their villages, for example Hillary Clinton and Carl Levin. They should come to their senses," al-Maliki said at a news conference.

Al-Maliki denounced recent U.S. military actions in the Baghdad Shiite neighborhoods of Shula and Sadr City that according to the Iraqis resulted in civilian deaths.

"Concentric American raids on Shula and Sadr City, there were big mistakes committed in these operations. The terrorist himself should be targeted not his family," al-Maliki said. "We will not allow the detaining of innocent people."

GOP senator says he may back Iraq pullout

WASHINGTON — GOP Sen. John Warner, who wants U.S. troops to start coming home from Iraq by Christmas, said Sunday he may support Democratic legislation ordering withdrawals if President Bush refuses to set a return timetable soon.

"I'm going to have to evaluate it," Warner said. "I don't say that as a threat, but I say that as an option we all have to consider."

Warner, a former Navy Secretary and one-time chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, is seen as someone who could influence the debate among senators who have grown increasingly uneasy about the unpopular war.

Warner's suggestion last week about bringing back some troops put him at odds with Bush, who has insisted on conditions for the pullout should dictate any such decisions. Warner long has opposed legislation pushing for timetable.

The Virginia Republican said Sunday it would be best for the president, not Congress, to make a decision on withdrawals and that overriding a presidential veto would be dif-

ficult, but Warner made clear his view that people are losing patience with the administration's strategy in Iraq, a significant change is needed in September and troop withdrawals were the best way to accomplish that.

CUBA

Castro signs new essay without addressing health

HAVANA — Fidel Castro signed a lengthy essay published Sunday saluting a Cuban political figure but giving no hint of how he is feeling, even amid rampant rumors of his death.

The 81-year-old Castro has not been seen in public in over a year and has not even appeared in official photographs or video footage since taping an interview with Cuban state television June 5.

The lack of images has fueled speculation among the Cuban

exile community in Miami and elsewhere that Castro might have died. He announced on July 21, 2006 that he had undergone emergency intestinal surgery and was temporarily ceding power to his younger brother Raul.

Officials in Havana have refused to speak about Castro's condition, but foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque told reporters in Brazil last week that "Fidel is doing very well and is disciplined in his recovery process."

He insisted the gray-bearded leader maintains "permanent" contact with top government officials.

Castro's essay, the latest in dozens of "Reflections of the Commander in Chief" columns he has published several times a week since late March, was signed Saturday evening and appeared in the Communist Youth newspaper *Juventud Rebelde* on Sunday.

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Financial Lesson of the Week
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"Maxed Out" on IRA and 401(k)? Consider Insurance, Annuities

Many people rely on their IRAs and 401(k) plans to help them pay for their retirement years — and for good reason, because IRAs and 401(k)s are excellent retirement-savings vehicles. But once you reach the point where you are contributing the maximum amount to your IRA and 401(k) each year, what else can you do to build resources for retirement? You might want to consider annuities and cash value insurance.

Fixed and Variable Annuities

When you buy a fixed annuity, the insurance company puts your funds into fixed income investments, such as bonds. Your principal is guaranteed, and the insurance company pays you an interest rate that is also guaranteed for a certain period of time. At the end of the guarantee period, the insurer adjusts the guaranteed interest rate upward or downward. These guarantees are backed by the claims paying ability of the issuing insurance companies.

If you'd like the potential to earn more than you can receive from a fixed annuity, you might want to consider a variable annuity. When you purchase a variable annuity, you place your money in various accounts that can be made up of stocks, bonds and other securities. You choose how to allocate your investment dollars, based on your risk tolerance and time horizon. (Keep in mind, though, that this investment is called "variable" for a reason: your account balance will fluctuate along with the financial markets, and there's no guarantee you will get back all your principal. Furthermore, fees are associated with each variable annuity benefit.)

With either a fixed or variable annuity you won't pay taxes on your earnings until you begin taking withdrawals. Be aware though, that if you are younger than 59-1/2 when you start taking withdrawals, you will have to pay a 10 percent tax penalty in addition to ordinary income tax on the amount withdrawn.

Apart from tax deferral, annuities offer at least one other key benefit: flexibility in taking your payments. You can accept distributions as a lump sum, spread them out over a certain number of years or create an income stream for the rest of your life — or even your life and that of your spouse.

Cash Value Insurance

When you buy permanent insurance, also known as "cash value" insurance, part of your premium pays for the death benefit (the amount that goes to your beneficiary), but some of the premium goes to help build cash value — and this money grows on a tax-deferred basis, similar to annuities, your traditional IRA and your 401(k).

You can choose from a variety of cash-value insurance policies. In building cash value, some of these policies rely on variable investments, such as stocks. Consequently, your cash value will fluctuate over time, and, as is the case with variable annuities, you could lose some or all of your principal. However, you can also choose varieties of cash-value insurance, such as whole life or universal life, that typically pay guaranteed rates of return. The guarantees of these products are also backed only by the claims paying ability of the issuing insurance company.

To access your cash value, you can cancel or surrender your policy (although if you surrender it within a few years of purchasing it, you may have to pay surrender charges) or you can borrow from your policy and either let the remaining cash value pay the interest or pay it back yourself. Ultimately, you can provide a significant boost to your retirement savings by investing in annuities and cash value insurance. So, give them some consideration once you've hit the "ceiling" on your 401(k) and IRA.

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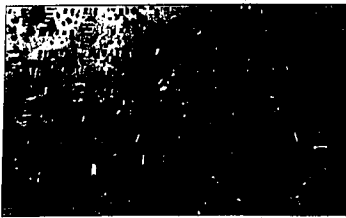
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Efforts to overhaul flood insurance program stall in Congress

By Ben Evans
Associated Press writer



Water surrounds homes just east of downtown New Orleans the day after Hurricane Katrina made landfall, Aug. 30, 2005. Despite a flurry of promises, Congress repeatedly has put off unpopular steps that experts say are necessary to fix the main flood insurance program.

WASHINGTON — Despite promising changes, Congress has shown little enthusiasm for taking the unpopular steps that experts say are necessary to fix the nation's main flood insurance program.

Recent flooding in the Midwest has brought the issue back to the forefront. Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, back-to-back storms in 2005, dispelled any notion that the insurance program was self-sustaining. They threw it roughly \$20 billion into debt and called attention to major structural flaws.

Nearly everyone acknowledges it cannot pay off the debt, much less pay for losses in future storms. So far, Congress has done little more than raise the program's borrowing limit, essentially handing taxpayers a series of shilly-galls.

A failure to act could leave the public vulnerable to large bailouts of the program and help perpetuate a false confidence among some property owners that they do not need coverage.

"The early rhetoric was, 'We're going to fix this. We're not going to tolerate this anymore. We're going to fix this. We're not going to tolerate this anymore. We're going to fix this. We're not going to tolerate this anymore.'"

Homeowners can get up to \$250,000 in structural coverage and an additional \$100,000 for contents.

On average, residential premiums are about \$400 per \$100,000 of coverage. The rates typically do not reflect the real risks and therefore shift costs from policyholders to taxpayers generally.

After the deadly 2005 hurricane season, the Government Accountability Office added the program to a short list of "high risk" areas in the government that the agency believes deserve urgent attention.

The National Flood Insurance Program was created in 1968 to protect homeowners and reduce federal costs from natural disasters. Run by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, it provides nearly all the flood coverage in the United States. Private agents sell the policies.

The starting point for an overhaul, experts say, is missing rates for the more than 5 million policyholders, particularly those with high-risk coastal properties or vacation homes who pay heavily subsidized rates. Other recommendations include requiring coverage in more areas, enforcing tougher building and land-use policies, and updating old flood maps so homeowners know their true risks.

"To really fix the program doesn't include a great deal of good news," said David John, an expert on insurance policy at the Heritage Foundation. "For a politician, this is a no-win situation. But unfortunately, delay makes it a no-win situation for the taxpayer."

Legislation addressing some of the issues stalled last year. This year, the House has made some progress. But critics say a bill passed by the House Financial Services Committee last month barely tackles the problem.

The bill includes only modest rate increases, allowing premiums to rise by a maximum of 15 percent per year instead of the current cap of 10 percent. The measure has drawn attention largely for a provision to expand the program by adding wind coverage.

Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., said the bill is aimed at gradually putting the program on sound financial footing. Trying to fix the problems overnight would be "a very serious blow" to policyholders, he said.

The bill, Frank and his aides

noted, doubles spending on flood mapping. Starting in 2011, it would allow higher premium increases of up to 25 percent a year or the riskiest and most heavily subsidized vacation properties and second homes.

AROUND THE NATION

OHIO

Storms knock out power to hundreds of thousands

COLUMBUS — Belieging residents of the flood-ravaged Midwest found fresh damage Sunday from a batch of tornado-bearing thunderstorms that knocked out power to hundreds of thousands of customers.

"Tornado warnings were issued Saturday afternoon for parts of central and southeast Ohio. Drowned trees and power lines were reported in the southern part of the state, said National Weather Service meteorologist Andy Latzko.

Flooding in the past week spread across an 80-mile swath through the northwest and north central parts of the state. Gov. Ted Strickland was to tour sites of the damaged areas Sunday.

"What I've tried to do and what we've all tried to do is let these folks know ... that we are working to get assistance to them as rapidly as possible," Strickland said Saturday.

Powerful storms rolling through the Upper Midwest during most of the past week caused disastrous floods from southeastern Minnesota to Ohio that were blamed for at least 18 deaths.

In southern Michigan, about 12,000 customers still lacked power Sunday, utilities said. The weather service confirmed tornadoes touched down Friday in at least one area of the state. One of the twisters cut a path a quarter-mile wide, snapping and uprooting hundreds of trees, the weather service said.

HAWAII

Islands' first passenger ferry service sets sail

KAHULUI — Loaded with people paying a discount fare of \$4, the \$95 million Fiiwail Superferry made its maiden run Sunday with a rushed launch for a three-hour voyage to Maui — the first passenger ferry service between the islands.

Legal problems threatened to bench the giant catamaran like in 1998 to protect homeowners and reduce federal costs from natural disasters. Run by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, it provides nearly all the flood coverage in the United States. Private agents sell the policies.

Even in seemingly calm seas, the Alaska voyager at times Sunday, causing some passengers to become nauseous as the ferry passed the green, rugged mountains of Molokai and Lanai.

HOLLYWOOD

Led by 'Superbad,' box office is super hot

Even the dog days of August couldn't knock Hollywood's record summer off track this weekend.

Total summer grosses in the United States and Canada hit \$4 billion for the first time in history, research firm Media by Numbers estimated Sunday.

"It's a terrific summer," said Rory Bruer, president of domestic distribution at Sony Pictures, whose "Superbad"

sold an estimated \$18 million in tickets. "It was still an 'up' weekend even though people are getting ready to go back to school, and there's a lot going on."

Even so, the record largely resulted from higher ticket costs — not the number of tickets sold. This will be the sixth-best summer in terms of attendance, Media by Numbers said. "Superbad," a teen-on-the-make tale starring Jonah Hill and Michael Cora, became the second movie of the summer to repeat at No. 1.

— compiled from wire services

Auction Calendar

Through September 15

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MAGIC VALLEY SPEEDWAY

McKean takes the lead

By Linda Brittain
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Budweiser Grand Nationals driver Jerry McKean extended his point lead in the division standings to five after capturing another main event win Saturday night at Magic Valley Speedway.

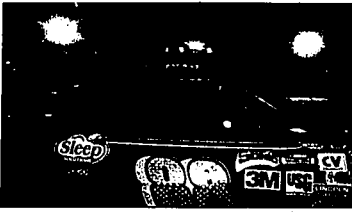
McKean started the race at the tall end of the field of eight cars — and one truck — in the 25-lap main event. Three cautions in the first nine laps nearly erased the lead of Josh Pitz's No. 0 truck. But things settled down at least for a few rounds

with Pitz still ahead of the field. Louis Lopez suffered mechanical issues the entire evening that never got figured out, but he worked his way up to second by lap seven.

With 10 laps remaining, McKean made his biggest move of the night, passing Lopez and setting his sights on Pitz. The two battled it out to the bitter end, but McKean and car No. 88 edged out Pitz by .153 seconds. Lopez finished a close third.

McKean said his car reacted a lot better than he thought it would in the main event race.

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Budweiser Grand Nationals Driver Jerry McKean added to his lead in the point standings Saturday night at Magic Valley Speedway with a main event win.

BSU players start the grind

Today marks the beginning of the hectic rigormole that is college life. The student athletes you see on television start school today. What a job they have. They get so much from the school, but they give up so much more.



Dustin Lapray

It is the time and the energy that get taken first. The members of the football team have their entire lives scripted. They must attend class or they don't play. They have time slots to eat and do homework, meet with tutors and counselors, and somewhere in there they manage to own healthy social lives.

"I think college football is much more difficult, in terms of lifestyle," BSU head coach Chris Petersen said. "When you're in pro football, that's all you do. You get pro football then you go home at night to your family. These guys have a lot of stuff going on."

Talking with some players, I get the understanding that all of this stuff they have to do is radically translated into schedules of things they get to do. So few high school graduates get to play intercollegiate athletics. I was one who didn't. I never caught my groove in high school until the end of the 1998 season at Twin Falls High. That was the year eight players were kicked off for drinking after a loss to Pocatello. That opened spots for those of us left to play an entire game, rather than rotate, and I made plays. It had to mean something to a team and eventually to the school.

But college football was just a dream for me. I went the semi-pro/junior college route and chilled in Twin Falls for five years. I am not sure if I had the energy to pull off what these guys must do throughout the season. They lift weights daily. They now drink chocolate milk after practice. All that and they have to pass their classes.

"Football is so hard and demanding and they are in college and away from home for the first time, trying to figure all that out," Petersen said. "And then you get the academic thing, which is as important as anything we do around here. So not only do they have to go to class, they have to make time to study later and do

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The ground and pound

TKOs, grudge match highlight UCF II at CSI

By Bradley Gair
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — One good shot was all it took for Brandon Christensen to pounce on Doug Goodenough.

It was a brief main event of Ultimate Cage Fighting II: "Bad Blood" Saturday at the CSI Eldon Evans Expo Center as Christensen won by technical knockout within 30 seconds of the opening whistle.

"I didn't think that when I punched him, he would go down that easy," Christensen said. The No. 1 contender for the Championship Cage Fighting Middleweight Championship got the upper hand of a striking contest when Goodenough took a shot hard enough to make him lose his footing. Christensen (4-2) gave chase, eventually mounting his untested opponent and delivering punches to the head. Goodenough covered as best he could, but the official stopped the match for the TKO.

"I was kind of surprised," Christensen said. "So I just had to come down on him. It's how you do it."

When asked by ring announcer John Hollman how he planned to celebrate, the Snake River Fight Team member Christensen responded,

"I've been here since 10:30 (a.m.). I'm going home to sleep."

Christensen, fighting out of Boise by way of Burley, will face Trevor Simmons in Boise on Sept. 7 for CCF's amateur title.

Perhaps the most heated contest of the night took place really did have bad blood. Just prior to the main event, "Saint" Nick Sites knocked out Team Anarchy member Johnny Trujillo in 45 seconds in what was billed as a "grudge match." The bout was a vicious one with each fighter mising blows upon the other's head. Trujillo got turned around, allowing Sites to put him in a rear headlock. Trujillo slipped free, but Sites caught him with a stiff right to send him to the mat.

Immediately after the match, Sites issued a challenge to Anarchy heavyweight Matt Rivera, who lost to Curtis Yergensen via submission earlier in the undercard. Rivera answered the challenge in the ring, accusing Sites of disrespecting Anarchy. All the while, Hollman and fight promoter "Superstar" Lee Anderson kept things civil. Anderson encouraged the future match.

Rivera, a top-ranked heavyweight amateur, fell to 5-3 after

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Josh Deshazer uses the 'ground and pound' technique to overcome his opponent, Anarchy fighter Ryan Henstock, Saturday night at the Ultimate Cage Fighting 2: "Bad Blood" mixed martial arts event held at the College of Southern Idaho Eldon Evans Expo Center in Twin Falls. Deshazer defeated Henstock by TKO 1:14 into the first round.



Brandon Christensen, looking across the ring at his opponent, Dutch Brinkie before the 30-second TKO of opponent Doug Goodenough.

Ultimate Cage Fighting II: Bad Blood
CSI Eldon Evans Expo Center
Saturday 8 p.m.

Main event
Brandon Christensen, Doug Goodenough, 30 min, round 1, 30 seconds

Lightweight: Drew Kelly, Tom Felt, 10 min, round 1, 30 seconds

Heavyweight: Josh Deshazer, Ryan Henstock, 20 min, round 1, 30 seconds

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Stricker ends 6½-year drought with playoff victory

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press writer

HARRISON, N.Y. — What looked like more heartache for Steve Stricker turned into the sweetest victory of his career.

After going six years and 146 tournaments without winning, Stricker birdied four of his last five holes Sunday at The Barclays for a stunning turnaround that gave him a 2-under 69 and a two-

shot victory over K.J. Choi. "It was hard, but it was fun," Stricker said, his voice choking as tears streamed down the side of his face. "I never knew if I was going to win again."

It sure wasn't easy. Not with 10 players — five of them major champions — separated by three shots. And not with Choi holding two birdie putts that were a combined 95 feet, making it look as if he were destined to win.

Stricker, who already led four chances of winning slip away this year, refused to buckle.

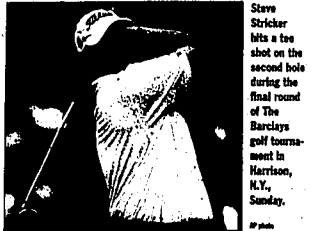
And when his final birdie from 8 feet dropped into the cup, he raised his arms and hugged his caddy, Tom Matthews, who first caddied for Stricker when he won the 2001 Match Play Championship in Australia.

Even without Tiger Woods, the inaugural PGA Tour Playoffs got off to a rousing start.

Along with the fourth victory of his career, Stricker moved to the top of the FedEx Cup standings with 2,050-point lead over Choi, who closed with a 70. Rory Sabbatini, who had a share of the lead at the turn, closed with a 69 to finish another stroke back and moved up to No. 3 in the playoff race.

Woods skipped the first of four

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Steve Stricker hits a tee shot on the second hole during the final round of The Barclays golf tournament in Harrison, N.Y., Sunday.

SPORTS

Georgia takes Little League title 3-2 over Japan

Carriker's homer in bottom of eighth settles win

By Genaro C. Armas Associated Press writer
SOUTH WILLIAMSSPORT, Pa. — Dalton Carriker couldn't feel his legs as he rounded the bases. His home run in the bottom of the eighth had just given Warner Hobbs, Ga., a thrilling 3-2 victory over Tokyo to win the Little League World Series title.

Kiuchi gave the United States three straight Little League championships. "USA! USA!" cried the Georgia-partisan crowd as dozens of fans waved American flags. Columbus, Ga., won the crown last year, and Ewa Beach, Hawaii, in 2005. "They're not greedy kids," relieved manager Mickey Lay said. "They just enjoy playing the game. That's something that we miss sometimes."

By excellent pitching, Georgia reliever Kendall Scott struck out 10 and allowed one hit over five-plus innings to quiet Japan's bats after Georgia fell behind 2-0 early. Scott, 12, had watched Japan's impressive batters throughout the tournament. "Going out there today, throwing the ball, I was scared to death on the first pitch," he said. Scott left the game in the top of the eighth, with Zane Canton getting the start.



He said a little prayer before settling himself in the batter's box. "God, please give me the strength to get a hit and help my team out," Carriker said in recounting his prayer.

There was no doubt about his opposite-field shot off Kluich, which easily cleared the right-field fence 225 feet away from the plate.

Georgia base runner Clint Wynn (12) slides safely into second as the ball skips atop Tokyo shortstop Ryo Ogawa on a second inning. Wynn was the batter's choice at the Little League World Series Championship baseball game in South Williamsport, Pa., Sunday, Georgia won 3-2.

Phillies break streak in a big way

PHILADELPHIA — Ryan Howard homered and drove in four runs as the Philadelphia Phillies snapped a four-game losing streak with a 4-2 rout over the San Diego Padres on Sunday. Howard, the reigning National League MVP, ended a season-high 11-game homerless drought and finished with three hits and three runs scored within three games of the NL wild-card-leading Padres.

Rich Aurilia's single to right field in the eighth inning and San Francisco finished off a three-game sweep of slumping Milwaukee. The Brewers have lost four in a row and seven of their last 10 to drop to 25-40 on the road. With two outs, Aurilia hit a high fly ball off Corey Lincecum (4-5) that landed between right fielder Corey Hart, second baseman Rickie Weeks and the lone fan, Fickie scored easily when Hart's throw traveled up the third base line.

barone (0-2) to help Shearn defeat the Detroit Tigers in the AL Central. The Tigers beat the Yankees 5-4. Hafner's single off John Bale, the sixth Royals pitcher, scored Franklin Gutierrez, who led off the inning with a walk and moved to second on a sacrifice bunt. Grady Sizemore, who was hit by a ball pitch, scored the second run off the inning on a Martinez single.

MVS

Continued from page B1 "It ran like garbage until it cooled off," McKean said. "But once it cooled down it just came to life — I was really surprised." Lopez's ride, however, was a little rockier throughout the entire eventing, but he still thought he had a chance at the win. "I got problems. I don't know what's wrong with the car. Something's going on in the braking system and it's very inconsistent right now," Lopez said.

ing out a yellow flag. Jason Whitely just narrowly avoided the incident, but for Pitz, who needed a good finish to stay alive in the standings, it meant disaster. He had to restart at the rear of the field with just seven laps to go in the race. Miles was ruled not to have made contact with another vehicle by the chief starter and placed up front for the restart. Whitely did everything he could to track her down in the few remaining laps, but it was Miles who made the trip to the winner's circle. Shawn Nice finished third with Jonathan Gomez taking fourth. Pitz managed to salvage an eighth-place finish for the night.

Misty Greco is one big step closer to the 2007 championship after another trip to victory lane in the Quale's Electronics Hornets division. Greco took the lead for good on lap 12 and was close to lapping the field by the end of the race. Greco has built a 30-point advantage over Alecia Dalton and Charity Hammond. Sanchez with just one race remaining in the season, which will be held Sept. 15.

Rockies 10, Nationals 5

DENVER — Matt Holliday homered, doubled and drove in three runs, and Colorado finished off a sweep of Washington to move back within 2 1/2 games of San Diego in the NL wild-card race. In earlier seasons (2-1) gave up a run and three hits in six innings for his first Colorado win. It was his first win as a starter since April 25, 2004, with Arizona against San Diego.

Reds 9, Marlins 3

CINCINNATI — Catcher Ryan Jorgensen's first grand slam helped 29-year-old Tom Shearn win his long-awaited major league debut, and Cincinnati won its sixth straight. The rookie pitcher and his minor-league catcher kept the Reds on their best surge of the season. Since interim manager Pete Mackanin took over on July 3, Cincinnati has the NL's best record at 29-19.

Indians 5, Royals 3, 11 innings

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Travis Hafner and Victor Martinez edged home runs with two out in the 11th inning as the Indians rallied past the Royals. Cleveland, which scored a run in the ninth to send the game into extra innings, remained two games ahead of

Red Sox 11, White Sox 1

CHICAGO — David Ortiz hit a two-run homer, and J.D. Drew and Bobby Kielty ended long homerless droughts to help the Red Sox win their first since June 16, 2004. Drew's last home run was in the same game as Thawre's last win: June 20 at Atlanta. Kielty homered for the first time since Sept. 19, when he won Oakland.

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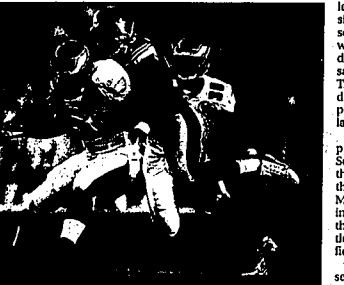
Continued from page B1 a good job there. It's not easy, no question about it." And it never will be. Sports writers are the best and worst at using clichés. So, champions gotta pay the price. Hard work pays off. Success starts in August. The grind has begun. And the season starts this Thursday. Taylor Tharp is the quarterback and Tad Miller plays left guard. We know all the starters. We

UCF

Continued from page B1 a tougher fight. The nerves went from an eight to a 10." Despite his newfound success on mixed martial arts cage fighting, Yergensen said he wants to focus more on his career as a ju-jitsu trainer, including an upcoming grappling tournament and ju-jitsu camp this fall. Of the eight matches, four they won by TKO, two by submission and one by KO. UCF III: "Proving Ground" will be held Oct. 27 at the Expo. Also, Anderson, the Xtreme Fighting Series Lightweight Champion, announced that he plans to promote professional fights for 2008 with himself as a headliner.

Roethlisberger's big half lifts Steelers over Eagles

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Ben Roethlisberger's numbers looked exceptional for an exhibition game, especially for only a half. He knows how much better he and the Pittsburgh Steelers could have played. Roethlisberger, effective for only one drive previously in this preseason, passed for 247 yards before halftime to lead three Pittsburgh scoring drives and the Steelers shook off numerous mistakes to defeat the cross-state Philadelphia Eagles 27-13 Sunday night. Roethlisberger didn't pass for a score, but spread the ball among seven receivers and six caught at least one pass of 18 yards or longer. Running back Najeh Davenport had two long receptions totaling 58 yards and tight end Heath Miller, often absent in the offense, had two for 50 yards. Pro Bowl running back Willie Parker, limited to four carries before now because of a knee that sidelined him for two weeks of training camp, ran 18 yards for a score following Roethlisberger's 22-



Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker Clark Hazen, right, hits Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb on a blitz, causing a fumble in the first quarter of the preseason football game in Pittsburgh, Sunday. The Eagles recovered the ball.

led a TD drive in seven series since then and, on his opening series Sunday, was intercepted when he flung the ball out of desperation trying to avoid a sack and threw it directly into Trent Cole's hands. Eagles defenders dropped two more passes from Roethlisberger later in the half. Then, on Pittsburgh's next possession, rookie Dan Sepulveda shanked a punt that traveled only 14 yards to the Steelers' 20. But Donovan McNabb threw consecutive incompletions on second and third down and the Eagles set off a David Akers' 22-yard field goal. The Steelers, 3-1 in the preseason, turned the ball over yet again the next time they had the ball, when Parker ran into a Spikes. But Roethlisberger finally got going after that by leading Pittsburgh scores on three consecutive possessions to end the half.

BSU

Continued from page B1 understand their plight. These are students playing football, working toward earning the respect they deserve, and not just because they win football games, but because they are in a situation which allows them to become winners in life. They get degrees and they get a shot to play some football. Remember as you watch this season that yes, they are players, but players are people too.

UCF

Continued from page B1 getting caught up in Yergensen's arm bar at the 1:24 mark. A ju-jitsu trainer at Twin Falls, Brazillian ju-jitsu, Yergensen won his match by taking Rivera to the cage wall and eventually down to the mat. Lots of blows followed as Yergensen mounted Rivera high on the shoulders. Rivera tried to escape but found his right arm trapped by Yergensen. He had to tap out. "My objective was to stand up with this guy," said Yergensen, who was originally slated to face Anarchy's Ryan Henstock. "It heightened the nerves a bit. No disrespect to anybody, but I knew that I had

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Scoreboard for various baseball games including Florida Marlins vs Cincinnati Reds.

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James, Bryant and Anthony have big games as U.S. beats Brazil

By Brian Mahoney Associated Press writer... LAS VEGAS — With big games from its three biggest stars...

for the Americans (4-0), who for the second straight game pulled away by holding their opponent without a field goal for more than 6 minutes in the second quarter.

Bryant led the defensive effort that held Barbosa to just four points on 1-of-7 shooting before a Thomas & Mack Center crowd that included former UNLV coach Jerry Turkantian and NBA Hall of Famer Bill Russell.

never got into this game and was on the bench in foul trouble when the Americans broke open the game late in the second quarter.

this is a different U.S. team, one that features nine different players this summer.

other Panama or Puerto Rico on Monday. The teams with the four best records advanced to the semifinals next Saturday.

Championship slipping away for Earnhardt at DeWitt

BRISTOL, Tenn. — After his best finish in almost a month, Dale Earnhardt Jr. had one thing on his mind. "I'm ready to go home, get on the lake!" he said, pumping his fist.

Dixon wins, takes points lead after Franchitti collides with teammate

SONOMA, Calif. — A late-race collision between teammates Dario Franchitti and Marco Andretti on Sunday at Infineon Raceway left both drivers fuming and gave Scott Dixon a victory and a narrow lead in the IndyCar Series championship with two races remaining.

Sports Shorts

National briefs... Franchitti on lap 68. With cold tires, the New Zealander had to yield to Franchitti heading into turn one, but did hold off another Andretti.

The 100-meter matchup Sunday night between the latest American sprint sensation and co-world record holder Asafa Powell was the most anticipated event of the world track and field championships.

Under a full moon on another hot, sticky night at Nagat Stadium, Powell was the most anticipated event of the world track and field championships. Gay made it a one-man show.

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V. EASY #82

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved.

209 General

DISPATCHER: Night Dispatcher needed for local trucking company... General: Full-time Delivery Driver... JANITORIAL: Senior Flexible position... MAINTENANCE: Maintenance Personnel...

209 General

MANAGER: Warehouse/Dispatching position... RESTAURANT: Counter person... RESTAURANT: Now accepting applications for Wait Person... WAREHOUSE/DELIVERY: Warehouse/Delivery... WAREHOUSING/FORK-LIFT: Looking for about 8 experienced forklift drivers...

213 Professional Professional

MEDICAL: St. Luke's - Idaho Elks... TWIN FALLS SITE: SLUIERS is accepting applications for the following full-time & part-time positions... Professional: Northwest FARM CREDIT SERVICES Relationship Manager... This position is responsible to develop and maintain relationships with customers and prospective customers.

207 Education

EDUCATION: Cassia School District 15 is accepting applications for a full-time, 40 hrs/wk. Electrician Apprentice... EDUCATION: Taking applications for 1 part-time School Education...

208 Farm

FARM: Make extra Holiday \$\$... FARM: Now extra Holiday \$\$... BARISTA: Looking for a Part-time Barista...

209 General

General: Hiring for Youth Fitness Instructors Part-time... Maintenance Person: Gossner Foods Heburn Plant... HOURS: 6-4 Tue-Sat Description/Requirements...

208 Education

EDUCATION: Taking applications for substitute teachers 2682 Addison Ave E

209 General

General: Get a jump on summer fun and start earning...

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208 Classified Party Ads

Classified Party Ads: Requires pre-payment prior to publication...

209 General

General: Clearwater Care Center: We are seeking self motivated, caring and energetic people...

209 General

General: ELECTRICIANS CONTRACTORS PLUMBERS... No experience necessary. Excellent training...

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209 Factory

FACTORY: Safety and Environment Coordinator: Longview Fibre Paper and Packaging, Inc. is a major producer of corrugated boxes...

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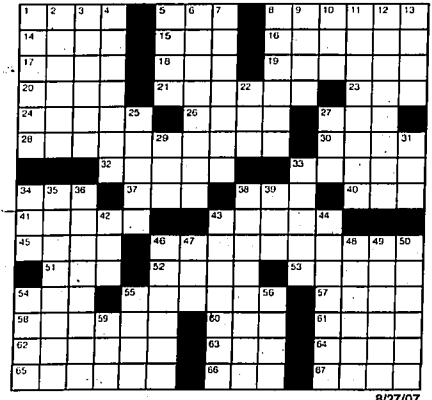
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16 Homecoming
17 Actress
18 Rosalind
19 Ryan or Foster
19 Packed down
20 Actor Estrada
21 Bernhard and
21 Chalke
23 Top shot
24 Removes skin
26 Pitch of a
phrase
27 Zany Caesar
28 Headshrinker
30 Horse's pace
32 Gin fruit
33 Some canines
34 Sailors' org.
37 Shakespearean
contraction
38 Captive GI
40 Ruby or Sandra
41 Report
43 Sgt. Bilko
45 Sleeveless
garment
46 Short girldron
connection
51 Current craze
52 Plane or saw
53 Non-violent
protest
54 Pres. Coolidge
55 Head count
57 Flight school
58 First name in
soul
60 Nev. neighbor
61 Aware of
62 Replace a cork
63 out (be in a
couch potato)
64 Profound
65 Fears
66 ISS partner
67 Small whirlpool
DOWN
1 Regard as true
2 Gung-ho



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1 CIRCLE PARTS
5 PHONE CO.
8 RODEO ROPE
14 COMPOSED
15 FANCY VASE
16 HOMECOMING
17 ACTRESS
18 ROSALIND
19 RYAN OR FOSTER
19 PACKED DOWN
20 ACTOR ESTRADA
21 BERNHARD AND
21 CHALKE
23 TOP SHOT
24 REMOVES SKIN
26 PITCH OF A
PHRASE
27 ZANY CAESAR
28 HEADSHRINKER
30 HORSE'S PACE
32 GIN FRUIT
33 SOME CANINES
34 SAILORS' ORG.
37 SHAKESPEAREAN
CONTRACTION
38 CAPTIVE GI
40 RUBY OR SANDRA
41 REPORT
43 SGT. BILKO
45 SLEEVELESS
GARMENT
46 SHORT GIRLDRON
CONNECTION
51 CURRENT CRAZE
52 PLANE OR SAW
53 NON-VIOLENT
PROTEST
54 PRES. COOLIDGE
55 HEAD COUNT
57 FLIGHT SCHOOL
58 FIRST NAME IN
SOUL
60 NEV. NEIGHBOR
61 AWARE OF
62 REPLACE A CORK
63 OUT (BE IN A
COUCH POTATO)
64 PROFOUND
65 FEARS
66 ISS PARTNER
67 SMALL WHIRLPOOL
DOWN
1 REGARD AS TRUE
2 GUNG-HO
3 BLOOM OR TREVOR
4 TOBACCO FANS
5 CHEWSTUOTH
TOOTHLESS
6 INTERNATIONAL
AGREEMENTS
7 ABSORB
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9 LAMENATOR'S CRY
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10 DAQUIN
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The key here is that you played on clubs first because that was the suit in which you had a defender a trick.

Hand diagram showing West, North, South, and East cards in a bridge deal. West has ♠A, ♣J96, ♥94, ♦K104. North has ♠753, ♥A6, ♦872, ♣A75. South has ♠AK, ♥KQ52, ♦A53, ♣K42. East has ♠964, ♥J10873, ♦J9, ♣103.

The bidding: West 2NT, North 3NT, East 3NT, South Pass. Opening lead: Spade queen.

Table with columns: South holds (♠, ♥, ♦, ♣) and corresponding card counts for West and East.

ANSWER: On this sort of auction leading from an honor is just as likely to catch partner at home as leading from three or four small, with a significant upside if partner has only moderate cards in the suit you pick. So a diamond looks much more attractive than a heart. By the way, a trump is far from safe here. If partner has a finesse-losing trump queen, you have saved declarer a guess.

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"People want to schedule their birth like they schedule their nail appointments."

—Janie Wilson, director of nursing for women and newborns at Intermountain Healthcare, which operates Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley



Some providers have begun issuing guidelines to regulate when induction is allowed. Criteria can include the number of weeks of gestation and the size of the fetus.

Inducing labor for convenience gets a second, harder look

Los Angeles Times

Her first baby wasn't due for four days, but Misa Hayashi was advised by her obstetrician during a routine exam to check into the hospital that day.

"The doctor said the baby was too big for me to push out and we should go ahead and induce labor," says the Alhambra woman, 24. "I didn't really question it. Induction sounds so common. We went home and packed a bag and checked in at the hospital."

Once there, however, Hayashi's plans for an uncomplicated birth faltered. After receiving the drug Pitocin to trigger contractions, she labored for 20 hours. The pain was so intense she needed medication to ease it — something she had hoped to avoid — and eventually the baby became distressed, requiring constant monitoring of his heart rate.

Finally, almost a day after Hayashi entered the hospital, her son was born. Although he was healthy at 7 pounds, 10 ounces, Hayashi was left questioning the wisdom of labor induction.

Some hospitals and health care organizations across the nation share her concerns. Several have barred elective labor induction under certain circumstances, such as before 39 weeks of gestation (one week before the due date) or when there isn't clear evidence that the mother's cervix is primed for childbirth.

"There is renewed interest in these seemingly benign medical interventions," says Dr. William Grobman, an assistant professor of maternal-fetal medicine at Northwestern University. "But the topic is somewhat hazy. We don't have all the information we'd like to have about risks and benefits."

The move appears to be a push

When to hurry-up nature

According to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, some of the most common reasons for labor induction include:

- **Post-term pregnancy** (two weeks or more past due date)
 - **Prenatal diagnosis** — A complication of pregnancy in which the lining of the placenta separates from the uterus of the mother. It's the most common cause of fetal-pregnancy bleeding.
 - **Chorioamnionitis** — Infection of the membranes enclosing the amniotic fluid.
 - **Premature rupture of membranes**
 - **Preeclampsia** — A medical condition in which high blood pressure rises in pregnancy, associated with high levels of protein in the urine. Its cause remains unclear, although the reason appears to be a substance from the placenta that disrupts normal biochemical processes carried out by the cells that line the inner surface of blood vessels.
- ACOG recommends that labor be

back against the trend in recent decades to medically manage childbirth. Fewer than 10 percent of women underwent induction in 1990, but more than 21 percent did so in 2004, up from 23 percent in 2000, according to federal government statistics. No one knows how many of those inductions were prompted by legitimate medical concerns. But various studies have put the number of inductions for convenience at 15 percent to 55 percent of the total number.

At the same time, rates of cesarean sections increased to more than 29 percent in 2004, up from 23 percent in 1990, with many women requesting elective C-sections — sur-

induced only if the doctor is sure that the fetal lungs are mature or that at least one of the following criteria of fetal maturity have been met:

- The fetal heartbeat has been documented for 20 weeks by a Doppler scope or 30 weeks by a more sophisticated "Doppler" test of gestational age.
- It has been at least 38 weeks since a reliable lab tests showed the presence on a blood or urine test to detect a hormone called HCG, or human chorionic gonadotropin, a sign of pregnancy.
- The fetus can be assumed to be at least 39 weeks old as judged by an ultrasound measurement of the length of the fetus from crown to rump, obtained at six to 12 weeks of pregnancy.
- An ultrasound taken at 13 to 20 weeks confirms a gestational age of 39 weeks (determined by the doctor's clinical impression and a physical exam).

—Source: American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

gical birth without any medical justification. That trend too has generated debate about whether patients are undertaking unnecessary risks.

Sometimes necessary

Labor induction is frequently, and legitimately, recommended when health problems complicate a pregnancy or when pregnancies are more than two weeks past the due date, obstetricians and gynecologists say. But sometimes the procedure is done solely for convenience. In a busy society, doctors and patients have grown increasingly comfortable with this practice.

"People want to schedule their birth like they schedule their nail appointments," says Janie Wilson, director of nursing operations for women and newborns at Intermountain Healthcare, a Salt Lake City-based chain of hospitals that operates Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley. Intermountain has tried to reduce the rate of labor inductions.

Until recently, few have questioned whether elective labor induction is appropriate.

"There is not a unique description of elective labor induction that every single provider can agree on," Grobman says. Indeed, the practice appears to vary widely among patients, doctors and hospitals. According to the national figures, for example, labor induction for both medical and non-medical reasons occurs in 25 percent of white women but in only 18 percent of black women and 14 percent of Hispanic women. And a study published in 2003 in the journal *Birth* found that the percentage of inductions that were elective varied from 12 percent to 55 percent among hospitals and from 3 percent to 76 percent among individual doctors.

But some experts say the practice creates unnecessary risks and costs. It can lead to more interventions, such as cesarean sections, and increased use of forceps and vacuum devices to assist in delivery, research has shown. A 2005 study in the journal *Obstetrics & Gynecology* found that C-sections occurred 12 percent of the time among women having spontaneous labor compared with 23.4 percent for women having medically necessary labor induction and 23.8 percent for women having elective labor induction.

Other studies have found that,

compared with spontaneous labor, elective induction leads to longer hospital stays and higher costs. Induced labor also may be more painful because some of the drugs administered to trigger labor can cause more intense contractions. The risks of C-section or other complications appear highest when induction is performed before 39 weeks and in women who have not had a previous vaginal birth.

Charting a new course

Now, some hospital administrators are saying, "Enough." Intermountain Healthcare, which operates 21 hospitals in Utah and Idaho, implemented strict guidelines on elective labor induction eight years ago. Today, the company's results are held up as a model for reining in birth practices that cannot be medically or financially justified.

The chain, which delivers 53 percent of all babies in Utah, told its doctors they must seek permission from a supervisor before inducing labor prior to 39 weeks. Doctors must also make sure the cervix is favorable for delivery.

When the cervix is optimal (it must be opened and thinned out enough to allow the baby's head to pass through the vaginal), labor averages about nine hours in a first-time pregnancy, according to Intermountain. If the cervix is not ready, however, an average labor is about 22 hours. The guidelines have reduced rates of elective labor inductions performed before 39 weeks gestation from 39 percent in 1999 to 3.4 percent in 2006.

The percentage of first-time moms with an elective induction has fallen

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A short history of cleavage

By Jim Shea
The Hartford Courant

The last time I wrote about this subject, I got grief.

What I said was that men watch the Academy Awards for only two reasons — cleavage.

Times have changed. Cleavage has gone mainstream. These days cleavage is like motorcycles; they're everywhere.

Public cleavage once was reserved for specific social occasions like fancy cocktail parties. Now, there is no such

thing as a cleavage-free zone, not escaping the great divide. Cleavage also has become controversial. Hillary Clinton recently created a bit of stir when she showed up on the Senate floor in pants, a pink jacket, black blouse and cleavage. This prompted a fashion writer from *The Washington Post* to criticize the quality of Clinton's cleavage, writing: "Just look away!"

Obviously, the Post fashion writer was a woman. To the male, there is no such thing as "look-away" cleavage.

Which is not to suggest that all cleavage is created equal.

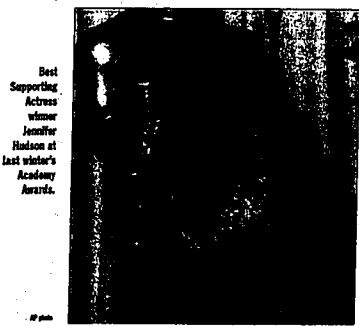
You have your common cleavage, your above-average cleavage, your over-achieving cleavage and your "Star Trek" cleavage, which has the power to take men where no man has gone before.

Then you have your long cleavage, your stubby cleavage, your wide-body cleavage, your shallow cleavage, your mesa cleavage, your shy cleavage, your full-disclosure cleavage, your full-con-

tact cleavage, your pumped-up cleavage and your reined-in cleavage yearning to break free.

Age-wise, there's your late-model cleavage, your middle-age cleavage, your senior cleavage and your vintage cleavage, which is sometimes referred to as "over-the-hills" cleavage.

All of which is suitable for viewing, with one exception, male cleavage. Male cleavage is always "look-away" cleavage, unless, that is, you happen to find Jell-O with hair on it appealing.



Best Supporting Actress Jennifer Hudson at last year's Academy Awards.

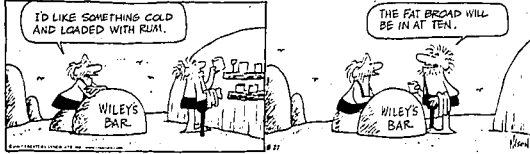
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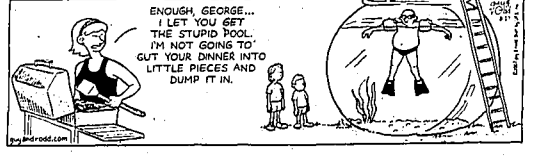


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Pickles

By Brian Crane

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Get back up on your feet, Taurus

IF AUG. 27 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your area of the cosmic pie will receive repeating visits from Saturn in the year ahead. Saturn has a reputation as a tough taskmaster but if you remain responsible, conscientious about obligations, prudent and avoid beginning anything of importance in October and March you will emerge stronger and more experienced than before. Look for the silver lining within clouds of worries to late December and early January. A seemingly insignificant opportunity could be the answer to your prayers or lead to permanent prosperity.

SAGES (March 21-April 19): Work your plan and plan your work. If you remain organized and maintain a schedule, you can make major progress. Sick to the tired and true even if others encourage you to make changes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): If you fall down, smile and get back up on your feet again. The very things that are destined to trip you up can be used to prove just how accomplished and talented you really are.

GENIUS (May 21-June 20): You may play second banana to someone with insatiable ambitions. Don't be distracted by a

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Jeraldine Saunders

resless desire for adventure or spend too much time dealing with unavoidable interruptions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Definite criteria will guide the way. Everything is black and white and nothing of importance is in the gray areas. You will find that other people are tough about the details, but fair.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Measure twice, cut once. The old carpenter's adage offers wise advice for you today. Take many cautious, methodical steps to be sure everything is perfect before doing something irrevocable.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): People who change their minds can waste time. You may need patience to deal with what might be a losing proposition. It is a good day to list priorities and concentrate fully on the top ones.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Contracts may come up for review. This might not be the best time to make a change, but surprising information could alter your opinion. Follow the

rules and make no alterations today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You are a force to be reckoned with. A solid reputation may become even more concrete as you handle difficult tasks with ease. To achieve big, broad-ranging goals, use dedicated effort.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Meet deadlines with determination. Someone might try to convince you to make a change that is not in your best interest or distract you from a key responsibility.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The cruel light of day might show a faint glimmer. Lucky for you this gives you a chance to redeem yourself or to make appropriate fixes so that everything will fall in place correctly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Flexibility is not helpful where rules are concerned. The imposed limit is not a "suggested speed." Requirements of the job or of certain pressing obligations must be met precisely.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): To enjoy prosperity you must first have purpose. Ignore interruptions and focus on obligations. You may be overly eager to make changes or easily influenced by the ideas of others.

Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



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By Dean Young & Stan Drake



The Born Loser

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By Hank Ketcham



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



Fair warning is fair request for families who drop by



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am 28, single, and have no kids. I don't want any kids because of picking up and doing what I want when I want, and I wouldn't trade that for anything. I come from a large family and have many nieces and nephews. I love them all, and some of my friends have children that I adore, too.

The problem is, I don't want them coming to my house unannounced. Many of these kids are small, and I have many breakables around my home. When I'm planning on having "little visitors," I take special care to put away anything I don't want broken.

I have tried explaining to friends and family that as much as I'd love for them to visit with the kids, please give me 30 minutes' notice at least, so I can child-proof my home. Many of them have taken this badly, assuming that I don't want their kids and, by extension, them in my home. How do I make it clearer?

—MYRA IN MISSOULA
DEAR MYRA: I see nothing out of line about asking that friends or family please call before dropping over to allow you a few minutes to prepare for the visit. Aside from the fact

that you have breakables in your house, what if you weren't dressed or presentable?

Calling first is common courtesy. You should not have to "make it clearer" because the people who are rude are the "drop-ins" with or without children in tow. Of course, some parents have so completely lost their perspective that they cannot distinguish between themselves and their children, but that's another story.

DEAR ABBY: My problem is my older sister. She lives across the country from me, but feels, as she has since we were teenagers, that before I sell old records and CDs to get credit at the store to buy new merchandise, I should consult her to see if she wants any of the stuff I'm selling.

I have taken good care of my records over the years, so I can get top dollar, then buy more

items I want while culling the things I don't listen to anymore. My sister acts like she should have first dibs and tries to guilt-trip me for not thinking of her first. What's up? I feel that almost 30 years of guilt-tripping is enough. I have made my position clear, but she tries to force me to grovel and convince her that I have done the right thing.

I don't make a lot of money. I couldn't afford to buy the things I get if I didn't first clean out the old stuff. She brings up the topic every chance she gets, and I just wish if I have cleaned out my supply of unwanted items, is there any way to get her to let this go?

—TIRED OF GROVELING IN SAN FRANCISCO
DEAR TIRED OF GROVELING: You're making two mistakes. When your sister raises the subject, you can't resist taking the bait. And then you let her push your buttons. The next time she mentions the subject of your housecleaning, change the subject. And if she tries to make you feel guilty—laugh.

People continue to push buttons only as long as they work. If you fail to react, she will eventually stop.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Aug. 27, the 239th day of 2007. There are 126 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight

On Aug. 27, 1893, the island volcano Sakurajima blew up, the resulting tidal waves in Indonesia's Sunda Strait claimed some 36,000 lives in Java and Sumatra.

On this date

In 1770, German philosopher Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel was born in Stuttgart.
In 1859, Col. Edwin L. Drake drilled the first successful oil well in the United States, near Titusville, Pa.

In 1892, IRE seriously damaged New York's original Metropolitan Opera House.
In 1894, Congress passed the Wilson-Gorman Tariff Act, which contained a provision for a graduated income tax that was later struck down by the Supreme Court.

In 1908, Lyndon B. Johnson, then president of the United States, was born near Stonewall, Texas.
In 1928, the Kellogg-Briand

Pact was signed in Paris, outlawing war and providing for the peaceful settlement of disputes.

In 1962, the United States launched the Mariner 2 space probe, which flew past Venus in December 1962.

In 1967, Brian Epstein, manager of the Beatles, was found dead in his London flat from an overdose of sleeping pills.

In 1975, Haile Selassie, the last emperor of Ethiopia's 3,000-year-old monarchy, died in Addis Ababa at age 83 almost a year after being overthrown.
In 1979, British war hero Lord Louis Mountbatten was killed off the coast of Ireland in a boat explosion claimed by the Irish Republican Army.

Ten years ago: Former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy was charged with seeking and accepting more than \$35,000 in trips, sports tickets and favors from companies that did business with his agency. (A jury found Espy innocent in 1998 of taking illegal gifts, but eight others pleaded guilty or were convicted of various charges; President Bill Clinton later issued seven pardons and a commutation.)

Israel lifted a month-long blockade of Bethlehem that was imposed after a suspected bombing July 30 that killed 16 people.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush met at his Texas ranch with Saudi Arabia's ambassador Prince Bandar bin Sultan; a White House spokesman said Bush told the Saudi diplomat he had not yet decided whether to attack Iraq. A Tokyo court acknowledged for the first time Japan's use of biological weapons before and during World War II, but rejected demands for compensation by 180 Chinese who claimed they were victims of the germ warfare program.

One year ago: A Conrail CRJ-100 crashed after trying to take off from the wrong runway in Lexington, Ky., killing 49 people and leaving the co-pilot the sole survivor. Two Fox News anchors, Steve Doornick and cameraman Olat Wilg, were freed by militants nearly two weeks after being kidnapped in Gaza City. The action series "24" won Emmys for best drama series and best actor for Kiefer Sutherland; "The Office" was honored as "best comedy."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Cajun-country singer Jimmy C. Newman is 80. Actor Tommy Sands is 70. Bluegrass singer-musician J.D. Crowe is 70. Musician Darryl Dragon is 65. Rock singer-musician Tim Bogert is 63. Actress Barbara Bach is 60. Ex-porn star Harry Reems is 60. Country music singer Jeff Cook (Alabama) is 58.

Actor Paul Reubens is 55. Singer Willy DeVille is 54. Rock musician Alex Lifeson (Rush) is 54. Actress Diana Scarwid is 52. Rock musician Glen Matlock (The Sex Pistols) is 51. Actor Peter Stormare is 49. Country singer Jeffrey Steele is 46. Gospel singer Yolanda Adams is 45. Country musician

Matthew Basford (Yankee Grey) is 45. Writer-producer Dean Devlin is 45. Rock musician Mike Inez is 42. Rap musician Bobo (Cypress Hill) is 39. Actress Sandra Wilson is 38. Rock musician Tony Kanal (No Doubt) is 37. Actress Sarah Chalke is 31. Rapper Mase is 30.

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The Secret About Social Security

Many people believe that once they hit age 62, they should immediately begin receiving social security benefits. Others have been advised to wait as long as possible before drawing distributions. As you may have guessed, there is no one right answer. There is, however, a right answer for you. As you plan for retirement, it is wise to consult with a trusted financial professional to determine when you should begin receiving social security benefits, how (and whether or not) you should invest them, and to assess your income flow after the last paycheck. For today's retirees, social security will almost definitely be able to provide a monthly distribution. The question that remains is when the payout should begin.

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IMAGE

TO DO FOR YOU

About childbirth

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center will offer the fifth class of the prepared childbirth series from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Jerome Recreation Center, 2032 S. Lincoln.

Topics will include labor rehearsal, postpartum care and infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Bring two pillows, a blanket and, if possible, a support person. The suggested fee is \$5 per class. To register, call 324-1122, ext. 3361.

'Baby and Me'

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center offers "Baby and Me" classes from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays at the Jerome Recreation District, 2032 S. Lincoln.

The session is for parents of children from infancy through and toddler years. The class is free. Call 324-7262.

Learn CPR for babies

An infant safety and car-

dopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday in the lobby at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional downtown campus, 660 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls.

New parents and grandparents can learn about Infant CPR, choking, child safety and injury prevention. The class is free. Pre-registration is not required. Call 732-3148.

Learn CPR

A Heartsaver Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation class will be offered from 6 to 10 p.m. Sept. 4 in the Sage Room at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Education Center, 588 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

Under the guidelines of the American Heart Association, the class includes emergency procedures for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, chest compression and choking response for adults and infants.

Cost is \$25. Pre-registration is required; call 737-2007.

About childbirth

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center will offer prepared childbirth classes from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 4 through Oct. 9, at the Jerome Recreation District, 2032 S. Lincoln.

The classes, taught by a registered nurse, will prepare the mother and her labor companion for labor, birth, postpartum care and newborn care. Individual classes may be taken as refresher courses.

Bring two pillows, a blanket and, if possible, a support person. The suggested fee is \$30 for the series or \$5 per class. To register, call 324-1122, ext. 3361.

Learn CPR/first aid

First aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation classes will be offered this fall at the College of Southern Idaho.

CPR classes will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. Sept. 5 and Nov. 7; and combined CPR and first aid classes will be

from 6 to 11 p.m. Sept. 12 and Nov. 14.

The classes are beginning and refresher courses for health care providers, the general public and others whose jobs require them to have or to update their life-saving skills.

Cost is \$25 per class or \$40 for both classes. For the class schedule, call Rae Jean Larsen at 732-6701 or at rlarsen@csi.edu.

Arrangements can be made for CPR and first aid classes to be brought to service groups, businesses or other organizations.

For information, call Jill Chestnut at 732-6731 or at jchestnut@csi.edu.

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Patients just want a fair shake

The Washington Post

The way doctors greet new patients affects their future relationship and may have an impact on medical errors, according to a new study by researchers at Northwestern University's medical school. The study, which involved a telephone survey of 415 patients in 48 states and 123 videotaped encounters between doctors and first-time patients, is among the first to explore physicians' actual greeting practices.

The report, published in June in the Archives of Internal Medicine, found that although there is widespread consensus that doctors' greetings set the tone for relationships, there is little empirical evidence about what constitutes an appropriate greeting.

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Makeover patients watch reality shows, study finds

The Washington Post

Do plastic surgery reality shows influence patients' decisions about whether to undergo cosmetic procedures? A small study by researchers at Yale, the first to examine the effect of these shows on decision-making by patients, suggests that the answer is yes.

To determine whether

shows such as "Extreme Makeover" and "Dr. 90210" but behavior, researchers polled 42 first-time patients who sought a consultation at Yale's plastic surgery clinic about how often they watched such shows, which have proliferated in recent years.

Plastic surgeon John Persing and his colleagues found that

57 percent of patients, whose average age was 36, regularly watched one or more reality shows; only 12 percent said they had never seen one.

These frequent viewers cited the TV shows as a significant factor in their decision to consult a surgeon, and were more knowledgeable about procedures than those who said they rarely or never watched the

programs. The only area in which there was little difference in patient knowledge was cost, which is rarely addressed on many shows.

Ethnic and racial differences emerged as well, Persing and his colleagues found. About 75 percent of Hispanics, who accounted for roughly a third of those surveyed, said they were frequent viewers.

Delivery

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from 15 percent in 2003 to 4.7 percent.

Hospital administrators no longer see sudden spikes in deliveries before major holidays, three-day weekends and jazz basketball playoff games.

The program has resulted in plunging C-section rates, fewer newborns in intensive care and fewer medical interventions in delivery. Length of labor has decreased by an average of two hours per patient. That's important, Wilson says, because length of labor is linked to a higher risk of dehydration and infection.

"We feel pretty confident that it does make a difference," she says.

There is little scientific evidence that labor induction causes any long-term harm to mother or baby. But even short-term medical problems are significant given the nation's healthcare economics crisis, Wilson says. According to the Intermountain data, healthy deliveries in the 39th week (and women whose cervixes were fully prepared) incur the lowest costs.

"It could be contributing to the double-digit premium increases you pay each year," she says of elective labor induction's effect on insurance rates. "Cost is the icing on the cake. But it's not the main reason we should be doing this. We should do it because it's safer."

Trend starts to take hold

Other hospitals and provider organizations are also curbing elective labor induction.

Ascension Health Inc., the largest nonprofit healthcare system in the country with facilities in 20 states, last year requested its doctors follow criteria before proceeding with an elective labor induction.

The criteria specified that the fetus must be at least 39 weeks in gestational age, in a specific size range and have established lung maturity, and that the mother isn't already having contractions. "We don't discourage elective induction, but there have to be a number of things in place," says Dr. Robert Welch, chairman and program director of obstetrics and gynecology at Providence Hospital in Southfield, Mich. The goal is not only to reduce C-sections, he says, but to "have zero preventable birth trauma."

"Some doctors do many elective labor inductions at 38 weeks, but you do them long enough eventually you're going to have a baby with respiratory distress and complications. And that can be very serious." Other health care organizations and hospitals have applauded the actions taken by Intermountain and

Ascension. The Institute for Healthcare Improvement, a nonprofit group based in Cambridge, Mass., that advocates for improved quality in healthcare, and Premier Inc., in Charlotte, N.C., an alliance aimed at improving quality in 1,700 nonprofit hospitals, have also called for lower rates of elective labor induction as a way to reduce harm to infants during childbirth.

Not everyone thinks elective labor induction is harmful. A study published July 31 in the Annals of Family Medicine suggested that "preventive labor induction" may produce the best safety outcomes, including lower C-section rates.

Doctors practicing in a rural Connecticut hospital found that the approach, which includes the use of a mild-acting prostaglandin gel to ripen the cervix before inducing labor, significantly lowered C-section rates compared with women receiving traditional care. Specific criteria were used to determine the "optimal time" for the patient to undergo the preventive induction.

The idea is to perform an induction before the baby gets too big and the placenta can no longer fully support a healthy pregnancy.

If women are carefully selected — based on an accurate due date, fetal maturity and other risk factors — induction may produce the best results, says the study's author, Dr. James M. Nicholson, assistant professor at the University of Pennsylvania Department of Family Medicine and Community Health.

"Over the last two or three years, there is evidence that if you induce when the cervix is favorable, then induction doesn't cause adverse outcomes like C-sections," he says.

The method needs more proof, Nicholson says. He is conducting a randomized, controlled trial at the University of Pennsylvania.

"If this is true, it really could change thoughts on how to manage labor in a big way," he says. "It would lead to all sorts of different research questions: How to induce, when to induce, is race a factor? The questions are numerous."

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